

Food For Thought

By Leigh Currey Merrifield

Editor

Be A ‘Builder’ In This New Year

By the time you read this week’s ‘Food for Thought’, we will have the first week of 2021 under our belts ... and hopefully we will all remain positive that it will eventually bring us a return to a form of normalcy. But we each have to play a part in bringing that about.

There is no doubt that 2020 was a difficult year with LOTS of challenges and upsets. We have gone through some major trials – an unprecedented pandemic that left many people out of work, closed many businesses, and forced our children (and teachers) into a new way of learning. We were asked to follow some strict safety guidelines that none of us have particularly enjoyed, and it often left us feeling very remote from family members, co-workers, friends and even our next door neighbors! And during this year, sadly, so many lives have tragically been lost. The past year will long be etched in our memories as a trying time.

Add to that, 2020 also suffered the impact of a heated election that brought a lot of toxic banter among the politicians, the voters, the media, etc. In our two-party system, there will always be differing opinions, but it only expands the divide when remarks become ugly, insulting, vicious and disrespectful! How

does this make our country appear to other nations? Naturally, the days leading up to our election and the days following it have been major news items in the U.S., but this news has traveled globally as well and has probably left many people worldwide examining how our country’s leaders and our voters are so full of contempt.

We need to “heal” in 2021. We have suffered a lot during the past year, but to remain a country that is respected throughout the world, we will have to support one another and become more unified. Several days ago, I heard Simon and Garfunkel’s song ‘Bridge Over Troubled Water’ playing on the radio. I listened to the words and they seemed to apply to the year we’ve experienced. We have ‘felt weary’, ‘times have been rough’, we’ve felt ‘down and out’, ‘pain has surrounded us’. It is during times like these, when our waters are troubled, that we need to stand beside one another, offer comfort to one another, and work to build a bridge that will help us sail on.

I’m sure you’ve heard people who are discontented say, “Someone should do something about this; we need a change”. We ARE those ‘someones’! There will always be differences of opinions; it doesn’t have to include

anger and revolts. We can disagree without defiance. It is a shame that elections so often fuel our divisions and pit us against one another to the point that we give little thought to the damage it may leave behind. And our political leaders need to remember that they set an example. They are elected to facilitate the betterment of our country, not just themselves and their own agenda and not just those in their own political party. All Americans should be part of that team – without racial, ethnic, religious and/or political boundaries. We ALL matter. And we all need to play a part in civil dialogue to help heal our divides. We are all those ‘someones’ who can take part in building the bridge over our troubled waters.

Life will be full of ups and downs, of trials and tribulations, of disappointments and a few falls. Those falls may leave some bruises, but bruises can heal. They don’t have to be lasting tattoos. It’s time to build some bridges, folks, and cultivate greater understanding and unity. Shouldn’t we all be members of the same team?

This week’s dessert: “Coming together is the beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.” ~ Henry Ford

This Week In West Virginia 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.

Jan. 7, 1955: The Cedar Lakes Conference Center officially opened, though it was not named until 1957. The name was chosen for its two lakes and an abundance of native cedar trees.

Jan. 8, 1866: William Gustavus Conley was born near Kingwood in Preston County. Conley was the 18th governor of West Virginia, serving from 1929 to 1933.

Jan. 8, 1919: The West Virginia legislature ratified the U.S. constitution’s 18th Amendment by a Senate vote of 26-0 and a House vote of 81-3. West Virginia became the 21st state to ratify the prohibition amendment. National prohibition became effective under the Volstead Act on January 16, 1920.

Jan. 8, 1926: Comedian Soupy Sales was born Milton Supman. Raised in Huntington and graduating from Marshall College (now Marshall University), he achieved fame as

a wacky television personality.

Jan. 8, 1958: Passenger service on the Greenbrier Division ended. The Greenbrier Division, a branch line of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, served the Greenbrier Valley in Greenbrier and Pocahontas counties in West Virginia.

Jan. 9, 1911: Louise McNeill was born on the family farm in Pocahontas County. She was appointed poet laureate by Governor Jay Rockefeller in 1979, holding that title until her death in 1993.

Jan. 9, 1986: The first instant “scratch” lottery tickets were sold in West Virginia. Voters had approved the lottery amendment to the state constitution two years before.

Jan. 9, 2014: Hazardous chemicals were discovered leaking into the Elk River, contaminating the water supply for a nine-county region.

Jan. 10, 1846: Wetzel County was created from a part of Tyler County. It was named for Indian fighter Lewis Wetzel.

Jan. 10, 1860: Webster County was created

from parts of Braxton, Nicholas, and Randolph counties. The county was named for Daniel Webster.

Jan. 10, 1923: Musician “Curly” Ray Cline was born in Baisden, Logan County. He was one of the most significant bluegrass fiddlers from West Virginia from 1938 until his retirement in 1993.

Jan. 10, 1925: Judge Elizabeth Virginia Hallanan was born in Charleston. She was West Virginia’s first female federal court judge.

Jan. 10, 1928: Gov. Howard Gore appointed Minnie Buckingham Harper to fill the unexpired term of her husband, E. Howard Harper. She was the first African-American woman to serve as a member of a state legislative body in the United States.

Jan. 10, 1940: The Pond Creek No. 1 mine at Bartley in McDowell County exploded. The blast killed 91 miners, with another 47 escaping. Rescue teams worked five days to retrieve the bodies, but found no additional miners alive.

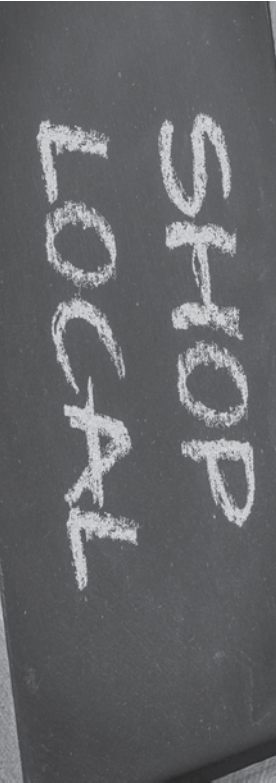
Super Crossword

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The ‘Santa Claus’ Government Must End

Dear Editor:

While our nation has faced a unique set of circumstances due to the Chinese virus and the impact on our economy, it is time for the federal government to stop playing Santa Claus with money that we don’t have.

The average family of four has already received \$3,400 under the CARES Act, and now under the just-signed COVID relief bill they’ll receive an additional \$2,400 — a combined \$5,800 in direct payments this

calendar year alone.

In the future it may be necessary to support industries and small businesses that continue to be negatively impacted by state government economic lockdowns; however, the impulse to send everybody another check whether for \$2,000 or any other amount should be resisted the same way that taking another hit on a highly addictive drug should be. It may feel good when you do it, but it’s bad for you and everyone knows

it.

With the vaccine being distributed, the federal and state governments need to be planning reopening strategies, and any additional stimulus should be directed to ensuring that people get back to work, rather than bailing out governments or pretending there’s a money tree sitting outside the Capitol.

Sincerely,
Rick Manning,
President
Americans for
Limited Government

N&J Briefs

FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

"Briefs" is a calendar of events listing provided free of charge to churches and non-profit organizations. Items will be published one time only and will be listed in the order in which they occur. Please submit your 'briefs' two weeks prior to the event (if possible) by 4 PM on Friday. Fax your information to 304-592-0603 or send via e-mail to newsandjournal@yahoo.com.

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).

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.

Notre Dame High School Qualifies For The Jennings Randolph Award

Secretary of State Mac Warner is pleased to announce that 41 West Virginia high schools registered 85 to 100 percent of their eligible senior class to vote during the 2019-2020 school year, qualifying them for the Jennings Randolph Award. Harrison County's Notre Dame High School was the only school from the county to qualify for the award.

