

# May Be Spring Of 2022 Before Eastpointe’s Hobby Lobby Store Is Open To Customers



No matter where a Hobby Lobby store is located, their name is always visible in bold red letters. It is not unusual to find the parking lot full of cars and a waiting line at new store openings.

By **LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD**  
*News & Journal Editor*  
Several months ago, rumors began to circulate that a Hobby Lobby store was considering coming to Clarksburg. This ‘buzz’ generated a lot of positive excitement, particularly after the

closure of the local AC Moore store at Eastpointe. The lips of Clarksburg officials, however, remained silenced. Now, however, it has been made public and confirmed that Hobby Lobby will in fact be taking over the former Kroger store at Eastpointe. BUT, be patient, shoppers

because it will be a while before the doors open. Clarksburg City Manager Harry Faulk says that plans have been submitted to Clarksburg’s Code Enforcement Department, and when Kroger pulls out and moves to its brand new Eastpointe site this

week, the building’s landlord will then be able to work on the building making some renovations. “West Virginia has been a good market for Hobby Lobby and we are very pleased and excited to welcome them,” Mr. Faulk stated. “This is a great indication that the economy is doing well in our region when large retailers are wanting to move in.”

Clarksburg officials are also very pleased that Kroger chose to remain in the Eastpointe Plaza. As of Wednesday, January 20th, the doors at the newly constructed Kroger store at Eastpointe (former site of Kmart) opened and welcomed customers for the first time.

Clarksburg Mayor Ryan Kennedy added, “When we heard that

Kroger was going to build a new location at Eastpointe, we knew that would leave a sizeable storefront empty, so we took steps to reach out to other entities. We’re not really sure why Hobby Lobby chose Clarksburg, but the plaza at Eastpointe is at the crossroads of I-79 and Rt. 50 and there is lots of traffic there. They also could have tracked where their customers were coming from at their Westover location and learned that many people from Clarksburg and even further south shopped there. That could have

influenced their decision as well. Whatever their reason, we are glad they are coming here; they will provide products that people really want and they will be seeking to hire employees in the area ... plus, it prevents a large building that has close to 57,000 square feet from remaining empty. It’s a big plus for Clarksburg.”

Hobby Lobby stores offer over 70,000 items featuring everything from fabric and sewing needs to arts and crafts supplies, floral and art supplies, yarns, home décor items of all styles,

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## Shinnston City Council Sets Goals For 2021

By **LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD**  
*News & Journal Editor*

Shinnston City Council held its first regular meeting of the new year on January 11, 2021 via zoom. The minutes of the December 14, 2020 meeting were accepted following corrections.

Due to an incorrect Zoom number being placed on the agenda and a citizen had planned to speak, Mayor Kovalck proceeded with other items on the agenda while numerous attempts continued to be made to connect with the citizen who wanted to speak but to no avail.

Mayor Kovalck’s report was in praise of both the Police Department and Public Works Department who worked through the Christmas holiday. He applauded the way the Public Works employees kept the streets cleared and cindered during the area’s first snow on Christmas Eve/Day.

City Manager Chad Edwards gave his

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## The Inauguration



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By **JIM HUNT**  
*author, speaker, consultant*

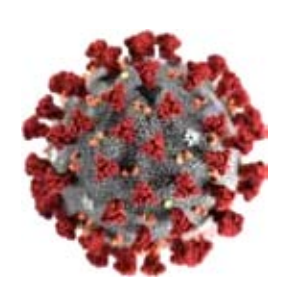
As President-Elect Joe Biden is sworn into office as the 46th President of the United States, I think back to the two inaugurations that I have had the honor to attend. The Inauguration of a new President is an exciting event and one that sticks in your mind for a lifetime. While this year’s Inauguration has a different look and feel due to the Coronavirus and the attack on the Capitol Building on January 6th, it will still be an important event for our country. The peaceful transfer of power has been stretched to the limit this year, but our country has sustained many challenges in the past and I am sure will survive these.

When I was active with the National League of Cities, I was invited to the Inauguration of President George W. Bush Jr. and it was my first experience visiting Washington, DC for such an event. My daughter was living in Arlington, Virginia at the time and my wife and I decided to drive to her apartment and take the Metro into the city with my daughter and one of her friends. The Metro is a very easy way to navigate the city and it quickly got us to an area near the offices of the National League of

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## FAQs About COVID-19 Vaccine



By **LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD**  
*News & Journal Editor*  
Every 24 hours, pandemic numbers change and, unfortunately, throughout our country, the number of positive Coronavirus cases continues to rise. In some areas of the U.S., hospitals are struggling to find room

for new admissions. Meanwhile, the latest word is that the plan to hold back the number of vaccines to be released so that booster shots would be available to those who have had the first dose, appears to have changed. Now, getting the vaccine to as many people as possible is being prioritized.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), of the 29.4 million doses distributed, only about 5.9 million had been administered as of last week.

Hospital Association added that our nation would need to vaccinate 1.8 million people a day, every day, from Jan. 1 through May 31, to reach the goal of having widespread immunity by summer’s arrival.

There are many questions being posed about who can take the vaccine, and as promised, this week we continue to inform our readers of those questions with answers graciously provided by Dr. Mark Povroznik, Vice President/Chief Quality Officer and chair of Infection Control at WVU Medicine-United

Hospital Center.

Are there age limits on who is eligible for the vaccine? Individuals under 16 years of age are not eligible for the Pfizer vaccine, and those under 18 are not eligible for the Moderna vaccine.

Can I take the vaccine if I am pregnant? Currently, there is no data on the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines in pregnant women as they were excluded from clinical trials. However, it is known that pregnant women can have an increased risk of severe

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## Energy Assistance Available For Peoples West Virginia Customers



Recognizing that many West Virginians are struggling financially due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Peoples is reminding its utility customers that help with winter bills is available through West Virginia’s Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) and Dollar Energy Fund (DEF).

“LIEAP is a government grant applied directly to help pay your Peoples heating bill. LIEAP is not a loan,” said Rita Black, Director of Customer Relations for Peoples.

West Virginia Dollar Energy Fund (DEF) is another energy assistance program available for Peoples’ West Virginia

until Friday, January 29th. Customers should apply as soon as possible because funds are limited. This year, the maximum grant is \$1,000 per household based on 60% State Median income.

customers. DEF provides grants to customers with limited incomes who make a good faith payment towards their bills. DEF is based on 20% Federal Poverty Level and provides grants of up to \$500.

To learn more about LIEAP or DEF, visit Peoples-Gas.com/HelpMePay/WestVirginia or call 1-800-400-WARM (9276).

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Food For Thought

By Leigh Currey Merrifield

Editor

# Repairs Are Needed

On Wednesday, January 6th, I phoned Sandy, my co-worker, to discuss something work-related, and she asked if I had my television on. I told her I was in my office working on an article and hadn't 'tuned in' at all that day. Her response was, "You need to turn it on". Without further questioning, I went to another room and tuned in. I must say that I was rendered speechless by what I saw of the insurrection at our U.S. Capitol building. What I saw on the television screen was shocking and purely unimaginable ... not to mention rather frightening!

That more or less brought my work day to a halt. I sat for most of the rest of that day and evening ... watching, listening, and trying to understand how anything so appalling and shameful could be happening in my country. To be honest, the media has displayed multiple times the video of a police officer being crushed in a doorway trying to keep the mob at bay, and it was just too horrifying for me to watch!

The following day, I went to my computer and pulled up the 'Food for Thought' column that I had written a week earlier for our first edition of the new year. If you're

a regular reader, you may remember me writing about how our country needs to begin 'building bridges' over our troubled waters. I never would have guessed that within the next week, there would be such dreadful proof of this need come to fruition right before my eyes!

To quote my first column of 1-7-21, "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". It has come true! And look at the damage that has been left behind! I also wrote of how "our political leaders need to remember that they set an example". Look at the example that was set during this rioting; our PRESIDENT encouraged these rally attendees to storm the Capitol, which only inflamed the situation – although some of them may have just been waiting for a good excuse to wreak some havoc. One thing that has saddened me more than anything was that, following this event, the person in the highest elected position in the United States of America was more upset about his social media accounts being blocked than the damaging invasion and, more importantly, the lives that were lost because of this riot.

And, sadly, he still believes that his words and actions were entirely appropriate. ??? It is genuinely distressing that our country is drawing this kind of attention around the world.

What a comedown for our president, one which I'm sure is a difficult pill for him to swallow. In a span of four years, he has gone from being elected to our nation's highest office to being termed "a malignant narcissist", "mentally unstable", "mentally unfit", a "sociopath", etc. That is quite a fall and one that affects how our entire country is perceived.

I am trying to concentrate on my work this week, and by the time you read this, someone new will have taken the oath of office. I am praying that when that occurs, our U.S. Capitol is not the site of a repeat troubled spot. I am praying that in the future, our leaders who occupy that building can find a way to disagree without becoming so deeply divided and begin to make repairs. Our bridges have NOT collapsed, but they do need mended.

This week's dessert: "Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character; but if you have to be without one, be without strategy." ~ Army General Norman Schwarzkopf

# 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](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

Jan. 21, 1906: The first passenger train ran from Elkins to Charleston following completion of the Coal & Coke Railway. The new railroad, a project of former senator Henry Gassaway Davis, provided a much-needed north-south route through the heart of West Virginia.

