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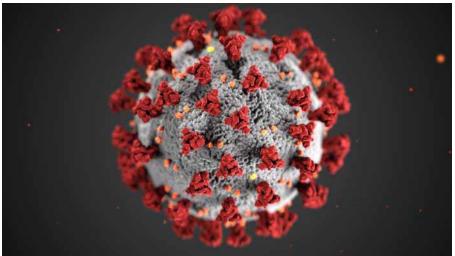
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### While COVID Cases Decline, Vaccinations Are Still Being Strongly Recommended



### By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

News & Journal Editor In recent weeks, there has been a decline in new

Covid-19 cases in the U.S. – including in West Virginia. The question is ... is the pandemic truly on its way out or will the variants that are currently being noticed spike our numbers once again?

We consulted Dr. Mark Povroznik, Vice President of Quality and Chairman of Infection believe at United hospital now is NOT the time acquired

of disease, I do not has had success in

vaccinations to date are driving the Hospital Center, for his pandemic recovery all opinion. He noted that by themselves. Several admissions factors collectively are HAVE declined and lowering the rate of numbers are looking virus transmissions," he much better; however, stated. "For example, natural to let our guard down, immunity from the particularly with new thousands who have virus variants remaining recovered from COVID has had an effect as well "While vaccinations as the fact that we are are key to ending the effectively vaccinating pandemic and clearly high-risk populations. In contribute to prevention addition, West Virginia



### **POVROZNIK**

expanding vaccinations; people are moving away from the cluster of holiday gatherings and travel; and also very important is the fact that there has been enhanced compliance masking social distancing, etc. Uncertainty still lingers, but cases declining gives us great hope."

As the virus that Covid-19 causes continues its global attack, it has done what scientists predicted it would do. It has given rise to slightly different

strains or variants. "Thus far,

the vaccines continue to offer protection," the variant in question and a particular the manufacturer's product, but that is not by any stating means vaccines are no longer effective. Vaccination is still advised."

100% immunity from a COVID vaccine has not been seen. Levels protection vary from preventing illness all together to preventing moderate to severe illness, to even preventing severe

disease hospitalization. potential to acquire COVID and be an Dr. Povroznik added. asymptomatic spreader "Vaccine effectiveness of the virus exists will be compromised to and remains a focus some degree depending of continued research to better understand incidence significance.

For those who have COVID the had recovered, they are still encouraged to get the vaccine despite the fact He explained that that there have been 'rumors' that they have more severe side effects following getting the vaccinations.

> Dr. Povroznik addressed this well, saying, "Some post vaccination **Continued on Page 8**

# RGPAC's Ghostlight **Series Shines On Local High School Talents**

# The Ghostlight Series

popular said Mirta M. Martin, Edition is a virtual outstanding high school COVID-19 State in the month of March Branch on Friday, March students were chosen as an alternative, safe virtual audition call put

The Robinson Grand arts to our community Performing Arts Center while celebrating "Arts is proud to present in Our Schools Month" season three of the with talented local Ghostlight student artists. After Series! The Ghostlight a competitive video-Series: High School audition process, ten series offered during the students were chosen to pandemic be featured in the series! Students answered a

# Fairmont State Students Present Their Research At The Capitol

FAIRMONT STATE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH DAY AT THE CAPITOL





Peydan McVickers and Kiersten Lowdermilk, undergraduate students at Fairmont University, recently presented their research findings to legislators at the State Capitol.

# **Proposed Term Limits** Amendment Supported

Virginia's statewide constitutional officers joined collective support for a executive offices for proposed constitutional personal gain," amendment to establish term limits for their "When I ran for this offices.

Senate Resolution introduced last week, fight to bring term proposes amending the limits to these offices State Constitution to – including my own. limit any person from This is the first step in serving in the office fulfilling that promise of Secretary of State, to Treasurer, Auditor, Commissioner Agriculture, or Attorney for how long a politician General for more than can stay in one office

three consecutive terms.

"West Virginians do not want their statewide offices run by a political legislators power elite who spend their a lifetime exploiting Treasurer Riley Moore. office, I made a promise Joint to the people of West 11, Virginia that I would the people who put me in this office. Establishing finite limits

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Fairmont University students, Peydan McVickers and Kiersten Lowdermilk, have been selected to participate in the 18th Annual Undergraduate Research Day Capitol. Student participants presented their abstract submissions to members of the West Virginia State Legislature and Executive that

Peydan McVickers, senior forensic science major with a chemistry minor from Farmington, WV, has submitted an abstract highlighting development and the composting of cellulosebased bioplastic derived from hemp fibers. While Kiersten Lowdermilk, sophomore nursing major with a forensic science minor from Clarksburg, WV, presented findings around using dermestid beetles to enhance forensic

science curriculum. "These students have been working on their projects all year," said Kristy Henson, Faculty Advisor and Assistant Professor of Forensic Science. "I am so proud that they were be able to share their hard work and exceptional findings with our state legislators."

**Participants** selected based on the quality of the proposal, readability of the abstract, geographical distribution participants, of the

State diversity of the disciplines represented and of the participating students' backgrounds.

> "This kind of research, this kind of critical and creative thinking, these are the hallmarks of a quality, comprehensive liberal arts education," Fairmont State University President. "We are thrilled Fairmont to present their research way to showcase the Continued on Page 3 to our legislators and executive members of our state government, and I am confident that these undergraduates, Peydan and Kiersten, represented our Falcon Family well."

Undergraduates from both public and private higher education institutions from across state submitted abstracts representing several disciplines including African Astronomy, Studies, Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Business, Communications, Economics, Engineering, Forensic Science, Geology, History, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology, Physical Activity and Sports Sciences, among several

Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol is sponsored by West Virginia State University, West Virginia University, Marshall University and University of Charleston.

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By JIM HUNT author, speaker, consultant

Each week, when I would receive my copy of the Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal, I would read through it and then take it to my mother, who read it from front to back. My mother has been an avid reader throughout her life and although her vision was not as sharp at 97, she used a magnifier to make sure she could keep up with the news. She kept a stack of newspapers, magazines and word search books next to her recliner and knew as much about current events as many people half her age. Very rarely would she comment about my column to me, but my sister would often tell me if she especially liked one. That was my mother, afraid that her son might get "big headed" if she praised him too much!

Throughout my life, my mother was my biggest supporter but constantly pushed me to do better. As a young man, she would offer bits of advice that I later realized became my path to success. When I was mowing lawns to make money in the summer, she pointed out to me that one of my customers owned an auto parts store and to do a good job cutting grass, since he might hire me to **Continued on Page 4** 

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# Food For Thought By Leigh Currey Merrifield

Editor

# March Forward – Into Spring!

and a little welcomed in Sunday, March 14th!

Experts say tampering with our springing forward or of falling back an hour – has a very dramatic and representing adverse effect on our Supposedly, according to one Mayo Americans will feel Clinic sleep neurologist, fatigued after Daylight recall a year when I've we have a more difficult Saving Time begins looked forward to this time with springing in the Spring. forward than we do already SO fatigued falling back – because of COVID and all that year may be enough to needed sleep. M.D. said this effect on I think we'll be able often try to remember as our body is comparable to to jet lag if we fly from with gusto this year!!! one time zone to another We're and find the hours on the throw evening darkness and no spring will miss clock not in accordance out the window and its turn'. It won't be with what our body embrace that extra hour long now, folks, and clock thinks it should of daylight. be. This being "out of our NORMAL routine"

agree, but after the year we have just endured, with very few things being "NORMAL" any Okay, more, I think we just IT! few days! I know I'm transition easier? There And when you've got an extra hour of daylight we can do to help that don't quite know what in the evening and I'm happen; for example, it is you do want, but it warming temperatures! bed earlier. When you heart ache, you want it I've seen proof already wake up, eat a healthy so!" ~ Mark Twain

doesn't that we're SO READY breakfast first thing in Shinnston Saving Time will begin, the car wash as well. you sleep better. offering us an extra Then, as I approached hour of daylight in the my driveway, I also of your surroundings; evening. So don't forget noticed throngs of birds begin to watch for some to move your clocks in the yard searching for greenery ahead one hour this worms. Even the birds to pop up through the are anxiously awaiting ground. At my house, that this change!!!

whether the American Academy to life first. Sleep sleep scientists and clinicians, that most lose an hour's it has thrown at us over make us all weep! This the last 12+ months – bounce forward READY

more sleep equals better is a difficult adjustment. health, so we should coming our way, but Well, typically I might expect that losing that let's find hope in the fact one hour of sleep is that spring is drawing going to have a negative near ... and rejoice in it! effect on our body. so EXPECT Why not try to might adjust fairly well prepare for it in advance "It's spring fever. That to this time change in a to perhaps make the is what the name of it is. VERY anxious to have are a few simple things it, you want – oh, you forward to make it a point to go to just fairly makes your

'officially' begin until for the change to Spring the morning because March 20th, but we've that is on the way. One food will tell your body experienced recent sunny afternoon, it's the start of a bright a little winter reprieve I was returning from new day. And if it's a lately with somewhat a meeting and the cars sunny day (even if it's temperatures were lined up at Gibby's a little chilly), throw on with a sweatshirt and take sunshine at least for a people exiting its drive- a little walk. Exercise few days. AND, here's thru window with ice can also help your body another plus ... in just cream ... and there were clock to adjust, and a few days Daylight LONG, LONG lines at some fresh air may help

Take notice every day beginning it's usually the hostas A survey conducted by that I notice springing Before Medicine, we know it, we'll see organization more than just bark on the trees; they too will begin to show signs of greening and leaves will start to bud. I can't We're quite so much. Seeing the signs of Spring this

There is a quote that I winter comes to an end. It says something like 'no winter lasts forever, Spring will get its turn They say that getting to shine! There may still be a few chilly days Spring forward ... and look forward to it.

