

Cooper Hoping For A Successful ‘Splash’ To Be Made This Summer



JOHN COOPER

By **LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD**
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John Cooper, Superintendent of Parks for the City of Clarksburg, will

celebrate 40 years at his job this July, but in all those years, he has never experienced a summer season like that of 2020! However, he is ready to ‘dive in’ this year and hopes circumstances

will be much different. Not only was the 2020 Splash Zone closure a disappointment to Clarksburg’s Board of Park Commissioners and to Cooper himself, but also to the many young people who were planning to work there and were relying on those summer positions, Cooper said. “With the exception of a few private country clubs, no pools in Harrison County were open last year and it was more or less like that all over West Virginia and throughout the U.S.,” he stated. “COVID really caused a major disruption. Of course, the safety of our patrons and employees was our first concern so remaining closed was

the best option. Now, however, in talking with colleagues around the state, we are all hoping for a return to full operational capacity this year.” With more people being vaccinated, that possibility may be a real prospect; however, with continual rises and falls in the number of Coronavirus cases, Cooper says they will have to abide by decisions made by the governor and the local health department regarding a reopening date. Cooper oversees the operation and maintenance of most of what allows families in the area to enjoy summer season recreation ... including the VA Park,

Clarksburg City Park, and 15 neighborhood playgrounds to name a few. Because the Splash Zone was forced to close last year, revenues did not allow for further improvements to be made there, but Cooper noted that a new children’s water play pool had just been installed in 2019 so it is still relatively new. “We did do some renovations to a couple of playgrounds in Broadway though,” he added, “and we’re sure kids and families will be

anxious to get out this summer and enjoy the recreational features our City has to offer. We’re keeping a positive outlook that the Splash Zone will be open this summer, and we started in early January taking applications. We have finished interviewing for lifeguards and are getting them certified now. At this point, we are still a little short on maintenance workers but we hope to fill those positions as well and be ready to jump into summer!”
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Shinnston Community Garden Meeting Spawns Lots Of Ideas & Helpful Advice



Pictured is an aerial view of the proposed Shinnston Community Garden site in the downtown area. Even for interested volunteers with modest skills, participation could be a valuable learning experience!

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The recent meeting held to discuss regenerating the Community Garden in Shinnston was not lacking in an active exchange of ideas and information. Jon Olson, the City’s VISTA worker, facilitated the discussion among about 15 individuals who participated either in person or via zoom. The garden has not yet been physically developed so this seemed to be the perfect time to gather ideas and input, consider possible
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‘Dining With Diabetes’ Program Helps Create Healthier Lifestyle For Those With Diabetes

4-Week Zoom Program Offered by WVU Extension Service is FREE!



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The expression “You are what you eat” has through the years been heard by a large audience! The message it conveys is that the food we consume has a great bearing on our state of mind and overall health. So humans need to pay a little more attention when they sit down at the table. Diabetes, for example, is one of the leading chronic illnesses in the state of West Virginia. According to the West Virginia Department

of Health & Human Resources, 1 in 8 West Virginians has been diagnosed with some type of diabetes! And one way to help control that condition is to learn more about it and pay closer attention to planning meals. It means reading food labels, shopping carefully for groceries, counting carbs, watching sugar intake, doing things differently, and making better choices. For instance, choose baked, steamed, grilled or broiled main dishes as opposed to those that are fried, breaded

or creamy. Choose vegetables as side dishes rather than fries. While salads may be a healthy choice, put salad dressings on the side and use them sparingly instead of drowning them in dressing ... and avoid loading a salad with cheese, croutons and/or bacon. Does it mean never again going out to eat? Not exactly. While eating food prepared at home allows you to exercise more control in its preparation, you can still visit a restaurant as long as you watch the choices you make. And if you visit a buffet, don’t heap your plate so full; eat smaller portions and fill your plate with a lot of colorful vegetables, staying away from dishes that are overloaded with butter and cheese. You may be able to have an occasional pizza; try a vegetable