Jan. 22, 1927: Confederate General John McCausland died. After the fall of the Confederacy, McCausland fled the country. He returned in 1867 and spent the remainder of his life on his large farm in Mason County.

Jan. 23, 1850: Raleigh County was established by an act of the Virginia General Assembly. The county's founder, Alfred Beckley, named the county after Sir Walter Raleigh.

Jan. 23, 1888: Union leader Fred Mooney

was born in a log cabin on Davis Creek in Kanawha County. He was secretary-treasurer of United Mine Workers of America District 17 from 1917 to 1924 and was a radical leader in the West Virginia Mine Wars.

Jan. 23, 1890: The United Mine Workers was organized at a meeting in Columbus, Ohio, with John B. Rae, a Scottish immigrant, as the first president. Just three months later, in Wheeling, UMW District 17, encompassing most of West Virginia, held its first meeting, elected M. F. Moran as district president and immediately launched what became a struggle of more than 40 years to unionize the state's coal mines.

Jan. 24, 1968: Mary Lou Retton was born in Fairmont. She made history at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles when, at 16, she became the first American woman ever to win a gold medal in gymnastics and the first native West Virginia woman to win a gold

medal in Olympic competition.

Jan. 25, 1814: Francis Harrison Pierpont was born near Morgantown. On June 20, 1861, Pierpont was unanimously elected as governor of the unionist Reorganized State of Virginia, which sat at Wheeling until West Virginia entered the Union two years later.

Jan. 25, 1878: Activist Lenna Lowe Yost was born in Basnettville in Marion County. She held key leadership roles in the woman's suffrage movement and the temperance movement.

Jan. 25, 1889: Anna Johnson Gates was born in Kanawha County. The state's first female state legislator, Gates was elected to the House of Delegates in 1922 and served a single term.

Jan. 26, 1850: Wyoming County was formed by the Virginia General Assembly from a part of Logan County.

Jan. 26, 1960: Burnsville High School basketball player Danny Heater scored 135 points in a varsity game

Super Crossword

MULTITUDINOUS

ACROSS

1 Little rascal

6 Mosque officiants

11 Go for a dip

15 Spill the secret

19 Shinbone

20 Local theaters, in slang

21 Had on

22 Go very fast

23 City in which quadrennial games take place

25 Gumbo vegetable

26 R&B singer James

27 Japanese soup paste

28 Fit — queen

29 Sea cargo weight unit

31 Statistic associated with plane riders

35 Threatens to topple

36 Brouhaha

37 Ken is one

38 Viking 1 landing site

39 Fleecy boot brand

42 Guesses at LGA

45 Instructive example

47 "Siddhartha" author

52 Gotten larger

54 UNLV part

56 1977 Triple Crown horse

58 "— & Stitch"

59 Stinging hits

61 TV's Amaz

62 Not iffy

63 Whitewater transport

67 Vassals

69 Tongue-lash

70 See

117-Across

71 Goldie of "Laugh-In"

72 Unit of pressure

75 It surrounds the South Orkney Islands

80 Twin of Jacob

81 Secy., e.g.

83 Oozes

84 Jazzy

Fitzgerald

85 Pile of trash

89 Enervate

90 Sacred song

91 Muscle twitch

92 Arthurian wizard

94 "Encore!"

96 "Science Guy" of TV

97 Pupil setting

99 Arthurian wife

101 Add- — (annexes)

103 Reviewer of tax returns

107 Disney World roller coaster

113 Moniker for a 1970s sitcom family

115 Go up

116 With

118-Across, bite-size Nabisco cookie

117 With

70-Across, Taj Mahal locale

118 See

116-Across

119 Statement about the end of each of nine answers in this puzzle

122 Meyers of "Late Night"

123 Ball field coverer

124 Candid

125 Cara of "Fame" fame

126 Canadian fuel brand

127 Gin flavorer

128 Burrito topper

129 Winona of "Beetlejuice"

DOWN

1 Walk heavily

2 Paramesium hairs

3 Huge gulf

4 Cocktail at brunch

5 Dad, in dialect

6 Disguised, in brief

7 Gold-medal skier Phil

8 On a plane or train

9 Month, in Spain

10 Retired jet since '03

11 Cutlass, e.g.

12 Roused

13 Thorns in one's side

14 Scant

15 Favre of football

16 Starbucks offering

17 Many a Tony winner

18 Hits on the noggin

24 Alternatively

29 Artificial

30 Two-gender pronoun

32 Utopian site

33 Email giggle

34 Bullring calls

38 Sacred song

39 Wrinkled citrus fruit

40 Smile widely

41 Club game

43 Assuage

44 Bygone

Swedish car

46 Smiley's opposites

48 Inherent natures

49 Slimy garden pest

50 Dried up, old-style

51 Rams' partners

53 Some babes in the woods

55 Sharp, broken-off piece

57 Purple blooms

59 Colonel

Klink's camp

60 Mail status

64 — carte

65 Nutrition stat

66 Ventilates

68 "Sands of — Jima"

71 Big African beast, briefly

72 Tinkertoy bits

73 PQO cousin

74 Gilbert of "The Talk"

75 Fire remains

76 Join (with)

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78 Join (with)

79 Identify

82 Between urban and country

86 Friendly relationship

87 Letter before beth

88 — colada

90 "21 Grams" actor Sean

93 Cage, to his pals

95 City WNW of Paris

98 R2-D2 and others

100 Skin-related

102 "Our Lady" of churches

103 Humiliate

104 Beseeches

105 Pub missiles

106 Boise setting

107 Brand of mouthwash

108 Outward expressions

109 Port of Japan

110 Felt sickly

111 Words after two or hole

112 Stuff in gunpowder

114 Successor of Claudius I

119 Provisos

120 Refrain bit

121 Title for Ringo Starr as of 2018

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Find the Super Crossword Answers on Page 10!



against Widen, setting a national record. Heater went on to receive an academic scholarship to attend the University of Richmond.

Jan. 27, 1925: Bernard L. Coffindaffer was born in Nicholas County. In the 1980s and 1990s, Coffindaffer erected clusters of crosses along the highways of West Virginia and much of the Southeast.

Jan. 27, 1933: Folk artist George Connard Wolfe was born in Standard, Kanawha County. A self-trained sculptor, he made his own tools from automobile leaf springs and engine valves and worked in stone and wood.

Jan. 27-28, 1998: Flat Top on the Mercer-Raleigh county line received a record snowfall of 35 inches in a 24-hour period.

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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](http://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 [debbiez7@yahoo.com](mailto:debbiez7@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](mailto: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.

# Oath Of Office Administered To Delegate Ben Queen In Front Of Harrison County Courthouse



**Ben Queen is shown here with his family after being sworn in as a member of the WV House of Delegates by Circuit Court Judge Tom Bedell. Pictured center/front is Delegate Queen; second row, l-rt, are his father Michael L. Queen, his mother Paula Thompson, grandfather Fray Queen, grandmother Rosalyn Queen, and his uncle, Bridgeport Mayor Andy Lang; third row, uncle Dixon Pruitt, aunt Leslie Queen Pruitt, and aunt Cristy Thompson.**

In the General Election held on November 3, 2020, Harrison County voters re-elected Delegate Ben Queen to a third term as a member of the WV House of Delegates. In keeping with a tradition that he started in 2018, Queen took his oath of office at home in Harrison County on January 11th.

To comply with COVID-19 protocols, the short ceremony was held outside, in

front of the Harrison County Courthouse, with Circuit Court Judge Thomas A. Bedell administering the oath.

Ben Queen, a Republican, was first elected to the House of Delegates in 2016 at the age of 21. He is the youngest individual to be elected county-wide in Harrison County. He was re-elected to a second two-year term in 2018.

In December, Speaker of the House Roger

Hanshaw appointed Queen to serve as chairman of the House Committee on Small Business & Economic Development. Queen will also serve as a member of the Judiciary Committee and a member of the Committee on Senior Citizens, Children and Families. Speaker Hanshaw also announced that Queen will serve as chairman of the Interim Committee on Technology as well as a

member of the Interim Committees on the Judiciary, Economic Development, and Health.

Ben Queen is a resident of Bridgeport and a professional photographer and media entrepreneur. He is the owner of Ben Queen Photography. He is the ninth generation of the Queen family to call Harrison County home and the fourth generation of his family to serve in elected public office.

# “COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs” cont. from p. 1

illness or negative pregnancy outcomes, such as preterm birth, if they become infected with COVID-19. The CDC and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices have commented that the vaccine is unlikely to cause placental and fetal exposure and that there is minimal safety risk as the vaccine is not a live vaccine. Statements have been made that the benefit of vaccination may outweigh the risk of severe COVID-19 disease. This should be discussed with the woman’s primary provider.

Can I take the vaccine if I have an autoimmune condition? The CDC states people with autoimmune conditions may still receive an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.

Can I take the vaccine if I currently am infected with COVID-19? No, you should wait until you have recovered and are no longer in isolation.

Can I take the vaccine if I am in quarantine? Those in quarantine should wait until their quarantine period has ended to avoid exposing healthcare personnel during their vaccination visit.