Celebrating its 26th year, the Jennings Randolph Award program is an effort by the Secretary of State's office working with county clerks to

encourage students to discuss the importance of civic engagement and to register to vote. The Award is named for the late U.S. Senator Jennings Randolph, a West Virginia native, who sponsored the 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which reduced the voting age from 21 to 18. It took Randolph 29 years to get Congress to pass the Amendment and to send it to the states for ratification.

West Virginia's public and private high schools that register at least 85 percent of their eligible students to vote are honored with the award

for their efforts.

The Jennings Randolph Award "Gold Level" is given to West Virginia high schools that register 100 percent of their eligible senior class to vote. Harrison County's Notre Dame High School qualified for the Gold Level. The "Silver Level" is awarded to schools that register at least 85 percent.

As part of the Jennings Randolph Award program, schools that qualify are also eligible to nominate up to two students for Honorary Secretary of State recognition. The list of 2019-2020 honorees

will be announced at a later date.

"Since 2017, we've worked with county clerks and student leaders throughout the state to register more than 62,000 high school seniors (19 or younger when registered) to vote," Warner said. "That's an incredible accomplishment for a state the size of West Virginia and one we should be very proud of."

Schools interested in the Jennings Randolph Award or Honorary Secretary of State program should visit the official website for more information.

"Seniors Report"

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pandemic worsened and even holiday visits were scarce.

Learning what tabs to click on, what virtual buttons to press, and how to unmute microphones, they became familiar with Skype, Facebook Messenger, Snapchat, Facetime, etc. In

doing so, they could stay in touch with extended family and friends and still be protected from risk.

Video-conferencing has enabled many employees to work from home, and for the elderly, it has allowed them to keep in touch and feel less alone.

Even if your elderly family member/s or friends are old dogs who don't want to learn new tricks, as the pandemic continues to be an uphill battle, pick up the phone and reach out to chat with them; let them know you care and are thinking of them by

sending a card.

Until in-person visits are safe and hugs are no longer risky, try to reach out in some way – especially to the elderly. Your thoughtfulness could play a key role in lifting their spirits and boosting their mental health!

"UHC Coats for Kids Drive"

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statistics that 43% of children live in poverty ... and for many of them, having a warm winter coat is an 'extra' that some may go without, the continued success of the 'Coats for Kids' program will likely secure its ongoing future.

"We could not begin to meet our goal without

the generosity and support of community organizations such as the Harrison County Hope Lions Club that donated 30 coats to our endeavor this year," Dr. Fazalare said. "This was probably one of the largest donations we have received."

Diana L. Daugherty, a member of the

Harrison County Hope Lions Club that focuses many of its service projects on children, said, "We were honored to contribute to the 'Coats for Kids' coat drive. We applaud the efforts of UHC Orthopaedics and stand united with them to contribute to make a difference."

This program continues to grow with coats now being distributed in a 10-county area in North Central West Virginia. Knowing that so many people are eager to play a part in easing the burdens other families experience is a wonderful way to enter a new year.

"Anthony Tate Named Economic Development Coordinator"

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City Manager Chad Edwards stated, "Anthony has only been with us for three weeks now, but he has hit the ground running, and I am very pleased with what he has managed to accomplish thus far. He will be working some with Jon Olsen, our VISTA volunteer, during the next year, and I'm looking to get some big things done as the year moves forward. I also think it is a great advantage that Anthony is a local person; he truly cares about seeing good things happen here in his hometown."

Anthony added, "I'll be working with local businesses, writing grants, handling grants already written and, when the park and pool reopen, I will have Parks & Rec responsibilities as well. I have been addressing some advance planning for a few community events too. We are trying to remain positive about the COVID situation and would like to resume Wind Down Wednesday activities in May perhaps. We are also hopeful that the pool will be able to open this summer and that Frontier Days will be celebrated. I'll be overseeing those arrangements and have

some early stages of planning in progress. All of this occurring is still uncertain at this point, however, and will depend on whether or not pandemic restrictions are still in place. But we're planning in advance with fingers crossed that it will work out."

Tate has already focused on putting a restroom in at the Rail Trail by the sewer plant, for which the city already had received a grant. Local company Lee Reger Builds will be handling that construction, he said.

Another project that is in the process is making renovations to the old elementary school on Mahlon Street.

"This building has suffered a lot of damage and will take some work, but we are working with the new owner in hopes it will be become a fitness building and/or a place where parties and events might be held. Some grant money has already been received and we, along with new owner Jim Hess, will be meeting with an architect to draw up some tentative plans in the coming week," Tate continued.

He also noted that the City has a strong desire to get the community

garden back in working order. The empty lot the City owns beside the former location of Pizza Express is being looked at as the garden's new home.

Despite the pandemic limitations that exist right now, there is no shortage of things for me to do," Tate stated. "I'm staying busy and am excited about the opportunities of this job. I'm hopeful that within the next few months of this new year, we'll be able to get a few things moving. The potential is here, and I believe as we approach spring and summer, people will be very eager to get out and begin to do things as they normally did – IF COVID allows."

Tate has also been making the rounds within the community and meeting business owners. He is composing a weekly article called 'Shinnston Spotlight' on the City's website that features a local business every week.

He concluded, "I have just received my college degree and I feel very fortunate to have been chosen for this job. It's a great way to begin my career and it will be particularly gratifying to help foster something positive in the community where I grew up. I've lived here nearly all my life and know the people here and I'm anxious to make a difference."



College scholarships available for 2021


Interested in being a journalist or working in the media industry?

The West Virginia Press Association Foundation is accepting student applications for 2021 West Virginia Press Association Scholarships.

If awarded, the WVPAF provides scholarships to West Virginia residents to a West Virginia college or university for up to \$1,000. Programs are open to journalism majors and students in related fields such as business management, human resources, advertising, social media and marketing, with preference given to students in at least their sophomore year of college.

Application deadline is Jan. 29, 2021.
Applications may be downloaded from wvpress.org

For information or to have the applications mailed, contact Executive Director **Don Smith** at donsmith@wvpress.org, at 304-342-1011 or write to: WV Press Association Foundation, 3422 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, WV, 25302.



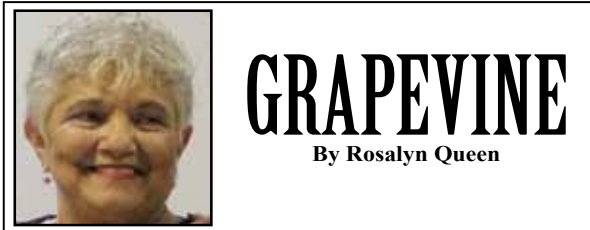
Call for nominations

The West Virginia Press Association is now accepting nominations for the **WVPA's Hall of Fame, Class of 2021**

The written nomination must include a brief biographical sketch.

Nomination details at wvpress.org
Submit nominations by March 1, 2021
Email to **Don Smith, donsmith@wvpress.org**
or by mail to **WV Press Association**
3422 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, WV 25302

No New Year's Resolutions For Me!



GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

As I sit here alone as the pandemic restrictions and guidelines have suggested, I think about 2020 and then, I think about 2021. I have decided there won't be any resolutions and no reliving past 'dos and don'ts'.

So, I am going to think about today and maybe savor what happened yesterday if it was eventful enough to savor. I ushered in the New Year alone watching the ball drop in Times Square after having finished reading The Book Of Names. A good book that I recommend if you are into the Jewish movement in Europe.