pizza and ask that it be prepared with half the cheese! If you are a dessert junkie, have sherbet or frozen yogurt instead of cake, pie or a milkshake! People often get upset or perhaps even a little angry when changes need to be made and they may feel it is just too time-consuming, but it doesn’t have to be. The CDC notes the importance of managing blood sugar and eating well is the key to doing that. It is a matter of eating healthy foods in the right amounts at the right times so that blood sugar stays in your target range as much as possible. There are resources available with ideas to make it easier to eat well. The WVU Extension Service, in fact, can help you through their ‘Dining with Diabetes’ program, a program
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Clarksburg’s Three-Week Spring Cleanup Begins Mon., April 5th

By **LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD**
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Spring has sprung, and everyone knows what that means! It’s time to start clearing out the unwanted, unused junk in and around your home and free up some space. That includes the garage and outdoor sheds; clear a path so the lawn mower can be reached because the sunshine and warmer temperatures are going to force the lawn mowers into use very soon! Fortunately, those who live in Clarksburg can take advantage of that city’s Spring Cleanup which begins next week on Monday, April 5th and continues through Friday, April 23rd. Open trucks will be hauling items away – even those too sizable and bulky to go curbside for normal garbage pickup ... items like stoves, washers, dryers, hot water tanks, electronic equipment (such as televisions, microwaves, computers) and large household items.

Some pickup items, however, have limiting rules. For example, refrigerators, air conditioners and freezers must be properly tagged, noting that all Freon has been professionally removed. Without proof of Freon removal, these items will NOT be picked up. Know as well that normal household garbage and demolition/construction materials, corrugated cardboard and broken glass (unless the broken glass is boxed or contained so that no one can get cut)

will be taken. There is also a limit of one small truckload per residence! To learn more details and the routes that will be followed, visit the City’s website at <http://www.cityofclarksburgwv.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=358>. The City of Clarksburg stresses that cleanup participants should pay particular attention to pickup dates in their neighborhoods as there have been changes made from previous years.

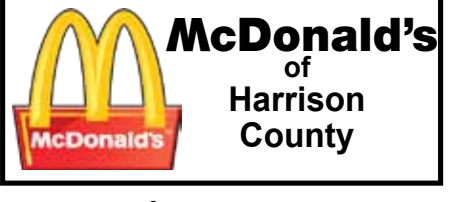
Four Blessings



Building Amazing Cities

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

Over the years, I have heard countless people say how much they enjoyed their grandchildren. I, too, wondered what it would be like and suddenly, I’m the grandfather to four incredible little girls and I fully understand the feeling completely. My first granddaughter, Ali, is now eighteen and has grown into a beautiful young lady who is driving and getting ready to graduate from high school. She is a dancer and each year I have looked forward to her dance recital. I’ve watched her from the time when she would shyly come onto the stage with a dozen or more of her tiny friends and do her best, keeping up with the other kids. Over the years, she has grown into a wonderful dancer and her solo dances have given me a joy I cannot describe. I was so looking forward to her senior year and the dance recital where she would come out on the stage for her final solo dance. We recently learned that the recital is going to be online and I was so disappointed, not being there in person. As she goes away to college next year, I’m hopeful that
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Food For Thought

By Leigh Currey Merrifield

Editor

Attaining Freedom From COVID Is A Journey We Travel Together

As the pandemic began to sweep our country, most people were praying that a vaccine would be developed and approved to help reduce COVID’s force and eliminate so many deaths. Not one, but three, now exist ... and in mid-March the New York Times reported that the CDC affirmed that 57.4 million people had received at least one dose of a vaccine. While that is good news, there are still millions left waiting. And I am shocked by the number of people who still say they are postponing getting the shot because they don’t feel comfortable about it; and still others completely refuse it! I can’t quite wrap my head around that, but I suppose they have their own personal reasons.