Can I take the vaccine if I have already had COVID-19 and recovered? How long after can I take it? People who have already had COVID-19 and recovered should still receive the vaccine. This is because it is unknown exactly how long immunity lasts after recovering from COVID-19. Early studies show that it is not long lasting, and cases of reinfection have been reported. The CDC states current evidence suggests reinfection is uncommon within 90 days after initial infection, so vaccination may be deferred until the end of this period; however, it is not known when another vaccination will be available.

Can I take the vaccine

if I have had convalescent plasma (antibodies from a person who recovered from Covid) or a monoclonal antibody (a manufactured antibody infusion)? Currently, there is no data on the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines in people who received convalescent plasma or a monoclonal antibody. Vaccination should be deferred until 90 days after receiving either of these to avoid interference of these treatments with vaccine induced immune responses.

How long after the flu shot or other vaccines do I have to wait to take the COVID-19 vaccine? Recent CDC guidance is to wait a minimum of 14 days after receiving the flu shot or any other vaccine to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. This is because we don’t know the safety or efficacy of taking the COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as other vaccines.

What side effects should one expect after

taking the vaccine? In the Pfizer and Moderna vaccine clinical trials, the majority of side effects reported were mild to moderate, short lived, and happened within the first few days of receiving the vaccine. Examples of common mild to moderate side effects include pain at the injection site, headache, fatigue, fever or chills. Side effect occurrence is typically higher after the second dose of vaccine.

The pandemic has not yet lost its power, and until it becomes better restrained, there ARE things people can continue to do that are within their own control. Be wise and wear a mask when in public, continue to practice social distancing, avoid unnecessary close contact with others (particularly those who are sick), wash your hands frequently and thoroughly, and seek medical advice if you exhibit symptoms of Covid.



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**Application deadline is Jan. 29, 2021.**  
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For information or to have the applications mailed, contact Executive Director **Don Smith** at [donsmith@wvpress.org](mailto:donsmith@wvpress.org), at 304-342-1011 or write to: WV Press Association Foundation, 3422 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, WV, 25302.

# Caution Advised Near Helicopter Logging Operation

Monongahela National Forest is closing several small areas on the Cheat-Potomac Ranger District to all public entry during helicopter timber sale operations in the Heckart Ridge Helicopter Re-Ad Timber Sale area.

This closure is expected to begin during the week of

January 24 and could last several months. The closure is necessary to ensure public safety during timber sale operations. When helicopter operations are complete, these areas will reopen to public use.

The closed areas are southwest of Silver Lake between US 219 and Preston County

Route 118, Mullenax Road.

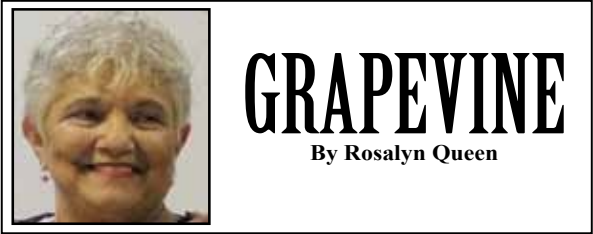
Heavy log truck traffic is expected on Preston County Routes 118/3 (Hog Back Road), 24/17 (Norman Heckart Road), 24/5 (Mt. Grove or Short Cut Road), 219/4 (Right Fork Lead Mine Road) and Tucker County Route 14/3 (Kight Road) during

times of active logging operations. Use caution when driving in this area.

For more information, contact the Cheat-Potomac Ranger District at 304-257-4488. Information about the status of roads and facilities is also available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/mnf/>.



## Many Area Residents Follow In Their Families’ Footsteps



### GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

A highlight for the new year, 2021, was the swearing in of my grandson, Ben Queen, as a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates. He will be starting his third term when he returns to Charleston in February. Just thinking of him as he took his oath stirred a lot of memories of past officials in our family. Ben continues to serve our county as the fourth generation of Queens.

Ruby Keister was the first Queen to be elected. She served as County Commissioner. Ruby’s maiden name was Queen. She was the daughter of Olive and Bennett Queen. Next in the succession, was Fray G. Queen, Jr. who first was elected as a constable and then as a magistrate for many years before his retirement. The third generation to serve was Michael Queen, who was elected to serve as a WV House of Delegate member and then served as a member of the Harrison County School Board. Although Andy Lang, who is married to Lisa Queen Lang, is an in-law, he is now serving as the mayor of Bridgeport.

Judge Tom Bedell swore Ben in and has been like a member of our family as Leslie Queen Pruitt has been his Court Reporter for over thirty years. Although Leslie’s job is not an elected one, she has served the county and its residents. Completing the fourth generation will be Ben Queen and at his young age, the sky is the limit.

I have often said that many of our local families seem to follow in the footsteps of their parents when choosing a career. Most evident of this are the families who enter into the food industry like the Oliverios, the Minards, the Ielapas, the

Lehosits and then you have the D’ Annunzios and the Brunetts in the bread industry. The Spatafores followed their father in the furniture business and the Hendersons continue the construction business. I am sure that there are many more families who can lay claim to children following in their footsteps, but these are just a few.

I seem to have recovered from the after effects of the COVID-19 vaccination and am now waiting for my second shot. I feel very confident that I made the right choice in getting the shot. I hope each of you will also take advantage of it.

I want to give you a report on the Progressive Woman’s Association. We continue to serve our community with a Food Pantry and a Pet Pantry. The community has been very generous with their donations and we continue to meet the needs of many of our residents. I often wonder what might happen if we were not here to serve these people. Our income has been reduced drastically because of the limited rentals of our facility. I would like to urge you to consider using the facility as there is plenty of space to do social distancing. You might also consider donating money to the PWA to help keep the Center open. We have applied for a few grants but to date have not heard from them. We continue to have utilities and upkeep of the facility. We have one paid employee and a part- time maintenance man. The young ladies of the YWPA continue to operate the 24-hour food pantry located in front of our building. I hope you will consider taking the PWA on as a community project. Your contribution will aid in helping our community.

There is so much sickness out there and more deaths than we want to think about. I hope you are remembering these individuals and their families. Remember them also in your prayers.

Take care of yourself and take care of each other and until next week, “Now You Have Heard It Through the Grapevine.”

## No Internet/Phone Service For Two Days Sure Had Me Flustered



### Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny

Last Friday morning, Lee stopped in with double biscuits and gravy with hash browns for our breakfast that he purchased from McDonald’s in town.... he’s a good son. We shot the breeze until he left in the early afternoon. He’s healing up well from his heart bypass surgery. As I’ve stated before, there are some country clubs that you can’t get into unless you have a zipper in the middle of your chest. He can now negotiate getting in and out of his monster truck a lot better.

Monday morning, the internet service went out for some unknown reason. I ran over town to pick up a few things and made a trip to Hometown Hot Dogs in Fairmont and picked up a dozen. In the afternoon, Bernie stopped in and brought me a homemade chocolate cake with white icing...that’s my favorite. She bakes me one about every month. Right after she left, Lee came down to watch the College Football Championship game with me (That’s where the hot dogs came into play). Nick and Alabama left no doubt who’s the best team in college football. As most of you know, Nick was raised in Carolina and his Dad’s service station was at the mouth of Helen’s Run.

At halftime, I tried to call John and discovered the house phones didn’t work either. When Lee left, I retrieved the Tracfone from the Explorer and charged it up. The next morning, I was wandering around the outside of the house trying to get a

signal...reminded me of the “Can you hear me now” guy. When I did get a signal and dialed a number, a voice said I had to buy a PIN card..?? Last September, I paid ahead for a year but I had never used it.

My neighbor, Julia, spotted me staggering around the yard aimlessly and came over to check on me. She used her phone to call Frontier and found out there was a large outage in our area. Then, Julia called Kim to let her know what was going on, because I knew if she didn’t hear from me for a day, she would have 911 involved. Internet and phone service came back on Tuesday at 6 pm. Thank God, it finally did; I was starting to get the shakes. As for the Tracfone, it was the first time I really needed it in four years and it failed. It may be headed for the garbage can.

Wednesday afternoon, I ran over to Price Cutters in town to pick up a few things. It was nice to be checked out by Chrissy Ketterman-Goad. Chrissy was raised next door and Kim used to babysit her and her brothers; she’s a good kid.

It has been a pretty mild winter so far this year - just the way I like it. Before I forget, I’d like to thank Jimmy Martin for bringing up his Kubota tractor and scraping off the driveway on Christmas morning; I have great neighbors!

The throat is doing fine from the thyroid removal. I still have wrist and finger pains which limit me but I’m learning to adapt. Now, that promise I made to St. Nick a couple of weeks ago that if the thyroid removal cured the joint pains I would never ask him for anything again, well, I get to renege on that.