This week's dessert:

# This Week In West Virginia History

history. To read more, Supreme Court. go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at Wheeling org.

March 11. formed from of Logan, Kanawha, and Cabell counties Boone.

March 11, 1848: Putnam County was formed from portions of Herbalist and folk Logan County. He was Kanawha, Mason, and Cabell. The new county died in Huntington. from Logan County to was named in honor Gray was known for the House of Delegates of Gen. Israel Putnam, his vast knowledge of in 1974, when he was who commanded the traditional plant lore only 22 years old and Continental Army at and for his quaint and still a senior at West

Bunker Hill. March 11, Roane County created from parts of the 1970s, Gray was Buddy Starcher was Kanawha, Jackson, and a frequent newspaper born Gilmer counties. The and new county was named interview subject. Judge Spencer

Roane, a son-in-law of Noting the interest Four Star, including Patrick Henry. March 1835: of Marshall County was battle veterans, the Still Write Your Name created from part of legislature

County.

The following events county was named for Battlefield happened on these John Marshall, chief Commission. dates in West Virginia justice of the U.S.

March 12. Hospital on www.wvencyclopedia. was chartered. During Kanawha Civil War, 1847: institution was used work in the mines as County was as a general military a boy, became a rankparts hospital. The Sisters of and-file leader during Saint Joseph were hired the Paint Creek-Cabin as army nurses, treating Creek Strike of 1912– and named for Daniel wounded Union and 13. Confederate soldiers side by side.

March 13, doctor Catfish Gray engaging personality. 1856: At the height of the was folklore revival of Country television

> in the annual reunion his Carnifex

The the Carnifex Ferry became a hit in 1949.

Park

March 1882: Frank Union leader 1850: Keeney was born Cabin Creek, County. the Keeney, who went to

March 15, 1952: Governor Earl Ray 2002: Tomblin was born in elected as a Democrat Virginia University.

March 16, 1906: musician Oby Edgar Starcher near Ripley. In 1946, Starcher cut March 14, 1931: his first recordings on best-known Ferry composition, created in the Sand," which

### **Super** Crossword

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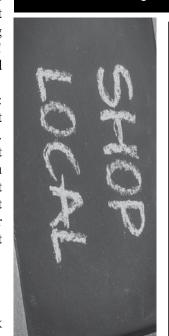
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### **BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY**

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

### LOWE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

### EASTER BAKE SALE

Saint Ann's Catholic Church in Shinnston will be having an Easter Bake Sale. Pre-orders must be placed by March 15. Curb side pickup on March 26 & 27 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 610 Pike St. Shinnston. Items for sale -Easter bread \$7/medium & \$10/large; Chocolate covered Easter eggs - \$6 each: peanut butter, coconut, almond covered in milk or white chocolate; Variety of homemade cookie trays - \$15 or \$20 platters; galette, Italian wedding cookies or chocolate covered peanut butter balls. Call 304-592-2243, 304-476-6473, 304-592-0665, 304-841-1487, or 304-203-8905.

### 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 debbeez7@ 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.

### 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.

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# Frances Benjamin Johnston Exhibit Now Open



Frances Benjamin Johnston was a remarkable West Virginian who forged a prolific career as a photographer in a time hostile to professional women.

hosting the Preservation West Alliance of Virginia's traveling exhibit about Frances Benjamin Johnston, a prominent artist and photographer from West Virginia. "Frances Benjamin Johnston: West Virginia Icon" officially opened on March 1st and will run through the month of March. Visitors may view the exhibit on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at 445 West Main Street, Suite 150, Clarksburg. The exhibit free, but parties must be made of four individuals appointment prior to with COVID-19 safety colonial the HCWVHS by phone

The Harrison County at (304) 709-4902 or Historical Society is by email at hcwvhs@ gmail.com in order to make an appointment.

The exhibit includes enlargements approximately twenty rare photographs from the Library of Congress collection that embody Johnston's career over the span of sixty years. Johnston was a trained artist and photojournalist worked as a portrait photographer for high society in Washington, D.C. including Teddy Roosevelt, Booker T. Washington and Mark Twain. She transitioned into photographing gardens of the rich and famous during and need to make an the 1920's and then got interested attending the exhibit architecture, especially to ensure compliance humble dwellings of times policies. You can contact were falling into ruin Continued on page 9

# "Term Limits Amendment"

the people rather than officials themselves."

"I've been proud to unwaveringly push for constitutional officer term limits since I was first elected State Auditor," said Auditor J.B. McCuskey. "We've seen newly constitutional officers bring fresh ideas to modernize and reform their office to better serve the citizens of our state. In the last election cycle, I made the commitment this would be my last term as State

maintain offices that efficiently and effectively serve the people, and I'm proud in support of SJR 11."

have replaced long-time of difficult it is to reform Patrick Morrisey. an office after decades of one-person control," Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "We have to spend too much time simply right the ship. Establishing term limits Auditor. I believe term will help guarantee Warner. "Term limits limits will help ensure that these offices are for

helps ensure they serve our statewide elected constantly improving, forcing politicians to be more focused and seek ideas while granting faster change."

> "I'm happy to stand with our group support the resolution to establish term "Those of us who limits for the Board Public Works," incumbents know how said Attorney General have pushed for a similar resolution in the past and believe it will restore more power back to the people."

"Government is during our terms to best when it is close to the people," said Secretary of State Mac constitutional Election.

officers will the exchange of fresh ample time for office holders to accomplish the goals and challenges they were elected to address."

West Virginia currently has term limits for the offices Governor sheriffs. If Senate Joint Resolution 11 is adopted by the Legislature, the proposed amendment extending term limits to the other statewide offices would need to be approved by the voters during the 2022 General

# "RGPAC's Ghostlight Series" cont. from p.1

were submitted to the selection process began.

When creating 16-yearvideo, Emma Davisson enjoy remarked, "I using my ring light and filming for my YouTube Channel, so I approached my audition the same tape in manner."

Once the talented students were selected and announced, planning began a safe and sociallydistanced filming so that the students could perform their pieces live on the Robinson Grand stage.

Yurkovich, Rachel Corinne mother of Yurkovich who performs in the series, said, "This was bittersweet for us to watch. It has been a long year and not what they hoped their senior year would be. The current seniors have missed so much, especially in the realms of music and theater. For those 60 minutes of filming, we watched Corinne do what she loves and makes her happy. It was

Nutt,

14-year-old student at

Robert C. Byrd High

a blessing." Kaleigh

Grand Performing Arts her school's show choir 12, 2021 at 7pm Center back in January. and also takes voice performances by: Over 50 audition videos lessons with Pam Krall. perform! Being without it causes me to not feel like myself. performing happy!"

The last time Nutt of 2020 until her time performances by: on the Robinson Grand the series.

The Ghostlight Series School) is a collaboration with Godendo" The Vintage Theatre Company, LLC, Geminye Studios, local artists, and students. Patrons will be able recorder view the series Grand (https:// page www.facebook.com/ Jessica Nuzum RobinsonGrand) or on Channel (https://bit.ly/ RGPACyoutube).

The first Series Performance was on Like A Natural Woman" March 5th at 7p.m. with by Aretha Franklin Corinne Yurkovich of Bridgeport High School on Friday, March 26, singing, dancing by Brook Lantz of Philip performances by: Barbour High School,

School student Nicole Dame High School) Schumacher singing.

out by the Robinson School, performs in aired on Friday, March Band Geeks by Tommy

Ben Long (17 Davisson She said, "It means a years old, Notre Dame center and the difficult lot for me to be able High School) singing "Find Your Way Again" by Ben Long

Kaleigh I'm more myself when (14 years old, Robert because C. Byrd High School) that's what makes me singing "Anyone" by Demi Lovatto

Episode 3 will was able to perform live be on Friday, March was back in February 19, 2021 at 7pm with

- McKenzie stage while filming for Fittro (18 years old, Notre Dame High singing "Va from the opera Serse by Handel, accompanied by Josh Stubbs on piano and Jeremiah Smallridge on
- Jessica Nuzum through the Robinson (16 years old, Liberty Facebook High School) singing "Overwhelming" Maelee
- the RGPAC's YouTube Henderson (16 years old, Robert C. Byrd High School) singing "(You Make Me Feel

Episode 4 will be Grand

2021 at 7pm with Channel Maryn Seamon Donations

lewman Е m (16

old, Bridgeport High School) singing "Out Here on My Own" by Irene Cara from the Nutt musical Fame by Lesley Gore and Michael Gore "This difficult time has made me realize how

much performing means to me. You never know how much you miss something until you don't get to experience it anymore. I am so thankful to be able to perform in the midst of this unprecedented time and to bring light to our community again," says Maryn Seamon, a 16-year-old student at Notre Dame High School.