On New Year's Day, I made the traditional sauerkraut and wieners with corn bread and fried potatoes - you know, kraut for good luck and to determine that I will receive money. My son, Michael, came and had dinner with me and he supplied me with the human contact that I had missed for several days.

I received word several days ago that my dear friend, Bill Bryan, had passed away. When I started Broadway Junior High, Bill was in my homeroom and we continued throughout school together until graduation at RW.

He was a pharmacist here in Clarksburg before moving to Florida. He tried to come home as often as possible and when he did, we would try to get together with Becky Sprout.

I understand he had COVID. When I think about the pandemic and my future, at the age of 81 I feel I should make plans for coming to the end of the road (I don't want to sound morbid). I only know that I can say for sure I am trying very hard to follow the restrictions.

The best New Year's gift that I received was an email from James Kloss from Michigan who had the correct birthdate for my grandfather, Giovanni Oliverio, who was killed in the Monongah Mine

disaster. Now, my brother Bill and I can proceed with getting the monument ready for his grave which has been unmarked for over 100 years. What a way to start the New Year; I immediately called my brother in Florida to share the news with him. I am still in search of what Oliverio family we are related to. Maybe he will help me find this information also. Never knowing this man, I feel he was a gift sent to me from God.

I was also saddened by the news of the passing of Cathy Folio... she was so young. We were friends, having worked on many community projects together over the years. Condolences to her family.

If all goes as planned, I hope to get my COVID vaccination next week. I have decided to take it feeling that it will protect me. I know there may be a few side effects but I am prepared if this happens. Mike and Leslie have already been vaccinated with no major side effects; we may be a 100% family.

I was so thrilled to learn that the Progressive Women's Association is 100 years old according to the records in the Secretary of State's office. We will be planning some type of celebration in the near future as quarantine will permit. If anyone has any old archives, minutes, pictures, board list or any info that they would like to share with us, please call Elinda at 304-624- 6881.

Our food pantry and our pet pantry have been very busy during this period. We continue to get donations and I urge you to donate to the pantries if you have the means. We could also use cash donations to help keep the center open. Angelina Suarez's gift to us has certainly been a life saver to the PWA. It is through these funds that we have been able to keep operating. Every little bit helps.

A very Happy Birthday to my sister, Joan and my brother, Bill and to all those January babies. May you celebrate many more in good health.

Remember to follow the quarantine regulations and guidelines, stay healthy, stay happy and until next week, "Now You Have Heard It Through the Grapevine."

The Thyroidectomy Is Finally In My Rearview Mirror



Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny

On Monday of Christmas week, sister-in-law Bernie took me to the VA Hospital for a COVID-19 test...I think that's the fourth one I've had, so far. We stopped and ate Whoppers on the way back. When I arrived home, Kim was here. She had driven in from Virginia to spend the week with me. She is just like her Mom; she brought enough clothes to be able to stay for two months.

Tuesday morning, Kim took me to the VA Hospital for the thyroidectomy that they have been trying to do for the last three months. I had to be there at 6:30 am and as you know, I don't do well in the mornings, although, I am adapting. They let Kim stay in the waiting area until after the surgery and then she had to leave. However, the staff finagled things around so that after I came to and was put in the ICU room, we were able to see and blow a kiss to each other. That did us each a world of good; my girl takes care of business.

When I came to, the first thing I did was raise both arms high in the air and started flexing the hands to check the joints and they felt pretty good. When the WVU assistant surgeon checked on me, I asked him if they had given me any steroids. He said, "Oh yeah, the nurses took good care of you in the OR and shot you full!" Damn, too bad I can't have that all the time! Everything went well and they kept me overnight for observation. I had two male nurses, Rowdy and Patrick, and one female nurse, but I apologize for not remembering her name. They all took great care of me.

Kim picked me up the next day around noon. I

have to take a Synthroid pill daily for the rest of my life, plus I have to chew a handful of calcium tablets every day for the next month. The follow up appointment with ENT is 29 Jan.

Christmas Eve around noon, Kim made a trip to Price Cutters in town to pick up food for the evening. Lee showed up and we three got to spend some quality time together. We really enjoyed that. Later, Butch, Santana, and Andrew came in from Virginia with four dogs. It could have been worse...they left the five cats at home. Santana took their two to her dads for him to keep. Butch kept their beautiful all black German Shepherd in the garage with his therapeutic bed. Kim's dog, Juno, stayed in the house.

In early evening, Patty, #3 Shane, Miss Aubrey, and Bernadine showed up, so with everyone present, we kicked off the festivities. I had a roaring wood fire going in the fireplace and thankfully, again, it didn't burn the house down. But, as usual, by 9 pm it was so hot in the house we had to open the doors. Everyone chowed down and then we gathered around and opened presents. Santa was good to everyone this year, but I was having doubts about myself. We did have a white Christmas...six inches worth.

Saturday, when the four were getting ready to return to Virginia, we found out that Butch's dog had chewed up its therapeutic bed while in the garage. The first thing I asked Butch, "Did he chew any of the tires off of my vehicles"? He said, "No, all eight are still there". Thank God for that!

The four left in three vehicles with four dogs and cages. Except for the missing mattress and pots and pans hanging over the sides, it reminded me of the Tom Joad clan headin' for California...just in the opposite direction.

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

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Rural Youth Engagement Through Public Art Grants Available

Applications are now being accepted for the FY21 Rural Youth Engagement through Public Art Grant from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) and the West Virginia Commission on the Arts (WVCA). Approximately \$65,000 in grants will be awarded.

Deadline for receipt of applications is Feb. 1, 2021. Eligible

projects will take place in communities with less than 25,000 residents and will engage local youth. Schools, not for profit youth groups, not for profit arts organizations, and local governments are eligible to apply. Funded projects must be completed by June 30, 2021.

A complete grant application package, including eligible project expenses and evaluation criteria, is available by

contacting Jenna Green, Cultural Facilities and Capital Resources coordinator, at (304) 558-0240) ext. 725 or at Jenna.R.Green@wv.gov. The application package will also be available on the department's website at <http://www.wvculture.org/arts/grants.html>.

The announcement of grantees is planned for early February 2021.

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History

brings together the state's past, present and future through programs and services in the areas of archives and history, the arts, historic preservation, and museums. Visit the department's website at www.wvculture.org for more information.

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was due to an unprecedented amount of money and resources, and much like the moon mission, we can now attack new viruses in record times.

Schools will feel the impact of the virus for many years, if not decades. So many children will have lasting memories from "the lost year" of the virus. They have missed classes, lessons, sporting events, dances and countless other memories that we previously took for granted. The Coronavirus pointed out the large gap between students who had internet access and those who did not. While it was great that the schools could operate online, thousands of rural students were left to park in fast food restaurant parking lots to access their lessons. Colleges also learned a lot during 2020 and will need to adapt to a more online model even after the virus. With the rising cost of college, the development on online models will make college more accessible to more and more students. Sports, concerts, plays and other events will need to rebuild their audiences and business models. With months of inactivity, it will be quite a job attracting hundreds of thousands of fans back to racetracks and stadiums. It took years to build fan bases and now, many events will need to start from scratch. In my own case, I regularly spoke at conferences in different parts of the country and that ground to a halt with most events going online. It will take several years to get the country comfortable with scheduling events months in advance when a virus or other event can stop them in a heartbeat. On the positive side, a lot of information can now be transmitted through webinars and other virtual methods, without the expense of travel and hotels.