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

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## “Hobby Lobby” cont. from p.1

small furniture items, party supplies, and seasonal merchandise that is typically sold at 40% off – plus much more. Their corporate headquarters in Oklahoma City, OK, include over 10 million-square feet of manufacturing and distribution space and an office complex. Hobby Lobby is the largest privately owned arts and crafts retailer in the world with over 43,000 employees and operations in 47 states. Mardel Christian and Education Supply, an affiliate company, offers books, Bibles, gifts, church and education supplies as well as homeschooling curriculum. They maintain offices worldwide. The Eastpointe store will be Hobby Lobby’s 9th store to open in West Virginia. They came from humble beginnings though. In 1970, David and Barbara Green took out a \$600 loan to begin making miniature picture frames out of their home. Two years later, the fledgling enterprise opened a

300-square-foot store in Oklahoma City ... and Hobby Lobby was born! In the past nearly 50 years, the company has continued to grow and expand, making many creative arts-and-crafts enthusiasts very happy customers! Both Clarksburg Mayor Kennedy City Manager Faulk and Mayor Kennedy say that the renovation of the former Kroger store will take some time and that to their knowledge, the Hobby Lobby in Clarksburg may not be ready to open until the Spring of 2022. Be patient,

## “The Inauguration”

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Cities. The only challenge we faced was that we emerged from the Metro station on the wrong side of Pennsylvania Avenue and were unable to cross the street, due to the fencing that was installed along the parade route. It took some negotiating with the police officers and we eventually made it across.

The crowds were formed along the parade route early in the morning and people had staked out a spot on the bleachers for their entire family. Fortunately, we got to view the parade from the warm offices of the National League of Cities. Their offices had a balcony, with a perfect view of Pennsylvania Avenue and we dined on snacks as we waited for the newly sworn in President to drive by our viewing spot.

When Barack Obama was elected President in 2009, we knew there was going to be a large crowd and we were not mistaken. The buildup to the Inauguration was extensive and there were warnings that this might be one of the largest crowds ever in Washington, DC. We were very fortunate to have a room at the J.W. Marriott, which is located on Pennsylvania Avenue and were adjacent to the National League of Cities’ offices. We drove in the day before the Inauguration and it was evident that this would be a completely different experience than the George W. Bush Inaugural. The security was already milling around the city and there was security fencing, completely closing off the area around Pennsylvania Avenue. The Secret Service had “swept” each building along the parade route and even the caterers had to undergo security checks of their trucks.

The morning of the Inaugural, huge crowds were forming at the entrances to the parade route and each person had to pass through a metal detector. We were lucky to already be in the security zone and were able to watch the crowds from the comfort of our hotel rooms. We had breakfast at the hotel and then walked around in front of the hotel to get a feel for the crowd. People were warmly dressed, and the excitement was clearly in the air. We went to the lobby of the Willard Hotel, a famous building that goes back decades and was the origin of the word, “lobbying”, due to the politicians of old spending time in the lobby to push for legislation. After an hour or so, we headed over to the Mall to catch the swearing in of President Obama and Vice-President Joe Biden. We were a good way back from the stage at the Capitol Building and decided that it might be a better option to head back to the NLC offices, to watch the swearing in on television. The NLC offices were crowded and we took turns going out on the balcony to see the marching bands and military vehicles coming down the parade route. It was one of the most exciting events I had ever attended. Finally, the President’s limousine appeared, and he and Michelle got out and started walking and waving to the crowd.

After the parade, we spent some time walking around and seeing the plastic water bottles and other litter along the parade route. We also walked over to the White House and looked at this magnificent building that holds the chief executive of the greatest democracy in the world. All in all, the inauguration of a President of the United States is one of the most Amazing events in our country and one that each American should try to attend at least once.



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# Do Not Let Glaucoma Steal Your Sight!

## January is Glaucoma Awareness Month



**DAVID A. FARIS, MD**

Every year you make a list of things you will do to stay healthy in the New Year so you can feel your best. Most of us do not often think that feeling your best

includes seeing your best, too. However, now is the time to do it, as January is Glaucoma Awareness Month.

“Glaucoma is a group of eye diseases that can cause vision loss by damaging the optic nerve located in the back of your eye,” said David A. Faris, MD, ophthalmologist at UHC Ophthalmology. “This nerve acts like an electric cable with more than a million wires. It is responsible for carrying images from the eye to

the brain.”

There is no cure for glaucoma, but early treatment can often stop the damage and protect your vision. The symptoms can start so slowly that you may not notice the signs. The only way to find out if you have glaucoma is to get a comprehensive dilated eye exam.

There are many different types of glaucoma, but the most common type in the United States is called open-angle glaucoma — that is what most people mean when they talk about the disease. Other types are less

common, like angle-closure glaucoma and congenital glaucoma.

“Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the world,” said Dr. Faris. “Vision loss begins with peripheral or side vision, so if you have glaucoma, you may not notice anything until significant vision is lost.”

At first, glaucoma does not usually have any symptoms. That is why half of the people with this disease do not even know they have it. Over time, you may slowly lose vision, usually starting with

your side (peripheral) vision - especially the part of your vision that is closest to your nose. Because it happens so slowly, many people cannot tell their vision is changing, especially at first.

However, as the disease gets worse, you may start to notice that you cannot see things off to the side anymore. Without treatment, glaucoma can eventually cause blindness.

“Those at higher risk include people over 60, family members of those already diagnosed, diabetics, and people who are severely nearsighted. Other high-risk groups include

people of African, Asian, and Hispanic descent,” said Dr. Faris. “Regular eye exams are especially important for those at higher risk for glaucoma, and may help to prevent unnecessary vision loss.”

Talk with your doctor about your risk for glaucoma, and ask how often you need an eye exam.

Angle-closure glaucoma can cause these sudden symptoms:

- Intense eye pain
- Upset stomach (nausea)
- Red eye
- Blurry vision

If you have these symptoms, go to your doctor or an emergency

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Keeping Track Of Your Glaucoma

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Top 3 RESOLUTIONS

1.) Learn about glaucoma.  
2.) Talk to family members  
3.) Get a dilated eye exam

Use these questions to keep track of how glaucoma is affecting your life — and share your answers with your eye doctor.

Have you noticed any changes in your vision?

☐ Not at all

☐ A little

☐ A lot

Do you have trouble seeing things in your side vision (peripheral vision)?

☐ Not at all

☐ A little

☐ A lot

Do you ever feel like you are looking through a

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Visiting the doctor can be stressful, especially when you are dealing with a new diagnosis. It helps to have questions written down ahead of time.

- What type of glaucoma do I have?
- How often do I need to get a checkup for my glaucoma?
- What are my treatment options?
- What will happen if I do not receive treated for my glaucoma?
- How will I know

if my treatment is working?

- What are the possible dangers or side effects from treatment?
- Is there anything else I can do to help with my glaucoma and protect my vision?
- Does glaucoma put me at risk for other eye diseases?
- What can I expect for my vision — now and in the future?
- Are there any activities I should avoid?

Family Donates To UHC,  
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Pictured from the left are: Sheila Perry, daughter; Nina Mae Coberly, granddaughter; Pamela Johnston, daughter; and Kara Elko, RN, BSN, director of Critical Care at UHC.

This story certainly exemplifies the impact Tex E. Walton had on the people in his life and comes from a fundraiser his family held after his death to COVID-19.


The fundraiser resulted in them graciously donating an iPad and a Samsung Android Tablet to United Hospital Center (UHC) in

memory of their father and grandfather. Throughout his battle with COVID-19, the family was only able to communicate via cell phone, Google DUO, and FaceTime. It was their experience, during his illness, which inspired them to take action so that other families would be able to stay connected as well.

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## Carey's Crew Cruising Midway Through Season!



### The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor  
*Sports Editor*

West Virginia University has several successful programs. Women's basketball is one of them that continues to grow.

Harrison County native, Mike Carey continues to build his program and has had an impressive start to this year's edition. Earlier this year, Carey notched his 700th career win and at the midpoint of this campaign, the Mountaineers are rolling. WVU has played 11 games and they have 11 more scheduled prior to postseason play. A 9-2 record and most recently, a four-game win streak, have put this squad in position for a potential tournament run.

Let's take an in-depth look at how the Mountaineers have climbed to this spot and which players have helped them get here. There is no place like home for this group. In seven games at the Coliseum, the Mounties have won six of them with the only loss to #7 Baylor. A 2-0 record in neutral site lock-ups bodes well for postseason play and a 1-1 mark away provides a full breakdown of the first half.

The Thanksgiving Shootout in Las Vegas provided a pair of lopsided victories to start the year over Fresno State and LSU respectively. Their first home tilt against North Alabama was more of the same and after game three, the average margin of victory was a shade above 23 points per game. The offensive catalyst was redshirt freshman, Kysre Gondrezick. Gondrezick was a model of consistency scoring at least 20 points in all three games.

The Big 12/SEC challenge brought Tennessee to Morgantown. The Volunteers have been one of the most recognizable names in women's basketball for decades. WVU outscored Tennessee by six in overtime to earn a 79-73 win. Gondrezick dumped a game high 27 points on the Vols, leading a group including four other teammates to score in double digits. Esmerly Martinez came up big versus the Volunteers scoring 10 points, hauling down a team

high eight rebounds, and blocking a pair of shots in just 21 minutes of play.

After the loss to the Bears, WVU hammered James Madison, 85-54 in their fourth home affair in a row. Scoring balance was key for Carey as he had five players find double digits. The Mountaineers flexed their muscles inside putting in 42 points in the paint.

A five-point loss to Oklahoma State provided the only rough patch in the road for Carey and company as they lost two of three thanks to the defeat in Stillwater.

