

It's Been A Smooth Passage From Home Style Employee To Its New Owner



Home Style owner Amanda Sayers poses beside just one of the elaborate Christmas displays in the store. Shoppers will find all kinds of holiday inspiration for “decking their halls” and trimming their trees at Home Style.

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

News & Journal Editor

On October 8th, Amanda Sayers experienced an enormous change in her life; she went from being an employee at Home Style in Shinnston to becoming its new owner! She is grateful for the gracious help of former owner Melissa Aldridge who helped make the transition as effortless as possible.

Amanda has been working at Home Style for four years, and during the past three years has been the store manager, so she is no stranger to how the business has been run and what has made it so successful for the past nearly 12 years.

“When I first started working for Melissa, I watched the way she made every customer feel special. She trained me on staging the

store and I loved it ... enough that I ultimately took that over. I also accompanied her on many buying trips so I became very familiar with the vendors we utilize,” Amanda explained. “The only difficult thing I’ve had to get accustomed to has been time management! Melissa is gone ... and her husband Fred helped us out on Saturdays ... and I am now the owner ... so, technically, that’s three ‘employees’ missing. I have to make sure I stay on task now that I have assumed this responsibility.”

Amanda noted that not much will change at this point. Two other employees who have been with Home Style for several years will remain and another was hired in October. Amanda’s husband J.W. has also agreed to help out on Saturdays, so she feels confident
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Clarksburg Firefighter Alters Her Program To Educate Local Children On Fire Safety

The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal has named Captain Cindy Murphy as November’s Citizen of the Month, a program sponsored by Dorsey Funeral Home in Shinnston – locally owned & operated.



CAPTAIN CINDY MURPHY

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

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Captain Cindy Murphy began her career in fire service in the 1980’s and has been working for the Clarksburg Fire Department for the past 28 years. Through the years, she has performed all the grueling work at many fire scenes; however, now her position is more on the administrative side. Her job title now is Director of Safety and Training.

Her role as a safety officer covers a vast area as she not only trains new firefighters but also sees that every firefighter’s knowledge and skills are ongoing and up-to-date to help ensure the department’s success and public safety. She can also be found on the scene, watching for possible issues when a fire is being fought.

Captain Murphy takes her job seriously and believes that fire ‘prevention’ is just as important to address as fire ‘fighting’. She also believes it is critical to start young ... and that is why she began making visits to elementary schools to educate and inform first graders so
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United Way Is Here To Help “Wrap It Up” For The Holidays



United Way of Harrison County Director Brad Riffiee (center) is pictured with two of Santa’s helpers who just recently moved the newly designed wrap station into position at the mall. It won’t be hard to find – look for the station with brightly painted Christmas ornaments!

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

News & Journal Editor

Here is some good news for those who don’t enjoy wrapping gifts! YES, the United Way of Harrison County WILL be presenting its Gift Wrapping Station again this year at the

Meadowbrook Mall. This has become an ‘essential’ feature for many folks who simply don’t find pleasure in this task. If you do it yourself, you have to invest in paper, ribbons and bows, gift tags, tape, etc. ... and clean up the mess you make!

AND, when put off until the last minute, it can be even more stressful and bothersome. Or maybe you’re just not a “wrap star”! If you’re one of these people, be sure to visit United Way’s Wrapping Station; they will be doing you a great service and you will add to their fundraising endeavor for 2021!

“Currently, we are only at 30% of our goal, so we need all the support we can get,” said United Way of Harrison County Director Brad Riffiee. “Due to the pandemic, we’ve had to scale down some of our efforts and we completely understand that many folks have been impacted by losing their jobs. We are asking those who are still working, if they have the ability, to please seriously

consider giving because United Way agencies need this help and 100% of our funding remains right here to help those locally in need through our United Way funded partners.”

Riffiee also announced that the United Way Wrapping Station will be located more towards the Center Court this year AND it will have a new look! It has been redesigned by Lotus MacDowell.

“We are so grateful to Lotus for being a United Way friend and doing this for us, and we’d also like to thank Lisa Lang for offering the workspace where this redesign work could be done. And of course we are grateful as well to the Meadowbrook Mall for allowing us to set up in the mall again this
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Holiday Travel Predicted To Be Lower This Year

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

News & Journal Editor
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has projected a grim increase in deaths due to the Coronavirus over the next four weeks and has urged Americans to forego holiday travel this year. U.S. officials have avoided giving concrete guidance for holiday gatherings, preferring to leave it up individual families to make their own decision regarding the risk of infection at large dinners with the pandemic still raging. The CDC, however, suggested that virtual holiday gatherings

pose a much lower risk. If you live in a climate where an outdoor gathering could be held, that would help, or make gatherings smaller and for a shorter time and that too could reduce the risk of viral transmission.

“The safest way to celebrate both Thanksgiving and even Christmas this year would be to stay at home with people in your own household,” advised Erin Sauber-Schatz, who leads the CDC’s Community Intervention and Critical Population Task Force.

Both Thanksgiving and/or Christmas are times when people

look forward to being with family, and some are evidently seeing the risks involved and deciding to stay home. According to the results of a new survey, 72% of Americans are unlikely to travel for Thanksgiving, and 69% are unlikely to travel for Christmas. The survey, commissioned by the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA), was conducted by Morning Consult in early November of this year.

The survey reveals as well that business travel has also been very much impacted with only 8% of Americans saying they have taken an overnight business
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Planet Smart City



Building Amazing Cities

By JIM HUNT
author, speaker, consultant

I had the opportunity to welcome an interesting guest on the Amazing Cities and Towns Podcast this week. Mr. Alan Marcus is the Chief Digital Officer for Planet Smart City, which is building thousands of smart housing units throughout the world. Alan is based in London and spent over ten years working for the World Economic Forum before joining with Planet Smart City. I was excited to interview Mr. Marcus because the subject of smart cities is one of the most popular subjects in the world of local government, even though many people have widely divergent opinions on what exactly is a “smart city”. A common misconception is that a smart city is like the cartoon of the Jetsons that was popular many years ago - flying cars and robots, living in high rise cities in houses that resemble space ships. No, that is not the future of Planet Smart City, as Alan described his vision of planned housing with energy efficient units and technology designed to assist homeowners to live in affordable, attractive and safe communities.

Planet Smart City is currently working in Brazil, India and Italy, with a planned development in the United States, just north of Dallas, Texas. While
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FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

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BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Bridgeport library is still closed to the public, however pick up is available. Readers can access the library's catalog by reserving books on their website at www.youseemore.com/bridgeport and may pick up books on the following days and times: M-W-F 12:00pm-7:30pm and Tues. & Thurs. 12:00pm-4:30pm. until further notice. Personnel will be available to answer questions, and the library's digital resources will continue to be available. • Contact Amy at the library at 304-842-8248 for information.

LOWE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Lowe Public Library has resumed its regular hours to the general public: Monday 11:30 am – 7:00 pm and Tuesday- Friday 11:30 am – 6 pm, CLOSED on Saturdays. Curbside service will still be available to those who request it by calling 304-592-1700. The library is disinfected routinely throughout the day (also, immediately after children visit).

VA HOSPITAL EVENING DRIVE THRU FLU SHOTS

The Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg will be offering evening drive thru flu shot clinics on November 19th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. To receive the free flu shot, Veterans are asked to present their VA card and are encouraged to wear a short-sleeved shirt. In order to provide the safest experience for the Veteran, we are asking the Veteran to wear a face mask while they are receiving the shot in their vehicle. No appointments are necessary for these clinics, but you must be an enrolled Veteran to receive the free flu shot. If you are not currently enrolled as a VA patient, please visit www.clarksburg.va.gov/patients or contact Enrollment at 304-623-3461, Ext. 3332 or 3590.

PWA CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

The Progressive Women Association will be having a Christmas Bake Sale on Friday, Dec. 4th from 10am – 4pm at the Uptown Event Center, 305 Washington Ave., Clarksburg. Proceeds to help support PWA's food pantries and programming. Fiestaware soup bowls with candy, galettes, or party mix \$5. Other goodies available. To preorder bowls call 304-624-6881.

FREE CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

Jones Run Independent Church has a free clothing giveaway every 2nd Saturday of the month from 9:00am to noon. We are located at 3981 Jones Run Road. We have a lot of nice clothing for everyone and some household items. Open to everyone and no limitations on what you may take. Questions call 304-783-4868

MONONGALIA COUNTY BEEKEEPERS MEETING

The Monongalia County Beekeepers have a meeting at Mylan Park in the new Monongalia County Extension Service and 4-H Center on the first Tuesday of every month; however, meetings have been cancelled until further notice due to COVID-19. Please contact Debbie Martin for more information at 304-367-9488 or debbee7@yahoo.com We look forward to helping you start your beekeeping journey and will help you every step of the way!