All of the previous episodes in Series Ghostlight are available to the viewing public for completely free of charge on the Robinson Grand Facebook (https://www. page facebook.com/ Robinson Grand) or on the Robinson Performing Arts Center YouTube (https://bit. ly/RGPACyoutube). to and Notre Dame High (16 years old, Notre Robinson Grand are being accepted singing "Lost in the PayPal link on each Episode 2 will be Brass" from the musical viewing platform.

or visit dental50plus.com/press

# I'm Headed South For A Visit With My Brother Bill



You are getting the Grapevine this week as I am traveling south to visit my brother, Bill, at his new home in Miramar Beach, Florida. I am traveling with my son, Marty, and Charnelle in his motor home. We left Clarksburg several days ago and are taking our time. We stop and eat and sleep and then we drive a few more hours. At night, we have been staying at the WalMart parking lots which are RV friendly. Although it has been a little chilly, the days have been beautiful. I will be staying at my brothers for a week and then I will be flying back to Pittsburgh where Mike will be picking me up.

I know that many will think this is a bad time to be taking a trip because of the virus, but after careful consideration, I have decided that since I have had both shots and plan to be careful, I will stay healthy and safe. This is Spring break and the students have already begun to gather; I certainly hope that they will follow all restrictions for the virus. I know that I will be safe at my brothers around his pool but I have some concerns about the

flight home. Prayerfully, I will be safe.

I was really glad to see that we will be having flights out of Bridgeport to Destin, Florida, beginning in May. This will make it very convenient for us to visit Bill and for him to come home. Although his location is further north in Florida and is on the Gulf of Mexico, it does not warm up as quickly as Southern Florida, but it is still a beautiful place to visit. With the convenience of the flights now, I recommend you plan a visit.

Easter will be here in just a few short weeks. I sincerely hope that we will all be able to celebrate together. Perhaps the weather will cooperate and we will be able to gather outdoors. If you do not have your Easter Bread made, call the PWA and order a loaf. It will be available the week before Easter. The number is 304-624-6881. If you still want to make a batch of your own, you can find the recipe in my book, Arriverderci.

Of course, I am sure that you know I will have a book with me. I recently read a book that my granddaughter, Miranda, gave me. I do not want to give anything away to those who might want to read it, but it has a sad ending. The book is 'Me Before You' by Jojo Moyes. Miranda tells me it is to be a movie. I really like fairy tale endings but I know that life is not always a fairy tale.

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

# The Walk From The VA Parking Lot Is The Same **Distance Both Ways...My Newest Discovery**



### Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny

Spring and warm weather is just around the corner and I can't wait for it to get here...you know how delicate I am. I'll be able to get out more and maybe find something interesting to write about instead of a soap opera.

Sunday afternoon, I met sisters-in-law Debbie and Bernie at the Cracker Barrel in Fairmont for a meal together. It was the first time I'd seen Deb since we three had Thanksgiving dinner together at Cracker Barrel...I think she's getting a little shorter. I did carry my shakers with me this time and surprisingly, they brought salt and pepper shakers to the table; however, with very small apertures in their pepper shaker lids. I always have to unscrew the lid and pour pepper into my hand and then sprinkle to taste...I toss what's left on

While we were waiting for a table, we ran into daughter-in-law Patty's parents, Mary and Butch Drain with granddaughter Makenna. It was nice seeing them; they eat there every Sunday after

Due to the poor condition of my wrists, I can barely shake anything (See first paragraph). The wrist problems really come into play when I have to strip the bedding to wash and then make the bed up again. Very gently I have to shake the pillows out of the cases and then stuff the pillows back in. Since I'm losing my chin and one pillow is slender, it makes it kind of tough to insert the pillow (When I place pillow under chin, it keeps sliding down). Also, putting a fitted sheet over the corners of the mattress can be a real challenge, especially the last

Monday morning, I had an appointment for a teleconference meeting with an oncologist at the VA hospital. That walk from the parking lot is getting longer and longer (Sure miss the valet parking). This was the first time to do a teleconference and I didn't know how it would work out. Oncologist Dr. Poonnen was telecommunicating from Durham NC VA Medical Center. I had two nurses with me running the show and taking notes. He spent over forty-five minutes going over everything that I'd been through so far and then what things we have to keep check on going forward. He was a very nice doctor and it was a pleasant experience. Of course, he wanted more blood drawn. In the last month, I've had blood drawn four times...once, it was twice in one day (I think they are selling it to the Red Cross). I had a nice little chat with the 'Sheriff' at the lab entrance and then hit the cafeteria for biscuits and gravy. That walk back to the Ranger in the parking lot was the same distance.

Monday evening, Santana and Andrew drove in from Virginia and spent the night with me. They are in the process of moving back to the area. They had some things to do and drove back to Virginia Tuesday afternoon.

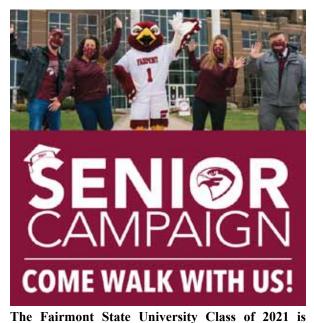
Thursday evening, Patty and #3 Shane stopped by. Shane brought his guitar and played; plus sang some new songs he had learned. It was the first time I had heard the song "Tennessee Stud" in 50 years. I wonder how long it will take for the 'cancel culture' crowd to eliminate this old song. They already have Dr. Seuss and Mr. Potato head on the ropes...give me a break!

The shoulder was sore for six days after getting my second COVID shot and I haven't spotted any new growths on my hands or feet yet. Until next time, have a great week and remember

our Veterans.

Ace

### FSU Senior Class Launches 'Walk With A Falcon' Campaign



continuing a senior class tradition by encouraging peers, alumni and community members to contribute to the "Walk with a Falcon" Campaign. The Fairmont State of the Fairmont State

University Class of Student 2021 is continuing a Association to assist senior class tradition in initiating a Falcon by encouraging peers, Park and Trail for both alumni and community members to contribute use. to the "Walk with a Campaign. was legacy," said Mirta M. campaign established by members

Government campus and community

"The Class of 2021 will leave quite a

Martin, Fairmont State

University President. Student "The Falcon Park and Trail will not only promote a healthier community, but provide nature's to beauty just steps from our campus. Because the trail will connect to a community trail, this effort also, literally, unites our campus with Park and Trail. I can't the community."

The Class of 2021 I hopes to leave a lasting impact on campus by establishing a green space to provide opportunities for students to improve problem creativity, solving and academic through performance nature-based learning.

"Along with the students, we also want the community and alumni to be able to come back and enjoy the outdoor space as well," said Rebecca Luketic, Fairmont

Senior

State

Association President. "I hope the campaign initiative is a project that evolves into a gift that keeps on giving. There are so many amazing education volunteerism opportunities with the addition of the Falcon wait to come back after graduate and still see the mark I left as a senior on this campus."

The Fairmont State Student Government Association is leading the campaign in partnership with the Fairmont State Foundation, Fairmont State Outdoor Recreation Program and the Fairmont State Community Design Assistance Center

Architecture Program. "This year's Senior Campaign is exciting venture **Continued on Page 9** and

# "My Biggest Supporter"

cont. from p. 1

work at his store in the summer. Sure enough, Mr. Brooks Blair of Blair Auto Parts offered me a job to work at his store and I worked there throughout my college career and paid for much of my college expenses. I often wondered how my mother knew this, but I soon realized that I should listen to this wise woman.

When I decided to get into politics as a young man, my mother was a little worried about entering such a rough and tumble career. She stuck with me through some early election losses and would always tell me that there were other important things I could do, other than politics. I stuck with politics and when a controversial issue would come before city council, I'm sure she wished that she had been more emphatic when counseling me about my life choices. Through many elections and many political battles, my mother rarely offered an opinion to me, but I would learn from others how proud she was of my service.

My love of travel was begun by watching my mother constantly planning trips and outings, even though she did so while raising four children on a modest budget. I can remember when she flew to Slovakia to visit my grandfather's brother and his family when I was a teenager. We all went to the Benedum Airport to see her off and as she walked up the steps of the plane, I thought it was the most exciting thing in my life to think about her flying, by herself, over the ocean on this adventure. Just a few years later, I was at the airport taking off for the Soviet Union, and although she was apprehensive about my journey into this unknown land, I know she was as excited as I was.

As I have written these columns over the past several years, I knew that one day, I might lose my most faithful reader. Sadly, that day has come, as my mother passed away on February 28th. I will miss seeing her each day and know that I was blessed to have her as long as I did. She gave me a foundation for a wonderful life and most of the success in my life can be traced to her wisdom and loving nature. Rest in Peace, Marion H. Hunt, 1923-2021.