The Mountaineers got back on the winning track when they welcomed Ohio to "Touchdown City", defeating the Bobcats by three field goals. Gondrezick had 24 to pace the Eers. Kirsten Deans hit for 21 points and Martinez collected an impressive double-double with 16 points and 15 boards.

The coronavirus inserted itself into the schedule forcing the cancellation of the Coppin State game and postponements of the Kansas and Kansas State respectively.

The New Year brought the first conference victory of the campaign with a road drubbing of Oklahoma. It was the same story as it was against Ohio. Gondrezick and Deans went over the 20-point mark and Martinez recorded another double-double.

WVU returned home for a second consecutive conference win over Texas. It was also the second consecutive 90 point plus outing while holding the Horns to just 58 points. The Mountaineers dominated inside yet again, picking up 48 points in the lane to go with 25 second chance points. The transition game was lucrative as well netting 25 fast break points.

A fourth win in a row (third consecutive in Big 12 play) was earned with a five-point win over Texas Tech. The Red Raiders couldn't handle the Mountaineer bench as it contributed 30 points to the cause.

There are five huge away conference games for West Virginia including a revenge lock-up with Baylor. The rematch with the Bears is scheduled for February 17th and it will set the tone for the stretch run leaving just TCU (at home) and Iowa State (in Ames, Iowa) prior to Big 12 Tournament action, then if all goes well, Carey will march into March with momentum.

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

## Winter Sports On The Move Again!

By Bill Nestor *Sports Editor*

The WVSSAC has adjusted the winter sports schedule, bringing back play even earlier than they were scheduled. February 15th is the start date for practice to begin.

Safety of participants calls for a minimum of 14 practices before game time can be had. It's better to be safe rather than sorry when it comes to our youth. Athletes of all ages are indeed eager to get the show on the road and for their sake, action is just around the corner.

Swimming, wrestling and girls' hoops will see competition first as they are slated to start March 3rd. Boys basketball is just two days behind and are scheduled for the 5th of the month. The biggest hurdle for multi-sport athletes is the overlap effect that has been created by the coronavirus. Practice for spring sports begins on March 15th with competition going off on April 12th.

Swimming, wrestling, basketball (boys & girls), tennis, track, softball, and baseball will all be in action at the same time. Athletes that play two of the above mentioned will be conflicted in some form.

The state cheer competition has been tentatively set for a March 20th date. Middle school follows the same schedule as high school with winter sports. However, middle school spring sports will start a week later (March 22) and will start competition at the same time as high schoolers, the 12th of April.

## Parks And Recreation Hosts Lego 30-Day Challenge



### From The World Of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

The Parks Department staff understands what this pandemic has done to many in Harrison County. Many kids and families are facing the struggles of cabin fever and the fear of going out and being exposed and possibly catching the Covid-19 virus.

To alleviate some of the stress and the mental affects, we thought we would direct that energy into something positive through our 30-day Lego Challenge where kids from 4-to-11 years of age could build daily themed projects to pass the time as the pandemic continues.

Director Mike Book fell in love with the idea once he heard about the details of it and how we can make it ours as he explains.

"All kids love building Legos and here is an opportunity where we can put it in a contest form and have winners based on their original creations. Each day there will be a theme and kids will post pictures in the comment section of our Facebook page. At the end of the day, staff will pick the best of the bunch and that person will receive a certificate for their work and be entered into a drawing at the end of the challenge for a chance to win a Lego package valued over \$100."

The Facebook page under Harrison Parks will have a post the day prior to the daily challenge. On a particular day of the challenge, let's use "Day 4" as an example, the theme will be a rocket and kids will build their own version of a rocket and have their parents take a picture of the finished project and post it in the comments section of that day's post. The winner will be picked on the next business day and notified. Book feels this is the beginning of many types of contests to come.

"We really put into thought how we could maximize exposure of this contest. We wanted it to be simplistic to enter and everyone who is a friend of the page could participate under the age parameters. If successful, we would weigh the option of other events. We have some thoughts down on paper, but we still need to hash out the details before we greenlight the other projects."

We are already through the first week of the challenge and many of the creations have been amazing. There are some real Lego Maniacs out there and knowing first-hand how great constructing projects can be with my kids, we just knew we had a winner from inception. The early daily challenges have been great as kids have jumped in this with both feet and made the decisions very difficult for staff. If this continues, we will have to have multiple winners as it can be too close to decide at times.

To summarize the contest rules, it is a free contest open to all children between the ages of 4-to-11 years of age. Please go to our Facebook page under Harrison Parks and add us as a friend and when you see a post for the daily challenge, build that creation and submit your entry by posting it in the comments of that particular challenge. We will chose a winner based on originality and creative thinking.

We hope that little things like this contest can help with the stress involving today's world and the happenings that have made things uncertain for most. Good luck and have fun!

## Saban's Teams Immortalized On Historic MacArthur Bowl For A Record Seventh Time



NICK SABAN  
Seven-Time National Champion

The National Football Foundation (NFF) & College Hall of Fame recognized the historic moment that occurred this past week, saluting Nick Saban on winning his seventh national championship, the most in major college football history. The names of his teams now appear on the fabled NFF MacArthur Bowl

National Championship Trophy for a record seven times.

The NFF has presented the MacArthur Bowl National Championship Trophy since 1959. Named in honor of early NFF leader General Douglas MacArthur, the trophy features MacArthur's famous quote: "There is no substitute for victory."

"It was a major milestone for college football," said NFF Chairman Archie Manning. "We just completed the 151st season of college football, and it's hard to imagine another coach ever eclipsing Nick Saban's seven titles with one notable exception, himself. He is clearly still going strong."

Following Alabama's 52-24 victory over Ohio State January 11th in the College Football Playoff (CFP) National Championship, Saban passed another Alabama legend, College Football Hall of Fame Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, for the most national titles in major college football history. Bryant

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## Nicholas Edwards Tabbed As MEC Player Of The Week



PIONEER NICHOLAS EDWARDS

Glenville State's Week after helping the Nicholas Edwards Pioneers to two wins has been named last week.

The Mountain East Edwards, a junior Conference Men's from Atlanta, Ga., Basketball Player of the averaged 19 points,

eight assists and five rebounds as the Pioneers picked up key wins over West Virginia State and Charleston. He scored 19 points and had

eight assists and eight rebounds in a season-opening win over West Virginia State, and then added 19 more to go with eight more assists and five steals in the win over Charleston. Edwards provided the game-winning basket against the Golden Eagles with his floater in the lane with just 1.2 seconds in the game.

Other Top Performances: Dalton Bolon (WLU) had two double-doubles and averaged 19 points and

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**PATTY ANN HEATER  
QUINN LAYFIELD**



Patty Ann Heater Quinn Layfield, 72, of Spelter passed away suddenly on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at her home. She was born June 16, 1948 in Shinnston a daughter of the late Offie and Nellie Bunnell Heater.

She is survived by her loving husband, Rev. Richard Lee Layfield, whom she married on November 21, 1998.

She is also survived by her sons, Isaac Quinn and his wife Michelle of Kansas and Richard Layfield of Clarksburg; daughter, Tracy Yates and her husband Troy of Clarksburg; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two brothers, Offie Heater Jr. of Lumberport and Roy Heater of Shinnston; two sisters, Geneva LeMasters of Shinnston and Juanita DeBerry of New Quarters; as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Patty was preceded in death by her sons, Charles Quinn and Matt Heater; four sisters, Naomi Heate, Linda Riley, Dottie Long, and Rosemary Arbogast; and two brothers, Roger and Russell Heater.

Patty was a member of the Freedom in Christ Church in Jane Lew and was a former member of the North Shinnston Baptist Church.

A funeral service was held at Perine Funeral Home on Monday, January 18, 2021 with Pastor Larry Kyle officiating. Interment followed at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Enterprise. Online condolences and memories can be shared with the family at [www.perinefunerals.com](http://www.perinefunerals.com)

**JERRACO EDWARD  
MORLOCK**

Jerraco Edward Morlock, 26, of Spelter passed away unexpectedly on Friday, January 8, 2021. He was born on February 9, 1994 the son of James Ray and Jeanetta Feeney Morlock.

Jerraco loved to fish, play basketball, and video games. He also enjoyed all types of music and had a talent for singing and theatre. Jerraco was also a past member of the Spelter Fire Department. He had a big heart and will be missed by many.

In addition to his parents, Jerraco is survived by two brothers, James Ray “J.R.” Morlock, Jr and wife Wendy, Canton, OH and Jon Morlock

and companion Ashley “Nikki” Smith, Clarksburg; three sisters, Shanda Long and Amber Vance, both of Canton, OH, and Skyanne Morlock and companion Thomas Lowe, Weston; Paternal Grandmother, Elizabeth Morlock, Meadowbrook, and Maternal Grandmother, Barbara Feeney, Bowling Green, IN; as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A funeral service was held on Friday, January 15, 2021 at Dorsey Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Glaspell officiating. Interment followed at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to Jerraco’s Funeral Care Fund on his memorial page at [www.Dorseyfuneralhomewv.com](http://www.Dorseyfuneralhomewv.com).

**JASON MCNEIL  
HESS**

Jason McNeil Hess, 39, of Clarksburg, passed away on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at the United Hospital Center in Bridgeport. He was born in Clarksburg on September 23, 1981, a son of Veldia M. Day Hess, of Reynoldsville and the late Charles E. Hess.

