

# Clarksburg Mayor Looks Forward To 2021



Work progresses at the new Post Office location in downtown Clarksburg. Striping has been completed in the parking lot and driveway markings show that traffic can exit or enter from either Pike or Main Streets.

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD  
News & Journal Editor  
Clarksburg Mayor Ryan Kennedy says progress is steady on some moves that will be taking place in Clarksburg in 2021. For example, the new Post Office building on 8th Street, the former location of Chase Bank's drive-in facility, is nearing completion. "The decision to relocate from the ir-

regular location space." Interior work is being finished now but Kennedy said he was not sure of the exact timetable for the move. Secondly, the new Kroger building has been moved fairly quickly at the site of the old Kmart at Eastpointe. "We are very pleased that Kroger elected to reinstate here in Clarksburg making marked improvements over their existing store."



Crews are working round the clock on the interior of the new Kroger facility at Eastpointe in Clarksburg. The new, expanded store is 50% larger than the existing Kroger and will offer more to customers including drive-thru pharmacy pickup. The larger space will also necessitate an increase of up to 50 more employees.

and offering much more to their customers," he stated "They, too, are close to opening very soon and we are excited for that to transpire." As to what will occur at Kroger's current location, Kennedy said it will not remain an empty building. "There has been a lot of rumors about what might go in there and Kroger vacates the premises. I can say that there has been a definite interest and plans are in the works for something to occupy that space. However, it was requested that the City to re-evaluate that information. An announcement should be coming soon, though," he added.

Regulation for the development in Clarksburg. Kennedy noted that the City Manager has been working on putting a station for both the police and fire departments on Emily

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## Shinnston City Council Hears Presentation From 3rd Company Interested In AMR Bid

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD  
News & Journal Editor  
Shinnston City Council met at the Shinnston Woman's Club clubhouse as well as via zoom on Monday, November 30th for its regular monthly work session.

As no citizens had petitioned to speak before Council and the representative scheduled to speak on behalf of The Lord's Pantry did not attend, Council proceeded to welcome two representatives from Ferguson Waterworks, another company that deals with sales of automatic meter reading (AMR) systems who explained the benefits of their AMR technology. They noted that their company has a team on the ground locally to help specifically with water meters,

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## New Pre-Treatment Option At UHC Benefits Prostate Cancer Patients Undergoing Radiation



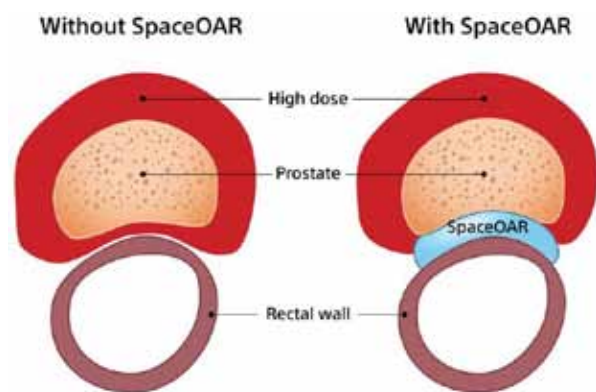
DR. GRANT FRANKLIN



DR. MICHAEL STEWART

United Hospital Center (UHC) has added a new pre-treatment option, SpaceOAR™ Hydrogel – the first and only FDA-cleared spacer to help reduce the radiation dose delivered to the rectum of men undergoing radiation treatment for prostate

cancer. SpaceOAR is aimed at reducing rectal complications and helping patients to maintain their quality of life after radiation treatment. "The introduction of SpaceOAR Hydrogel as a pre-treatment option at United Hospital



SpaceOAR™ Hydrogel is now available for prostate cancer patients being treated at UHC. SpaceOAR Hydrogel, an absorbable, injectable gel, helps to reduce the radiation dose delivered to the rectum in men undergoing radiation therapy for prostate cancer, decreasing the likelihood of side effects.

Center demonstrates in treatments," said Dr. Grant L. Franklin, Jr., MD, NBSU at UHC. "Due to the proximity of the prostate to the rectum, providing the best possible care to our patients by offering the latest in treatment."

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## Shinnston Lions Brighten Community's Downtown Greenspace With Holiday Cheer



More than half a dozen local Lions members volunteered their time to 'spotlight' Shinnston's downtown greenspace for the Christmas holiday ... and just in time to have it all in place before the first snow!

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD  
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Prior to Thanksgiving, the Shinnston Public Works Department went to work attaching the lighted snowflakes to utility poles in the downtown area for Christmas. Just after Thanksgiving, the Shinnston Lions Club stepped in to do their part as well. While Lions Clubs are all over the world

in time to focus on safety considerations, they also address many other concerns like feeding the hungry, offering disaster relief, protecting the environment, improving the quality of life for diabetics, offering hope to children with cancer, etc. However, they also participate in local community projects. In fact, you may even see them removing trash along the highways! Here in Shinnston, we can see the impact of their work all over the world."

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## Hoop Dreams



Building Amazing Cities

By JIM HUNT  
author, speaker, consultant

As the WVU Mountaineers embark on another basketball season, I am reminded of my stint as a Mountaineer over fifty years ago. I had followed the WVU basketball team for much of my life and I can vividly remember that day that my dad asked me if I wanted to go see a game in person. I was a freshman in high school and I could not imagine going to the old Field House and watching a game. We drove up to Morgantown and made our way up the long ramp in front of the building and made our way to the seats in the upper decks of the Field House. One of the great things about the Field House was that every seat had a pretty good view of the court. The Mountaineers were playing the Furman "Purple Paladins" that night and the purple uniforms contrasted well with the white uniforms of WVU. For days after the game, I would practice my shots at the Montpelier playground as if I were playing against the Purple Paladins at the Field House.

My senior year in high school was one of the best years of my life and getting to play on our high school basketball team was like icing on a cake. We had a very good team and I can remember each

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Food For Thought

By Leigh Currey Merrifield Editor

The 'Presence' Of The Season

Here we are once again, approaching the Christmas season and I noticed that many people are busy getting ready for it. Yes, it's time to carry on the tradition, trim the tree, bake the cookies, prepare the wish lists, shop the sales, wrap the gifts, address the cards, fill the stockings, etc. No wonder it's called the "busiest" season of the year!

I read something recently that rather disturbed me. The writer of the piece implied that Christmas was nothing other than an irritation. Well, Bah Humbug to you too! Christmas, this writer said, was a weighted holiday, causing nothing but stress and forcing people to live by a timetable, therefore putting everyone under pressure. Now if you will take just a second and look at all the words I have underlined, you'll notice that they do infer a certain amount of frenzy. But, Christmas, I guess, is in the 'heart' of the beholder. So, let me turn it around a little and look at Christmas from my perspective - a very different view from that of the other writer.

Christmas is my favorite time of year. I don't drag out my Christmas tree; I can't wait for its presence to fill my home and for its glow to transform what WAS just a room into a warm haven where memories are made. In fact, I put up TWO indoor trees for even more warmth! I will admit, the lights have given me some cause for stress in recent years, but once they're on (and working) and the trees are fully decorated, I always say the end product was SO worth the brief period of anxiety! Each ornament, which to some people is nothing more than "jingle junk",

is a treasure to me. I carefully look at each one of the ornaments and 'ooh' and 'aah' as I touch them and remember what an enjoyable time it was for me to make many of them - OR who gave them to me - OR what each one represents. Some of the older ones symbolize unforgettable times - like my son's first Christmas or a trip to Disney World or the beach. Each one is my favorite for some special reason - even the old reindeer made lovingly out of a clothespin by Colleen, the daughter of old friends from years ago. If I live to be 100, that primitive, worn out, discolored old reindeer will still occupy a special place on a branch of my tree and I will always fondly remember her.