HOPE, INC. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP

Hope, Inc., a task force - support group on growing free from domestic violence, will meet on Thursdays at noon at Koupal Towers, 916 West Pike Street in Clarksburg. For more information, call 304-624-9835 or email asniderhope@yahoo.com.

KIDDING AROUND YOGA

Kidding Around Yoga is being held every Thursday at 6p.m. at the Progressive Women's Association/Uptown Event Center, 305 Washington Ave., Clarksburg. These yoga classes are free. So, bring your kids ages 2 to 12 to Kidding Around Yoga every Thursday. For more information, please call 304-624-6881. Certified instructor Erica Perry.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

A Christ-centered 12-step program for any hurt, habit or hang-up meets every Friday at 6:00 p.m. at Horizons Church in Lost Creek with COVID capacity. Offers childcare (birth to 4 yrs.) and The Landing for older teens. For more information, call 304-745-5090.

Light Up Night/Light Up Our City Scheduled For Dec. 3 In Bridgeport

The Associated Businesses of Bridgeport presents Light Up Night 2020 – with a twist. Because of COVID-19 restrictions and concerns, the anticipated lighting of the city Christmas tree will take place virtually, followed by a drive-through community event. It all happens Thursday, Dec. 3.

The actual tree lighting – with actor Dean Cain

doing the honors – will be televised by WDTV News Channel 5 during the 6 p.m. news. The entire tree lighting program, including remarks by Mayor Andy Lang and ABB President Doug Marquette, as well as special music by vocalist/guitarist Josh Oldaker, can be viewed on the WDTV Facebook page.

Following the tree lighting – beginning at

6:45 p.m. - motorists are encouraged to drive through the Main Street corridor to take in the sights and sounds of the holidays. In addition to city streetscape décor, the drive-through will feature business light displays, Live Nativity by Middleville Baptist Church and special music by Oldaker, Nat Frederick, Jason Young, Brandon LeRoy and Benjamin DeFazio.

The drive-through will conclude at the Benedum Civic Center where the lit tree will be featured, along with Santa and Mrs. Claus and more festive music.

Traffic will enter Main Street via Philadelphia Avenue, traveling east to the Benedum Civic Center. Along the route, motorists will receive a map of residential light displays in the

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trip since March. Just 19% of respondents currently employed said they expect to travel for business reasons within the next six months.

Other key findings of the survey included the following data:

- Only 3 out of 10 respondents have taken an overnight vacation or leisure trip since March;

- Looking ahead to next year, only 24% are likely to travel for spring break in 2021;

- And 44% say their next hotel stay for vacation or leisure travel will be a year or more away, with no plans to stay in a hotel.

Chip Rogers, president and CEO of AHLA, said, “This holiday season will be an especially difficult time for all Americans, and our industry is not an exception. Fewer people will be traveling and business travel remains nearly non-existent. That’s why we feel it is important for Congress to pass a relief bill now. Millions of Americans are out of work and thousands

of small businesses are struggling to keep their doors open. We cannot afford to wait until the next Congress is sworn in for relief; we need help now.”

The hotel industry was the first impacted by the pandemic and will be one of the last to recover. While hotel occupancy rates partially rebounded from record lows in April, they have continued to decline since Labor Day.

Rogers argues, “For those who are considering traveling for the holidays, hotels will be ready to welcome guests. Through our Safe Stay initiative, hotels have enhanced our already rigorous cleaning protocols to give travelers even more peace of mind.”

It is easy to see why the hotel industry is concerned. With the drop in travel, more than half of hotels report they have less than half of their typical, pre-crisis staff working full time currently. Without further governmental

assistance, 74% of hotels said they would be forced into further layoffs.

Are you considering holiday travel? Certainly, gatherings with family and friends has become a universal holiday tradition, but just last Thursday, the CDC urged Americans to skip Thanksgiving travel this year, insisting that while it may be strongly desired, it is not ‘essential’ travel. Staying at home is the best way to protect yourself and those you care about.

The agency also created travel risk guidelines that break down components of travel, rating choices from ‘lowest risk’ to highest risk’. Some things to consider IF you opt to carry out holiday travel plans are to pay close attention to the case counts in your destination because the risk of infection increases in areas with high community transmission. Keep gatherings small

and take precautions such as wearing masks, practicing social distancing and washing your hands frequently. If your plans include meeting up with vulnerable/older relatives or friends, weigh the possible threat of introducing illness to them. Even if you’ve been tested with a negative result, it may offer a level of reassurance but there is still great need to be cautious. A final suggestion, the CDC rates short trips by car with members of your immediate household with no stops along the way to be the lowest risk category ... next to staying at home.

Bear in mind that if cases significantly rise following Thanksgiving, this may result in even stricter regulations for Christmas. Perhaps the best way to make a travel decision is to consider more than your own ‘wants’ but the safety of all those you will be visiting.



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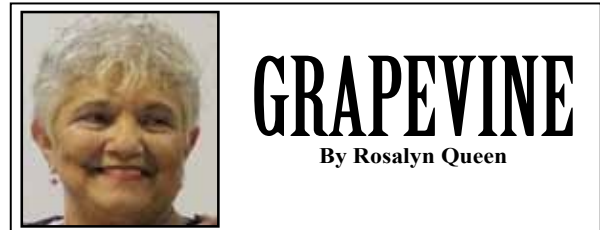
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WORK TOGETHER!

A Few Suggestions For Gift Giving This Christmas



GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

Last week, I read an article about gift giving at Christmas and it was a little on the negative side encouraging you not to practice this tradition any more. The reason being, "that we do not need anything."

Well, speaking for myself and for a lot of other seniors, I beg to differ. Who said that I do not need a little expressive love and that I do not need a little contact with those I love?

When looking in Webster, I do not find the definition of gift giving as who can give the biggest and most expensive gift. I just want to offer a little advice from my outlook on gift giving.

I will share a secret with you... I would be very sad if this Christmas I did not receive any gifts. First, a few suggestions: a gift card for a restaurant, a gift card for the movies, a gift card for a manicure or pedicure or how about a magazine subscription. Another great idea is a gift card to a local grocery store. These are just a few suggestions and I am sure you can come up with a few of your own.

Now you are going to say, "I hate to just only hand out a card." Well, let's take care of that. Make a trip to the local Dollar Store, get a funny or serious card for fifty cents and take the time to write a note in it. Get a package of those cellophane bags, slip the gift card into its slot and place it in the bag and then get really creative. How about a few files in the 'manicure bag'

or a little note pad and pencil to make a grocery list? Everyone likes to take a box of candy to the movies and who does not want a stick of gum or a mint after eating out at the restaurant.

Now, I want to hear an argument from you if you do not think this will make someone very happy and really feel loved. Just think about me reading a magazine article every month from Good Housekeeping and thinking about you and your thoughtfulness. I will probably keep your cards forever and throughout the year I can read your comments with perhaps a tear in my eye.

I am sure you can find someone that will disagree with me, but so be it. I want to continue the tradition and not be a 'bah humbug'. Now you know the rest of my story!

I hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving and were able to share it with your family while still observing the quarantine. This isolation can be very depressing but work on staying active and keeping yourself upbeat. Surround yourself with happy music, good books and view happy movies on television. Too much of the news can really be depressing. This pandemic may change the way we live forever and we should try to adjust. Pick up a new hobby, work a puzzle, get a game of scrabble, try painting or crocheting. Since we cannot have company, the dining room table is a good place to use for the projects.

My sincere sympathy to Kay DeFazio on the passing of her mother. We sat together several times in the waiting room at the hospital and I enjoyed sharing stories with her.

Stay safe, stay healthy and until next week, "Now You Have Heard It Through the Grapevine."

Happy Thanksgiving...Let's Remember The True Meaning!



Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny

Saturday, Lee showed up at noon and watched the WVU game with me. We looked a lot better this time than we did last week. I think Coach Brown is starting to pay attention to what I have been trying to tell him. Lord knows I've screamed enough at the TV for two years. Following the game, we drove over to Jimmy's Diner in his monster truck for a bite to eat.

On the way home, we drove up on Odell's Knob by way of old Williams Mine and came back down Bices Run. This was the first time that Lee had the truck off road, so we initiated it with some deep mud puddles; the truck has great suspension. After returning home, Debbie and Bernie stopped by to check on me and later, Debbie's son, Bobby Queen, dropped in.

Sunday, Patty brought Miss Aubrey for a visit. She gets smarter and prettier every time I see her (Patty too). Aubrey likes orange popsicles now. In the afternoon, I met Debbie and Bernie at the Cracker Barrel in Fairmont for something to eat.

Tuesday, I had an appointment with my Primary Care Physician, Dr. Barreto, at the VA Hospital. She has ruled out Lyme Disease and is leaning towards Rheumatoid Arthritis...the pains still come and go. I had more blood taken and had a CT scan of my lungs...don't know results. At the lab, the 'sheriffs' chair and desk are still there, but she ain't...yet. Man do I miss the valet parking. While there, I ran into a Vet Center buddy, Roger Wolfe, of Preston County (He has

six motorcycles); he's a nice guy.