Also surviving are two children, Logan Xavier Hess, Hope Lynn Hess and their mother, Chassidy Hess; his siblings, Marsha Gamble, Reynoldsville, Charles Hess, Jr. and his wife Amber, Gregory’s Run, Jeff Hess and his wife Michelle, Clarksburg; his nieces and nephews, Lena Gamble, Carrie Cox and her husband Jeffrey, Christopher Gibbs, and Nicholas Hess; his great-nieces and nephews, Lloyd Stevens, Mason Cox, and Sarah Cox.

Jason was a graduate of Liberty High School, class of 2000. He was employed as a caregiver for REM Community Option and was a member of the Reynoldsville Baptist Church. Jason had a love for animals and lived his life for his family. Jason will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Funeral services were held at Perine Funeral Home on January 14, with Pastor Jon Hayes officiating. Interment followed in the Lions Club Cemetery in Lumberport.

Condolences may be extended to the family at [www.perinefunerals.com](http://www.perinefunerals.com)

**BEATRICE MUNCY  
PROPST**

Beatrice Muncy Propst, 69, of Shinnston, formerly of Severn, MD, passed away at 5:21pm, Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at the United Hospital Center in Bridgeport. She was born in Welch, WV, September 28, 1951, a daughter of the late Owen and Myrtle Hyatt Muncy.

She is survived by her husband, Leroy O. Propst, Sr. whom she

married December 13, 1972.

Also surviving are daughters, Beth Kay Hern and her husband Arney, Gypsy, Betty Propst and her husband Shawn Lanham, Bowers Beach, DE; grandchildren, Joshua Pfarr, Juliebeth Propst, Logan Lanham, Reese Lanham, all of Bowers Beach, DE, George Randall Cash, Jr., Fort Hood, TX, Arney Hern, Jr., Bridgeport; great-grandchildren, Beau, Owen, and Erin; grand-dog, Scrappy; one sister, Wanda Tindall and her husband Richard, Springfield, MA; one brother, Leon Muncy, Dublin, VA; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Beatrice was preceded in death by two step-children, Leroy Owen Propst, Jr. and Joanie Propst; six sisters; and seven brothers.

Beatrice had been employed as a mail carrier for the US Postal Service, a Treater Operator for International Paper and a Quality Control Auditor for Nevamar Corporation from which she retired. She enjoyed camping, fishing, and road trips. She also had a love for collecting dolls and researching her family history. Beatrice will be deeply missed by her family.

Cremation services were provided by Perine Funeral Home and no public services will be held. Condolences may be extended to the family at [www.perinefunerals.com](http://www.perinefunerals.com).

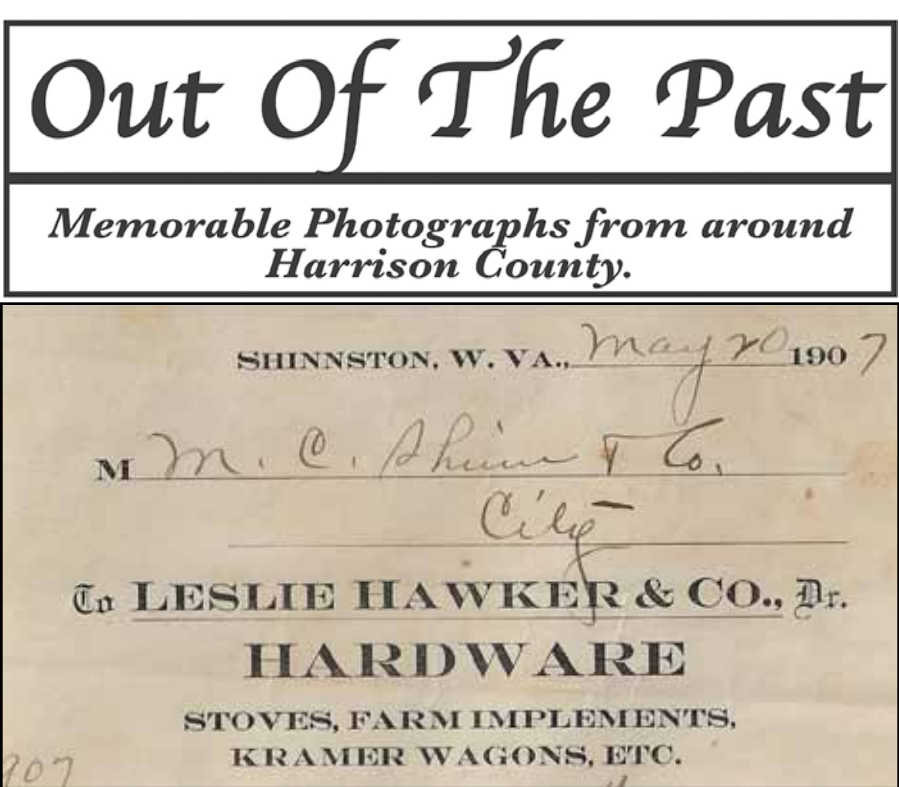
Memorial donations can be made to the charity of your choice.

**RANDAL ROBERT  
MILLER**

Randal “Randy” Robert Miller, 70 of Lost Creek, WV passed away on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at the Louis A Johnson VA Medical Center. He was born July 12, 1950 in Clarksburg, the son of the late Robert Ray and Esther Pauline Starcher Miller.

Randy graduated from South Harrison High School. He served his country in the United States Army during Vietnam and received three purple hearts, national defense medal, Vietnam service medal, expert badge for rifle M-16 and first-class grenade. Randy retired from Clarksburg Casket with over thirty years of service doing many positions. He also worked as a handyman, drove shuttle bus for military recruits and also worked at Water Smith Park. His hobbies were collecting guns, loading shells, making his own knives, woodworking, hunting, fishing, playing Yahtzee and was a gun enthusiast. Randy loved spending time with his family.

Randy is survived by three children, Christina Lynn Frederickson and Lee, Lost Creek, Jamie



**Leslie Hawker & Company letterhead from 1907. Many will remember this business, which sat in part of what is the Wesbanco complex today.**  
*Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.*

Marie Miller and Michael Joseph Hyde II, Lost Creek, Heather Nicole Miller and Brian Edward Sandy, Bridgeport and the daughters’ mother, Peggy Jo Stout and Gary James, Lumberport; six grandchildren, Dylan Wayne Lowe, Jasmine Jo Ann Lowe, Michael “Trey” Joseph Hyde III, Laytin Warren Sandy, Matthew Robert Hyde and Lucas Ryan Sandy; his companion, Charlotte Greynolds and her three sons and grandchildren, Brian Keith Greynolds and Jenica and sons, Mason Elliott and Jacob Wilson Greynolds, Steven Shane Myers and Alisha, Salem, John Raymond Myers, II, Lost Creek; one brother, Jerry Donald Miller, Lost Creek; several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held at Davis Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 with Rev George Murphy officiating. Interment followed at the WV National Cemetery with full military honors accorded by the Harrison County VFW and the WV Army Honor Guard.

Online condolences may be sent to the Miller Family at [DavisFuneralHomeWV.com](http://DavisFuneralHomeWV.com).

**BERTHA MAE  
BUCKHANNON  
WEBB**

Death is no respecter of persons. He takes youth in its prime and beauty, manhood in its strength, old age in its weakness and finally, the summoning of Bertha Mae Buckhannon Webb to “Come on Home”.

Bertha Mae Webb, 84 of Wolf Summitt, left this Earth on January 10, 2021. She was born in Nutter Fort on June 7, 1936, a child of James Emery Buckhannon Sr. and Barbara Ellen Murphy Buckhannon.

In addition to her parents, Bertha was preceded in death by her husband of nearly fifty years, Charles Edward Webb Sr; two sons, Charles Edward (Chico) Webb Jr. and Jeffery Ogden Webb Sr.; two

sisters, Charlotte Rella Junkins and Mary Ellen Kesling; five brothers, Harold, James, Charles, Eugene and Patrick Buckhannon.

Bertha is survived by one son, Gregory Dale Webb Sr., his wife Donna Jean DeGarmo Webb, their children, Gregory Dale Webb Jr and wife Ashley, Megan Lea Webb Hickman and husband Logan and their children, Leighton Grace and Lexi Elaine, and Emily Jean Webb; one daughter-in-law, Sonia Ann Kidd Webb and children, Sarah Ann Webb Angotti and husband Joseph and children, Scarlett Ann and Josephine Michelle, Abby Michelle Webb Cottrill and husband Sean and children, Mason Nicholas and Madison Jo, Jeffery Ogden (JJ) Webb Jr. and wife Laken, Christofer James (Jamie) Webb and wife Haley; one daughter, Prudy Faith Webb Gill and husband Richard and their daughter Kristin Marie Gill Doty, husband Rich and their children, Kinsley Faith and Paisley Harper.

Her eldest granddaughter was raised as her own child; therefore, she is indeed a daughter, Nicole Lynn Webb Lloyd and husband Shane and her children, Brooke Logan DeLong Fisher and husband Logan and their children, Peyton Joyce and Liam Maverick, and Gabrielle (Gabbie) Elisabeth Diane DeLong, and Mackenzie Gayle Delong.