As for the shopping list - hey, it will get done. This year I have tried to order more than usual online to avoid crowds since the COVID situation is still ongoing. And maybe I try too hard to find that "something special" that I hope someone will enjoy. And, if they don't like it, let's just say it was the thought that counted. The truth is - and we all know it - that we get too consumed with consumerism at Christmas time. Some of the greatest gifts can't be boxed or wrapped in glittery paper or tied with an elaborate bow; they are gifts of the heart, maybe nothing more than a kind word spoken to a lonely human being or a kind gesture to someone whose burden is too much for them to bear alone.

As for the baking, the gift selections, the wrapping, the cards, etc. - yes, we do go the extra mile at this time of year - but only to make it "special". In my humble opinion, we need Christmas. No, not the pressure, the

stress, the timetables, the "irritation" ... we need the opportunity just this one time every year to remember ... to remember friends and loved ones with a gift or a card that expresses our feelings for them ... to remember the cherished memories evoked by those precious ornaments we hang on the tree ... to remember to do something nice for someone less fortunate ... to remember the words of the carols that are sung and stories that they tell ... to remember all the things we often tend to forget throughout the rest of the year!

As you approach the Christmas season, I hope you won't think of this special time of year as an "irritation". Let it give you an excuse, if you need one, to put some spirit in your heart. Just stop and think about how often we pause in the grocery store to exchange gossip or gripes with our acquaintances; we pass our neighbors on the street and exchange complaints about the weather or our ailments. But at Christmas time, do we not exchange a few more smiles along with wishes for a Merry Christmas?

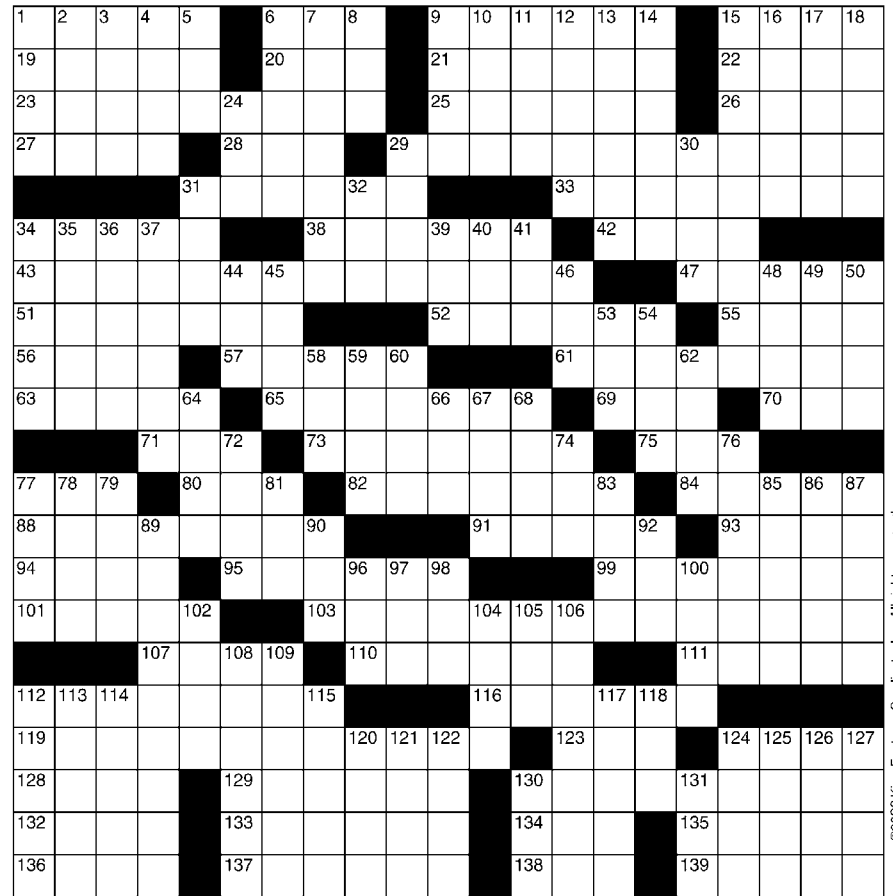
Sure, preparing for this holiday takes some time and effort. But it becomes a tradition every year. Perhaps we should try treating it as if it were a 'once in a lifetime' holiday - because after all, that first Christmas was truly a "once in a lifetime" event! So, Scrooge, if Christmas causes you a little irritation, then the real "presence" of the Christmas season is still living in your heart!

This week's dessert: "The holiday real birthday person at Christmas-time is he who has not Christmas in his heart." ~ Helen Keller

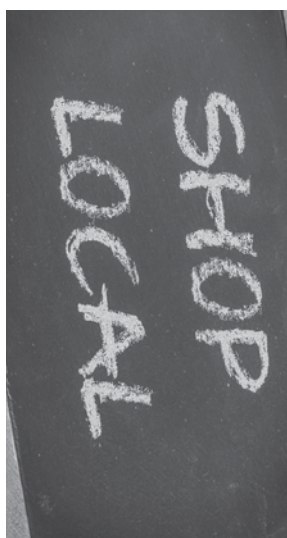
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Maintain Your Vehicle Even If It Sits Idle

Dear Editor, In this time of social distancing, many vehicles may be sitting idle for days or weeks at a time. Our non-profit Car Care Council recommends starting your car at least

once a week and keeping up with routine auto care to help prevent potential maintenance issues. If a vehicle sits idle for too long, the battery could die, the tires could develop flat spots and the

engine oil may start to deteriorate. Just a short solo drive once a week and a little car care will keep your car running efficiently and safely. When starting your car, let it run for at least five

minutes. If the vehicle is started in a garage, make sure the garage door is open and there is plenty of ventilation. In addition, it's a good idea to monitor the following areas of your vehicle: Today's vehicles have several computers that are always in operation, so if a car sits too long without recharging, the batter could die within a couple of weeks. Maintain proper tire pressure to improve vehicle performance and gas mileage. This is even more important if the car is parked for long periods of time. Today's modern fuel systems help preserve

the life of the gas in your tank and also prevent fuel oxidation. Keeping a full tank of gas helps limit gas-tank condensation; this is particularly important during the wintertime. If a car sits too long, the oil can deteriorate, so continue to change the oil at the proper intervals, even if you are not driving your normal mileage. If a car sits idle, rust can start to form on the brake rotors, especially if the car is parked outside. Driving your car at least once a week will help prevent rust buildup. Removing the grime and sediment that builds up on the outside of your car helps prevent

rust, and cleaning the interior is important, too. Wipe down the dashboard, steering wheel, cup holders, door handles, vents and console with a quality, all-purpose automotive cleaner that will help disinfect the interior areas of your vehicle. For more helpful information about maintaining your vehicle for safety, dependability and value, visit www.carcare.org to order the Car Care Council's free 80-page Car Care Guide. Sincerely, Nathaniel E. Carter, Director, Car Care Council

This Week in History

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org Dec. 10, 1841: Logan County preacher "Uncle Dyke" Garrett was born on Big Creek. His greatest fame was for writing and

baptizing Devil Anse Hatfield in Main Island Creek on Dec. 9. The first class of 20 cadets graduated from the West Virginia State Police Academy in Intitue. The State Police purchased property for the academy on a hilltop overlooking Intitue from Kanawha County for about

in 1948, and the building was completed the next year. Dec. 11, 1905: 'Pare' Lorentz, known as "FDR's filmmaker," was born in Clarksburg. In 1933, Lorentz created The Roosevelt Year: 1933, a pictorial review of FDR's first year in the White House.