I'm confident that life will return to a sense of normalcy sometimes in 2021. Schools should be back to in-class instruction in the fall of 2021. The economy is probably going to suffer throughout the year and maybe beyond. The enormous infusion of cash in the pandemic will take some time to recover and businesses have lost money that they may never recover. I think that people are going to look back on the pandemic with mixed feelings. Many families may miss the time with their children and not having the hustle and bustle of athletic practices and dance classes. People might find it hard to get up in the morning and head out to an office after months of working in pajamas. We will probably see people wearing masks for many months and some of us may never go "unmasked" again.

Good luck in 2021 and remember to stay safe and look for the positive as we continue this unpredictable journey of life!

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BUSINESS MATTERS

Dummie Dum Cupcakes – An Unplanned Source Of Happiness For Business Owner

The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal, in conjunction with North Central WV Airport, has named Dummie Dum Cupcakes as January’s Business of the Month.



Pictured here, Dummie Dum Cupcake’s truck is very identifiable! It’s one-of-a-kind, brightly painted in white and turquoise with ‘sprinkles’ of hot pinks and purples!

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

News & Journal Editor

For some people, owning their own business is all they have ever dreamed of. But for others, it just kind of happens ... and that is what transpired for Fairmont resident Debbie Smith. She has worked at Kroger’s for 41 years where she is still employed, but her real passion takes place in the kitchen! And she says that when she finally retires, she looks forward to devoting all of her time to baking.

“Baking is something I have always enjoyed, but my focus now is entirely on cupcakes; that is my specialty. Many people have something they enjoy doing in their leisure time for relaxation, and for me, making cupcakes is a hobby that calms me and allows me to be creative,” she explained.

Well, it WAS a hobby, but now it has become a hobby/business! It all started when her daughter got married and the groom requested that she make his groom’s cake, which

she gladly did ... but in cupcake form. Then other family members followed suit when they had weddings, showers, birthday parties, etc., and the ball started rolling. A friend sampled them and told a friend who told another friend, and soon the requests were many ... and her pleasurable hobby became an equally enjoyable, gratifying business!

As time progressed, Debbie began taking part in events such as the weekly Fairmont Farmers Market at Palatine Park, Market

in the Park at Morris Park, and other local craft fairs. She has (by invitation) participated in Morgantown’s Mylan Park craft extravaganza, the Feast of the Seven Fishes in Fairmont, and the Jackson’s Mill Jubilee, to name a few. She also provides cupcakes for fundraisers for schools and churches all over the area.

Becoming popular was not a problem; however, it became a bit of a struggle to box and crate all of the varieties she has developed over time. And then

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Nearly \$20 Billion Spent By Americans On 2020’s Small Business Saturday



STEVE BULGER

According to SBA’s acting Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator Steve Bulger and WV District Director Karen Friel, American consumers spent an estimated \$19.8 billion at independent retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday. This was evidenced by data recently



KAREN FRIEL

released by American Express, up from \$19.6 billion last year. Data show shoppers from coast to coast made a significant impact at small businesses during the 11th annual Small Business Saturday, held November 28, 2020.

Started by American Express in 2010 and co-sponsored by the

U.S. Small Business Administration since 2015, Small Business Saturday continues to provide small businesses and communities across the country with an economic boost to start the holiday shopping season.

Not surprisingly, online shopping at small businesses on the day was up significantly, with 56% of shoppers making a purchase online, up from 43% in 2019. More than 50% of Americans who reported shopping small on that day said they supported a small business through social media by endorsing local

shops or shopping at a small business because of a recommendation on social media.

“Small Business Saturday’s success is proof of the economic benefits of supporting our locally owned small businesses,” said the SBA’s acting Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator Steve Bulger, who oversees the federal agency’s operations in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, D.C., Maryland and Delaware. “Most survey respondents who shopped on Small Business Saturday

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Tina Yoke Named Exec. Director Of Clarksburg Visitors’ Bureau



TINA YOKE

Clarksburg Visitors’ Bureau is pleased to announce Tina Yoke as Executive Director of the newly formed organization. As part of her role, Yoke will focus on raising the visibility of tourism opportunities in the City of Clarksburg, secure conventions of local, regional, and national organizations to be held in Clarksburg, as well as develop successful relationships with local community and business leaders.

“We are honored and privileged to have Tina Yoke lead our organization and city tourism forward. Her commitment, passion and positivity are the perfect ingredients and we couldn’t ask for a better fit,” said Joshua Stear, president of the Clarksburg Visitors’ Bureau. “Tina’s innate ability to develop relationships and build partnerships with business owners, city leaders, and local

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100 Years Of Operation Recognized

WV Secretary of State Mac Warner has announced the 2020 members of the West Virginia Centurion Chamber of Commerce, recognizing active business entities that have been in continuous operation for 100 years or more.

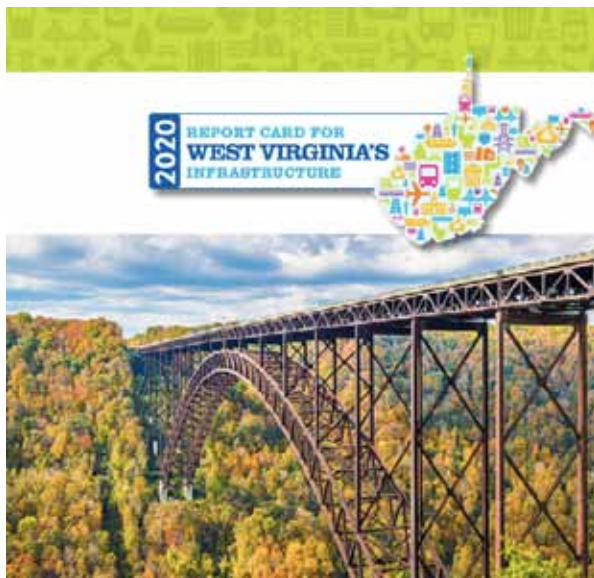
Warner acknowledged the West Virginia Centurion Chamber of Commerce Award in 2019 as a way of recognizing businesses that have withstood the test of time in the Mountain State. The list of Centurion members is a culmination of domestic business entities pulled from the Secretary of State’s business database and those provided to the office by local chambers of commerce and community leaders.

“These businesses have withstood generations, challenging economic times, and ever-changing technology,” Warner said. “They include banks, newspapers, hospitals, family-owned businesses, and more. These Centurions are anchors and leaders in our communities.”

Each business entity eligible for the recognition will receive a certificate recognizing them as a member of the Centurion Chamber of Commerce.

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Fairmont State Engineering Technology Students Draft State Infrastructure Report Card



Students in Fairmont State University’s Department of Engineering Technology have collaborated with the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) West Virginia Section to draft the first-ever Infrastructure Report Card for the state.

The inaugural report was part of a special topics course taught last spring by Fairmont State Engineering Technology Professor Tabitha Lafferre E.I., who was recently named the 2020 WV Young Civil Engineer of the Year.

“The ASCE has been

doing a nationwide report for about 20 years now, but West Virginia had never before submitted a state report card,” Lafferre said. “So, I decided I would offer a class to create student interest in writing the report.”

According to Lafferre, who is also a

co-chair of the ASCE WV Report Card Committee, the students in her class worked with professionals and state agencies to conduct research necessary to rating West Virginia’s infrastructure across five categories: roads, bridges, dams, drinking water and waste water. These categories were evaluated based on eight criteria: capacity, condition, funding, future need, operation and maintenance, public safety, resilience and innovation.

“It’s this type of experiential learning that distinguishes a Fairmont State education,” Mira M. Martin, President of Fairmont State University, said.

“Real-world, hands-on

experiences like this separate our students from the crowd when they enter the job market upon graduation.”