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# CSCC SPOTLIGHT Featuring news from the Harrison County Senior Citizen Center

# JoAnn James Joins Black History Month Book Discussion With Senior Book Club



JoAnn James is pictured here reading to Energy Express in 2020.

"The Nickel Boys" by 10th.

Heritage Colson Whitehead with Festival Board Member the Harrison County and local writer JoAnn Senior Citizens Center James joined a virtual (HCSCC) Book Club on is based on a true story book discussion of Wednesday, February of two boys sentenced

"The Nickel Boys" school in Jim Crow- school and is kept on for a boy in the Jim was recommended by Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library Manager Julia Todd for the Club's Black History Month selection for 2021.

"This book was also recommended highly by Phyllis Moore who is an advocate for West Virginia authors and reading," Todd stated. "The author is a new Pulitzer Prize winner and was scheduled to be at the 2020 West Virginia Book Festival, but the Festival had to be cancelled due to COVID-19."

Whitehead's to a wretched reform

# **Senior Center Contributes Handmade** Valentines For Home Federal Credit **Union's Outreach Project**

era Florida. Abandoned the straight and narrow Crow South of the Early

by his parents, Elwood, by his grandmother. He 1960s, one innocent one of the main is about to start classes mistake is enough to

characters, is in high at a local college, but



Pictured I-rt, Harrison County Senior Citizens Center Board Officers Donna Stuart and Bill O'Field present handmade valentines for nursing home residents from the Center to Home Federal Credit Union Member Service Representative Jordan Margenau.

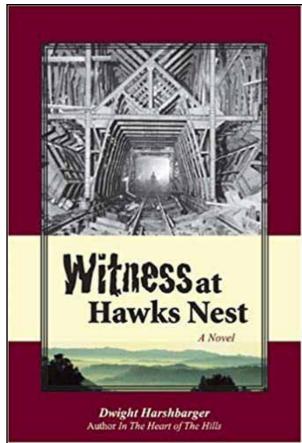
Harrison Senior Citizens Center Board Officers Donna the Stuart and Bill O'Field to presented two dozen difficulties

County home residents.

purpose The of project recognize nursing handmade valentines home residents are to the Home Federal experiencing due to the Credit Union (HFCU) COVID-19 pandemic located in Clarksburg and to share love with outreach those who are unable project to nursing to socialize like they typically would.

"This is the first time was we have partnered with a local business in a card making project," reported HCSCC Board Secretary Bill O'Field. "Over the years, local businesses have been very supportive of the **Continued on Page 9** 

### **Details Of Upcoming April Book Club Mtg**



The next meeting of the Harrison County Depression in 1930, Senior Center's thousands of men, mostly Book Club will be on African Wednesday, April 14th were attracted to West at 12:45 p.m. via Zoom. Virginia for a job paying Participants will be twenty-five cents an discussing "Witness at hour. Union Carbide's Hawks Nest" by Dwight Hawk Nest tunnel was Harshbarger.

During the Americans, being drilled through

near-solid rock. Within months, a mysterious illness and eventual death took many workers. The company doctors labeled it "tunnelitis". It became America's worst industrial disaster.

The case the company's responsibility for the deaths is exposed by a company paid deputy sheriff who secures the first autopsy of a tunnel worker. Along with the surviving daughter of a tunnel worker/union organizer, they risk their lives to expose the truth about the workers' lack of respiratory protection resulting in death from silicosis.

To find out what happens, join the Book Club discussion on April 14th – even if you haven't read the book!

For more information about the Book Club, the virtual meeting, and to find out how to get a copy of "Witness at Hawks Nest" to read, call 304-623-6795.

# **HCSCC Announces Next Board Meeting**

The Senior Center's Northwest next upcoming Board Agency meeting will be held Belomar via Zoom on March 25, will be 2021 at 1:00 p.m. To a short to the meeting.

Aging/ (Wheeling), Mossor, receive information on Directors training as Secretary; Donna Stuart, how to join the meeting, required by the yearly Treasurer; call 304-623-6795 prior grant conditions. This Burton; Janet Dotson; training as well will be Sharon During the board conducted via Zoom.

meeting, Katie Hudak, Currently serving on Kennedy; Bill Phillips;

Area Senior Center's Board of Directors are: Sandra President; conducting Harley Jeffries, Vice Board of President; Bill O'Field, Donald Gary Keith II; Ryan

# Good Reading Recommendations

the month of March, comfortable knowing that Spring is outdoors for a while, an happiness very near, it is important enjoyable hobby that is to realize that there suggested for seniors is will likely be many reading. cool, wet, and windy in a page-turning book days ahead to get can enhance both your reading, here are a few through. After suffering mental and emotional through the pandemic health while you still for months now and must deal with staying tolerating more isolation indoors. than we're accustomed weather, the hope of nonfiction, relief is encouraging especially for senior citizens who perhaps felt even more secluded than others have.

Until the weather warms enough that

As we settle into you can at least feel anxiety sitting Getting lost asleep

to ... along with winter or prose, fiction or Spring bringing some indicated that readers may experience many Hill: A Ghost Story" by health benefits. have are a few reasons to curl Redbird Christmas" by up with a 'good read':

- Improves brain functioning
  - Reduces stress
  - Helps combat weather!

and life satisfaction

Helps you fall

If you enjoy other books that are recommended by the Senior Center's Book Club and are available Whether it's poetry at your public library: "The Nickel Boys" research by Colson Whitehead, "Haunting at Howard Here Betty Larosa, and "The Fannie Flagg.

> Let a good book help you pass the time as you wait for warm

### the the Harrison County and Susan Thomas. Director, **HCSCC Continues Convenient COVID-19 Drive-In Testing** and Thursdays from



The Harrison County

offer free (drive-in) Citizens COVID-19 testing for Center, Inc. (HCSCC) the community in their please call 304-623to parking lot on Tuesdays 6795.

11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 500 W. Main Street in Clarksburg. appointment is required. Individuals who wish to be tested should park in one of the three convenient spaces that have been set aside for testing in the Center's parking lot and follow

For more information,

the instructions that are

posted there.

The Harrison County Senior Citizens Center Building and Satellites currently remain closed to the public by Governor's Order 39-20. When permission is granted to reopen, information will be posted via printed and online media. Transportation, Food Box Programs, and In-Home Services continue to be provided during the pandemic.

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# **High School Hoops Are Back!**



The Bottom Line **By Bill Nestor** Sports Editor

basketball is the season. touches campaign. it was when COVID-19 last year's hoop glory that the girls basketball tournament happening and Lincoln and Bridgeport for a title. On the boys have games. side, Robert C. Byrd was peaking at the new perfect time. The timing could not have come at a more inopportune to a delayed start to the will

regular season. causing coaches game plans.

This is normally the their packages during time of year when high the early stages of Player the finishing evaluation that dictates another rotations and playing Ironically, time was also hurried and will likely adjusted more on the fly than usual. Nonetheless, coaches, players, families, and fans alike are extremely ecstatic to were making a push have the opportunity to

Now that we are back and was riding a 22 game to playing hoops, the win streak into regional next order of business action and Notre Dame is getting used to the classifications. There are now four of the sports shutdown of them that include a brand-new class AAAA category. Bridgeport time. A year long hiatus will compete here and has finally given way both the boys and girls is a measuring stick that compete Buckhannon-Upshur, Preseason preparation Preston, and University was severely reduced, in Region 1 Section to 2. In Class AAA on in scramble to implement the boys side, Liberty, Martinsburg They Lincoln, and Robert the were forced to cram C. Byrd can be found Morgantown in a tie everything into a 2 in Region II Section 2 ½ week period and along with Elkins and they will be forced to Lewis County. Notre slides in at 8th. add the remainder of Dame elected to play Class AAA, Robert C. God Bless!

the biggest leaps in ranking. the state, going from Eagles garnered eight Class A to Class AAA. The Fighting Irish can be found in Region Section I along with East Fairmont, Fairmont Senior, Philip Barbour, and Grafton. Notre Dame's program will compete in Class AA in Region be II Section 2 with South Harrison, Trinity, and Braxton County. South Harrison boys Class AA are also in Region II Section 2 but their opponents slightly different condensed with just Braxton and Clay Counties respectively.

The start of a new season would not be complete without preseason poll. It puts expectations on some and provides motivation for others. Either way it with is used to get a pulse on teams as seen by the Associated Press.

On the boys side Class AAAA, top spot with for 5th with Woodrow Wilson. University In

up and made one of Byrd claimed the No.1 The Flying often first place votes. Notre Dame owns the 8th place and Lincoln is 10th. In Class AA, South Harrison is 21st.

In girls hoops, in Class

Harrison County

AAAA, Morgantown is 5th and Bridgeport is in a tie with Greenbrier East for 10th. Class AAA is led by Fairmont Senior and the Big Conference four teams in the Top North Marion is second. Lincoln owned the 8th slot and East Fairmont is 10th. The Big 10 has long been a big player on the hoops scene and it would not be surprising if a state champion from both the boys and girls sides ended up with a state championship.