N&J Briefs

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY

On Saturday, December 12 from 8:00am -12:00pm there will be a Christmas Giveaway at the First Baptist Church Lighthouse on 70 Rebecca Street in downtown Shinnston. Free winter clothing and accessories for all sizes and Christmas gifts for children 12 and under.

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.

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.

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.

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.

programming the system, troubleshooting any issues, and helping with setup of billing. Their top-tier technology offers a both a wireless system with no exposed wires and also optic meters. In addition, their company offers financing to local government entities. They will be among the three companies that will submit a bid to the City for its proposed change to the AMR system that will allow the City to focus more on billing accuracy and the detection of water loss.

Mayor Pat Kovalck stated in his report that he would like to emphasize the importance of all members of the community taking COVID seriously. "I know three people within our community who have COVID, and it is more important now than ever - and for everyone's safety - to follow the precautions of wearing masks, maintaining social distancing, gathering in small groups only, washing hands frequently, and giving more attention to proper sanitizing," he stressed.

City Manager Chad Edwards gave his departmental reports, including the following: - The Sanitary Board met on November 17th to discuss options for the Lincoln Apartments package plant with Bruce McDaniel from Stantec in attendance. A temporary fix is recommended

to alleviate the DEP violation. He reported that the City could purchase the pumps and run a line through the storm drain crossing Rt. 19 into the McDonalds lift station. The cost of the project is estimated at \$15,000, using City laborers to install the pumps.

Office Mike Corder has resigned from the Shinnston Police Department to accept the position of Police Chief in Lumberport. One new officer has been hired to replace Corder and the search for an additional new officer is in progress as was decided at the November 9th Council meeting.

Public Works has installed the Christmas lights in the downtown area. It was also noted that cinders and equipment are ready for winter snow removal. The new railings along the highway in front of Lincoln school property are being finished and an installer will need to be sought. The City Manager will reach out to the BOE to see if they can assist with the installation cost, which may be around \$5,000.

Edwards stated that he and Mayor Kovalck had visited many of Shinnston's local businesses on Small Business Saturday, and they were glad to see many people out supporting the local businesses considering the COVID

circumstances. He also reported that COVID-19 regulations were being observed in the local businesses.

The City was approved in November for \$27,032.08 for COVID-related expenses in October.

ACTION Items included: - 41 Vine Street - the \$10,000 bid on the property has been withdrawn, and Edwards was told by the City Attorney that the City would be required to accept the other bid \$9

STREET COMMITTEE - Ca ilman R d y Strait said he would like to see the City form a Street Committee again at the north committee would make the street signage replaced, etc. Other committee discussions included talk about beginning now to make plans for Frontier Days in 2021. Mr. Edwards said he knew of a couple of people who were extremely interested in the building and hopeful that next year's plans to discuss the Wind Down Wednesday events will be talked about at the next SDA meeting. Edwards said it was important to start early and not wait to make plans at the last minute.

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Officer Vincent Smith is getting that property tested for meth. Edwards stated that if results come back clean he would recommend accepting the offer for the City to take ownership; however, it results are positive for meth in the city, he recommended that the City forego the offer.

BUILDING CODE PROCESS - City Manager Chad Edwards said that a process is now in place to enforce the building codes be followed. When the Code Enforcement Officer receives a complaint, a violation will be drawn up and the property owner will have 30 days to respond; if there is no response, a criminal complaint will be filed and the property owner will have to appear in court. Municipal Judge Anthony Julian will then deal with the situation. Edwards also noted that he has a rental inspection ordinance that is in place in Fairmont that the City could use as a model if they choose to institute a similar ordinance.

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Kovalck stated that if COVID numbers continue to rise, he would suggest that the next Council meeting be conducted strictly via zoom.

An executive session was called for personnel reasons.

"New Options at UHC"

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of the prostate to the rectum, prostate radiation therapy can cause unintended damage to the rectum, which can lead to fecal incontinence issues or other long-lasting side effects. SpaceOAR Hydrogel is an absorbable gel inserted via a minimally invasive procedure that creates a temporary space between the prostate and the rectum - allowing the doctor to complement the patient's radiation treatment to better target their cancer while preserving healthy tissue. The hydrogel spacer remains in place for about three months. After about six months, the hydrogel is naturally absorbed and cleared from the body in the

patient's urine.

"We understand that men diagnosed with prostate cancer may have some difficult decisions to make, but knowing that an option exists such as SpaceOAR Hydrogel, will hopefully make this an easy choice," said Michael A. Stewart, MD, radiation oncologist at UHC.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in American men, with more than 183,000 new cases diagnosed each year. More than 60,000 American men opt to treat their prostate cancer with radiation therapy without

SpaceOAR Hydrogel

were eight times more likely to experience a decline in bowel, urinary, and sexual function, when compared to men who underwent radiation therapy with SpaceOAR Hydrogel, at a median follow-up of three years.

SpaceOAR Hydrogel is made up of two liquids that - when combined - form a soft gel material mostly made of water. Studies have shown that the material is biocompatible, that it can be used in the body without causing injury or a reaction, and it can also be safely absorbed by the body. The material that the SpaceOAR Hydrogel is made from has been used in other implants, such as surgical sealants used in the eye, brain,

and spine.

FDA clearance was granted for SpaceOAR Hydrogel following completion of a prospective, multicenter, randomized clinical trial.

SpaceOAR patients experienced a significant reduction in rectal radiation dose and severity of late rectal toxicity when compared to control patients who did not receive SpaceOAR Hydrogel. The full pivotal clinical trial results have been published in the peer-reviewed Red Journal.

For more information, visit UHC or go to www.wvurology.com/spaceoar or www.wvcancercenter.com/spaceoar.

"Shinnston Lions"

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Lions are always applauded for their downtown flag displays every holiday, organizing Veterans Day events, and bringing fundraisers to benefit a community. They pride themselves on service ... and kindness. Additionally, according to Shinnston Lions Club president David Minor, sometimes they just enjoy doing a 'feel good' project. "On community

has a greenspace right on the corner of Pike and Main Streets; it's a public space that is very visible. Sometimes it is utilized for public events such as Wind Down Wednesday or digital Frontier Day celebration. At other times, it is just an empty space, so during the Christmas holiday we have kind of adopted that space and try to brighten it up a little," Minor stated

Passersby will notice that the greenspace is now illuminated with a 1-foot Christmas tree, decorated with lights and red bows, that is the centerpiece of the stage area. Smaller trees that are also lit and decorated by lit and red and some snowmen.

"We consider this just another service project we can do for our community. We get a

lot of positive response from this. It adds a little holiday cheer to downtown area, makes our community look more festive, and seems to make people feel a little more celebratory," Minor added. "If we can share a little light in someone's life and bring a smile - especially during the trying times we've dealt with during this past year - then our service is well worth our efforts."