The full report, including individual category grades as well as the overall state grade, was released during the virtual ASCE WV Infrastructure Report Card Press Conference. West Virginia earned a cumulative “D” grade based on the following categorical grades: bridges (D), roads (D+), dams (D), drinking water (D), and waste water (D). Although this evaluation is not far off of the national cumulative average of D+, the committee said it indicates that the state’s infrastructure is in poor condition and

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Carey Hits Historic Milestone



The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

Harrison County native, Mike Carey has been busy winning basketball games for a long time. Carey has hit more milestones in his illustrious coaching career than most coaches could even dream of, but the most recent milestone stands out. Last month, Carey claimed his 700th career win, putting him in rare company.

Equally impressive compared to the number of victories Carey earned was the road that he traveled to obtain them. It all started in 1988 when Carey took the job at his alma mater, Salem College, a place where he dominated as a player. Known for his hard-nosed play on the hardwood he developed the same type of coaching philosophy while roaming the sideline. Carey didn't inherit a winning program in the late 80's, it was far from it and he knew he had his work cut out for him in Tiger Territory. Carey, never one to back down as a player, didn't hesitate to grab the bull by the horns jumping headfirst into a mammoth project. I remember those days well as former high school teammates, George Moses and Billy Childers, played for Salem then and I rarely missed a game at the T. Edward Davis Gymnasium. Later, former South Harrison standout, Joe Fenstermacher played for Carey, so, it's safe to say that I was there in the bleachers for most of his tenure as the Tiger's coach.

At first, I was one of just a few, but as the wins piled up, the fans piled in and it became one of the busiest gyms in North Central West Virginia.

Salem went from one of the worst to first in the WVIAC Conference. His teams were nationally ranked toward the end of his tenure in Salem. Carey ruled with an iron fist and his players never dared to question any decision he made.

In 2001, Carey made a coaching move which shocked many when he took over the West Virginia women's program. At that time, there was speculation that Carey would move up, but not into a women's program. There were skeptics that felt his coaching style was too rough to be successful. Also, at that time, the program was in turmoil and wins were hard to come by but former Athletic Director, Ed Pastilong hired Carey for the job. Pastilong had been the Head Football Coach at Salem from 1968-74 and his ties to the small-town college helped him make one of the best decisions he had made as the AD at West Virginia.

Carey went to Touchdown City accepting the challenge of building a program. He rolled up his sleeves, went to work, and proved that he could be successful coaching women at the Division I level. In 2004, he won Big East Coach of the Year and he has never looked back, garnering over 400 wins during his time with the Mountaineer program. Ironically, the number would be significantly higher if his teams hadn't had a rash of injuries over the last several years. It is a tale of what could have been for Carey and his teams. But you will never hear him complain or make excuses; Carey will compete with the players he has and he won't hesitate to go to battle with his players. That is the reason he has been at the top everywhere he goes. His players would run through a wall for him because they know how much he cares and that he would do the same for them.

Congratulations Coach: Here is to your next 700!

Seven Mountain State Hiking Trails To Enjoy In WV During The Winter-Week 5



West Virginia's Cranberry Region can be a multi-day ski or snowshoe expedition or a hike for day visitors through the Cranberry Glades Botanical Area.

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 through the Cranberry Region.

Some of West Virginia's largest and wildest landscapes are in the Cranberry region. If you want to try a hardcore multi-day ski or snowshoe expedition, this is the place to do it.

For day visitors, there's also a more

approachable winter excursion: the specially protected Cranberry Glades Botanical Area, which includes a series of swampy bogs that are more common in subarctic Canada than in West Virginia. The ground in a bog is spongy and consists largely of partially-decayed plant material known as peat. Because of its unique conditions, some unusual plants grow in bogs, including carnivorous or insect-eating plants. The Botanical Area encompasses 750 acres. The half-mile boardwalk through the bogs and glades is easy to follow, even in the winter. Please treat the Cranberry Glades with care!

Bridgeport's Cole Resigns Football Post!

By Bill Nestor Sports Editor

Bridgeport Head Football Coach, John Cole recently stepped away from the position after four seasons. Cole averaged nearly 11 wins a year and his squad garnered a state championship in 2019. Cole and the Indians moved to Class AAA this past season and were looking forward to the opportunity to repeat as title holders. However, COVID-19 cut short the campaign which put an ending to their championship run without suffering a loss.

Cole has coached after his playing days in Tribe Territory for legendary coach Wayne Smiley Jamison. Cole, a class act, has been respected in the area by fans, players, and coaches alike. During his time in the program, Cole has been a part of 250 wins and five titles. He steps down leaving the cupboard full of talent making it a reload, not rebuild situation, for the next coach.

Cole has always been quick to pass the praise for big wins to his assistant coaches and players while shouldering the blame for setbacks. Cole, a throwback type of coach, is an exemplary role model for young aspiring coaches looking to make their mark on the coaching scene.

Congratulations to John Cole on a very successful coaching career. Hopefully, this will not be the end of the road for this coaching legend.

How To Train Your Parents – A Dog's Eye View



From The World Of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

Hello, I know you all do not know me yet, but my name is Roxanne and I was adopted by parents, Doug and Jeovanna Comer. I am a beagle and boxer mix and I really do not know how big I will get, but I have a huge heart of gold. Also, I have a lot of patience and I am sure it will be tested quite often as I am going to have to whip my parents into shape.

You see, I am not quite potty trained yet and when I get excited playing with my little brother, Costa, I sometimes make an accident which frustrates my mommy. I do not do it on purpose and my excuse is "hey! I am only four months old, cut me a break" ... I am sure I will get this licked in no time.

I love to play with Costa as he lets me chase him around the yard. Playing tag is my new favorite game, however, I feel that being "it" is not as fun as being chased. But that is ok because I get to run around our back yard and enjoy the outdoors. I am pretty sure my parents want me "doing my business" outside instead of on the kitchen floor. But hey, I thought I heard someone say that you do not poop where you play or something to that nature.

I really like my new home, but I was nervous at first. It has steps that goes to the bedrooms and I was quite hesitant to run up and down them. But I need to look after my mommy, so, where she goes, I must follow. I can scoot up and down the steps now. I hear my dad in the background calling me "Shadow." Maybe that is a nickname for me....I hope it sticks.

I really love to snuggle too. In fact, when my parents are sitting on the couch watching television they let me hop up and curl next to them. I sometimes get in a few winks because I am so relaxed when I am close to them. They say I snore like my daddy when I sleep, but I do not believe them.

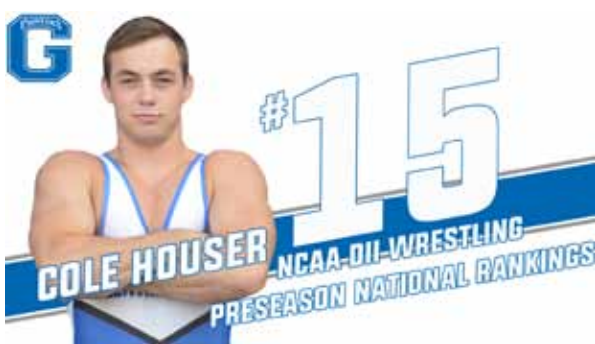
We watch movies like Marley and Me and Old Yeller. They are great movies but I never get to watch the endings as for some reason they turn the channel before the end. They look like great shows but I think they change the channel because Costa wants to watch his shows. This one show he watches, called Paw Patrol, is a great superhero show. I want to grow up to be just like those dogs when I get older.

I have a weird sleep schedule. Sometimes I sleep through the night, but then there are days where I have too many dog treats and I am wired. Costa gets like that sometimes when he has a couple Lifesavers before bed. This is where I need to train my parents into working on my time. Mommy or Daddy has to take me out in the middle of the night or play with me a little bit until I get tired and want to go back to sleep. I know they love me, but sometimes the looks on their face does not show it.