On the way home, I stopped at the Parkette Restaurant on old Bridgeport Hill for a hot meal. The original Parkette sat on top of the hill and was the half way point between the Ellis Restaurant and Drive-In Theater on the Bridgeport side of the hill and the Satellite Drive-In Restaurant on the Clarksburg side (I'd love to have a Satellite King right now). They all had carhops for curb service. Back in the day on Friday and Saturday nights, it was the happening place for cruisin' along with the occasional drag race. Also, in our cars, we'd be listening to rock 'n roll music being broadcast on either WHAR (AM 1340) or WBOY (AM 1400). In the 60s, WBOY DJs broadcast from a little room built over the Ellis Restaurant called "Sky Castle" and they would play your request. "Take Me Home Country Roads!"

One day I heard something on the radio that made me chuckle. A couple of days later, I looked up what I had heard online to confirm. One headline stated, "Gov. Jim Justice and the W.Va. Division of Emergency Management to designate November 16-20 as Winter Weather Awareness Week". Well, DUH!!! Winter comes around the same time every year in West Virginia. If a person has to be made aware of the state's winter weather, he definitely wasn't raised here! Also, apparently, they can't count - Awareness Week Nov. 16-20 is only 5 days and I've always been under the impression that a week was 7 days...surely my Mom didn't lie to me.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to remember what it's about.

Until next time, have a great week and remember our Veterans.

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Harrison History At Home On November 30th

The Harrison County Historical Society will host its next Harrison History at Home virtual lecture on November 30 at 6:00 p.m. Join historian and HCWVHS executive director, Crystal Wimer, to learn the back story of one of Harrison County's most grisly, yet most unknown homicide cases. On the night of November 10-11, 1805, Abel Clemmons inexplicably murdered his wife, Barbara, and their eight children. The gruesome nature of the massacre shocked the small frontier town of Clarksburg, VA, and the news of the murders and the manhunt for Clemmons traveled beyond the borders of Harrison County. Pre-registration is required to participate in the Zoom lecture, and registration may be found on Eventbrite. Once the registration is complete, participants will receive the official meeting link

for the event. The featured speaker, Crystal Wimer, is the executive director of the Harrison County WV Historical Society. She has B.A. in history and M.A. in public history from West Virginia University. She was named a 2016 WV History Hero for her service with the organization. In addition to her role at the historical society, Ms. Wimer is the president of the West Virginia Association of Museums and an at-large board member for the Cultural Foundation of Harrison County.

This is a free lecture, but donations are welcome. For more information, questions, or assistance using Zoom, please contact the Harrison County Historical Society at hcwvhs@gmail.com or 304-709-4902.

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many international development companies have been focusing on the "smart city" concept of development, Planet Smart City is unusual in that they focus on building affordable units that serve workers in the lower income range. The units are well designed and incorporate the latest in building materials that are sustainable and energy efficient. They also are somewhat smaller than the average housing unit but make efficient use of the slightly smaller square footage. There is also an emphasis on community assets such as parks, common rooms, workout facilities and gardens, which gives residents the use of attractive amenities without having to incorporate them in each housing unit.

This type of development also utilizes things like community WIFI and smart switches, which can save residents a considerable amount. Alan also spoke about the use of solar and wind energy in the developments that have the potential of producing excess energy for the grid, thus saving residents on the cost to heat and cool their units. This innovative approach to building housing developments can give a good quality of life for the residents without the cost of typical housing in many of Planet Smart City locations. Alan quoted estimates of a worldwide housing need by 2030 of over 300 million new homes which equals about 21 million homes yearly. As the world population grows, any disruption in the supply of this housing need can result in increased homelessness and/or slum conditions.

While many people take housing for granted, it will take a monumental effort to meet the global need for housing by 2030. With a more mobile population and factors like climate change and population shifts, new housing needs to incorporate technology and sustainability in order to adjust to this new environment. It is nice to know that companies like Planet Smart City is taking steps to lead the way in this exciting new world of housing. The future may not resemble the Jetsons with their flying cars and robots but it may not be that far off. I appreciated Alan Marcus taking the time to join me on my podcast and give us this glimpse into the future. It's going to be Amazing!

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Bridgeport area. While visiting those city streets, families can look out for large letters which will be randomly placed. Make a list of the letters and solve the Christmas message. Those who send the correct message to Bridgeport@cardmyyard.com will receive a \$10 discount for a Card My Yard

message. One random winner will receive a free holiday Card My Yard.

The ABB works with the City of Bridgeport and Bridgeport Parks and Recreation to present the annual Light Up Night. This year's member business sponsors are Kaufman Realty & Auctions, Rominger Dental,

Jamie Day, DDS, Civil & Environmental Consultants, K&M Lawn Care, Venture Real Estate and the Greater Bridgeport Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Light Up Night 2020, Bridgeport's 16th annual event, has been designed to launch the Christmas season in a festive, but safe manner.

The event is carefully being orchestrated so as not to have more individuals on site than is recommended. Featured entertainers and others associated with the event will follow CDC protocol. It is respectfully asked that community members arrive only in vehicles between 6:45 and 7:45 p.m.

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Museum Appreciates Having SHS Alumni Memories Occupying Its Second Floor

By **DEBRA HERNDON**
Museum Director

The Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum was fortunate to be able to form an active partnership with the Shinnston High School Alumni Association. Housed in a good part of the second floor of the Museum is the "Alumni Room". Many who went to Shinnston High

School will remember the large frames containing the photos of each graduating class that graced the walls. Most of these from 1931 to 1978 are now on permanent display on the walls of the Alumni Room. After the school stopped producing the framed photos and where the originals fell into private hands, the Alumni group used yearbooks and other sources to reproduce the

pictures. For those of us who have lived here for generations, it's like a family album. I am able to take my granddaughters upstairs and show them pictures of my parents, siblings, brother-in-law, aunts and uncles. Yearbooks are also located there as well as displays of sports memorabilia and notable persons such as Buck Shaffer and John McKay.

Almost all the group pictures are complete with names to match faces. One exception is the class of 1935. We have names and we have pictures, but the two are not matched up. Identified are faculty Clyde McCarty and Mary Abruzzino and graduates: John Black,

Mary Jo Walley, Mary Yokum, Emma Lee Rose and Robert Bice. The Museum and Alumni Room are closed during the pandemic, but private tours by appointment can be arranged by texting or calling the Museum Director at 304-677-6650. COVID protocols

will be observed. If you can identify someone in the class of '35, please contact the same number. Hopefully, we will soon get back to something approaching the old normal and the Alumni will be able to gather and celebrate in July of 2021.

Gillum House Hosts Veterans & Guests For Veterans Day Getaway



Pictured here enjoying their complimentary breakfast are former military and their guests who stayed in Shinnston as part of the B&B for Vets program.

In 2008, the Gillum House Bed & Breakfast in Shinnston, West Virginia opened its rooms to anyone with a Military ID in honor of Veterans Day. A young Navy family came that year.

In 2009, word had travelled about this gesture and nine other members of the West Virginia Bed & Breakfast Association joined the Gillum House in offering free rooms on November 10 or November 11. The following year, in 2010,

this program was given a name - B & Bs for Vets - and it was taken nationwide. It later grew and went 'international' with B & Bs in Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, and as far away as Namibia in Africa offering rooms to Veterans. It continues to this day.

Bed & Breakfasts make a minimum of one room for one night on November 10 or November 11 (innkeeper's choice) to anyone with a Military ID (Active Duty, Retired, Reserves, National Guard) or a Veterans Administration ID (all other Veterans) totally free of charge. Their ID is their payment in full. Many B & Bs offer ALL of their rooms.

This year the Gillum House Bed & Breakfast in Shinnston was honored to host a Marine and his wife from Tennessee and Jean (Navy) and Don from Pennsylvania for the annual November 9 thru 11 stay for the B & B For Vets program. Kathleen Panek, owner/host of Gillum House, said, "We realized one night did not do what we wanted for our Veterans. We want them to come relax and visit West Virginia, see our beautiful state and all it has to offer. That is why we provide a 3-night stay each year."

Gillum House will take reservations for the 2021 B & Bs For Vets beginning in August 2021.

By **CHAD M EDWARDS**
Shinnston City Manager

Shinnston, please wear masks when you are out. I am begging you. Why? To stop the spread of COVID-19.

That is the main reason, but here is another. We do not want Governor Justice shutting down our state.

With all the changes happening in the federal government right now, there may

be no second CARES Act package. This would be a devastating blow to Shinnston's small businesses and to your local and state government.

Gov. Justice issued a Statewide Indoor Face

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Shinnston Garden Club Reports Business Of October Meeting



Shinnston Garden Club members enjoy lunch at Jimmy's Diner during October meeting.