I know that there are extenuating circumstances. For example, I have a cousin who lives in Virginia and she was advised by her doctor to avoid getting a vaccine at this time due to her serious pulmonary issues, and the fact that she has also had some prior threatening reactions to some medications and vaccines. At some point, she may choose to take the vaccine, but her physician also cautioned that it would need to be administered in a hospital

setting where she could be closely monitored. In the meantime, she has kept herself quarantined so that she is not exposed to any infectious possibilities.

Freedom is wonderful, and we live in a free country ... so those who say “no” to being vaccinated can’t be forced to take it. However, by exercising their freedom to refuse it, if they still move around in public, they could be putting many other people at risk. I read an interesting comparison, which said that freedom is a two-way street. While one person may have a right to get drunk and drive if they so choose, others also have the right to be on the street without fear of being killed by that decision. When one person’s freedom endangers the safety of others, where should the line be drawn?

It has been made clear that if we are to return to ‘normal’, everyone needs to be participating in vaccination. And who isn’t longing to return to normal???? Because some vaccination progress has been made and numbers have dropped somewhat, a few restrictions have already been lifted. In WV, social gatherings are now (at least at the time of this writing, but that could change!) up to

100 people and capacity limits in restaurants, bars and businesses have been increased. However, we see already that numbers have now gone in the opposite direction. The plea to continue wearing masks has NOT changed, and yet I see on television where students are unmasked in large groups, and spring break has beaches loaded with unmasked sun worshipers. Again, everyone has to participate in order for us to return to the ‘norm’!

I saw one suggestion that I’ll share that is good ‘food for thought’. Government, at least in WV, did mandate that businesses should post signage on their doors that masks were required in order to enter. The suggestion was made that perhaps ‘vaccine required” signage would help some people take action on vaccinating. The only problem would be that a mask is visible; a vaccine is not. Someone would have to come up with a written proof or ‘passport’ of vaccination that would need to be as difficult to counterfeit or falsify as a one hundred dollar bill!

This week’s dessert: “Strength and struggle travel TOGETHER.” ~ Spencer W. Kimball

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Let Your Voices Be Heard

Dear Editor & Fellow West Virginians:

The 85th WV Legislature will soon be voting on two very important Bills: House Bill 2715 and Senate Bill 318, which will probably affect your life in some way.

One Bill will eliminate the publication of legal notices in newspapers and place them on a government-controlled website. I oppose this because many persons in West Virginia do not have access or knowledge thereof. I want to know of items which affect my life. One very important example would be utilities seeking rate increases from the WV Public Service Commission; these affect your finances. One needs to know the issues and date, time and site of public hearings.

If a city, county or state is planning to adopt laws which affect my life, I want to know the details. Deadlines on certain issues would be missed if citizens are unaware of the same. Citizens’ input is important.

We need newspapers. If this Bill is passed, newspapers will lose revenue and we could lose this valuable tool

of information. All of my life, newspapers have been in the home; today, I subscribe to several. I love them ... and frequently cut out valuable items to refer to later.

Government needs to be transparent. Our elected officials need to be ‘accountable’ to the people who elected them. They are “our voice” in Charleston and owe us loyalty, knowledge and help – regardless of whether we voted for them.

I called the Charleston Legislative office and a gracious lady answered and mailed to me, without a fee, a current Legislature Membership Directory, comprised of all the Senators/Delegates and other pertinent information. I then wrote a letter, mailing these to the 136 Senators and Delegates of the 85th WV Legislature, asking each to VETO this Bill.

I considered the costs involved – time, paper, envelopes and postage – as a birthday gift to myself, thanking God I could celebrate my 88th birthday in February.

I feel I am qualified to speak on this matter. I was employed for 45 years as a legal secretary

in West Virginia, Texas and Mississippi, and had to read and act on many legal notices. I also served eight years as the 1st and only woman mayor of my beloved Shinnston (elected citywide) and served 10 years representing the Third Ward as a Councilperson. They were happy, wonderful years!