It is going to be a journey with my new family. I am guessing they are going to be in my life for the next 60-72 years. I love them dearly as I give kisses all the time. I do not think they enjoy the licks at 2:30 AM when all the lights are turned off, but I am sure that it is easily forgiven. They just have to learn to get on my schedule and things will be alright.

Well, I gotta go for now, I have plans for a movie tonight. It is some romantic movie called Lady and the Tramp. I hope I can watch it to the end. I am sure we will talk again soon.

Glenville State's Cole Houser Ranked In Preseason Wrestling Polls



COLE HOUSER

Glenville State first-year Head Wrestling Coach Dylan Cottrell Cole, a junior, and is pleased to announce that Cole Houser has been ranked 15th in two different preseason wrestling polls for the 2020-21 season. Cole, a junior, and is pleased to announce that Cole Houser has transfer wrestles at 157 lbs. was first ranked No. 15 by The

Open Mat NCAA DII Preseason National Rankings.

Then later Houser was ranked preseason No. 15 by FloWrestling.

"Cole has been a great leader for our program from the second he stepped on campus at GSC. We are excited for him and this program having a nationally ranked wrestler year one in multiple preseason polls and truly expect him to climb through

the rankings this season," stated GSC Head Coach Dylan Cottrell.

This is the inaugural season for wrestling at Glenville State as a NCAA DII member. Previously, GSC last wrestling program was discontinued in 1974. They are set to begin completion in 2021.

The complete 2020-21 wrestling schedule will be announced in the near future on GSCPioneers.com

New Bike-Focused Adventure Camp In 2021



Experience Learning and WVICL team up to provide new opportunities for middle and high schoolers.

Experience Learning and the West Virginia Interscholastic Cycling League (WVICL) are excited to announce a new bike-focused adventure summer camp for middle and high school students. The camp will serve students who are interested in learning about exploring the world around them by

bicycle.

Experience Learning will help expand WVICL's reach from a seasonal race schedule to summer bike adventures. Participants will have the opportunity to do backcountry trail rides, orienteering, skill, and self-awareness development.

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Out Of The Past

Memorable Photographs from around
Harrison County.



As a stork arrives with new blessings, the same is wished for the New Year. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

GENEVIEVE BUTTAFUSCO MUSCI

Genevieve Buttafusco Musci entered into eternal peace on Christmas Day 2020, at the age of 106.

Born on March 21, 1914 in Adamston, WV, Genevieve was the second child to Maria Teresa Audia & Salvatore Buttafusco, who emigrated from San Giovanni in Fiore, Italy.

Genevieve was preceded in death by one brother, Louis Buttafusco, who taught dance, a sister Floranda Cordray, a half-sister, Angeline Telarico and her two beloved daughters, Marie R. Fumich (George Fumich) of Arlington, Virginia, and Sheila Harris (Coy Harris) of McLean, Virginia. Genevieve is survived by her younger sister, Arlene Bashnett, who soon will be 102 years old.

In 1930, at the age of 15, Genevieve eloped & married the love of her life, Frank Musci, age 16. They celebrated 58 years of marriage before Frank died in 1988.

Genevieve loved two things most in life: spending time with her family & traveling to Italy. Genevieve is survived by five grandchildren: Paul A. Romano, Sheila Liljenquist, David Harris, Michael Harris & Frank Fumich, 16 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She delighted in attending mass every week at Saint James Catholic Church in Clarksburg, WV, or at Saint Ann's Catholic Church in Arlington, VA. Gee enjoyed lunch & bingo at the Harrison County Senior Center as well as belonging to the Altar Rosary Society and Catholic Daughters Club. She also never missed a West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival or a chance to go shopping.

The world has come to know and love Genevieve as part of the elderly dynamic duo affectionately known as "Gramma & Ginga" whose antics and arguing have brought laughter and smiles to millions. Genevieve will remain close in the hearts of family and friends and will be remembered for her quick wit and strong spirit. Her videos have gone viral garnering

hundreds of millions of views. Gramma and her little sister, Ginga, appeared on both the Jimmy Kimmel and Steve Harvey Shows as well as numerous local, national, and international print and TV news around the world. They have amassed fans all over the planet with a social media following of over 1.4 million. The Facebook announcement of "Gramma's" passing has received over forty thousand heartfelt comments for which we will be forever grateful. Our family would like to extend a special thank you to all Gramma's adoring fans who have adopted her as their own, prayed for her, and become her extended family.

Our family would like to thank Amedisys Hospice Care & Capital Caring Hospice for their superb care. We are especially grateful to all of Gramma's wonderful caregivers, but we want to express our deepest gratitude to Alicia Laguna and Christine Gomez for their abundant love and tender care of 'Gramma', as they affectionately called her. We will never forget your love and devotion!

A private service and entombment will be held due to COVID-19 restrictions. We hope to have a proper Celebration of Genevieve's life at a time when we can all gather safely.

Memorial donations can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital (stjude.org/donate), Capital Caring Hospice (capitalcaring.org) or a charity of your choice.

Share a memory and sign Genevieve's guest book online at www.amoscarvelli.com.

WILLIAM "BILL" MAHONEY

William "Bill" Mahoney, age 68, of Glenville, WV, departed this life on Friday, December 18, 2020, at the Genesis Health Care, Glenville Center, following an extended illness.

He was born December 30, 1951, in Pittsburgh, PA, son of the late William F. and Gladys Parry Mahoney.

Bill was a disc jockey on the radio for many years. He started his DJ career in Connellsville, PA, in the early 1970s, then

DJ on-air personality at WHAR/WVHF in Clarksburg, WV, in the '70s into the early 1990s, known as "Mahoney in the Morning."

Surviving are stepchildren: Brianna Rowe and Brian Dye; and step grandson, Julian Oldaker.

Also surviving are cousins, Tom Seiverling (Luwanna), Janie Militello (Carmen), and Ernest Bristow and many other wonderful family and friends.

Burial took place at the Allegheny Cemetery in Pittsburgh, PA, on Monday, December 28, 2020.

VONDA KAY RUSSELL

Vonda Kay Russell, 75 of Benton, went to be with the Lord on December 30, 2020. She was born on August 16, 1945 in Haywood, West Virginia to Denzil and Catherine Byrd.

Vonda married the late Robert Russell in January of 1964 and was married for 44 years. They lived in Adamsville, West Virginia until 1986 before moving to Kentucky and then, Arkansas.

Vonda loved working for the Harmony Grove School District for over 25 years. A child in her class was never hungry or cold in the winter. She enjoyed family vacations, reading and talking on the phone with family back home.

Vonda was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

She is survived by her children, Brian (Sharon) Russell of Greenbrier, Natalie (Michael) Beard of Benton and Kevin (Sara Beth) Russell of Benton; grandchildren, Jeremy (Megan) Russell, Seth (fiancé Ashlee) Russell, Luke, Matthew, and Rebekah Russell; Alex (Josh) Powell; great-grandchildren, Maddie and Josie Russell, Ellie and Emery Russell and Caleb Powell; sisters, Donna Bart of Shinnston, West Virginia and Noretta Weese of Columbus, Ohio.

A private graveside service will be held by Ashby Funeral Home.

Online guestbook at www.ashbyfuneralhome.com

MANUAL "EARL" GLASPELL

Manuel "Earl" Glaspell, 80 years of age of Bridgeport, WV, went to be with his Lord on December 22, 2020, after a brief hospitalization due to COVID-19.

He was born December 2, 1940, in Boothsville, a son of the late Harvey Amos and Della Mae (Tucker) Glaspell.