The Shinnston Garden Club met on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 1 p.m. at Jimmy's Diner with President

Dorothy Rota presiding. President Rota led the group in the pledge to the flag and Wanda F. Ashcraft read an

inspirational selection.

In the business meeting, Secretary Letha Stutler read the minutes and Treasurer Debra Herndon asked for any comments on the list of donations the Club gives annually around the holiday season.

Remembrance of those not attending due to ill health included Beverly Miller, Millie Gemondo, and Marjorie

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Shinnston PD Reports Activity During October

Shinnston Police Chief Jon Harbert continues to offer residents of the community monthly reports regarding the activities of the Shinnston Police Department.

The October report is as follows:

CITATIONS:

Hazardous	5
Non-Hazardous	11
Accident	1
Warnings	23
Parking	0

ARRESTS:

Felony	0
Misdemeanor	15
Shoplifting	0
DUI	0
Domestic	3

REPORTS:

SPD 101	24
Accident	2
Juvenile Petitions	0

OTHER:

Alarm Response	6
Premise Exams	398
Investigations	158
K-9 Deployment/Call	22
Calls for Service	79
TOTAL Calls for Service	747

Woman's Club Reports Nov. Meeting

The Woman's Club of Shinnston met Monday, November 16th at Jimmy's Diner. All members arrived wearing masks and current COVID guidelines were followed. President

Debra Herndon greeted those present. She read some quotes on the topic of thanksgiving and gratitude. City Manager Chad Edwards led the Pledge to the Flag. The next four of the group's monthly

meetings to be held at Jimmy's Diner at 1 pm were moved by one day to Tuesday to accommodate the restaurant's schedule.

Viviane Spagnoulo spoke on the project

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Book Club, Recipe Club & Lots Of Bestsellers At Our Library

By **DEBORAH STARKEY**
Lowe Public Library Director

Jodi Picoult's new book - The Book of Two Ways - just became available in September.

It is a riveting novel about the choices that change the course of our lives.

In this book, everything changes in a single moment for Dawn Edelstein. She's

on a plane when the flight attendant makes an announcement to prepare for a crash landing. While bracing herself, thoughts flash through her mind. The thoughts are not of her

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Let's Bring On The Mountaineers!



The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

West Virginia basketball fans have been excited for the start of this season since, well, last season. Even though a roller coaster ride took Mountaineer fans through an up and down regular season, a great deal of optimism surrounded the big dance. The NCAA tournament was going to provide WVU and legendary Head Coach, Bob Huggins an opportunity to show just how good they really were. Their shot at redemption was cancelled when the tournament was nixed and the wait was on.

During this eight-month hiatus so much has happened. The core of last year's edition remained intact as key players such as Oscar Tshiebwe elected to return for the 20-21 campaign. Huggins added some exceptional talent to an already impressive roster and just like that, a potential National Championship contender was born.

The buzz surrounding the squad starts with the players in the paint. Tshiebwe and power forward, Derek Culver will anchor this year's edition. They have caught the eye of the country and have been added to a pair of watch lists that could land them some hardware if they can produce the numbers they are capable of putting up. The Big "O" is on the 2021 Jersey Mike's Naismith Trophy Men's Preseason Watch List. It is awarded to the best player in all of the land and it would be a huge feather in the cap for Huggins if one of his players could garner this award. Culver has received some love from hoops guru, Andy Katz. Katz added Culver on his list of candidates for the Karl Malone Award which is presented to college

basketball's best power forward.

The individuals on this year's team have earned preseason considerations which has led to lofty ranking for WVU. The Mountaineers begin the campaign ranked #15 in the Associated Press' preseason poll.

Huggins is entering his 14th year at the helm of the program. This is the fifth time that his team has been ranked in the preseason top 20. Not only is his team looking good heading into play, so is Huggins himself. The veteran mentor has shed several pounds and looks like his is ready for the grind that the Big 12 Conference provides. The Conference is once again one of the best in the country with four members joining WVU in the preseason poll. Baylor is the highest ranking at No. 2 followed by No. 6 Kansas, No. 14 Texas Tech, and No. 19 Texas.

Conference play will be challenging to say the least and it is imperative that Huggins and company sharpen their game prior to Big 12 competition. Early season non-conference lock-up will be iatrical for tune up purposes. The home schedule has already taken a hit with the postponement of the Youngstown State tilt that was scheduled for December 2nd. The Penguins have put a halt to all hoops activities due to COVID-19. There is optimism surrounding a possible reschedule sometime later in December. It is a homecoming for Youngstown State Head Coach, Jerrod Calhoun. Calhoun spent time with Huggins and the Mountaineers prior to becoming the Head Coach at Fairmont State University. If an agreement can be made, both programs would benefit. The Penguins would earn a nice payday for coming to Morgantown and the Mountaineers would get a much-needed tune-up prior to Big 12 play. It is a small price to pay for a chance to play at the Coliseum. Hopefully, there will be fans in attendance to catch the action!

That will do it for now. Until next time...take care and God Bless!

The Masters In November

By Bill Nestor Sports Editor

The Masters was the last major golf tournament of the year. Typically played in the spring, it was moved this year due to COVID-19. The date of the event wasn't the only change in the venue as the lack of fans provided an empty feel. Absent were the roars from the gallery after big shots, even though there were several big shots during the four-day event.

When the dust settled, Dustin Johnson went wire to wire for his second major championship. His play was so dominant that he held off Cameron Smith. Smith became the first golfer to go sub 70 in all four rounds in a Major and not win. Tiger Woods made history recording his first ever double-digit score on a par 3 in Augusta. Woods would finish strong on Sunday with four straight birdies and birdies in five of his last six holes.

Johnson was the story, however, not for how he played but the showing of emotion following the win. It was apparent just how much the victory meant to him and his humble approach showed fans a different side that had never been seen prior to this Masters. The good news is that the Masters will be back in just five months.

Thanksgiving Is Here... Now Pass The Potatoes!



From The World Of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

The air is more chilly than normal. People are wearing an awful lot of camouflage and spending some money in the sporting goods department. The deer are starting their nocturnal habits and yes, we are in the fourth week of November. It must be Thanksgiving week!!

Monday started the deer season and like many of us we headed off to the hunting camps the weekend prior to prep the fridge, stock the coolers and sight in our rifles for the two-week gun season. It is a tradition for many West Virginians as they spend a few days in the woods to later return home Thursday morning to the smell of a turkey basting in the oven.

The holiday seemed to rush up on us pretty quickly this month. With warmer weather than normal in November, it is hard to believe that we will be consuming ham, turkey and all the trimmings after I walked four miles through Bridgeport last week in shorts and a pullover. Besides the family and gathering, the 3:00 PM nap will definitely be on the tops of my list.

For the families that celebrate separately, the day consists of more than one trip in the car and of course, more than one plate to eat. It is a journey, if disciplined, which can lead to a comfortable day of meals and sports. But, for those who overindulge, well, it can cause a food coma where you do not wake up until Saturday.

This year we planned on combining the families together for one meal in one setting. Not saying that there will not be some "piecing" before and after dinner, but for my crew and Jeovanna's family all holding hands in the basement of Polly Costa's basement is a first, and probably long overdue.

Here is an opportunity where the ladies, who normally prepare the food, can join forces and cut the stress in quarters. Taking certain duties makes life a little simpler for everyone and Nanny's always has a great venue for celebrating. There is plenty of space and she loves to host. It is going to be a wonderful day of food and family and all the desserts that you can eat.

I am very thankful that we can celebrate like this together for a day where being thankful is the meaning of the season. Everyone gets along so well; add up the ages of all who come and it tallies to four generations of kin. It is great chatter hearing about the stories passed down from years of Thanksgiving celebrations.

I love my family just as much as anyone and what I am most thankful for are the opportunities to spend time with everyone laughing and enjoying a perfectly prepared meal. The years have flown by way too fast. When I was eight years old I would hold my maw-maw's hand while she blessed the meal. Fast forward to my mid-20s where my mom and aunt took over the reign of Thanksgiving hosts and now, today, I am the one who carves the turkey and holds my son's little hand during the blessing. I am fortunate to have lived through these years of happiness and responsibilities.

I wish everyone a safe holiday season and let it carry into the New Year. Now, do me a favor and pass the mashed potatoes.

Genesis Winter Running Series Back By Popular Demand



It's never just about the run. Do you believe that?

You may be a newer runner looking to build endurance, an experienced runner cutting back from the fall racing season, or maybe you are ready to start building your base to prepare for the spring racing season. Whatever category you fall into, this class will be a great tool for your winter training. It will also keep you accountable to continue running throughout the cold winter season. The class teaches the essentials of training by heart rate to develop your aerobic base that applies to all endurance events. The class will also have an emphasis on mobility and strength

development. Base building is one of the most important aspects to run training but it is often overlooked or misunderstood. We'll teach the importance of base building, how it impacts you, and how to apply it to your running careers.