If a title is brought back to Harrison County on either side, the delay in the season would be worth it. The chase that officially starts now is what it is all about and it means one thing... basketball is back and we all are in a better place because it is!

That will for now. Until next week...take care and

# Harrison County EMS





### Athletes of the Week

It's that time once again to acknowledge the efforts of Harrison County's student athletes. Each week a panel will take a look at the information collected to make the best choices possible. They will review the performances of the athletes from the six schools (Bridgeport, Liberty, Lincoln, Notre Dame, Robert C. Byrd, and South Harrison) in our county.

The Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week Award is an avenue that is used to promote the youth of our county, while bringing attention to their athletic accomplishments.

This past week's winners are Robert C. Byrd's Victoria Sturm and Lincoln's Zach Snyder.

Flying Eagle basketball standout, Victoria Sturm had an impressive first week of the season. Sturm collected a double-double (38 points and 13 rebounds) in the season opening OT win over Philip Barbour. Sturm also dished out five assists in the victory. Sturm helped her squad to a second win in as many games scoring all 13 of her teams points en route to a game high 22 points. Sturm finished the week with an 11 point effort in a loss to Parkersburg Catholic.

Cougar hoopster, Zach Snyder scored a gamehigh 18 points in Lincoln's opening game loss to Buckhannon-Upshur. Snyder also dished out three assists in the lock-up with the Bucs.

Congratulations to Robert C. Byrd's Victoria Sturm and Lincoln's Zach Snyder for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week.

# **Beach Volleyball On Tap** For Summer 2021



From The World Of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

Call Frankie, Annette and all the Gang, time for BEACH VOLLEYBALL!

The Harrison County Commission approved a few projects for the summer and one was a beach volleyball court. Located at the Harrison County when Recreation Complex, the 60'x30' court will families want to get hopefully play host for many recreational activities this summer.

"We are excited to have this addition to our trips with your pet, then These excursions often park," said Director Mike Book. "The goal is to the target all ages of people to the complex. Whether whole family along, it is the playground, the trail or the disc golf, the including the furkids. beach volleyball court should attract some of the young professionals that live in the area."

> While the only other known court is in Bridgeport, the Parks Department felt that this would be beneficial to the southern part of the county. The game has really developed into a game for all ages and you do not have to drive to the edge of the east coast to participate. Book feels confident this will be a major attraction to the already popular property.

> "We have wanted to put something close to the playground but in an area without disruption. The flat area by the tower behind the West Virginia Extension Office was ideal. Already a fence was built this summer and the location on that other side is perfect for this type of recreation. Once we promote after completion, I am confident it will be utilized often by people that frequent the facility."

> Some of the planning that went into this was finding that target audience who can gain from the addition. The past had a full court basketball area as well as two tennis courts. Of course, that was replaced by a themed playground area complimented by an activities shelter. And, in recent years, we added the second playground area that is created for children of all abilities including swings and other single unit rides. It is a wonderful area for young families and it will continue to grow for families of all ages as Book explains.

welcoming to people of all ages. People on their lunch break and families would bring the discs and hit the links. Our improvements with concrete pads, which will be ready by summer, will allow us to open up for league nights. From competitive to novice, we want to have leagues at all hours of the day. Volleyball could see the same scenarios once it is complete."

"The disc golf addition a few years back was

While we are in the ground works at the moment, the maintenance department has already laid down the blueprint of what to expect. With the advice given by Book and the know-how of the maintenance department, you can expect a top

# Pet Adventurers Unite: Top Social Media Groups For People & Pets-Week Three



on distracted driving so everyone stays safe!

Love taking adventures with searching for ideas, tips, and like-minded adventurers on your

epic platforms? You've your probably come across a pet? Have you been few by now; however, not all social media groups are created equal. you'll have access to We favorite social media for the most helpful, help keep your pet

popular, and fun online happy and safe on your pet adventure groups, next trip. As an added and we've dug up some bonus, real gems! During next several weeks, we will be sharing some ideas of where to seek some helpful tips. Tip number three is the following:

TripsWithPets USA

TripsWithPets join USA! This popular group invites members share insights on pet-friendly excursions, and to dish about their favorite pet-friendly destinations, places to stay, and things to do. As a member, went searching pet travel tips that will

TripsWithPets USA frequently offers contests for chances to win pet travel-related prizes! Nowadays

away, most are heading If you like adventurous out on road trips. involve bringing So, to ensure safe travels for all two- and fourlegged passengers, it's important to be aware of a very real pet travel safety issue - pets and distracted driving.

When we think of distracted driving, there

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### Study Reveals West Virginians Among America's Weakest

Americans what they consider to be the fiercest state rivalries, one may point to college football, Michigan vs Ohio game. Another person might claim the biggest rivalries each state's local gastronomy scene. North Dakotans a true ranking of states reside? They scoured

If you were to ask may swear by the Peace exists, whereby you could of random Garden's buffalo burgers, only to be contested by Arizonans insisting nothing beats a greasy chimichanga. Of course, such as the annual all these rivalries are subjective and are likely to, at worst, anger and appall, and at best, reach a compromise by agreeing to disagree. But what if

quantifiably, without disagreement, rank each from best to worst?

Lift Vault, an online resource for powerlifting, bodybuilding and strength training, analyzed data, and set out to determine where in America do the country's physically strongest men & women

through 5 years data provided by Open Powerlifting focusing on 3 main powerlifting categories - the squat (a strength exercise in which the trainee lowers their hips from a standing position and then stands back up); the bench press (an upper-body weight exercise training Continued on page 9

### Augustin, Edwards, & Williams Earn All-MEC Honors West Liberty's Dalton repeats as the Player of line (93 percent). Bolon, per game ranked 13th in

leader at the free throw 7.23, and his 18.9 points

Bolon has been selected Conference Basketball Player of the Year for a second-straight while Davis & Elkins' Sam Rolle

(Freshman of the Year) and Charleston's Dwaine Osborne (Coach of the Year) also received top honors from the league.

Gnadenhutten,

the Year after averaging as the Mountain East 22.0 points and 7.8 Men's rebounds. He joins former Hilltopper Seger Bonifant as the only player to repeat as the league's Player of the Year. The guard is shooting over 50 percent from the field on the year, and also ranks third in the conference in three-point accuracy (45 percent) Bolon, a senior from and is the conference

a three-time first team All-MEC pick, is among the active leaders in NCAA Division II in scoring with over 2,000 career points. Rolle, a native of

Riviera Beach, Fla., is the Freshman of the Year after averaging ranking among the conference leaders

in several categories this

season. Rolle led the MEC

in assists this season with

the conference and first among freshmen in the league. He also managed 1.92 steals per game -tops among freshmen and fourth in the MEC. Osborne is the MEC

Coach of the Year for a second-straight season and the third time in his career. His three MEC Coach of the Year honors is more than any other

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Union; several nieces

and nephews; and loving

preceded in death by

one son, Eric Pumphrey

and one brother, Chester

The family would like to

extend a special thank you

of Amedysis Hospice for their exceptional care

of Sylvania in her final

the Genesis Healthcare

Sylvania's

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Crematory handled the

cremation arrangements

IRA "BUD" HURST,

JR.

"Bud"

Jr., 84 of Clarksburg,

passed away Saturday,

February 27, 2021, at

Clarksburg Nursing and

Rehabilitation. He was

born March 28, 1936 in

Clarksburg, son of the

late Ira and Mary Shaffer

Bud was self-employed.

Clarksburg,

numerous

his

was

He enjoyed hunting,

As

Ira

Hurst.

Clarksburg;

and Roy Hurst.

parents,

nieces and nephews.

In addition to

Bud

preceded in death by two

siblings, Shirley Jones

held at Davis Funeral

Home on Wednesday,

March 3, 2021 with Rev

Richard Settles officiating.

The family would like to

thank Clarksburg Nursing

and Rehabilitation for all

the love and excellent care

over the last few years.

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funeralhomewv.com.

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Sunset Memorial Park.

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### **GRIMM** Norma Ruth Grimm, Tresize and wife Ashley, of Clarksburg Lumberport; one stepsister, Penny Hilverding all and husband Jeff, West

friend,

parents,

Tresize.

Shinnston.

passed away peacefully Thursday, February 25, 2021 at United Hospital Center with family by her side. Norma was born on August 11, 1937 in Clarksburg, daughter of the late Laco and Ava White Greathouse.

Norma graduated from Roosevelt Wilson High School, Class of 1956. She was a homemaker. Norma was an avid golfer at Bel Meadow Country Club and was an animal lover. She enjoyed and loved spending time with her family.

Norma is survived by days. They would also two children, Iris Annette like to give thanks to Crowley and Tom, Clarksburg, David Evan Flanigan, Clarksburg; grandchildren, three David Ryan Roberts wishes, and Helen, Flemington, cremated. Michael Lewis Flanigan Funeral and Cathy, Clarksburg, Tiffany Renee Elder Cody, Fairmont; for the Tresize Family. two great grandchildren, Online Owen and Ava; one sister, can be made on Dorsey Linda Dinaldo and Patsy, FuneralHomeWV.com. Bridgeport; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Norma was preceded in death by her Lewis Burl husband, Grimm Jr; daughter-in-Roxanne Renee Roberts Flanigan; siblings, Jean Shreves, Lemoyne Wilma Greathouse, Wanda McIntyre, Kyle Greathouse and Arliss Greathouse.