He is survived by his loving wife of six years, Donna (Snyder) Glaspell; a son, Rick Glaspell, and his wife Janet (Davis) Glaspell of Bridgeport, WV; one daughter, Tammy Swiger of Flemington, WV; one grandson, Travis Swiger and his wife Logan (Grimes) of Jane Lew; one step grandson, Alec Hunter Davis of Grafton, WV; one granddaughter, Sarah Young and her husband Colton of Morgantown, WV; two great-grandsons: Camden Rhett Swiger and Judah David Young; and a brother-in-law, Jack Rutherford.

He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Doris Rae (Rutherford) Glaspell; a son-in-law, David Wayne Swiger; six brothers: James "Jim" Glaspell, Charles "Bud" Glaspell, Harvey "June" Glaspell, Clarence "Gene" Glaspell, Silas "Si" Glaspell and Howard H. Glaspell; four sisters: Ruby Furbee, Betty Saunders, Annie Hayhurst and an infant sister Mary Ruth Glaspell; and one sister-in-law, Sally Rutherford.

Earl graduated from Grafton High School. He was a faithful member of Jewel City Church in Shinnston, WV. He and his wife enjoyed traveling with the church group "Joy Class" to see religious shows.

He worked in the coal business and developed many acres of land on Corbin Branch Road. Around the age of 50, he established Route 73 Auto Wrecking. He had a passion for working on old cars, especially Ford Broncos.

He enjoyed attending car shows with his friends. One of his hobbies included taking great care of his property. He always had a beautiful mowed yard and a flourishing garden that he shared with family and friends. On warm summer days, he could be found outside enjoying the scenery.

After Earl was hospitalized with COVID-19, he contacted others to make sure they were taking precautions of wearing a mask and

social distancing. He did not want his family and friends to experience what he was facing his final days of life.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the family had a private service celebrating his life with Pastor Robert Shingleton presiding.

The interment was at Claremont Cemetery, Marion County.

Condolences may be extended to the family at www.fordfuneralhomes.com.

JAMES "JIM" JEROME

James "Jim" Jerome, 88, of Clarksburg, WV, passed away on Friday, December 25, 2020, at the Louis A Johnson Veterans Administration Hospital, following an extended illness.

He was born in Wilsonburg, WV, on September 12, 1932, a son of the late Domenick and Mary DiScuillo Jerome.

Mr. Jerome is survived by two sisters: Angelena "Angie" Smith of Clarksburg, WV, and Lena Medina of Spelter, WV; his caregivers, Diane Snell and husband Richard of Bridgeport, and Patrick Snell of Bridgeport; and niece, Anita Seibert, and husband Rich of Cincinnati. He also leaves behind 15 nieces and nephews; 38 great-nieces and nephews; many great-great-nieces and nephews, all from various parts of the country; and close friends and neighbors.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Jerome was preceded in death by his brothers: Anthony Jerome,

John Jerome, Fred Jerome and Domenick Jerome; his sisters: Sue Beverina, and Ann Thomas; brothers-in-law: William Beverina, Ray Thomas, Jesse Medina and Argel Smith; and sister-in-law, Alice Jerome.

Jim was a graduate of Victory High School, Class of 1950, and served our country as a veteran in the U.S. Army during the Germany Occupation. He was a retired carpenter.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Clarksburg and the Local Carpenters Union. He loved farming, raising cows, gardening and fishing. Above all, Jim deeply loved his family and enjoyed passing on family traditions and sharing about the Jerome family history with his many nieces and nephews. He will be sadly missed by all of those who knew and loved him.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, on Tuesday, December 29, 2020, with Father Casey Mahone as Celebrant. Interment followed in the Holy Cross Cemetery, where full Military Graveside Rites were accorded.

Memorial donations may be made to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 150 S. Maple Avenue, Clarksburg, WV 26301.

Expressions of sympathy may be extended to the family at www.amoscarvelli.com A service of Amos Carvelli Funeral Home.

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LEGAL NOTICES

(2019-S-00000179- 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 BRIDGEPORT, ARGO INVESTMENTS, LLC, IMPRESA PROPERTY INVESTMENTS, 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-0000179, 1 LOT 4 LAKETREE ACRES S-D (.81AC), located in SIMPSON OUTSIDE DISTRICT, which was returned delinquent in the name of IMPRESA PROPERTY INVESTMENTS, 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.	\$ 1,742.85
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2021.	\$ 1,291.02
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.	\$ 1,060.16
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$ 392.00
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.	\$ 4,486.03
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

You may redeem any time before March 31, 2021, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Return this letter and both certified funds to the WV State Auditor's Office, County Collection Division 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2

(2019-S-00000185 - 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 BRIDGEPORT, CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, OCCUPANT, JENNIFER MOSES, DANIEL T. BAKER, TRUSTEE, WV OFFICES OF THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER, CITY OF CLARKSBURG, MARTHA J. RAMAGE, 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-0000185, 1 LOT 160 SANDUSKY ADD, located in SIMPSON BRIDGEPORT CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of MOSES JENNIFER, 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.	\$ 1,041.76
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2021.	\$ 884.79
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.	\$ 1,119.44
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$ 513.00
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.	\$ 3,558.99
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-00000180 - 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 BRIDGEPORT, CITY OF BRIDGEPORT, WIRT C. WEBB JR C/O ROBERT CURTIS WEBB, ROBERT CURTIS WEBB, 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-0000180, 1 LOT #2 BLK A RAIN TREE ACRES, located in SIMPSON OUTSIDE DISTRICT, which was returned delinquent in the name of WEBB WIRT C JR ESTATE, 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.	\$ 2,407.26
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2021.	\$ 2,129.84
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.	\$ 1,060.16
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$ 342.00
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.	\$ 5,939.26
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

You may redeem any time before March 31, 2021, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
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(2019-S-00000188 - 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, TOWN OF LOST CREEK, TOWN OF LOST CREEK, OCCUPANT, RALPH ERIC CHILDERS, BRANCH BANKING & TRUST COMPANY NOW TRUIST BANK, CT CORPORATION SYSTEM, BB&T COLLATERAL SERVICE CORPORATION, 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-0000188, 1 LOT 0.516 AC STCAMORE & BUFFALO, located in UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT, which was returned delinquent in the name of CHILDERS R ERIC, 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.	\$ 986.96
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2021.	\$ 790.11
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.	\$ 1,104.62
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$ 470.25
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.	\$ 3,351.94
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

You may redeem any time before March 31, 2021, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
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excited to partner with Experience Learning. This camp for middle and high school students will reinforce our core values and allow our students to learn biking, camping, and orienteering skills through outdoor experiential education in the Seneca Creek Backcountry,” says WVICL director Cassie Smith, “It’s a great opportunity and to be able to offer this Adventure Camp to our NICA athletes is a dream come true!”

The camp will take place July 16-18, 2021, and will be based on the Experience Learning campus in Pendleton County, WV. A bike camp option for adults will be offered concurrently with the youth camp. Experience Learning has been running wilderness-based programming on Spruce Knob under various names since the 1970s. Their goal is to develop effective community members through beyond-the-classroom, outdoor learning opportunities for children and adults. They offer a full schedule of backpacking, running, and outdoor adventure programming for ages 8-adult. Find more information at experience-learning.org. WVICL is a chapter of the National Interscholastic Cycling Association. As one of 31 leagues across the country, they organize a mountain bike racing league for middle and high school student-athletes. They are a youth development organization whose goal is to build strong body, strong minds, and strong character in their student-athletes with an unwavering focus on inclusivity and equality. Scholarships may be available for this program through your local NICA team or WVICL. Contact your coaches or Cassie at cassie@westvirginiamb.org

Fairmont State Scholarship Applications Now Open

Fairmont State University is now accepting General and Presidential Scholarship applications for the 2021-22 Academic Year.