The Genesis Winter Series training will start on Sunday, December 6th at 2:00 pm at Coonskin Park near the clubhouse.

The training will last for 10 weeks meeting every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. and we'll stage our own low key 5K in December, 8K in January, and a 10K in February.

Forest Service To Hold Virtual Meetings Concerning Cheat River Project

The public is invited to participate in one of two virtual open house sessions, December 2, 1-3 p.m. and December 3, 6-8 p.m., related to the proposed Upper Cheat River project on the Cheat-Potomac Ranger District on Monongahela National Forest, which is in the beginning stages of development. Each meeting will include the same presentations. The 86,138-acre project area is located north of Parsons in Tucker County, and a small section of Barbour and Preston counties, and includes National Forest System

lands within the Upper Cheat River watershed. This project aims to move the project area closer to the Forest Plan desired conditions by improving forest health and age class diversity, improving wildlife habitat, and enhancing stream and riparian corridors,

potentially through the creation of early successional habitat, timber management, prescribed burning, and stream restoration. "This area of the Forest is adjacent to a lot of private property," said District Ranger Jon Morgan. "We are very

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West Virginia's Buck Gun Season Now Open



The elusive quest for the 30-point buck is on again. Buck season in West Virginia opened this week on November 23 and has been extended to 14 days and includes an additional Sunday according to state officials. "The buck firearms season traditionally opens on the Monday

before Thanksgiving and closes two weeks later on a Saturday, but hunters will be able to get out into the woods for an extra day of hunting this year," said Brett Skelly, assistant deer project leader for the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

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NANCY JEAN DEMARY CHRISLIP

Nancy Jean DeMary Chrislip, beloved daughter, mother, and grandmother passed away peacefully in her sleep surrounded by her family on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at her residence in Fredericksburg, Virginia. She was 90.

Born March 25, 1930 to the late Sam and Lucy (née Gabriel) DeMary of Enterprise, West Virginia, she was a 1948 graduate of Shinnston High School.

Nancy spent her adult life working in medicine as a Medical Technologist after receiving her bachelor's degree in chemistry from Fairmont State University.

During the 1950's, Nancy both worked and taught Medical Technology at St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in Clarksburg, West Virginia. In 1961 she married the late Allen R. Chrislip, Jr. from Shinnston, West Virginia and the two moved to Newton, North Carolina where Allen worked in the school systems, while Nancy worked for many years in the laboratory at Catawba Memorial Hospital, and later in the Newton and Maiden clinics for Dr. Lawrence Caldwell, Sr. and Jr.

During her life in Newton, North Carolina, Nancy was continually active in civic programs, serving multiple terms as President of the Pilot Club of Newton. She was also an active member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church of Hickory, North Carolina and a founding parishioner of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Newton, North Carolina.

After retiring in the early 1990's Nancy continued to volunteer in the Catawba Memorial Gift Shop with the Hospital Auxiliary, while also taking many occasions to tour the world, visiting her son Christopher and his family while he served in the US Navy.

In 2019 Nancy relocated to Fredericksburg, Virginia to be closer to her son and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sam and Lucy; her brother, Richard Lee (Dick) DeMary; her sister, Mary Edith DeMary; her ex-husband, Allen R. Chrislip, Jr.; and her sister-in-law, Mary Rose (Moscar) DeMary.

She is survived by her son, Christopher Chrislip and his wife, Jennifer (Muir) of Fredericksburg, Virginia; her niece, Toni R. (DeMary) McMillion and her husband, Mark of Clarksburg, WV; nephew, Samuel R. DeMary and his

wife, Beckie (Ewing) DeMary of Salisbury, North Carolina; her grandchildren, Wyatt and Benjamin Chrislip of Fredericksburg, Virginia; and her great-nieces and great-nephews, Isabella, Sophia, Stephen, and James McMillion of Clarksburg; and Gianluca DeMary of Salisbury, North Carolina.



ROBERT LEE "BOB" LORETTA

Robert Lee "Bob" Loretta, 78, of Enterprise, passed away on November 19, 2020 at his residence. Bob was born on November 30, 1941, son of the late Joseph and Anna Marcell Tulanowski Loretta.

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Nancy Loretta; one son, Ryan Loretta and wife Kellie of Bel Air, MD; one daughter, Wendy Rouleau, of Shinnston; four granddaughters, Kyra Rouleau, Isabella and Addison Loretta, and Arena Sauborn; three grandsons, Tyler Benson and wife, Sarah; Chase Rouleau (Jennifer Walker), and Ethan Loretta; three great-grandsons, Carson Walker, Cameron Rouleau, and Nikolai Stemple; one brother, David Loretta, of St. Clairsville, OH; and one sister-in-law, JoAnn Parsons, of Enterprise.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Kelly Ann Benson.

Bob was a veteran of the US Army. He worked as a forklift driver for Alcon Aluminum for many years. The family would like to extend a special "thank-you" to WVU Hospice, Tessa Yost, RN, and Emily Ramsey.

One of his greatest passions was his animals.

A funeral service was held on Monday, November 23, 2020 at Dorsey Funeral Home with Pastor Roy Clark and Pastor Gary Reed officiating. Interment followed at the Enterprise I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at www.dorseyfuneralhomewv.com.

NANCY CAROL GAY

Nancy Carol Gay, 74, of Clarksburg, passed away on Thursday, November 19, 2020 in Canton, OH at the residence of her nephew and niece, Ron Miller Jr. and Michelle Miller. Nancy was born on October 11, 1946 in Clarksburg, the daughter of the late Arthur Blaine and Katherine Teresa Surace Spencer.

Nancy retired from Stonewall Jackson Resort

in Weston, where she worked for several years as a receptionist. Prior to working at the Resort, Nancy was employed at the Salem Americare Nursing Home in Salem, Apria Health Care in Stonewood, Dr. Mark Vecchio's Office in Bridgeport, Hills Department Store, and Shinnston Masonic Cemetery. Nancy loved to plant flowers and really enjoyed cleaning. Nancy was always smiling and laughing. She had such a lovely personality and to know her was to love her.

Nancy is survived by two sons, Gregory Rock and wife Amber of Salem and Daniel Rock and wife Elizabeth of West Union; three granddaughters, Abigail, Grace, and Emily Rock; two grandsons, Wyatt and Ben Rock; two brothers, Arthur B, Spencer Jr. and wife Tomiko of Las Vegas, NV and Jim Andrew of Seminole, FL; two sisters, Betty Miller of Clarksburg and Brenda Cook and husband Larry of Oceana; as well as several other nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Gay and one brother-in-law, Ronald Miller, Sr.

Private services were held at the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery Mausoleum on Saturday, November 21, 2020 with Pastor Jon Hayes officiating. Entombment followed the service. Online condolences can be made at www.dorseyfuneralhomewv.com.

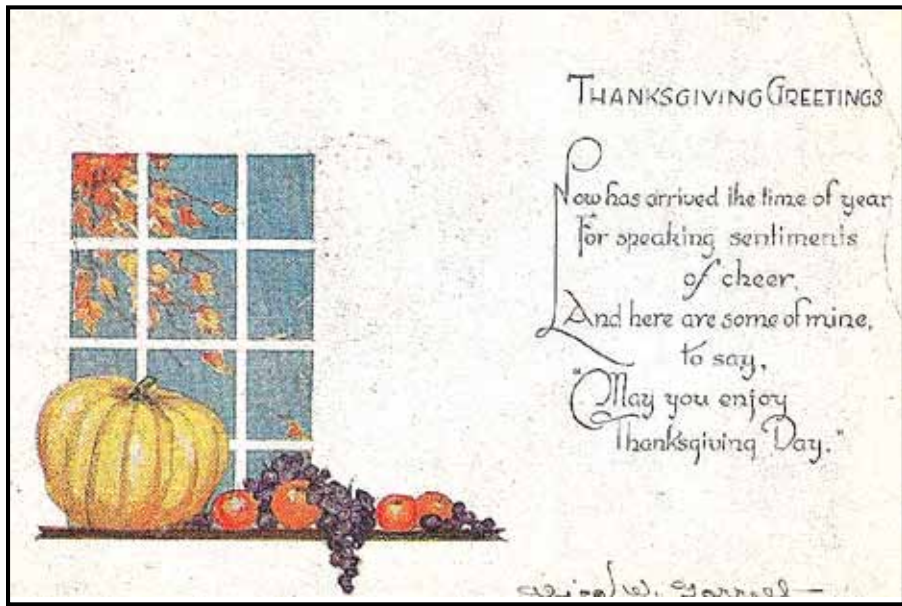


MICHAEL "MICK" LEN DUCKWORTH

Michael "Mick" Len Duckworth, 70, of Shinnston passed away on Saturday, November 14, 2020 at his home with his family by his side. He was born on October 18, 1950 to the late Elton Eugene Duckworth and Betty Lou Rankin Duckworth McIntire.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Marsha Kay Hardesty Duckworth; daughters, Chrystal Tichnell and her husband Mike, Buffie Capozzi and her husband Matt, all of Shinnston; brother, Roger Duckworth and his wife Sharon of Worthington; sisters, Marsha Riley and her husband Jay of Shinnston, Tammy McMurray and her husband Bill of Delaware; granddaughters, Taylor and Mickaylyn Tichnell, Lillian Capozzi; grandsons, Jason Michael and Jonah Matthew Capozzi ; sister-in-law Brenda Duckworth; along with several nieces and

Out Of The Past
Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



A postcard greeting to wish "Happy Thanksgiving" sent to Miss Wilma Watkins in 1923. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

nephews. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by Tommy Duckworth, Robin Duckworth; his twin brother, Richard Lee Duckworth and wife Linda; Allen Duckworth; Charles Duckworth and wife Sarah.