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# Advent – A Season Of Hope & Anticipation



## GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

In just a little less than three weeks, we will be celebrating Christmas. It hardly seems possible that we are entering into this season and nearing the end of 2020. In just a short time, we will be welcoming in a New Year.

As I anticipate the arrival of Christmas, my religious training reminds me that we are now in the season of Advent. The word Advent means “coming.” The season of Advent is observed during the four Sundays before Christmas.

Advent is marked by themes of anticipation and hope. This year, more than ever, we are filled with hope and anticipation. We are anticipating a vaccine for COVID-19 and that it will be made available to all of us. We are hoping that it will be a means to eliminating the current situation in the world. We are hoping that it will end the many deaths that we have endured. We hope that the depression that it has cast upon us will disappear and that we will continue to live in the manner we have been accustomed to living. We hope that those who have been so affected by this deadly virus will be able to rise above it. Our anticipation is that we will soon be able to overcome this affliction.

One of the most used items to celebrate Advent is the Advent calendar. The calendar started in Germany when families began the countdown to Christmas. Calendars can be very simple or they can be very ornate. They have little doors that are

opened - one each day and behind every door can be a small gift or even a verse of encouragement or hope. There are calendars for children as well as adults.

Another popular item during Advent is the Advent wreath. The wreath contains three purple candles (lit the three Sundays before Christmas) and one pink candle which is lit on the last Sunday before Christmas. Most families gather together for the lighting of the candles and share a family prayer. Once again, we are reminded to share hope for the future, especially during this pandemic which we all are currently enduring. I encourage you all to observe Advent these last weeks before Christmas.

My sincere sympathy to the family of Kim Pierson. I considered him a true friend.

I want to call attention to the work of the Progressive Women’s Association these past several weeks. One of their community activities is to maintain a food pantry. Last Friday, they supplied food for approximately 200 people. They have been able to provide this essential service because of the generosity of the community. The YPWA maintains an outdoor pantry that supplies food for the homeless or anyone experiencing hunger. It is located at the Uptown Event Center and is kept open and stocked every day. The PWA also maintains a pet pantry for individuals needing help to feed their pets. It welcomes any donations from the community.

A Happy Birthday to Hollie and Hunter Queen, Mike and Marty Queen, and Miranda Lang. I wish you a happy birthday.

Please stay at home, wear a mask and follow quarantine restrictions...they are for our own good. Take care, stay healthy, and until next week, “Now You Have Heard It Through the Grapevine.”

# You Can’t Beat My Neighbors!



## Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny

I’m sorry that I don’t have much to write about this week. Like I stated before, I don’t want to be a hypochondriac, but this Rheumatoid Arthritis completely consumes everything I do. Because of the joint pains in my shoulders, wrists, and fingers, I haven’t been able to drive a vehicle in over a week. I have an appointment with the rheumatologist at the VA Hospital on the 10th. I sure hope he has a magic pill for this condition.

Sunday afternoon, I walked across the road to get the mail and paper. I noticed Postal and Julia had a front tire off his pickup and were messing with it. Of course, ‘nosey’ had to walk over to see what was happening. The tire had a slow leak and they were trying to find it with soap and water. I know Postal went around the tire’s tread six times with a soapy rag, but to no avail. One thing about it, that tire has the cleanest tread in North Central West Virginia.

I happened to mention about getting some wood for the fireplace, because they were going to shut off the gas in our area on Tuesday morning for twenty-four hours to replace a main line section in the PB Church’s parking lot (Man, that was a long sentence). Postal said his son, Denver, just picked up two pickup loads of split hickory and he’d have him bring me some.

On the way back to the house, neighbor Ray and his brother Willie were in the back alley and hollered at me when I walked up on the deck. They had been deer hunting in Doddridge County all day...it was nice

chatting with both. When I got in the house, neighbor Kevin called to see if I needed anything. A little after dark, I heard a noise on the deck and it was Denver with a wheelbarrow full of wood and he stacked it by the back door and then covered it with plastic... can’t beat that service! Since Monday, Josie has been bringing the mail and paper to the front door - you can’t beat my neighbors!

My son, Lee, finally got home from Ruby Hospital following double bypass heart surgery. He had some complications and was in there for ten days, but he’s slowly convalescing...Patty’s home cooking will definitely help.

Here’s something to look forward to - I copied the following from the internet: “For the first time in nearly 800 years, Jupiter and Saturn will align in the winter solstice sky to become what is known as the “Christmas Star” on December 21st. The conjunction will create a brilliant point of light called the “Christmas Star” or “Star of Bethlehem,” capping 2020 off with a celestial Christmas.” They will only be visible together in the lower southwest sky from dusk until around 8 pm before disappearing on the horizon.

They cancelled shutting off the gas on Tuesday and rescheduled it for next Tuesday. I think they cancelled due to the area getting 4” of snow between Monday night and Tuesday. It was the first snow of the year and made everything look kind of pretty, but it didn’t last long and the next day the sun started melting the snow and turned the roads to a slushy brown color... just plain ugly. Okay, now since we’ve seen the first snow of the year and I wasn’t all that impressed, it’s time to move on to spring.

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

Ace

## “Mayor Looks Forward to 2021” cont. from p.1

Drive. “This is still in the early planning stages right now, but we support having a police and fire presence in that area. It would be a great asset and a safety benefit as it would offer much quicker response times if police or fire assistance was needed in that area,” Kennedy explained.

Demolishing more unkempt properties was discussed at last Thursday evening’s Clarksburg City Council meeting and a contract was awarded to demolish 13 more properties. Kennedy noted that all of the 13 properties are ones that caught on fire at one time or another and they would be cleaning up what remains of them.

“We have already knocked down a lot of bad properties and we continue to address this situation,” he said. “Years ago, there were grants available to help fund projects like this, but those no longer exist so we have funding for this in our budget now. Typically, a lot of these properties are still owned by the property owners, so when we

get into this, we will send the owner a bill for the demolition and we are even willing to work out a payment plan. If they don’t comply, a lien is put against the property. Some of the properties do sell but not for a lot of money; however, we are not doing this to make money. We are just trying to clean up these areas of our city and get rid of sites that might pose a threat for crime and devalue neighborhoods. I am encouraged that we are shortening our list little by little.”

Kennedy added that new leadership is in place to handle the City’s code enforcement and that the law is being applied fairly and equally to everyone.

“When I became mayor last year, one thing I wanted to focus on was making Clarksburg a safer, healthier, better place to live and work. We have a drug dog again, and we’ve gotten rid of the needle exchange program so that there are no more dirty needles downtown. We are making progress, although COVID may have slowed some

things down a bit,” he stated.

Mayor Kennedy keeps a positive outlook for Clarksburg. Although there are some spaces still available, he observes a lot of downtown buildings filling up – moreso than a couple of years ago. He says that it looks like some new businesses will be coming to Emily Drive as well.

He concluded, “Every dark cloud has a silver lining, and while COVID has been our dark cloud during 2020, it has also given us an opportunity to upgrade our virtual existence. We have come up with new ways to serve the public without them having to come to City Hall for all of our services. I think cities and their leaders have a choice; they can get in the dumps or they can try to find new ways to do things and work with it. I am very optimistic about the future of Clarksburg, and after COVID is under control, I am excited to see what Clarksburg will be like when that day comes.”