“Fairmont State University prides itself on offering a quality, transformative education that’s affordable,” said Mirta M. Martin, Fairmont State University President. “We not only offer one of the lowest tuition rates in the state, but because we have such stellar outcomes, I believe our value is also unmatched. Scholarships save our students even more money, and make our value that much more remarkable.”

Both incoming and current Fairmont State students are encouraged to complete the General Scholarship application in order to determine eligibility for funding awarded through the University’s Office of Financial Aid. A variety of institutional scholarships are available through individual academic departments as well as the Fairmont State Foundation. For a comprehensive list of scholarships and their requirements, visit www.fairmontstate.edu/scholarships.

All scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. The General Scholarship application is available at www.fairmontstate.edu/generalscholarshipapp and the submission deadline is March 15, 2021.

“Students have benefited from the departmental and the Foundation scholarships for many years,” said Tresa Weimer, Fairmont State Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships. “Each year the number of students steadily increases as our generous donors and Foundation staff provide

scholarships for students based on their major, financial need, academic standing, traditional or non-traditional status, county of residency, legacy and leadership.”

The McClain Presidential Scholarship, Fairmont State’s premiere academic scholarship, is open to high school seniors in West Virginia who are Promise Scholarship recipients. Eligible applicants must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 in addition to a composite ACT score of 26 or higher or an SAT total score of 1260 or higher. Upon completion of the application, finalists will be chosen to enter an interview process. Three winners will then be selected to receive funding for tuition, fees, room and board in addition to a books and supplies stipend.

Those students who make it to the interview stage but are not ultimately chosen to receive the Presidential Scholarship will each receive a \$1,500 Presidential Finalist Scholarship. Annual scholarship renewal is dependent upon meeting academic performance criteria. Applications for the McClain Presidential Scholarship are available at www.fairmontstate.edu/presidentialscholarshipapp and must be submitted by February 1, 2021.

“Students who are awarded the Presidential Scholarship or the Presidential Finalist Scholarship are among the highest academic students at our institution; these students naturally serve in leadership roles and are academic role models and mentors for other students,” Weimer said.

All students completing the General or Presidential Scholarship applications must have a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file with Fairmont State in order to be awarded scholarships through the University. Completing the FAFSA will also enable financial aid counselors to determine a student’s total award package, including grants and loans. For those who need help filing the FAFSA, Fairmont State offers free virtual assistance via Webex. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at (304) 367-4141 or FinancialAid@FairmontState.edu for more information.

Area Students Earn President and Dean’s List At Davis & Elkins College

Davis & Elkins College has announced the names of area students who achieved the President and Dean’s List for the fall 2020 semester.

Michael Utt from Clarksburg was among those students who achieved the distinction of being on the President’s list, which includes all full-time students with a semester GPA of 3.6 to less than 4.0.

Area students who achieved the Dean’s list, which includes all full-time students with a semester GPA of 3.6 to less than 4.0. are: Sydney Poling-Bridgeport; Charlotte Layman-Clarksburg; Lavania Lemasters-Stonewood.

“Action Taken At Clarksburg’s VA Medical Center” cont. from p. 1

experienced hospitalist in the community, has become the Clarksburg VAMC’s inpatient director of hospitalists and a detailed nursing leadership team is being brought into the facility.

Retraining of all Clarksburg VAMC personnel involved in reporting urgent issues throughout the chain of command. The incoming leadership team will assess the amount and level of training that is needed. It will be conducted throughout the facility over a period of time to ensure continuity of operations and care.

“What happened at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center was unacceptable, and we want to ensure that Veterans and families know we are determined to restore their trust in the facility,” said Stone. “Transparency and accountability are key principles at VA, and they will guide our efforts in this regard.”

“Obituaries” cont. from p.7

ARLENE F. BALLARD QUEEN

Arlene F. Ballard Queen, 89, of Nutter Fort passed away on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at Ruby Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Weston on April 12, 1931, a daughter of the late Harry L. and Lena H. Martin Ballard.

She was married to Minter A. Queen Jr., on July 22, 1955, who preceded her in death in 2009.

She is survived by one brother-in-law, Arthur T. Queen of Baltimore, MD; and one sister-in-law, Wilma Brandenburg and her husband Jess of Maryland; friends and caregiver for the last six years, April Spitznogle and husband Danny of Fairmont; and the Connie Frymier family, who became Arlene’s extended family, of Weston.

Mrs. Queen was an

only child and the last surviving member of her immediate family.

Arlene was a 1949 graduate of Washington Irving High School and a 1950 graduate of WV Business College. She was formerly a legal secretary with Deem Marstiller Law Firm and was employed by J. C. Penney Personal Finance Company.

Arlene was a member of the First Baptist Church of Nutter Fort. She loved reading, and researching ancient history and genealogy on the internet. She was an animal lover and was active in animal rescue. She loved bird watching and enjoyed arts and crafts.

Funeral services were held at Amos Carvelli Funeral Home on December, 29, 2020 with Rev. Don Fowler presiding.

Interment followed in the Weston Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Harrison County Humane Society, 2450 Saltwell Road, Shinnston, WV 26431.

CECIL M. GROSS

Cecil M. Gross, 90, of Meadowbrook, formerly of Tallmadge, OH, passed away on Saturday, December, 12, 2020. He was born in Newcomerstown, OH, January 27, 1930, a son of the late Charles Cecil and Farie Pearl Waggoner Gross. On December 28, 1951, he married, Gwendolyn R. “Tiny” Shingleton Gross who survives.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Regina Ann Gross, and one sister, Shirley Ruth Gross Shingleton.

He is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Cecil retired as a Master Sergeant from the United States Air Force

after serving his country for more than 22 years. In his second career, he retired from the United States Postal Service with 20 years service. He enjoyed telling stories about his time in the Air Force. He was a wonderful father and husband who provided well for his family. He will be sadly missed.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family. Entombment will be in the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery & Mausoleum. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com.

KAREN KAY BEVERLY

Karen Kay Beverly, 69, of Clarksburg, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, December, 14, 2020 at her residence. She was born in Clarksburg, December 20, 1950, a

daughter of the late Dale B. Beatty, Sr. and the late Jesse Virginia Carroll Beatty.

Surviving are three sons; Scott Beverly and his wife Cristal, Shinnston, Joe Beverly and his wife Tabby, Lumberport, Chuck Beverly and his wife Angie, Clarksburg; nine grandchildren, Drew Bates Beverly, Adrian Fornash, Danny Summers, Ashton Fleming, Chase Kniceley, Landon Beverly, Lilly Beverly, Caylee Beverly, and Agusta Beverly, five great-grandchildren; Ryan and Bekka Minnear, Leland Bates Beverly, and Brycon and Gracie Fornash, her siblings; Ginger Cross and her husband Joe, Florida, Phyllis Beverly and her husband Bud, Sardis, Butch, Ricky, and Bob Beatty, all of Clarksburg, and several nieces and nephews.

Karen was also a mother to many to whom she did not give birth.

In addition to her parents, Karen was preceded in death by one sister, Judy Reynolds.

Karen was a CNA and previously worked as a private care giver. She was a God-fearing woman whose greatest love was her church, Bible, Church of God in Clarksburg, and her church family. She loved her family and enjoyed watching the old shows on ME TV.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 19 at Perine Funeral Home with Pastors Bobby and James Nuzum officiating. Interment followed in the Lion’s Club Cemetery in Lumberport. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com.

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