Aprivate inurnment will fishing and playing cards. Cemetery. Davis Funeral sisters, Cleaone "Cleo" and Onsite Jenkins, Crematory handled the Norma Steele and Edward cremation arrangements "Eddie", Mount Clare, and honored to serve the Patty Morris and James, Grimm Family.

Online condolences can be made on DavisFuneral HomeWV.com.

### SYLVANIA VIRGINIA "BUTTONS" TRESIZE



Meadowbrook, Barker Tresize.

high school and held numerous jobs throughout her career. She loved dogs and owned several Mountain different dogs throughout the years.

Sylvania is survived by one son, Paul Pumphrey, NASCAR and especially, Jr and wife, Kristi, Meadowbrook; three

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Tresize and wife Heather, whom he married Haywood, and Doug November 8, 1974; three children, Russell Ray Tinney II and Tracy, Lisa grandson, Alex; one step Renee Moore and Michael of Mannington; Shawn Michael Tinney, Savannah, GA; seven grandchildren, Colten, Thea, Mariah, Alexis, Amber, Ashley, Jessica; addition to her and one sister, Karen Ash, Sylvania was Kingwood.

Davis Funeral Home and Onsite Crematory is handling the cremation and honored to serve the Tinney family. Online condolences can be made to Stacey, Jill, and Claire on Davisfuneral homewv.

### **MARY "AGNES"** KRAUS

Mary "Agnes" her dear friend, Angie of Kraus, 93, of Alum Bridge passed on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at Crestview will be Nursing Home in Jane Lew, WV. She was born February 5, 1928 in Alum Bridge, WV, daughter of the late Thomas Gilbert and Sarah Agnes Hayden Kraus.

> Agnes was preceded in death by one brother, John Robert Kraus.

Agnes is remembered by many cousins and friends. She was a member the St. Boniface Catholic Church and Altar Society. Agnes was a member of Lewis County Fox Chasers. Agnes had a love for all animals and truly enjoyed gardening. A Graveside Service was held on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at St Boniface Cemetery with Father Gary Naegele. Davis be at Elkview Memorial He is survived by three Funeral Home is honored to serve the Kraus family.

### **ROSEMARY CARR**

on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at United Hospital Center in Bridgeport, WV. She was born on July 2, 1926 in Lost Creek, WV the daughter of the late Harvey L. and Mary A. Funeral services were Beachlor Pratt.

> Rosemary was a homemaker. She married husband, Robert "Bob" Carr, on July 23, 1953 and together they shared 48 beautiful years, until his passing on February 12, 2002.

Rosemary was member of the Queen Esther Chapter #11 Order of the Eastern Star for many years. She was also a fifty year plus member of the Duff Street United Methodist Church.

Rosemary is survived by Theresa Carr, Charleston; two grandchildren, Jamie Miller and Josh Brewer; eight great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to her

parents and husband, Rosemary was preceded in death by one son, Guy John Brewer; and two sisters, Genevieve Small and Edna Kennedy; three brothers, Paul, Hayward, and Wesley Pratt.

A Graveside service was held on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at Sunset Memorial Park with Reverend Cliff Schell

Online

officiating.

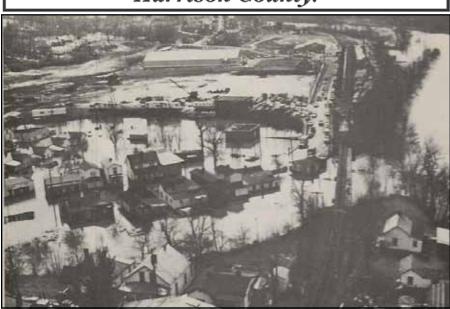
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March 7, 1967 flood in Shinnston, looking south. Building in foreground was Richardson Lumber Co. on lower Charles Street. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

condolences can be made on DavisFuneral HomeWV.com. Memorial donations

can be made to Duff Street United Methodist Church, 400 Duff Ave, Clarksburg, WV 26301.

### **ERNESTINE OLIVER**

Ernestine Oliver, 92, of Big Isaac and Jarvisville Communities, departed Thursday, February 25, 2021. She was born November 23, 1928 in Big Isaac, a daughter of the late Ernest Greynolds and Lola Coffindaffer Greynolds.

death by her husband, Big Isaac Cemetery. Dean Oliver, on June 6, 1963; her sister Betty Fittro and great-grandson Michael Neal Oliver.

Coffman of Coburn's Creek, Clarksburg; Brushy Fork Community, Bridgeport; and Randall (Sharon) Oliver of Big Isaac; grandchildren Mike Godfrey, Kevin East View, WV. Godfrey, Christine Curby, Greg Oliver, Brian Oliver, Stephanie Fluharty, Patrick Coffman, Lisa Finley, Crystal Miller, Rebecca Eason and Christopher Oliver and great-grandchildren Jeffrey and Jake Godfrey, Ashley, Dallas and Anthony Curby, Colten and Emily Oliver, Abby and Kayden Fluharty, Madison and Zachary Coffman, Sean and Tyler Whetstone, Matt Miller, Paige and Henry Oliver and Ryleigh Eason.

Also surviving is her sister-in-law, Margaret Masters; and her special friends, Sue Swisher and her husband Butch, Deb Vaughn, Earl Richards, Butch and Thelma Shaffer, June Lamb and Wayne Davis, Barbara Hart, and Bernice Kimble; and the many others that took the time to visit or call her.

a graduate of Bristol

High School, Class of

Ernestine lived all her Jayce, Landon, and Evan life in the same house in Big Isaac. She was

26 years of service from Jr. & Jeremiah Elwell, Doddridge County Board Camilla of Education as a cook and Elwell, custodian. She attended Xander faithfully Meadow Valley United Methodist Church.

The family would like to express their thankfulness to the many friends and neighbors who went by frequently to spend time with her at Genesis Healthcare and a special thanks to her caregivers who made every effort to her care. Funeral services will be

held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at Burnside Funeral Home with Pastor Denver Burnside presiding. She was preceded in Interment followed in the

### **NORMA JEAN MCCOY MAZZIE**

Norma Jean McCov She is survived by her Mazzie, 85, of East children, Darlene Llerena View, WV, passed away Rosemary Carr, 94, of of Zephyrhills, FL; Roger on February 27, 2021 at employed for numerous Bridgeport passed away (Cyrena) Oliver of Big Pierpont Wishing Well years with the WV State Isaac; Pamela (Jerry) Center in Fairmont. She Road cleaning offices, was born December 27, 1935; a daughter of the Lester (Carol) Oliver of late Roy Lee and Reo Rose McCoy. She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 43

years Sam A. Mazzie of Norma is survived children; by her six Linda Mazzie and her wife Caroline Dedmon of Shelby, NC; Kathie Kesner of Charleston, SC; David Mazzie of Gore, WV, Mark Mazzie and his wife Tracey of Clarksburg, WV; Joseph Mazzie of Clarksburg, WV; and Regina Elwell of Charleston, SC. She was blessed with twelve grandchildren, Patrick (wife Angel) Viglianco, Luke (wife Shannon) Viglianco, Jordan Kesner, Amanda (wife Tiffany) Mazzie-Pierce, Megan (husband Stephan) Hiser, Montanna (husband Joey) Mazzie-Sendling, Aaron Elwell, Hannah Elwell, Jacob (wife Cortney) Elwell, Anthony

(wife Yeisy) Visokay, and

Alicia Visokay and Justin

Hall. Norma was blessed

nineteen

Clevenger, Max Hiser,

Sam, Cooper, Parker, and

Jaxon Viglianco, Julianna

Viglianco, Ethan Mazzie,

grandchildren,

great

Isaiah,

with

1946. She retired after Adley Sendling, Jacob

& Isabella Visokay, Braiden Ingram.

She was the to several nieces and nephews oldest of four sisters to include Carol Sutton Goldsboro, of Roberta (husband Albert) Ashworth of Myrtle Beach, SC and Joan Bean (deceased).

Norma was a proud mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was involved in several activities of her children grandchildren, to include numerous school boosters, and was normally the loudest mother in the stands. After her youngest children reached middle school, she started in the workforce. She was Kmart where she was crowned the of the Blue Light" and WalMart.

For the longest time, Norma was as the "Avon Lady of East View" walking house to house selling and giving away free samples. Anyone that had met or knew Norma would say, 'she's a hoot' and 'mischievous and ornery', charming, cheerful and a joy to all who knew her; she will be missed.

The family would like to especially thank her caregivers at Genesis Pierpont Wishing Well Nursing Home in Fairmont.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Harrison County Humane Society, PO Box 4397, Clarksburg, WV 26302 A Mass of Christian

Burial were celebrated on Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with Father Kumar Reddimasu as Celebrant. Interment was in the Floral Hills Memorial Gardens next to her loving husband.

Davis FuneralHome WV.com.