# “Hoop Dreams”

cont. from p. 1

g me, the smell of the locker room, and the sound of the packed gymnasium as we ran out onto the floor. After the season ended, I received a couple of offers to play for some small colleges in the state. I can remember visiting to Glenville State and meeting with legendary coach Jesse Lilly. He arranged a scrimmage with the Glenville varsity, which included Jackie Jo Robinson, one of the best players in the West Virginia Conference. I came back from Glenville and was seriously thinking of signing with the Pioneers. After a few weeks, reality set in and I decided to put my basketball dreams on hold. I attended West Virginia University.

At WVU, I was just another freshman in a sea of humanity. I settled in to go to class and do my work-study, which helped pay for my education. Twice a week, I had gym class at the old Field House and it was exciting to be walking around the building where Jerry West and Hot Rod Hundley had made basketball history. Occasionally, you would catch a glimpse of “Whitey” Gwynne, the trainer for the basketball team of some of the current players, who would be shooting around. As I left the Field House one day, I noticed a group of students crowded around a bulletin board and walked over. “Freshman Basketball Tryouts” was the headline and they were starting the following Monday. What were the chances? I decided not to tell any of my friends that I was trying out and showed up Monday afternoon in my gym shorts and a t-shirt.

There were about 80 freshman trying out and I thought that this might be a fun week before, once again, realizing that my basketball days were over. We practiced each afternoon and on Friday, they were going to post the seven freshmen that would be on the team. They taped the announcement on one of the big iron posts and eighty hopeful freshmen pushed their way to the front, only to turn around with disappointed looks on their faces. I waited in the back and when the crowd thinned, I made my way to look at the sheet. Jim Hunt, Clarksburg, WV joined six other names on the list. I was more stunned than excited and wondered if they had made a big mistake. Fortunately, they had not! Next week: Dream Fulfilled!



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# HCSCC SPOTLIGHT

Featuring news from the Harrison County Senior Citizen Center

## HCSCC In-Home Service Volunteers Distribute Food Boxes To Family Caregivers

In recognition of the distribution of November as National Family Caregivers Month, the Harrison County Senior Center's In-Home Care Services, with the assistance of Mountaineer Food Bank, provided food boxes to 15 family caregivers.

The distribution of the food boxes was coordinated by Colleen Linger, RN, In-Home Care Supervisor, and Barbara Oldaker, In-Home Admin Assistant who oversees the Center's food box services. Volunteers Victoria

Turner, Renee Foster, and Sharline Woofter assembled the food boxes which contained a whole chicken, fresh produce, canned goods, bread and dessert.

After distribution, Linger received thank you calls from two gentlemen who are caring for their wives, expressing their appreciation for the food boxes and for the kindness extended to them from the Senior Center. Another family caregiver wrote a note of appreciation for the Center's food box distribution and also noted how much she had

enjoyed the 'Blessed in Aging' poem that was included with the food box.

Linger further stated, "It is important that our family caregivers are recognized because being a family caregiver is taxing and stressful. Family caregiving is beneficial to the well-being of all involved."

Eleven Direct Care Workers take care of family members and four clients are taking care of their spouses. It was reported by the direct care workers that all recipients expressed gratitude when

the deliveries were made to each of the 15 families in mid-November.

The following poem - Blessed in Aging - written by Esther Mary Walker, was shared with each of the families who received a food box:

Blessed are they who understand

My faltering step and shaking hand.

Blessed who know my ears today

Must strain to hear the things they say.

Blessed are those who seem to know

My eyes are dim, and my mind is slow.

Blessed are those who looked away

When I spilled tea that weary day.

Blessed are they who, with cheery smile,

Stopped to chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who know the way

To bring back memories of yesterday.

Blessed are they who make it known

That I am loved, respected and not alone.

And blessed are they who will ease the days

Of my journey home, in loving ways.



Pictured l-r are volunteers Sharline Woofter, Renee Foster, Victoria Turner and Barbara Oldaker, who helped with food box preparation.



Victoria Turner is shown packing one of the generous boxes of food, which family caregivers were delighted to receive.

## Center's Book Club Plans For 2021

The Senior Center's Book Club has decided upon 2021 book selections for reading throughout the year. Everyone is welcome to pick and choose the books for 2021 and join in the discussion on the date that is listed.

- "Haunting at Howard Hill" by Betty Larosa (Author will attend.) - Jan. 13th

- "The Nickel Boys" by Colson Whitehead - Feb. 10th

- "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman - March 10th

- "Witness at Hawks Nest" by Dwight Harshbarger - April 14th

- "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee - May 12th

- Open Read; read whatever you like and tell the group about it. - June 9th

- "Breakfast with Buddha" by Roland Merullo - July 14th

- "Alexander Hamilton" by Michael Chernow - Aug. 11th

- "I Still Dream About You" by Fannie Flagg - Sept. 8th

- "Quiet Dell" by Jayne Anne Phillips - Nov. 10th

- Open Read; read whatever you like and tell the group about it. - Dec. 8th

For more information on how to join the HCSCC Book Club discussions, call the Center at 304-623-6795.

## HCSCC Board Actions At November Meeting

The Harrison County Senior Citizens Center Board met on November 19, 2020 with the following actions taken:

• Due to COVID-19 and the changes in the By-Laws moving the Board's annual meetings from November to January, the Board voted to retain the same officers until the time of the annual meeting in 2021.

• The Board adopted a resolution of the Harrison County Senior Citizens Center Inc. Cafeteria Plan. The plan provides the Center's employees an opportunity to purchase health insurance benefits on a pretax basis.

## Senior Center Receives Grant From Scott Electric Foundation

In a letter from the Scott Electric Foundation regarding a grant, the Foundation wrote that it "recognizes the value of the Harrison County Senior Citizens Center

to the community and has approved a contribution...to further the mission of The Harrison County Senior Citizens Center as directed by its Board of Directors".

The designated purpose of the grant as described in the grant application was for lighting upgrades and other electrical needs.

HCSCC's Board of Directors expressed

their gratitude for the support of the Foundation and for the Center's Chief Financial Officer Joseph Caruso for filing the application for the grant.

## HCSCC's Alzheimer's Walk Team Voices Gratitude To Supporters



The Harrison County Senior Citizens Center took part in North Central West Virginia's Walk to End Alzheimer's and organizers were very

pleased that despite rain on that day, many still participated.

The Center's Alzheimer's Team would like to thank all of the individuals,

and organizations who aided to the Team

for this year's walk on October 10. Team Captain and Continued on Page 12

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In Home Services now hiring caregivers with reliable transportation. Training provided after background check. All email for more info

# WVU Hoops Squad Suffers First Loss!



## The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor  
Sports Editor

West Virginia's Bob Huggins had his team off to a perfect start after the first three games. This past week his team suffered its first loss in a contest that was not on the schedule when the season tipped off. The week prior, Huggins saw an opening and he made a phone call and before anyone could say number one, a deal was struck and the Mountaineers were set to play the top ranked team in all of the land. Gonzaga came into the lock-up flexing its muscle after a pair of big bombings over Kansas and Auburn respectively.

The Zags averaged 96 points per game versus the Jayhawks and the Tigers showing no lack of firepower in the process. The near top 10 showdown (WVU was #11 in the country) was the opening game of the Jimmy V Classic in Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, Indiana. Huggins and company started well and held a five-point halftime lead. All of the momentum was with the Eers during the first 20 minutes and it stayed that way for the most part until midway through the second half.