Mick served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam war. He retired from Consolidation Coal Company and was a commander for 16 years at the American Legion Post 31 Shinnston, where he held many other positions. He was a member of the UMWA, local 1501, enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening and time at his camp in Buckhannon. Mick cherished spending time with his children and grandchildren.

The family would like to express a special thank you to the WVU Hospice team.

A funeral service was at Harmer Funeral Home on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 with Rev. Bill Oldaker officiating. Interment followed at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Enterprise with full military rites.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at www.harmerfuneralhome.com



DOMINICK BELCASTRO

Dominick Belcastro, 91, of Shinnston died peacefully at J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital on November 17, 2020. He was born February 13, 1929 in Bethlehem, WV to the late Frank and Anita (Bartolo) Belcastro. He was a 1947 graduate of Shinnston High School.

He was preceded in death by three brothers; James Belcastro, Joseph Belcastro, and John Belcastro.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Mildred Roberts Belcastro of

Shinnston and two daughters, Mrs. Christina Arco (Sam) and Mrs. Debra Benedetti (Mark); four grandchildren Allison Benedetti, Lauren Hager (Josh), Andrea Arco-Mastromichalis (Michael), Lee Arco (Elizabeth); six great-grandchildren Emma, Oliva, and Luke Hager, Max and Mason Mastromichalis and Cecilia Arco. He is also survived by one brother, Louie Belcastro of Lumberport, WV and several nieces and nephews.

Nick retired from Consolidation Coal Company with 44 years of service, having worked at Owings Mines No. 32 and Robinson Run Mines No. 95. He was one of the first employees hired at Robinson Run after the closure of Owings Mines, and was integral to the railroad construction at Mine 95. In 1967, he was a leader in establishing the UMWA Union Local 1501 in Shinnston, WV having served as its first president. In addition, he served in the Armed Forces during the Korean War.

Nick was a kind, loving family man and enjoyed traveling with his wife and spending time with his family. He was an avid, skillful outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing and hunting since his youth and continued to do so until 2019. He was also a talented wood crafter and enjoyed creating unique sculptures for his family, including his grandchildren. His characteristics of personal responsibility, strong work ethic, and love for the outdoors has been imparted to his family, and his keen sense of humor has distinguished him amongst his family and friends.

He was a member of the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church for several decades, where he steadfastly volunteered in several capacities.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the medical staff at J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital for the professional and compassionate care they

provided. In accordance to his wishes, a private family gravesite ceremony was held at the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery Saturday, November 21 with Pastor Jeff Dytzel of Shinnston officiating.

Memorial contributions can be made to Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, 1201 East Pike Street, Shinnston, WV 26431.

Online memories and condolences can be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com

ARLIS AVERY WEBB

Arlis Avery Webb, 82, of Quiet Dell passed away on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at his residence with family by his side. He was born August 6, 1938 in Bristol, WV, son of the late Harley and Mary Bramer Webb.

Arlis graduated from Bristol High School, Class of 1956. He served his country in the United States Army. He retired as a Glass Worker after thirty years working for Hazel Atlas, Continental Can, Brockway and Anchor Hocking. Arlis enjoyed, hunting, fishing, camping, gardening, going to yard sales and being outdoors.

Arlis is survived by his wife Mary Lou Day Webb whom he married May 29, 1959; three children, Terri Jo Boyer and Ronald, Stonewood, Steve Webb and Sharree, Quiet Dell, Lisa Ables and Steve, Stonewood; three grandchildren, Craig Boyer, Allen Starr and Adam Starr; four great grandchildren, Logan, Lexi, Tanner and Dawson; one brother, Doran Webb, Wolf Summit; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Arlis was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Amanda Linton; three brothers, Dewain Webb, Dale Webb and Delano Webb.

A Graveside Service was held at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 with Pastor Nathan Weaver officiating.

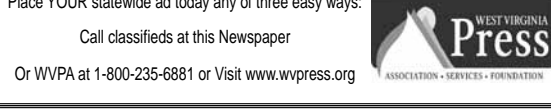
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You will take notice that CLARENCE MUTSCHELKNAUS, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2019-S-0000101, 1/2 INT 20.15 AC O&G BINGAMON, located in EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT, which was returned delinquent in the name of HAYMAKER PROPERTIES LP, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Harrison County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 7th day of November, 2019, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2021, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2021, will be as follows:

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To: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT THE REVENUE CENTER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT THE REVENUE CENTER, HARRISON COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, CITY OF CLARKSBURG, ANGELA R. RICKETTS, 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.

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You will take notice that WV TL LLC TESCO CUSTODIAN, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2019-S-0000155, 1 LOT 75 WELCO 1ST ADD, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of KIRBY JOHN M, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Harrison County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 7th day of November, 2019, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2021, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2021, will be as follows:

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LEGAL NOTICES

(2019-S-0000543- Harrison County - WV TL LLC TESCO CUSTODIAN)

To: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT THE REVENUE CENTER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT THE REVENUE CENTER, HARRISON COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, CITY OF CLARKSBURG, RHONDA DENISE BRADY, 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.

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2021.	\$ 1,150.13
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2021.	\$ 988.02
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2020, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$ 1,030.52
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$ 256.50
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.	\$ 3,425.17
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

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(2019-S-00000189- Harrison County - WV TL LLC TESCO CUSTODIAN)

To: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT THE REVENUE CENTER, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT THE REVENUE CENTER, HARRISON COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, CITY OF CLARKSBURG, MARRY ANN LUNDELL C/O BRADLEY TUSTIN BRADLEY TUSTIN, DANIEL T. BAKER, TRUSTEE, THE BANKRUPTCY ESTATE OF MARY ANN LUNDELL C/O MARTIN P. SHEEHAN, TRUSTEE, 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.

You will take notice that WV TL LLC TESCO CUSTODIAN, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2019-S-0000189, 1 LOT #139 LAUREL VALLEY DS, located in UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT, which was returned delinquent in the name of LUNDELL MARY ANN and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Harrison County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 7th day of November, 2019, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after April 1, 2021, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 31, 2021, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 31, 2021.	\$ 1,439.58
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2021.	\$ 1,235.09
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2020, following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$ 1,074.98
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$ 384.75
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.	\$ 4,134.40
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

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“Home Style Owner” cont. from p.1

they won't miss a beat. The store's "Decorating Dollars" program for Gold Card members will still be applied; special events will still be held; and the same hours will be followed (Mon. – Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and open until 6 p.m. on Wednesdays).

"Right now I think it's important to keep everything pretty much the same as it was. After all, it has been a successful business for nearly 12 years, so there is no need to 'fix' anything. I'll be visiting the same marketplaces as before to purchase our merchandise and I hope to add a few more. But I'm thinking ahead and looking to perhaps change the storefront logo and the look somewhat as time allows," she added.

Right now, of course, is a very busy time of year. They just held their late fall Urban Market that included the attendance of three guest vendors, and they also held their Holiday Open House this month as well. The upcoming holiday season will bring even more traffic, and this Saturday they'll be celebrating Small Business Saturday, which is typically one of Home Style's biggest days of the year! Amanda will also offer Black Friday deals the day after Thanksgiving ... and the next Facebook Live sale is scheduled for December 1st.

Imagine handling all of

this activity in November and December and concentrating at the same time on buying ahead for the Spring season. It is easy to understand how time management is essential!

Home Style's reputation for being the 'go-to place' for the popular modern farmhouse look draws customers from all over the area, and the shop has even become a destination for people from PA, OH, and MD, who feel it is worth the trip!

Amanda continued, "We'll still be offering our two lines of paint products – Rethink Junk and Fusion. I've worked with these lines of paint for several years now and they are great sellers. We'll continue to use our Urban Market space for workshops, storage and our markets. And I'd like to remind people that for pieces they'd like to have painted, we do that too ... and anything that is too large to bring to us, we will go to customers' homes to do painting of large furniture pieces, kitchen cabinets, bathroom vanities, etc. We try to accommodate all of our customers' needs."