Bertha graduated from Roosevelt Wilson High School with the class of 1954, and West Virginia Business College where she studied stenography and Business Administration. She studied tax accounting at Fairmont State and the Holy Scripture at Salem College.

She was a member of The Bible Baptist Temple and the Harrison County Genealogy.

Her body has been donated to the

Human Gift Registry. Therefore, there will not be a visitation. However, there will be a Song and Praise memorial service at the Bible Baptist Temple at a later date. Davis Funeral Home is assisting and honored to serve the Webb family.

**MADELINE GRACE  
DEEM WILLIAMS**

Madeline “Matt” Grace Deem Williams, 64 of Clarksburg, passed away on Sunday, January 10, 2021 at her residence with family by her side. She was born March 30, 1956 in Clarksburg, daughter of the late Homer and Violet Lamp Deem.

Matt had worked at the Oliverio Plant, Broom Factory and Mop Shop. She enjoyed playing dice and loved spending time with her family.

Matt is survived by five children, Melissa Chandler and Richard, Jane Lew, Michelle Williams and Robin, Stonewood, Marty Williams and Loretta Cavalier, Stonewood, Jerry Williams, Mount Clare, and Robin Goodman Williams, Stonewood; several grandchildren, and great grandchildren; two brothers, Homer W Deem Jr and Delta, Stonewood, Russell Deem and Joyce, Wyatt; six sisters, Barbara Claypool, Stonewood, Carolyn Claypool and Dorsey, Stonewood, Flora Drain, Stonewood, Robin Cross and Kevin Stonewood, Kathy Lamb, Belington, Alta Skidmore and Steve, Mount Clare; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Dink Matt was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Ray Williams on March 7, 2000; one daughter, Carolyn Christine Chandler; one sister, Arzanna Gay Bell.

A Private Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be sent to the Williams family at [DavisFuneralHomeWV.com](http://DavisFuneralHomeWV.com). In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to her Funeral Care Fund.



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LEGAL NOTICES

(2019-S-00000132- Harrison County - MIKE TERANGO)

To: OCCUPANT, MICHAEL BOSLEY, JOHN RAFFA, MICHAEL BOSLEY, TOWN OF STONEWOOD, 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 MIKE TERANGO, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2019-S-00000132, 1 LOT PT 18-19 ELK GROVE, located in CLARK STONEWOOD CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of RAFFA JOHN (LE), 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.	\$ 850.25
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2021.	\$ 616.11
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.	\$ 1,022.98
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$ 171.00
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 2,660.34
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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(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 <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 4,486.03
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 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 <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 5,939.26
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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LEGAL NOTICES

(2019-S-00000184 - 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, JOHN ZIRKLE, 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-0000184, 1 LOT 7 FLAVIUS B DAVISSON ADD, located in SIMPSON BRIDGEPORT CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of ZIRKLE JOHN, 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.	\$ 3,166
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2021.	\$ 2,889.98
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.	\$ 1,045.34
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$ 299.25
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 7,401.23
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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(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 <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 3,558.99
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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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 <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 3,351.94
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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(2019-S-00000518- Harrison County - NAJ, LLC)

To: CLARA PLANT, EDNA MCCARTNEY, MARTHA JEAN DAVIS, TEDDY F DAVIS, WILBERT J DAVIS, ROBERT L MCATEE, WILLADENE MCATEE, HARRY MCATEE, JR., BARBARA MCATEE, JOSEPHINE GERRARD, FANNIE C BROWN, GLENN C BROWN, MARGUERITE V MOORE, CLARA PLANT HEIRS C/O EDNA MCCARTNEY, EDNA MCCARTNEY, 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 NAJ, LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2019-S-00000518, 11.28 AS O&G KATY LICK, located in SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT, which was returned delinquent in the name of PLANT CLARA HEIRS, 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.	\$ 110.41
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 31, 2021.	\$ 16.25
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.	\$ 971.24
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 31, 2021.	\$ 85.50
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 1,183.40
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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# “Shinnston City Council” cont. from p.1

departmental report, noting the following:

- Water Dept. – 42,209,000 gallons of water was pumped in December. On Christmas Eve, the City was dealing with high waters at the intake station on the Tygart River. He expressed appreciation to the employees who worked all night and into Christmas Day keeping the filters clear and pumps running.
- Sewer Dept. – There was a major sewer line clog in December, which required flushing and repairs due to a lot of grease in the line. Mr. Edwards reminded citizens of the importance of not pouring grease down their sinks! He will be sending notices to all local businesses with information concerning state law requirements for grease traps.
- Police Dept. – SPD answered 1,174 calls for service during the month of December. He stated that while other departments and the city offices were able to put into policy social distancing throughout the pandemic with many employees receiving extra leave time to compensate, the Police Department received none. They deal with the public on a daily basis, putting their own health at risk largely because some people still refuse to wear masks in public.
- Public Works Dept. – Meter readings were conducted from December 2nd through December 10th. Their crews are working on split shifts in order to social distance and will continue to do so until at least January 31st when the City Manager and the Safety Coordinator will reassess the situation. Mr. Edwards also thanked the Public Works employees for working through the Christmas holiday.
- It was noted that the paving company that was supposed to complete paving on neighborhood streets had backed out; Gary Amos will start working on them in the Spring. Public Works will fix problems created by the other company on Ferguson and Stewart Streets.
- Administration/Office – The City received \$26,590.01 in CARES Act funding for the City with an additional \$24,077.53 to assist customers with overdue water bills. Mr. Edwards noted that everyone who applied for this help was approved. Also, he said that the Fire Fee will be put in place and appear on the March billing cycle. These are the charges for water customers outside the city limits who have remained uncharged for fire service through the years. They will now be paying the \$7 fee like everyone else and businesses outside city limits will pay \$8 monthly.
- Code Enforcement – Ten building permits were issued; four inspections were made and six calls received. Money received for permits totaled \$821.47.

Mr. Edwards introduced Shinnston native Anthony Tate, the new Economic Development Coordinator for the City. He reported that he has begun highlighting local businesses on the City’s Facebook page and these articles will be shared in the local newspaper as well. Tate said he is open to suggestions for new businesses to feature. He has also begun working with the new owner of the former Shinnston Grade School. Tate met with new owner Jim Hess, Ray Moeller (Economic Redeveloper) and Adam Rohaly of Omni Associates. The City had earlier obtained a grant of \$5,000 to be used on renovations of the school building. Hess plans to turn the school into a community fitness center with classrooms being utilized for yoga classes, arts and crafts and other events. It was noted that the structure is in poor condition and will need extra grant funding for water damage, window replacement and several cosmetic fixes, to name a few.

The Rails to Trails comfort station located beside the sewer plant is being built by Lee Reger Builds with plans finalized and now in progress. They will build the structure with City employees hooking everything up, which will be a cost savings. The project is expected to be complete by March/April of this year.

The Economic Development Coordinator is in the early planning stages for Frontier Days and has contacted the booking agent to get the Davisson Brothers to perform at Frontier Days, provided COVID has lessened restrictions enough to have the event. They are looking at setting a date for Frontier Days in early September.

Mr. Taco food truck, owned by Ken Tyson, wants to begin setting up in Shinnston regularly. He is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will begin immediately. Some possible locations for setup are at Advanced Auto or the NAPA Auto parking lots. He will utilize the Green Space in the downtown area at least in the beginning and will start immediately.

Council then moved to address items on the agenda. The dates on the proposed calendar for 2021 were approved after changing one date that was entered in error.

Council then discussed goals for the coming year that they feel are obtainable. Each of the Council members made suggestions for 2021 objectives. Among them were the following:

- Installing new street signs from Charles Street to Clement Street along Pike Street and eventually throughout the City.
- Finish paving projects already approved and add more if possible.
- Improve internet in the community.
- Clean up trash and get streets swept.
- Fix roof at the pool and consider getting better lighting.
- Repair hydrants in need of repair.
- Look at sidewalk project in the downtown area especially in front of existing businesses.
- Discuss use of the \$30,000 the City was awarded for Healthy Harrison.
- Fix the split rail fence at the Trailhead.
- Plan for additional Christmas lights in more areas.
- Install a power source at the Trailhead for Christmas lighting and for use during other events.
- Begin plans for Wind Down Wednesday to resume if COVID permits.

The City adjourned to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. It was noted that because the City Manager’s contract will expire in February, that should be put on the agenda for the upcoming month.

# “Do Not Let Glaucoma Steal Your Sight” cont. from p.5

room now. Scientists are not sure what causes the most common types of glaucoma, but many people with glaucoma have high eye pressure (intraocular pressure) – and treatments that lower eye pressure help to slow the progression of the disease.

There is no way to prevent glaucoma. That is why eye exams are so important — so you and your doctor can find it before it affects your vision.

Eye doctors can check for glaucoma as part of a comprehensive dilated eye exam. The exam is simple and painless — your doctor will give you some eye drops to dilate (widen) your pupil and then check your eyes for glaucoma and other eye problems. The exam includes a visual field test to check your peripheral (side) vision.

Glaucoma can happen in one eye or both eyes. Some people with high eye pressure do not get glaucoma — and there is a type of glaucoma that happens in people with normal eye pressure. The amount of eye pressure that is normal varies by person — what is normal for one person could be high for another.