The final straw that broke WVU's back was when big man, Oscar Tshiebwe fouled out on a "No Contact" infraction at the 7:26 mark. The big "O" looked dazed and confused when the whistle blew and it appeared to deflate the entire team. Fellow big, Derek Culver was forced to take up the slack and it took its toll. Culver was out of gas down the stretch and he couldn't cash in at the charity stripe (he was 5 of 11) when the Eers were in desperate need of points.

The defensive end of the court is where Huggins hangs his hat and it is really where this one was lost. Gonzaga collected 25 fast break points and many of them came when their post players would get behind our transition defense and pick up easy

points. The Zags shot nearly 50% for the game and 61% in the final 20 minutes. They utilized dribble penetration to get wherever they wanted to go on the floor; more times than not they ended up in the paint where they outscored WVU 60-30.

Offensively, the struggles continue and have been consistent throughout the early part of the campaign. There is only one true point guard on the floor's edge Jordan McCabe and he only garnered eight minutes of playing time in this particular contest. This forces Deuce McBride into the ball handling roll. There are two major issues that cause major problems for the Mountaineers when this occurs. The number of turnovers goes up, (15 of them led to 23 points) and secondly, it limits McBride's effectiveness. He is at his best when he can catch and release jumpers or take one or two dribbles and pull up for a deuce. Case in point was his shooting from the field where he was 4 of 14 versus Gonzaga.

There are several positives to take away from this loss. Most of what went wrong can be corrected and more than likely, it will be just because of the man running the program. We have seen Huggins time and time again take a solid team and make them better. Time is on his side this year because there is so much of it left before the games really count. They say defense wins championships and you know this squad will improve drastically on that end, especially if the post players can stay out of foul trouble and on the hardwood.

All McCabe needs is a shot of confidence. Once he starts playing up to his capabilities the offense will start clicking. He has the ability to penetrate and kick, which will benefit not only McBride but fellow sharpshooter, Sean McNeil as well. They will force teams out to guard and then the paint players will have more room to operate.

The Zags didn't get WVU's best and yet barely got the win. Lookout when the Mountaineers put it all together.

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

# Seven Mountain State Hiking Trails To Enjoy In WV During The Winter-Week 2



The stark views of winter add to this wild experience, as long as you respect the windier conditions here. Make sure you're prepared.

A person might not think of winter as a prime hiking season in the Mountain State, but some of our trails in West Virginia are even more beautiful and majestic in the winter. Seeing the rhododendrons and beech trees of the Appalachian forest in

a winter wonderland is a completely unique experience. Some of our famous waterfalls even freeze up into beautiful blue cascading pillars.

However, take special care on the trails in the cold months. Be sure to know your route, plan to move slower, wear extra warm and waterproof clothes, and check the weather before embarking on your journey.

During the next several weeks, we will be taking a look at seven of these trails for you to enjoy. This week's featured trail is the Spruce Knob (Spruce Knob-

Seneca Rocks National Recreation Area).

Any Mountain State adventurer needs to make the trek to the state's highest point at Spruce Knob—a 4,861 foot peak with stunning views and an observation tower, tucked into one of most remote and wild corners of West Virginia.

It's not a long hike to the tower and other surrounding views (between a quarter- and half-mile, depending on which loops you take); a 0.5-mile loop trail (Whispering Spruce Trail) is an option and offers more opportunities

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# Liberty Mountaineer Cheerleaders Head To State Championships



The Liberty Mountaineer Cheerleaders competed in the WVSSAC Region II Cheerleading Championship on November 7th at Lewis County High School. The team performed a flawless technical routine to walk away as the 2020 Region II Cheer Champions. The Liberty Cheer team will head to Huntington to compete for the WVSSAC AA State Cheer Championship on December 12th at the Cam Henderson Center on the campus of Marshall University.

# Glennville State Lady Pioneer Basketball Team Ranked No.17 In Preseason Poll

The Glennville State Lady Pioneer basketball team will start the 2020-21 season at No. 17 in the D2SIDA Preseason Media Poll, which was released on Tuesday afternoon.

Glennville State was the Mountain East Conference to appear in the Lady Pioneers are coming off a tremendous 2019-20 season which saw them go 26-5 overall while winning their fourth straight MEC Regular Season Championship and the third consecutive MEC Tournament while also making a fourth straight appearance in the NCAA Tournament before COVID-19 shut them down. Led by fifth-year

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# Bridgeport And RCB Eliminated Without A Loss!

By Bill Nestor Sports Editor  
This post high school football season was off from the opening week of the season. Despite all of the distractions, postponements, and frustrations every team in Harrison County managed to find a way to make the most of their opportunities. The main reason for that was the collective efforts of the coaches that had to overcome more than just the opponent on the other side of the field.

Bridgeport and Robert C. Byrd were two teams that had worked their way to within one win from competing for a state championship. The Indians were seeking a second consecutive state championship while the Flying Eagles were in hot pursuit of their first super six appearance in school history.

Area fans waited anxiously for the semifinal lockups for both teams. Every day they would check the status of Harrison County on the coded COVID-19 map. It was all systems go with a light green light on Saturday. The county went orange and of a sudden, in the blink of an eye, the season was over.

Both Bridgeport and RCB were eliminated without suffering a loss. It was a terrible way to end what was an impressive season. It leaves an empty feeling that many have felt during this pandemic.

Nonetheless, it doesn't take away what the Indians and the Flying Eagles accomplished. Congratulations to both programs for an impressive season!

# For Him, Christmas Is For The Kids....



## From The World Of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

This is nothing new to most as the holiday season is strictly for the kids. On Christmas morning, the joy that passes through kids cannot be surpassed. When daylight hits, a rush comes over kids that can be equaled to having four caramel macchiatos. A mad dash to the parent's bedroom is followed by a scamper to the living room to see what Santa brought. A few hours later, kids hit the sugar crash and get that mid-morning nap.

It is a great day, as Christmas is one of the best days of the year for kids. And there is one man that loves to make this day the best for his grandkids. He decorates the house like the Griswolds in November and he does his best to make sure the kids are smiling the entire day.

John Lacaria is the poster child for holiday spirit. He pushes the envelope to make sure that his family has the perfect holiday. For his two granddaughters in Williamsburg, Virginia and his grandson who resides about five houses down the street, his only goal for the month of December is to make Christmas Day perfect for his grandkids.

Lacaria's personality is perfect for this season. I am sure in a previous life, he was either an Elf or marketing manager for the big guy in the red suit. He embraces the season and his enthusiasm is contagious as those around him catch the bug and simply ride the wave that he creates.

Ollie's should declare a proclamation day for him for how much he spends on inflatable characters of snowmen, deer and a slew of Disney characters. His yard has approximately 20 blowup decorations and every one purchased was decided on what he felt the kids would love. And, he was spot on with his selections as the kids go wild once they see them. In fact, the neighbors and others in the area make sure to drive a little slower past his house to see all the characters he has in the yard when the sun sets.

He is a selfless person as he wants nothing except a smile or a laugh from those three kids he wants to delight. There is nothing more satisfying for him than to make his grandkids happy and to spread the Christmas joy to his family and friends. If there is anything that he is selfish about, it would only be that there is plenty of food for him to make a trip or two on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Day with John Lacaria is what you would expect it to be. I think that he cannot wait till the gift openings because his anticipation of what the kid's reaction will be is what makes his day. He is like that kid playing hide-n-seek where he is in the primo spot and is giggling knowing he will not be found. The term "old soul" is used for people that are more mature than their age. Well, this man is the polar opposite of that and you would know in the first ten minutes of a conversation with him.