Home Style will still carry some clothing and jewelry items, seasonal décor, as well as popular staple items like timer candles and replacement bulbs for wax melts, etc.

The modern farmhouse style has become a favorite because it adds such a

warm, cozy, comfortable appeal to any space, and who doesn't want their home to issue that kind of invitation? This is today's trend, and since so many people are being forced to spend more time at home now, why not enjoy the feeling of having your surroundings wrap its arms around you? Amanda emphasized that trends come and go, and as they do, Home Style's merchandise and accessories will flow along with those changes in order to stay current with existing styles.

"I am excited to be part of Home Style's future and I'm looking forward to moving into a new year. With Small Business Saturday coming up in just a few days, I am hopeful that people will continue to support small businesses like Home Style and 'shop local' for the holidays – whether it is for their own home or for gift-giving. Remember, too, that if you're undecided on what to choose, gift certificates are available," Amanda concluded.

Home Style will be following the Governor's orders regarding social distancing, so the number of shoppers will be limited to 12 at a time in-store, and masks are mandatory! While it may be somewhat inconvenient, the goal is to protect both staff and customers and ensure a safe opportunity to shop local.

“United Way” cont. from p. 1

year," he said.

They have a beautiful selection of paper, bows, ribbons and tags available along with a limited supply of shirt boxes. Riffe also noted that if you have packages that have been ordered from Amazon or eBay, for example, volunteers will wrap them for you as well.

A \$3 donation will be requested for small packages and \$5 for larger ones is suggested.

Riffe continued, "Safety precautions will be in place, masks must be worn, hand sanitizer will be used, and we ask that if anyone has to wait in line to please distance themselves as much as possible from others. OR packages can be dropped off and folks can shop or get something to eat and return later to pick up their wrapped packages. It is truly a wonderful service for many people. But we just want people to know that they can expect to follow the

CDC's guidelines."

Dine & Donate is another way to support the United Way of Harrison County's fundraising efforts. This is a partnership between many local restaurants and United Way where restaurants generously donate a portion of their proceeds one day to support the United Way and its 20-funded agencies.

Riffe stated that The Honey Baked Ham Company, located at 514 Emily Drive in Clarksburg is offering a special holiday promotion November 16th through January 4th to make meal preparation a little easier through Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years!

Your purchase of a bone-in ham or whole boneless ham will bring a \$5 donation to United Way. A turkey breast purchase or a half boneless ham purchase will be a \$3 donation to United Way. All you

have to do is mention that you are supporting United Way, and The Honey Baked Ham Company will offer its support to United Way. Additional promos may be available if you are placing a bulk order too! To place an order or ask about other promos, call 304-626-3600.

"This has been a challenging year for everyone and non-profits fully understand that. It may be a tough year for us as well, but we are hopeful that people who can donate will support us and realize that the United Way changes thousands of lives every day in Harrison County and we need their help now more than ever to continue to support the agencies that make this help available," Riffe concluded. "We are working very hard to 'wrap up' the year by meeting our goal!"

“Citizen of the Month” cont. from p.1

they would know what to do in the event of a fire.

"When I visit these schools, I show up in uniform to talk to the kids. I show them the gear and try to take some of the fear out of it. It is important for them to know not to hide from firefighters and that in the event of an emergency, we are there to help them," she stated. "We are all creatures of habit, and it is particularly important when speaking with young children to repeat and repeat and repeat! I use catch phrases over and over again like 'stay low and go', 'get out and stay out', hoping they will remember these little snippets of information. I also teach them to check to see if a door is hot, how to call 911, etc. – and all of this is geared toward them being more prepared on how to respond in a crisis. Knowing what to do keeps people task-focused and is a much better option than resorting to panic."

Several years ago, Captain Murphy felt compelled to expand her presentation by giving each child in these first grade classrooms a smoke detector to take home. She named her program "Operation Not One More" ... and for a very personal reason.

She explained, "Back in 2015, there was a fire in the Wallace area and a couple of kids and their dad didn't get out in time. I learned that one of those children had been at one of my presentations, but the family didn't have a smoke detector. This really affected me and I decided at that moment that these children needed more than just my words! At that point, I knew I had to do more and I began reaching out to clubs,

organizations, churches, and anyone who might be willing to become a sponsor and help me gather funding so that each first grade student would also take home a smoke alarm. My goal was that 'not one more' child's life would be lost because their home was without a smoke detector!"

She learned later of a grant program through State Farm that would support efforts such as this. She applied, and says it has been a tremendous help in her getting the funding needed to purchase more smoke detectors.

Word spread about her program and she is now making presentations in two elementary schools in Tucker County and one in Preston County. In 2018, 'Operation Not One More' also earned Captain Murphy recognition by the WV State Fire Marshal as 'Fire & Life Educator of the Year'.

"Sometimes fire service can be a thankless job, but this program has brought unbelievable rewards," she added. "I have heard from several families who contacted me to say that they had lived through a fire because their child had come home from school with a smoke alarm and they got out in time because of that. Every time I hear that, it's like God is giving me a nod that I have made a difference with this program ... and it is also an incentive to keep it going and growing!"

The COVID-19 pandemic has of course made her in-person school presentations out of the question this year, and while she respects that, she is also determined to keep moving forward. The students may not hear her presentations, but

she is delivering smoke alarms to the schools so that first grade teachers can send them home with students. And she's not stopping there ...

"COVID has certainly made it challenging for me this year, but to use another catch phrase, when things like this occur, you have to 'adjust and adapt'! That's what I'm working on now. Since we don't know how long restrictions will continue, I'm preparing a video of my 20-30 minute presentation that teachers may use in their classrooms to get the message across. I will also be happy to make myself available to answer any questions the kids might have via zoom or any other virtual platform. The pandemic just forced me to think outside the box, but this program is valuable enough that I won't let it stop me," she continued. "I am giving out approximately 700-900 smoke alarms to students each year, and I am pleased that there have been no child fatalities in Harrison County since the program began."

Captain Murphy always seems to find a way to provide smoke alarms, and now she has created a way to keep her presentations in the schools despite the pandemic. She may not be knocking on doors as much for funding help, but donations to her program will help her keep it moving forward and hopefully retain those statistics that NOT ONE MORE child will lose a life due to their family being without a smoke alarm. Donations can be sent to the Clarksburg Fire Department with "Operation Not One More" noted on the memo line of checks.

Good Health Guide

What's Important This Holiday Season

If you have been reading my column for a while, you have likely read one of my articles about managing expectations around the holidays. That has NEVER been so important as this year. We are entering a holiday season at the end of a year that has drug us through the mud and kicked us while we were down. We are at the highest point of COVID cases yet, just as we were feeling like life was starting to have points of normalcy. I have

talked with so many who have lost - people, their jobs, their feelings of hope. That's why it is so important to focus on the bright spots - count your blessings, not your problems.

My advice for this holiday season is a little different than before, based on our current circumstances. The next 2-4 months will be the most difficult of the pandemic as we have to forgo some of our normal holiday traditions along with managing and respecting the disease.

First, take care of your health. Put your health and immunity first. Make decisions based on taking care of yourself and the ones you love. That means watching what you eat, making time for exercise and self-care, and making choices that put your health first. The stronger you are, the better off you are during a pandemic.

Second, manage your expectations. Things will be different this year. We won't have parades, big parties, or even small gatherings


for some people. This can cause depression and even anger. I had to remind my family (and myself) not to have expectations this year. We know that many things will be different and even some of the plans we make will change at the last minute. Focus on enjoying every day. Decorate early if it brings you more joy. Do small things with your family like making cookies and watching movies and savor the time together.

Focus on what is

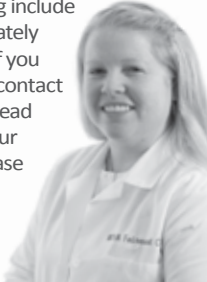
important. People are hungry. People are suffering. What can you do to make their world a little brighter? Can you donate to a food pantry? Drop off warm clothes at a shelter? Help your neighbor shop for groceries? It has never been more important to be the change you want to see in our world and in our small community. The world is out of order and it needs you now. Even a smile or a warm greeting can

make a difference to someone who is down.

Finally, know that we will get through this and we will be ok. You are doing a good job. Smile - even when it feels hard. Keep that energy even when it feels like the end of the rope. Reach out to friends and family if you need help. Everyone has been impacted in some way. We all need to work together through this holiday season. Spread love wherever you go.



As we progress towards flu season, it is important to realize the need for vaccination-especially to the vulnerable age groups. This includes any child 6 months and older as well as the elderly over 65 and anyone who is immunocompromised. Some simple tips to help prevent the spread of the influenza virus beyond vaccinating include covering your cough or sneeze appropriately and proper hand washing. In addition, if you feel ill, you should stay home and avoid contact with other individuals to prevent the spread of infection. If you have not received your influenza vaccine for this flu season, please contact MVA in Shinnston today so you can get immunized.