In those capacities, I needed to read and act on many legal matters. In addition, I was employed as a legal secretary for Shinnston’s city attorney for many years. As Mayor and Councilperson, I felt I was the “servant of the people”. I asked for their vote and felt I should be responsive to their needs and concerns. I had an ‘open door’ mayorship.

Please call or write the WV Legislators and ask them to VETO this Bill. Thank you for reading this and for any help you may offer. I want my children, grandchildren and sons-in-law to have a legacy that I stand up when the cause is just.

May God bless each of you.

Sincerely,
Wanda F. Ashcraft
Shinnston, WV

Super Crossword

OPENING CUTS

ACROSS

1 Past artifact

6 Steal the scene from

13 "Chicago P.D." or "Law & Order"

20 Kagan of justice

21 Indigenes

22 Euphoric

23 Change in the side of a military formation

25 Gates of philanthropy

26 Karate instructor

27 Female bleater

28 Not docked

30 Perfect site

31 Court throw

33 Really funny

36 Talk up

40 Get tangled

42 Paid to get a hand

43 Body that voted for the trial resulting in Charles I's execution

46 "Baloney!"

50 Creative flashes

51 Rain forest, for one

52 Sunset's direction, in French

55 Tokyo sash

56 TV's "Warrior Princess"

57 With 77-Across, has a connection with

58 "Ad — per aspera"

59 Resting atop

60 Twilight

64 Liaison

68 Excited, with "up"

69 Wipes away

70 Single bullet, say

77 See 57-Across

78 Dress up

79 Sign gas

80 Last letters

84 Big bother

85 "Help!" co-star

86 Encountered

88 Gnat's kin

89 Oahu porch

91 Vision test

94 Bow of film

97 Wine vat sediment

98 Most snooping

99 "Walker, Texas Ranger" star

103 Ernie's buddy

104 Dialogue bit

105 — facto

106 Toothpaste tube inits.

108 Louise's film partner

113 Fatty

115 Old ad question that's apt for this puzzle's theme

119 Colonist, e.g.

120 Russia and Turkey's place

121 Good odor

122 Own

123 Distributing

124 Benefactor

DOWN

1 NFL officials

2 Fanning of "Maleficent"

3 Have a slant

4 Quaint hotels

5 Dessert items on sticks

6 Colorful card game

7 Covers with blacktop

8 Hearty dish

9 Noon, e.g.

10 "Hail, Catol!"

11 High mil. rank

12 Founded, on city signs

13 "Enter"

14 Like many short plays

15 Buddy

16 Safeguards

17 Language of India

18 Limerick writer Nash

19 Strike heavily and loudly

24 Mazda roadster

29 Ordinance

32 Belgrade's land

33 Vatican City surround

34 Suffix with Wyoming

35 Retained

36 Grand — (race event)

37 Uncouth

38 Premonition

39 Film-rating gp.

40 Mall stall

41 Home to Hanoi, briefly

44 Mortgage claim

45 Quick bite

47 Kachina doll carvers

48 Dry as —

49 Birds flap them

53 Prior to, to bards

54 Get for less

57 ENT part

58 Abbr. at the top of a 111-Down

59 Actress O'Connor or Merkel

60 Comic Caesar

61 "Jeepers!"

62 Pot-au- — (French dish)

63 Suffix with 93-Down

64 Popular typeface

65 Actress Jane

66 Portable bed

67 Year, in Rio de Janeiro

71 — diavolo (pasta sauce)

72 Unpaid debts

73 Steenburg of "Ink"

74 Peruvians of old

75 Crawl (with)

76 Chemical "I"

80 Tubular pasta

81 Actress Falco

82 "I" problems

83 Email status

85 Lustrous fabric

86 Service costs

87 Wood splitter

88 Editorial page feature

90 Consents to

92 Film director Roth

93 Missouri-to-Iowa direction

95 Licoricelike seeds

96 People using lassos

99 Bracelet part

100 Baseball's — Nomo

101 Army squads

102 Used oars

103 Sink part

106 — Sea (shrinking Asian lake)

107 Arnaz of 1950s TV

109 Long Spanish river

110 Spinks of boxing

111 Office note

112 Not nearby

114 Bullfight cry

116 — and cry

117 Noted period

118 Present label

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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.