"Buttons" Tresize, 60, of passed away on Friday, February 26, 2021 at Genesis Healthcare Salem Center in Salem, WV. She was born on December 13, 1960 in Clarksburg, the daughter of the late Lester Franklin and Virginia Sylvania graduated

brothers, Lester Tresize, Haywood,

### RUSSELL RAY **TINNEY**

Russell Ray Tinney, 73 of Mannington passed away on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital. Russell was born June 10, 1947 in Fairmont, son of the late Porter Dale and Dorothy Mae Cunningham Tinney.

Russell worked for State Auto Auction. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, watching WVU games Jeff Gordon.

Russell is survived by wife, Helena "Helen" Harry Elizabeth Hassan Tinney

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# "Senior Book Club"

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Carla Caruso added, in 1959.

mistreatment of those and is necessary for guide It our times."

Some that compared to the White happening at a reform lives. Nancy Scardina more Book Club member in Tallahassee, Florida James stated.

James'

the of the Black boys as adults was actually witnessed in their consensus that it was Telegram. segregating restrooms opinions virtually," Mellon

addition life serving on the Board of Universities. if everyone in the the ending too, but the experiences and her Directors of the Black was also honored as a President helped Heritage Festival,

discussion for the the United Hospital in Clarksburg. members group. "As a result Center Board and is a around our concern for is sad to think this shared stories about of our rather open contributing columnist members they discussion, there was for The Exponent the James not comfortable graduated from Seton boys at the school," school in real life in reported seeing signs to talk and share Hall and Carnegie Universities attended

virtual James also serves on Women's Association

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Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale,

with interest to March 31, 2021.

783.92 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. 127.75

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General in March to discuss to talk one-on-one answered, learn what compliance specialist Springs Road, Grafton Morrisey consumer-related with our consumer is going on in their with the office, will a issues and answer any representatives," area and how to keep host the events as 11:00 a.m. to Noon Attorney public Morrisey

General personal information scheduled below: said. safe and secure."

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### "Frances Benjamin Johnston" cont. from p.3 being ruins of slave quarters photographs of historic with a grant given

photographed. Between to grand plantations. 1933 1941,

"Through extensively throughout one person can do to of the photograph encouraged the American South preserve history, by as a historic record of telling the story of becomes as "surveys," funded Virginian who forged the photographic surveys women," said Ksenia photographs to life." became her greatest Bradner, AmeriCorps legacy. The exhibit member and curator of sponsored Johnston's of range of her work from examine

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structures - including by the West Virginia this many that no longer Humanities Council. traveled exhibit, we show what exist -- the power Exhibit visitors are behind the lens in evident. their own community known a remarkable West We are grateful that and take photographs West Virginia of structures whether by grants from the a prolific career as a Humanities Council they are grand or Carnegie Corporation. photographer in a time provided a grant so humble for display on this from the internet, tournaments J o h n s t o n 's hostile to professional that we can bring these PAWV's website. A is is also available on the PAWV's website for we have a plan that are going to have fun includes a diverse the exhibit. "As guests Preservation Alliance those who are unable will allow for proper this summer playing," Virginia to visit in person.

### "Parks & Rec." cont. from p.6

notch court. through and designers and drainage as well as said Book.

meets the dimensions "We have researched needed to put on local leagues. The idea was virtual online exhibit volleyball enthusiasts simple, but the plan was thorough. People

# "All-MEC Honors"

wins and went on to claim Advisory Committee. the South Division title. of the season nationally all-conference teams. In Pat Robinson (West team. ranked and were 16th in addition to Bolon, eight Liberty) and Anthony the most recent NABC others were selected to Pittman (W.Va. State) Hegel rankings. Charleston is the first team. West all moved from the and Nick

rattled off 13-straight listings from the Regional Liberty's Will Yoakum (Fairmont

league also in the spot for an Virginia State's Glen second team last year were

were all repeat honorees and

in the conference. After NCAA Tournament berth Abram, Fairmont State's to the first team this picks, starting 0-2, Charleston based on the most recent Dale Bonner and West year. Isaiah Sanders Charleston's State) Williams Williams. John also from last year. Lamont (Glenville State) also Johnson

> Glenville State's second

Isaiah Jeremiah Keith Charleston's Gable Charleston has spent most announced the 2020-21 McManus (Charleston), earned a spot on the first Jordan Roland (Notre earned Dame), Jordan Reid (Wheeling) and Breland Augustin Walton (Davis & Elkins) are selected by a

West Virginia State's Moore, Malik O'Neal and Alderson (Concord), Broaddus' David Shriver honorable mention accolades.

The All-MEC teams Edwards completed the second vote of the league's coaches.

# "WV Among Weakest States" cont. from p.6

which the trainee presses people, being placed back on the the bull. "Pick yourself lifting ground).

America's men and women reside case) is a well-known of the barbells... in the state of Texas. Texan cliché, after all. surprising –

a weight upwards while among others by rodeo lbs. lying on a weight training cowboy Teff Hedeman, bench); and a deadlift (in who memorably walked West Virginia came in Texas, 2) Virginia, 3) off the ground to the after having his face list in position #46. 5) North Carolina. level of the hips, before smashed into Bodacious Perhaps The data reveals that and get back up on that a good idea for West America,

Texans squat: 687 lbs; average 529 lbs; average bench "Any

personified average deadlift: 742 deadlift: 608 lbs.

practicing during an

West Virginia's Texas' results: average results: average squat: Kyle

The strongest The data revealed that states are as follows: 1)

Lift Vault has created interactive map up, dust yourself off, lockdown would be showing results across with data strongest horse" (or bull in Teff's Virginians in the battle separated by exercise men category.

Risley, 'regular' are legendary hardy bench press: 438 lbs; press: 353 lbs; average goer looking at this - officially America's

data shouldn't get too strongest!" disheartened if they seriously, however, it and America's and

\*The compare to their own are based on wilks, PRs! The data comes which is a score used which a weight is lifted under his own power far lower down on the New York, 4) California, from people who take to compare relative their powerlifting quite strength across weight does serve the purpose example, the Virginian of identifying where lifters are lighter than strongest the New York lifters, women which is why they're reside, and therefore ranked second even Lift Vault's founder, I tip my hat and offer though their average says: congratulations to the lifts are less than the gym good people of Texas average New Yorker

# "Pet Adventurers Unite"

are typical "culprits" the phone, and even partake daydreaming. However, that traveling with an furkids. distraction.

parents who makeup, chatting on whopping 60 percent vehicles! in unsafe distracted driving habits polled pet companions, 77 percent while in the vehicle.

that come to mind: drive with their pets. not drive with their pets texting, eating, applying Our poll uncovered a safely secured in their

It's pretty easy to we seldom consider when it comes to their see how an unsecured Additionally, pet can be a distraction unsecured pet is a very while 42 percent of while driving. Some dangerous respondents admitted pets may become anxious to being distracted by or excited, causing them TripsWithPets their four-legged travel to jump around or bark

often indicated that they do Additionally, a happy and loving pet may want to sit near you and crawl on your lap while you're driving, which may lead you to focus more on Rover than the road. Also, drivers in our poll revealed they are often petting their dogs, putting them on their laps, and frequently turning around or checking their mirrors to see if their pups are okay. Further, 25 percent of pet parents admitted to snapping pictures with their pups while driving!

Properly securing your pet in your vehicle is not only about alleviating potentially dangerous driving distractions; it is also a proactive approach to keeping your pet safe if you need to make a sudden stop. We all know

and even a minor fender the same care to secure bender can injure an our pets. Ensuring pets unsecured pet. A more are safe while traveling serious vehicle accident in your vehicle means can unfortunately lead to finding a pet safety unrestrained pets being seriously harmed or even killed, especially if they're thrown from seats, travel crates, and a vehicle. Not only that, but a pet who is free to roam in a vehicle can put others in danger due to the only keep you and your force of impact from an pet safe, but also offers accident. Additionally, peace of mind and airbags can go off and eliminates injure a pet in your lap, and unsecured pets who become frightened can you're out driving with easily escape from your your pooch, whether on vehicle and run away a road trip or simply

Drivers and human wear passengers that accidents happen, and we should all take the back seat.

after an accident.

restraint that is right for them. Options include pet seat belts, pet car vehicle pet barriers. Planning to have the right pet safety restraint for your trip will not one more distraction.

So, the next time running errands, think twice before letting your four-legged seatbelts for safety in sidekick ride on your case of an accident, lap or jump around in

# "Outreach Project" cont. from p.4

opportunity to support project. Home Federal Credit Union's outreach to COVID-19 pandemic, nursing home residents I regularly led card-

in Harrison County." There 689 our valentines distributed HCSCC and to approximately Treasurer nursing home Stuart. residents. Along with participants Senior Center, enjoyed approximately organizations sometimes

"Prior making classes for Senior Center collected members," stated Board always nine valentines

Senior Center, so we and 25 individuals holiday cards that were were happy to have this made donations to the shared with our local veterans and nursing the home residents."

> These classes and all activities came to a halt when the pandemic forced the close to reduce risks; however, Stuart Donna intends to resume the "Our class card-making classes following the pandemic creating when the Senior Center and is once again permitted other to open its door.