Doctors use a few different types of treatment for glaucoma, including medicines (usually eye drops), laser treatment, and surgery.

If you have glaucoma, it is important to start treatment right away. While it will not restore any damage to your vision, treatment can stop it from getting worse.

Medicines. Prescription eye drops are the most common treatment. These lower the pressure in your eye and prevent damage to your optic nerve.

Laser treatment. To lower pressure in your eye, doctors can use lasers to help the fluid drain out of your eye. Your doctor can do this simple procedure in the office.

Surgery. If medicines and laser treatment do not work, your doctor might suggest surgery. To help fluid drain out of the eye, doctors will use several types of surgery.

“There is good news on the horizon,” said Dr. Faris. “With medication or surgery, we can slow or prevent further vision loss.”

Talk over your options with your doctor. While glaucoma is a serious disease, treatment works well. Remember these tips:

- If your doctor prescribes medicine, be sure to take it every day
- Encourage family members to get checked for glaucoma, since it can run in families
- Tell your doctor if your treatment causes side effects
- See your doctor for regular check-ups
- If you are having trouble with everyday activities due to your vision loss, ask your doctor about low vision services or devices that could help

The appropriate treatment depends upon the type of glaucoma, among other factors. Early detection is vital to stopping the progress of the disease.

Scientists are studying what causes glaucoma and how we can find it earlier and treat it better. The National Eye Institute is continually funding research on new treatment options.

“Now that you have the facts about glaucoma, I hope you will make a resolution for healthier vision,” said Dr. Faris. “Schedule a comprehensive dilated eye exam today.”

If you would like more information, contact David A. Faris, MD, at UHC Ophthalmology, (681) 342-4525. UHC Ophthalmology’s new office is located at 1370 Johnson Avenue in Bridgeport.



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# “The New UHC” cont. from p. 5

Ghorayeb, MD; Leah “Carol” Laxson, MD; John Nguyen, MD; Emerson T. Que, MD; and their physician assistants and staff. The new office is located at 1370 Johnson Avenue, in Bridgeport (at the intersection of Johnson Avenue and Lodgeville Road).

“The opening of the new office for UHC Ophthalmology is one step closer toward our goal of expanding the practice to include five ophthalmologists, therefore; better positioned to offer more services to all of North Central West Virginia,” said Owais Rafique, practice administrator of UHC Specialty Practices. “Patient volume and the request for a full range of eye care services, that includes surgical procedures, necessitated the consolidation of the group into one location.”

These medical professionals provide compassionate eye care to patients in a modern, state-of-the-art clinic that is close to home. UHC Ophthalmology offers a full range of eye care services such as routine eye examinations, cataract, corneal and eye surface disease, retina and vitreoretinal surgery, oculoplastic surgery, cross-eyed programs, and glaucoma testing.

Eye care visits are a vital component to maintaining eye health and eye exams are strongly encouraged. To schedule an appointment or for more information concerning UHC Ophthalmology, please call 681-342-4525 or visit [www.wveyecenter.com](http://www.wveyecenter.com).



# Bill & Mala Harker Endowed Scholarship Established At Fairmont State University

Clarksburg native and president and co-founder of a private investment firm and his wife, an attorney, have developed a scholarship to support students from Harrison and Marion counties.

Bill and Mala Harker have established the Bill & Mala Harker Endowed Scholarship, which will provide scholarships to a Fairmont State University student with first preference to African American students and second preference to students of color from Harrison County and Marion County with at least a 2.5 grade point average.

“Having grown up in the Clarksburg area, I am keenly aware of how much Fairmont State and its graduates have given to the community,” Bill Harker said. “We have a number of friends who are Fairmont State alumni. We see this scholarship as an opportunity to give back to an institution that has indirectly enriched our lives.”

Bill Harker said the couple felt that their investment in West Virginia students might go farther in this state, as opposed to higher cost areas, and would potentially help people who are sometimes overlooked by other philanthropic activities.

“It is evident that even those who are not alumni of Fairmont State University understand its importance to the local community,” said Julie R. Cryser, president of the Fairmont State Foundation. “We can’t thank the Harker family enough for their support

of our students, especially our students of color.”

Mala Harker’s father is a retired math professor who spent most of his career teaching at Southeast Missouri State University, a state school similar in many ways to Fairmont State. Her family was very active in the university community when she was growing up.

“Our family endowed a scholarship at SEMO a few years ago and we have seen the impact that such an investment can make on the lives of deserving young men and women,” Mala Harker said.

“We believe in funding scholarships because we believe that education is the great equalizer,” Bill Harker said. “Much of the professional success we each have achieved is directly related to the wonderful educations we received.”

William “Bill” R. Harker is president and co-founder of Ashe Capital Management, LP, a private investment firm. He is a graduate of West Virginia University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Mala Ahuja Harker is a partner and member of the management committee at the New York City law firm of Friedman Kaplan Seiler & Adelman LLP. She is a graduate of Washington University in St Louis and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

They reside in New Jersey with their two children.

“This generous gift from Bill and Mala Harker affirms the potency of our mission,” said Mirta M. Martin, Fairmont State University President. “We make a profound, real-world difference in the region, and we transform the lives of our students. Bill and Mala recognized the impact we make, and they have a deep appreciation for a university like Fairmont State. Through the Bill & Mala Harker Endowed Scholarship, they are supporting our mission to provide affordable, transformative educations to hard-working students, and we are so thankful to have them part of our Falcon Family.”

This endowment was created through the Fairmont State Foundation Inc., the non-profit organization that solicits and administers private donations on behalf of Fairmont State University.

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BILL & MALA HARKER

## “Saban’s Teams Immortalized” cont. from p. 6

amassed six national titles at Alabama.

“If you had to pick one person in our sport who has embodied the adage: ‘There is no substitute for victory,’ it is without question Nick Saban,” said Manning. “For all Nick Saban has accomplished and more importantly for all he represents, we salute him. We have been presenting our championship trophy for 61 years, and now one coach is responsible for seven teams on the trophy. It’s truly remarkable.”

With the win, Alabama has now claimed the MacArthur Bowl for an unprecedented 10th time. The Crimson Tide won the MacArthur Bowl in 1961, 1978 and 1979 under coach Bryant, in 1992 under College Football Hall of Fame head coach Gene Stallings, and in 2009, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2017 and now 2020 under Saban. The win gives Saban, who also won the MacArthur Bowl as the head coach of LSU in 2003, his seventh overall national title, breaking the tie with coach Bryant for the most by a major college coach.


Saban now tops a list of former coaches who are all in the College Football Hall of Fame with four or more national titles to their credit, including Bear Bryant (6), Minnesota’s Bernie Bierman (5), Ohio State’s Woody Hayes (5), Notre Dame’s Frank Leahy (4) and USC’s John McKay (4).

The MacArthur Bowl represents the pinnacle of team achievement in college sports, and each year during its 61-year history a new name has been etched alongside the greatest teams of all time. The trophy, a replica of a football stadium, features archways with space to engrave the names of 100 teams and miniature goal posts. The trophy was the gift of an anonymous donor, who commissioned Tiffany & Co. to craft it from 400 ounces of silver in MacArthur’s honor. It took eight months to make.

Twenty-four different schools have claimed the trophy at least once during its 61-year history. Notre Dame ranks second, claiming the trophy five times while Ohio State, Miami (FL), Southern California and Texas have each etched their names four times on the iconic award. The trophy is on display at the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta.

## “MEC Player Of The Week” cont. from p. 6

10.5 rebounds as the Hilltoppers started 2-0 ... Cole Vonhandorf (FAIR) averaged 19.5 points and 6.5 rebounds and went over the 1,000 points for his career as the Falcons picked up two wins ... Agyei Edwards (FROST) helped the Bobcats averaged 29.5 points and three steals in a 1-1 week ... Gyasi Powell (DE) shot 45 percent from the floor and averaged 20 points in a 1-1 week for the Senators ... KJ Walker (AB) averaged 16 points and four assists as the Battlers split their two games ... Glen Abram (WVSU) averaged 28 points, 4.0 rebounds and 3.5 assists in two games for the Yellow Jackets ... Jordan Burton (NDC) poured in a career-high 24 points in a loss to West Liberty ... Jordan Reid (WU) scored 21 points and blocked four shots in a losing effort against AB ... Jaylin Reed (WVWC) had a career-high and team-high 22 points along with five rebounds against Frostburg State.



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or by mail to **WV Press Association**  
**3422 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, WV 25302**

## “Family Donates” cont. from p. 5

The family wanted to give hope to other patients and families to have the opportunity to spend at least virtual time with their loved one. Being able to see and hear your loved one’s voice gives hope and the patient the will to fight.

In addition to their donation to UHC, the family also supplied tablets to J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown and, since they are from Buckhannon, they plan to include a donation to St. Joseph’s Hospital as well.

## “Keeping Track Of Glaucoma” cont. from p.5

tunnel?

☐ Not at all ☐ A little ☐ A lot

Have you had any side effects from your treatment?

☐ Not at all ☐ A little ☐ A lot

Does vision loss get in the way of activities you enjoy or do every day, like reading or watching TV?

☐ Not at all ☐ A little ☐ A lot

### Answers

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