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"Shinnston Garden Club" cont. from p. 5

Jackson. Joyce Miker asked a blessing on the meal and asked remembrance of those members in ill health.

In the business meeting,

Joyce Miker asked for support for a wellness project she has been working on to provide packages of pain-relieving lotion and socks to those

with leg problems. Her request was granted.

Wanda F. Ashcraft told of the work that Debbie and David Harbert had done to plant and

maintain the urns in the downtown section of the City and the police building. Ashcraft presented Mrs. Harbert with a plaque and lifetime membership cards to the Shinnston Garden Club were given to the couple in

gratitude for their service. Dorothy Rota presented Mrs. Harbert with a fall themed centerpiece.

President Rota announced that the next meeting would be held early, due to the holidays, at Jimmy's

Diner on Thursday, November 19th at one in the afternoon.

Those attending not previously mentioned included: .Beth Linn, Paula Harrison, Chad Edwards, Judy Asel and Juanita Pumphrey.

"Buck Gun Season" cont. from p. 6

During West Virginia's buck firearms season, hunters also can participate in the concurrent antlerless deer and bear firearms season, providing they purchase Class N/NN and DS stamps.

"You can take a buck, doe and bear on the same day," said Skelly. "I don't know of any other state that has anything like that."

The WVDNR also would like to remind hunters who did not purchase an RG or RRG stamp before Nov. 22, they may

only harvest one buck on their base license. West Virginia hunting licenses and stamps are available to purchase at www.wvhunt.com.

Another reminder to hunters is they are required to wear at least 400 square inches of blaze orange when hunting in a county or area where a deer firearms season is presently open. They also need to electronically check big game online at www.wvhunt.com, at a license agent or by calling

844-WVCHECK.

The buck firearms season runs through December 6 in all but four counties - Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming. Hunters who want to hunt at a wildlife management area or on other public hunting land, should check out the WVDNR's online map at mapwv.gov/huntfish.

For further info about the buck firearms season and West Virginia's hunting regulations, at www.wvdnr.gov/hunting/hunting_regs.shtm.

"Please Wear Masks" cont. from p.5

Covering Requirement at midnight last Saturday night. Please heed that order. Businesses, please require your patrons to wear masks before entering your store. Making it a

requirement is the only way to make sure it happens. As our governor says repeatedly, we must work together to fight this pandemic and we must beat this pandemic without

destroying our economy.

No one likes wearing masks. I sure do not. However, the alternative to this minor inconvenience is a much worse one. So please, Mask Up, Shinnston!

"Cheat River Project" cont. from p. 6

interested in hearing from those landowners and I encourage them to join one of the meetings to share their concerns."

During the virtual open house, Forest staff will present background information about current forest conditions and potential management activities to address the concerns within the project area. Information received from the public during these meetings will be used to help develop the project proposal. An

opportunity to submit written comments is tentatively scheduled for Summer 2021 when the project's proposed activities will be released for a 30-day scoping period.

Instructions for joining the meetings from your computer or telephone will be posted on the project webpage at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58364>. Written transcripts of the meetings will not be available. Meeting handouts, including maps and fact sheets, will be available for download on the

project website before the meetings take place.

For more information and to request reasonable accommodations, contact Amy Albright at amy.albright2@usda.gov or 304-257-4488 ext. 7128.

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“Library” cont. from p. 5

husband but of a man she last saw fifteen years ago - Wyatt Armstrong.

Dawn miraculously survives the crash, but so do all the doubts that have been suddenly raised. She’s had a good life. Back in Boston is her husband Brian, their daughter, and her work as a death doula, in which she helps ease the transition between life and death for her clients.

Meanwhile, somewhere in Egypt is Wyatt Armstrong, who works as an archaeologist unearthing ancient burial sites, a career Dawn once studied for but was forced to abandon when life suddenly intervened. And now when it seems that fate is offering her second chances, she is

not sure of the choice she once made.

“Beyond The Plate” is our new online recipe club. We will collect recipes and a drawing will be held to choose one for each month. So, send us your favorite Christmas recipe by December 19th. You can e-mail, regular mail or post it on our facebook page.

The book club “Reading From A Distance” will meet on December 15th at 2 p.m. They will be reading “If The Creek Don’t Rise” by Leah Weiss. Please contact the library if you are interested so we can provide a copy.

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Best-sellers available at this time include: “Fortune And Glory” by Janet Evanovich; “A Time For Mercy” by John Grisham; “The Sentinel” by Lee Child; “The Return” by Nicholas Sparks; “The Vanishing Half” by Brit Bennett; “Three Women Disappear” by James Patterson; “The Evening And Morning” by Ken Follett; “The Book Of Two Ways” by Jodi Picoult; and “Where The Crawdads Sing” by Delia Owens. New large print titles include: “Noel Street” by Richard Paul Evans; “Girls of Summer” by Nancy

Thayer; “The Prisoner’s Wife” by Maggie Brooks; “All In” by S. Gray; “A Springtime Heart” by Marta Perry; and “Not Lie The Movies” by Kerry Winfrey.

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The holidays are here once again, as are my memories of childhood Christmases. One of my favorite memories is of my grandmother in her kitchen baking yummy desserts to follow the meals our family would share.

Each Christmas she would bake a delicious applesauce cake, that would fill the house with the delightful scents of cinnamon and clove.

I have carried on this tradition with my children and grandchildren, and they look forward to it as much as I did growing up. I hope you enjoy and make fond memories with your families. Best wishes for a joyful holiday season.

Stop by your local Price Cutter for all your baking and cooking needs. If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share with our readers, please email it to us at newsandjournal@yahoo.com.

Old Fashioned Applesauce Cake
Submitted By Debra Smith

- 1 stick butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups applesauce
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 2 tsps baking soda
- 2 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. ground cloves
- 1/2 tsp. allspice
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup nuts (optional) (I use walnuts)

Cream butter and sugar. Add vanilla, eggs, applesauce and buttermilk. Blend well with mixer. Whisk together dry ingredients. Mix dry ingredients with wet ingredients then add raisins and nuts. Spray a tube or bundt pan or 9 x 13 baking dish with cooking spray. Bake in preheated oven at 350 degrees for about one hour.

I serve this applesauce raisin cake without icing. You can use a powdered sugar glaze made by mixing powdered sugar and enough milk to make the glaze thin enough to pour from a small pitcher. Caramel frosting is great on this applesauce raisin cake, as well. Hope you enjoy!



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Christmas Trees On Philippi’s Courthouse Square Ready For Decorating

A Covered Bridge Christmas, Philippi’s volunteer Christmas committee, announces this year’s Christmas trees are ready for decorating, but now is the time to call and reserve a tree for individuals or for groups. Trees will be on the Courthouse Square in downtown Philippi and in the Blue & Gray Park on the Rt. 119 side of the Covered Bridge.

To secure a tree, interested parties should call Linda Menear at 304-457-3481 as soon as possible. According to Menear, over half of the trees have already been reserved. Menear also tells prospective decorators to make sure they secure

all the decorations to their trees. Last year’s high winds taught the committee that bulbs, garland, and other individual decorations have to be attached to tree limbs or the decorations can be blown off the trees.

To honor the victims of the Sago mining tragedy last year, the Christmas Committee invited families of the victims to decorate the trees in the Blue & Gray Park. The committee extends the same invitation again this year to those families.

Once trees are up and decorated, people are invited to visit the Courthouse Square and the Blue & Gray Park to enjoy all the trees. Those who decorate the trees are asked to have all decorations removed by January 10, 2021.

Any questions about the trees should be directed to Menear at the above-mentioned phone number.



Greg Williams and Philippi Mayor Phil Bowers are shown above preparing trees for the Courthouse Square during last year’s holiday preparation. People may call Linda Menear at 304-457-3481 to reserve one of this year’s trees for decorating.

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she leads for the Lord’s Pantry. She has received several contributions from club members of cleaning products for the Pantry. Those members who were not able to attend the November meeting can drop off contributions to the Lowe Public Library. Those who cannot get out to pick up items can send a monetary donation in care of the Library or Spagnuolo.

Debra Herndon, also the Director of the Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum presented the program as lunch was being served. Herndon had brought some photographs of area businesses from years past as well as a video produced during the 1952 Centennial Celebration and a slide show of area homes of note. Herndon told the group how the Bice-

Ferguson Memorial Museum was created and about the generosity of Donald Bice and Lota Ferguson Bice. Herndon listed valuable partnerships that exist, such as that with the Shinnston High School Alumni Association as well as partnerships she hopes to establish. She ended with challenges the Museum faces, not the least of which is operating in the age of COVID-19.

The next meeting will be held December 22nd at Jimmy’s Diner at 1:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to join the Shinnston Woman’s Club can contact Herndon at 304-677-6650 or speak with any other member. Present besides those previously mentioned were Judy Wilson, Deborah Starkey, Wanda Ashcraft and Kathleen Panek.



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