When your son is the grandson of this man, you see first-hand the impression he leaves on those he meets. He is a hard-working man and puts all his energy into his family and I have the utmost respect for the man I call my father-in-law. You're a good man John. Best regards are looking to have you in their lives!

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 with her granddaughter,  
 Sammy.

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two sons, Roger Dale  
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 Jeremy, Mackenzie,  
 ad Jacb Ba d ey, ad  
 Christopher Kesling,  
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 sister, Lea R o ru k  
 one son-in-law, Fred H.  
 Goff, Jr; and her best  
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A private visitation  
 and service was held  
 fo family at Do sey  
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 Th sd y, Decemb r  
 3, 2020 with Pastor  
 Brian Plum officiating.  
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 Center in Bridgeport.  
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Rose was known for  
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 and grandmother who  
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**Out Of The Past**  
 Memorable Photographs from around  
 Harrison County.



Taken in 1973, this 'lunch among friends' image shows Bernie Joyce, Scott Brewer, Phil Ebinger, Thad Meredith, and "Mac" Bennett. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

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**ARZANNA GAY BELL**

Arzanna Gay Bell, 72  
 of Clarksburg, passed  
 away on Tuesday,  
 December 1, 2020  
 as a result of injuries  
 from an automobile  
 accident. She was born  
 December 7, 1947 in  
 Clarksburg, daughter  
 of the late Homer W  
 Deem Sr and Violet  
 May Lamp Deem.

Arzanna was a  
 waitress at the Canteen  
 for many years. She  
 enjoyed watching and  
 collecting cardinals,  
 collecting Christmas  
 ornaments, playing  
 Yahtzee and Dice with  
 her sisters. She loved  
 time with her family  
 and friends and was the  
 life of the party.

Arzanna is survived  
 by one son, Denver  
 Dwayne Deem and  
 fiancée, Betty L  
 Ligon; one great  
 g r a n d a u g h t e r ,  
 McKayla Emerson;  
 two brothers, Homer  
 W Deem Jr and Delta,  
 Stonewood, Russell  
 Deem and Joyce, Wyatt;  
 seven sisters, Barbara  
 Claypool, Stonewood,  
 Carolyn Claypool and  
 Dorsey, Stonewood,  
 Flora Drain,  
 Stonewood, Madelyn  
 Williams, Oakmound,  
 Robin Cross and Kevin  
 Stonewood, Kathy  
 Lamb, Belington, Alta  
 Skidmore and Steve,  
 Mount Clare; numerous  
 nieces and nephews.

In addition to her  
 parents, Arzanna was  
 preceded in death  
 by her husband,  
 Kenneth Eugene Bell  
 on June 24, 1987;  
 one granddaughter,  
 Leasiann Marie Deem  
 Emerson on November  
 9, 2011; one brother,  
 Dana "Skip" Deem.

Funeral services  
 were held on Saturday,  
 December 5, 2020 at  
 Davis Funeral Home  
 with Rev Richard Settles  
 officiating. Interment  
 followed at Stonewall  
 Park Cemetery. Online  
 condolences may be  
 sent to DavisFuneralHomeWV.  
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**DAVID C. GRIFFITH**

David C. Griffith,  
 91 years of age of  
 Stonewood, WV,  
 passed away on  
 November 29, 2020,  
 at River Oaks Nursing  
 Home.

He was born in  
 Clarksburg, WV on  
 January 21, 1929, a  
 son of the late Ralph  
 and Mildred Griffith.

He was preceded in  
 death by his wife, M.

Joann Griffith whom  
 he married in May  
 1947. In addition, he  
 was preceded in death  
 by one sibling, Jerry  
 Griffith and his son-  
 in-law, Paul J. Snider,  
 Jr.

He is survived by his  
 only child, his loving  
 daughter, Jackie  
 Snider of Stonewood;  
 two granddaughters  
 Missy Jeffers and  
 her husband Patrick  
 of Bridgeport and  
 Cindy Howvalt of  
 Fairmont; five great-  
 grandchildren Abby  
 Jeffers, Adrienne  
 "AG" Howvalt,  
 Matthew Howvalt,  
 Hannah Jeffers,  
 and Gianna "Gigi"  
 Johnson; two sisters  
 Barbara Jean Mihaliak  
 and her husband  
 Whitey of Stonewood  
 and Donna Oldroyd  
 of Stonewood;  
 one sister-in-law  
 Josephine Shreves of  
 Morgantown; as well  
 as several nieces and  
 nephews and great  
 nieces and nephews.

Mr. Griffith was a  
 graduate of Roosevelt  
 Wilson High School,  
 Class of 1947.

He and his wife  
 moved to Hampton,  
 VA in 1964 where they  
 resided for 35 years.  
 He was employed by  
 Farm Fresh where he  
 also retired from. He  
 was a member of the  
 Hampton Church of  
 the Nazarene. Many  
 family memories were  
 made during this one  
 with family coming  
 to visit every summer  
 and enjoying Buckroe  
 Beach, many visits to  
 Busch Gardens and  
 Water Country USA.

In 2000, he and his  
 wife moved back to  
 Stonewood, WV to  
 enjoy time with family  
 and took on the job  
 of becoming full time

babysitters for Abby  
 and Adrienne. The  
 girls were his pride and  
 joy. They have many  
 precious memories  
 of taking walks in  
 the double stroller,  
 singing church songs,  
 and learning Bible  
 stories.

Mr. Griffith was  
 a member of the  
 Congregational  
 Missionary Church in  
 Stonewood. Each day  
 he started with a prayer,  
 daily devotions,  
 watching his favorite  
 preachers, and ended  
 with kneeling by his  
 bedside in prayer. He  
 never failed to tell you  
 how very proud he was  
 of you, how much he  
 loved you, and that he  
 was praying for you.

He enjoyed reading  
 his Bible, planting a  
 garden, working in  
 his flower beds, and  
 taking care of his  
 neighbors. Most of all,  
 he was very active in  
 church, and never met  
 a stranger to share his  
 love of Christ with.

He cherished each  
 moment spent with  
 family and friends,  
 especially those five  
 great grandchildren  
 and his special  
 neighbor's kids. Many  
 Friday nights were  
 spent with sleepovers  
 with all the great  
 grandchildren... he  
 loved every moment  
 of it.

A funeral service  
 was held at Amos  
 Carvelli Funeral  
 Home on Thursday,  
 December 3, 2020  
 with Pastor Sherman  
 Goodwin presiding.

Interment followed  
 at Stonewall Memorial  
 Park.