### "Walk With A Falcon Campaign" cont. from p.4

only community, greater State

campus to see our students health." but the paying it forward Fairmont for the next group of or to donate to the community," said Julie students and the local campaign, visit https:// R. Cryser, Fairmont community in a way www.fsufoundation. Foundation that will impact their org/giving/2021

that will benefit not President. "It is great physical and mental

For more information



# WV Humanities Council Seeks Grant Applications

The West Virginia Humanities the state affiliate of the projects that request serves West Virginia events, lectures, small through grants and museum direct programs in consultation the humanities. The and planning for more Humanities budgets over \$800,000 Humanities for grants and programs offers each year. A variety of grants are offered to nonprofit organizations that support educational humanities. programming.

Council, minigrants Endowment \$1,500 or less, including Humanities, small projects, single exhibits, needs, Council complex projects. The West Virginia," exhibit Richwood," Council minigrants four times per year to support educational programming in the The next Council Humanities

support April 1, 2021.

The Council recently awarded eight minigrants:

Murrell House Museum, "Black History Summers County (Summers County)

**Fayette** County Historical Society, "Coal Valley Hospital," video documentary (Fayette Employees County) Heritage

Humanities Council minigrant deadline is Museum and Village, "Huntington and the Association C&O Railroad Exhibit," (Wayne County)

> The Richwood Area Campbell Flannagan Chamber of Commerce, A "Unlocking the Stories in of How the Timber (Nicholas County)

> > Weirton Museum & Cultural Center, "Weirton Steel Bulletin Online Archive," Farm (Hancock County)

West Museums, of "Museums, and Social Activism: Humanities Symposium,"

(Monongalia County)

West Virginia Railroad History Program," Area (Randolph County)

West University Corporation, Justice in Appalachia website, Exhibition and

Virginia Programming," (Monongalia County)

For more information Labor, about the West Virginia grants program contact grants administrator Erin Riebe at (304) 346-Industry Helped Build Museum, "West Virginia 8500 or via email at exhibit Railroad Museum Oral riebe@wvhumanities. org.

> Grant guidelines Virginia and applications are Research also available on the "Food Humanities Council www. wvhumanities.org.

### Fairmont State University To Celebrate Spring Commencement April 24 & 25 Matt on guidance from Commencement University President. March 3, identifying

State Management, University will Swain. honor graduates during Saturday, April 24 each Due to the ongoing two hold separate person ceremonies for ceremony. A pilot by our obligation each college or school program allowing in- our primary obligation of Arts - Noon at the Duvall-Rosier person attendance at - to make every effort

Field. "From Fairmont safety, and balancing learning, athletic and yes, attending commencement," said done Chief of Police and the pandemic, the Director of Emergency University is relying

If COVID-19 Spring numbers Commencement low on campus and activities. on in the community, and Sunday, April 25. student will receive year's events, it is that Pinning Ceremony - 9 guest COVID-19 pandemic, allowing two family shift rapidly, requiring the University will members to attend agile responses. But we Education, Health & in- the

start, is currently planned. our students, faculty, State This pilot program will staff and guests at University's response allow the University Fairmont State," said to COVID-19 has been to test processes and Swain. to emphasize student ensure proper safety community measures are in place. to our Commencement "Unlike the well-being of schools in the state, other details related

face-to-face momentous occasion community. attending with our students," events, said Swain.

> As throughout

experts make our assessments place as follows: remain about these types of

"If we have learned of realities a.m. passes, COVID-19

Any changes made larger Guest Policy or any

Saturday, April 24: Nursing graduating anything from the past Commencement and

School commencement will always be guided Human Performance achievements as they and Regents Bachelor

College outdoor athletic events to ensure the safety of Science and Technology

Sunday, April 25:

College Liberal Arts – Noon

School Business and Aviation –

those things we love our options on how to will be communicated these students have campus Mirta M. Spring Fairmont

to Ceremonies will take "They have excelled one positive case, while under unprecedented one additional case was circumstances, and in identified at an off-S c h o o l time, they will lean campus testing site. on the tremendous adaptability resolve they developed among the Fairmont State. community look forward celebrating their as prepare to make their of Falcon graduates."

campus community, the program, vaccination University relaunched efforts and COVID surveillance of program during the be able to reopen spring semester identify positive cases limited guests to attend "Commencement among asymptomatic Commencement. our community with our facilities limit to this special event is always special, but students within the onabout university life, safely celebrate this to students and the raised the bar," said The testing initiative also be available for Martin, continued State March 1 – Wednesday, time.

Positive cases of the and coronavirus detected campus have steadily decreased semester progresses, University the mark on the world as hopeful that through initiatives including To further protect the the surveillance testing COVID-19 safety protocols, the testing University will safely to campus

> All Commencement population. Ceremonies Monday, livestreaming in real-

# "Shinnston Garden Club"

cont. from p. 5

created from parts of 1890. Hugh Mercer, a general Pennsylvania. A star in COVID. Those under

lawyer, U.S. Senator and 1936. businessman, Chilton expanded and became publisher and Virginia editor of the Charleston Council. Gazette.

March 17, 1891: West the Virginia State University Humanities of 17 black land-grant wvencyclopedia.org.

William Edwin Chilton of the Chicago Bears

e-WV: The electric streetcar system is a project of the West Humanities For more information contact West Virginia Council, was founded as the West 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Virginia Colored Institute Charleston, WV 25301; by the West Virginia (304) 346-8500; or Legislature. It was one visit e-WV at www.

approximately though, 1837: colleges established under least one mild, whole- a two-dose vaccine County was the Second Morrill Act of body reaction within series," he continued. on March 17, 1912: Athlete to 19% of those who counties and named for Joe Stydahar was born in hadn't previously had during the Revolutionary football and basketball the age of 55 were more at WVU, he was the likely to experience 1858: first round selection such symptoms, and they were also more was born in Coalsmouth, in the first pro draft common when people now St. Albans. A of college players in received their second dose of vaccine. This West makes sense given Charleston's Virginia Encyclopedia they have acquired natural immunity from having had COVID immune and their are better systems primed when receiving the vaccine. But this in no way contradicts the

> note that once a person begins a vaccine series, between the time vaccinations for a twovaccine product is not affected by having had COVID previously.

the vaccine."

Once you have taken the vaccine, is it immediately effective? Povroznik body a few weeks to build up immunity, so no, it doesn't happen right away.

vaccine manufacturer, well as whether or not that individual previously had COVID, immunity can for many, efficacy virus be earlier in some than of a vaccine during "It is often said that available."

"Vaccinations Recommended" cont. from p.1 studies have reported in others. In general, a had previously had is acknowledged after individuals COVID reported at 14 days of receiving getting vaccinated." Johnson vaccine, it community looks like protection will against moderate/ severe cases starts about two weeks is administered, and significant by four weeks after clinical the showed there no hospitalizations or deaths."

recently spoke on MSNBC, saying this is not the time to pull should take advantage importance of getting of getting any approved vaccine that is offered. J&J's vaccine due to the company's lawsuits being related to ovarian cancer.

this J&J hesitancy, Dr. Povroznik stated, "Over the indicated that with any there have been many healthcare decisions; the FDA has granted an authorization for

pandemic

the seven days compared "With the Johnson & of schools was that better habits that they have varying opinions. However, he entities administering said that for the most the COVID non-collegiate part, after the vaccination schools have not seen exposure rates ... and that if we the shot, data from look back on the past While many entities trial year at other states that are administering the were did not close schools, vaccine free of charge, states that school earlier, and the charge to administer a Dr. Anthony Fauci types of circumstances that led to acquiring COVID at schools, we clearly learned a lot Povroznik stated that back, and individuals about the virus through others' experiences before reopening in our state. Learning from private billing for the It is also important to Some people, however, how others handled the administration of the are leery of trusting situation was wise, he vaccine. said.

over their talc product the novel COVID-19 Health pandemic has without planned to partner to When asked about unprecedented with infrastructure and vaccine circumstances, forcing staff support to enable changes in the lives vaccine of families, workplace at the Meadowbrook years, situations, schooling, Mall. facilities when vaccine, it takes the companies that have ... and isolation has be been tainted from poor caused much stress and Povroznik concluded, however, anxiety during the past

"Depending on the this particular vaccine optimistically, though, based on data and says of his hope that many it does work. While people have acquired the story of talc-based better life managing the products is a sad one skills as it relates to vaccine

with if you do anything protection regulatory oversight committedly for 30 a third of those who from a COVID vaccine should not prevent days, a new habit will from form. That being said, it is my hope that it Povroznik's comment will be hard for most reopening people to break those

> Hospitals and those vaccine have been charged for it; it is provided through government opened there IS an allowable vaccine that is covered by most insurance providers. However, for those without that benefit, most vaccine sites have not been

United Hospital The appearance of Center and the local Department doubt presented provide a larger facility When asked that available, "The saying, location is ready to Dr. Povroznik spoke assist in larger public vaccinations and we look forward to that partnership supporting community as transmission. become more widely