Expressions of  
 sympathy may be  
 extended to the family  
 at www.AmosCarvelli.  
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“Lady Pioneer Team Ranked No. 17 In Poll”

cont. from p. 6

Head Coach Kim Stephens, GSC returns five of its top seven scorers from a season ago. Juniors Zakiyah Winfield, Re'Shawna Stone, and Taychaun Hubbard lead the Lady Pioneers. Winfield was second on the team a year ago in scoring (17.2) while Stone was third on the team (16.8), and Hubbard was fifth in scoring (9.6). Re'Shawna was a first team All-Mountain East Conference selection while Zakiyah was a second team

All-Mountain East Conference selection. In all, GSC has eight players from last season who averaged at least 11 minutes per contest. Seniors, Abby Stoller and Victoria Brown both look to have a big impact his season. Stoller led the team in rebounding (5.4) while Brown was seventh last season in rebounds (2.1). The Lady Pioneers also welcome seven new players to the 2020-21 team, including Jada Mitchell out of Houston, Texas, Dazha Congleton

a Marshall University transfer, and outstanding freshman Taylor Smith from Uniontown, Pennsylvania to name a few. Drury, out of the Great Lakes Valley Conference, comes in ranked at No. 1 overall with 15 first place votes while Ashland, Lubbock Christian, Indiana (Pa.), and Alaska Anchorage round out the rest of the top five. Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, a number of conferences in NCAA Division II will

not begin their seasons until after the 2020 calendar year concludes. That list does include several teams that were named in the pre-season rankings. Glenville State is expected to open the 2020-21 season in early January following a delayed start to the Mountain East Conference due to the pandemic. The complete 2020-21 women's basketball schedule will be announced in the near future on GSCPioneers.com.

“Alzheimer’s Walk” cont. from p.5

HCSCC Board Member Bill O’Field stated, “The outpouring of support from the Harrison County community and beyond was truly overwhelming, and we are so grateful to all of our participants as well as our contributors for supporting this worthwhile effort.” The number of people suffering from Alzheimer’s disease continues to increase. One-third of Americans in the senior population are afflicted with this illness, and that is why every effort is being made to increase awareness. Many who support the fundraising walk do so for personal reasons ... because they

have had a loved one who suffered from it and therefore, they recognize the impact it can have on the entire family. Alzheimer’s is a type of irreversible, progressive brain disease that results in a loss of memory and other essential cognitive functions in time. It is more common among women, people over the age of 65, and people with a family history of the disease. While the cause of the disease is unclear, researchers and doctors believe a combination of a person’s genes, lifestyle, and environment impacts the brain over time. Some of these changes occur years, even decades,

before the first symptoms appear. Although individuals cannot control age or genetics, which are two of the most common risk factors for the disease, lifestyle factors that may increase risk for it can be controlled. Some examples are: Exercise more often than not. Remain physically active throughout your life. Eat a diet filled with fruits, vegetables, healthy fats, and reduced sugar. Treat and monitor any other chronic diseases you may have. Keep your brain

active with stimulating tasks like conversation, puzzles, and reading. All proceeds from the Walk go to the Alzheimer’s Association for research as Alzheimer’s is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. In 2019, Alzheimer’s and other dementias will cost the nation \$305 billion and is expected to rise to \$1.1 trillion by 2050. Contributions for the Senior Center’s Alzheimer’s Walk Team will still be accepted through December 31. Please contact the Harrison County Senior Center at 304-623-6795 for more information.

MINE SAFETY AGENCY Accepting Exam Applications for Safety Instructors The West Virginia Board of Coal Mine Health and Safety is accepting exam applications for positions of safety instructor. Applicants must have a minimum of five years of experience in the position for which they plan to test. Exam applications are available online at https://minesafety.wv.gov/BCMHS.html or at any MHS&T regional office and the Coal Board office.

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“Hiking Trails” cont. from p.6

for scenery and views. But make sure you check on the snow conditions for the forest service roads to the peak. Spruce Knob is not only the West Virginia State Highpoint, the

peak is also the highest point of the Allegheny Mountains and Appalachian Plateaus. Spruce Knob is also the 13th-most isolated peak (with approximately 175 miles of isolation)

in the contiguous United States, the 14th-most isolated U.S. State Highpoint, the 23rd-most prominent (with 2781’ of clean prominence) U.S. State Prominence Point, the 24th-highest

U.S. State Highpoint, the 25th-most prominent peak in the United States located east of the Mississippi River, and the 28th-highest County Highpoint located east of the Mississippi River.

LEGAL NOTICES

OFFICIAL BALLOT Harrison County, WV Special Election December 12, 2020 INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER To vote you must darken the oval (●) completely next to the candidate or issue of your choice. OFFICIAL LEVY BALLOT The Board of Education of the County of Harrison Special Election to Authorize Continuation of Additional Levies December 12, 2020 Election to authorize continuation of additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2021, July 1, 2022, July 1, 2023, July 1, 2024, and July 1, 2025, in the approximate amount of \$28,797,082, annually net of allowances for discounts, delinquencies, exonerations, and the assessor's valuation fund for the following purposes: (a) Free textbooks, school and instructional equipment, technology hardware and software, and other instructional materials for all students. To provide free textbooks and to provide and maintain instructional and school equipment, office and other instructional materials, and technology hardware and software for all pupils, pre-kindergarten through grade 12, approximately \$2,233,000 annually, for a total of about \$11,165,000 for the five-year levy period.

OFFICIAL LEVY BALLOT (f) Free breakfast and lunch. To provide free breakfast and lunch to all Harrison County Board of Education students who do not qualify for free or reduced lunch programs, approximately \$500,000 annually, for a total of about \$2,500,000 for the five-year levy period. (u) Supplementation of the budget. Supplementation of the current operating budget of the Harrison County Board of Education to permit salary supplementation and benefits for all personnel employed by the Board. To provide staff, if necessary to address enrollment increases, and/or reduced teacher/student ratio, approximately \$17,493,182 annually, for a total of about \$87,465,910 for the five-year levy period. The total approximate amount necessary to carry out the above purposes is \$28,797,082 annually net of allowances for discounts, delinquencies, exonerations, and the assessor's valuation fund or a total approximate amount of \$143,985,410 for the five-year levy period. All according to the order of the Board of Education of the County of Harrison entered on the 15th day of September. The continuation of additional levy shall be as follows: on Class I property, 20.33 cents, on Class II property, 40.66 cents, on Class III property, 81.32 cents, and on Class IV property 81.32 cents. The Board of Education of the County of Harrison reserves unto itself as the levying body the right and authority to reduce the rates of the excess levy if increased assessments would produce funds beyond projected needs in any year specified in the levy call in accordance with section six-g, article eight, chapter eleven of the West Virginia Code. For each fiscal year beginning on and after July 1, 2021, the Board of Education of the County of Harrison shall reduce the levy rate proportionately for all classes of property when increased assessed valuation, excluding appraisal or valuation due to new construction or improvements to existing real property, including beginning recovery of natural resources and newly acquired personal property, would cause an increase of more than four percent in the total projected property tax revenues from the previous year's projected property tax revenues. In such event the levy rate shall be reduced so as to cause such rate to produce no more than one hundred four percent (104%) from all classes of property, excluding appraisal or valuation from recovery of natural resources and newly acquired personal property, of the previous year's projected property tax revenues from all property. The Board of Education of the County of Harrison is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this levy, the surplus, if any, accruing in excess of the amounts needed for any of the above stated purposes, for any one or more of the other above-stated purposes or for the enrichment, supplementation and improvement of educational services and/or facilities in the public schools. If the proposed increased levy is approved, the Board of Education of the County of Harrison will not issue bonds obligating the receipts of the levy. In the event The Board of Education of the County of Harrison shall obtain additional money by grant or otherwise from the state or federal government, or from any agency of either, or from any other source, for the purposes aforesaid, such additional money may be used either in substitution for, or in addition to, the sums obtained from such additional levies as said The Board of Education of the County of Harrison may from time to time determine. For the Levy Against the Levy INSTRUCTION: Those favoring the continuation of additional levies, fill in the oval before "For the Levy"; those against such levies, fill in the oval before "Against the Levy"