April 1, 1884: Nurse Florence Aby Blanchfield was born in Shepherdstown. She served in the Army Nurse Corps during World War I, oversaw expansion of the corps from 1,000 to 57,000 during World War II, and became the first woman to hold a permanent commission in the regular army.

April 1, 1934: A sales tax went into effect in West Virginia for the first time. The tax of 2 percent helped fill the revenue void caused

by the drop in property values during the Great Depression.

April 2, 1900: Marlinton was incorporated. The town is generally considered to be the location of the first white settlement in the Greenbrier Valley.

April 3, 1755: Frontier scout and “long hunter” Simon Kenton was born in Fauquier County, Virginia. Upon leaving home, Kenton first traveled north through present West Virginia to Pittsburgh and then explored, hunted, and trapped through much of the Ohio Valley.

April 3, 1908: Samuel Starks died in Charleston. Starks became the first African-American in the United States to

serve as a state librarian when he was appointed to the position in 1901 by Governor Albert Blakeslee White.

April 4, 1980: Musician Red Sovine died in Nashville. Sovine, born Woodrow Wilson Sovine in Charleston, gained country music fame for his recitations, especially those in c o r p o r a t i n g sentimental truck driver themes.

April 5, 1856: Booker T. Washington was born a slave in Virginia. In 1865, he moved with his family to Malden to join his stepfather, who had escaped from slavery during the war.

April 5, 2010: An explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine in

N&J Briefs

FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

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

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

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

LOWE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Jones Run Church (3925 Jones Run Rd, Lumberport) will have a Good Friday service April 2nd at 6:30pm featuring seven preachers/ teachers speaking on the last seven statements made by our Lord on the cross for seven minutes each. Refreshments provided afterwards. Everyone is welcome to join us.

FREE CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

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

MONONGALIA COUNTY BEEKEEPERS MEETING

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

HOPE, INC. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP

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

KIDDING AROUND YOGA

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

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

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

WVDA To Host Farm Training May 7

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture will be hosting a Farm Training Day from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 7, 2021 at the Lakin State Farm. The event is tentatively scheduled to be held outdoors and social distancing will be observed. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required.

“As the state

continues to lift restrictions, in an effort to get back to normal, agencies must start planning to host trainings and events, as well as restart the services we provide to our citizens. For the WVDA, this will be one of the first events we have held in-person since the pandemic hit,” said Commissioner of Market Program, Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. “I know

our staff are itching to get back to doing what they do best, helping those who grow our food.”

The all-day event will cover a variety of topics including cold weather crops production, four seasons of growing, produce safety, farmers’ markets, the Senior Farmers’ Market Program, poultry processing and small egg production

and high tunnels. Those who attend will hear speakers from the WVDA, the Farmers Market Association, National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), the Western Conservation District, WVSU Extension Service and WVU Extension Service.

For more information or to register, contact Jessica Stricklen at 304-549-4013 or jstricklen@wvda.us.

obstacles that might be encountered, discuss gathering needed funding, planting advice, generating volunteer help, etc.

The first question posed was how large the area is that will be used. While it has not been surveyed, City Manager Chad Edwards approximated that it would likely encompass about 10,000 square feet. The garden space will be located on property owned by the City along S. Pike Street, adjacent to Brennan Auto Sales and directly across the street from the new Pawn Shop.

Having a source of quality water was another need that was examined. While it was mentioned that a creek is located directly behind what will become the garden area, it was noted that there are no major pollutants. Mirjana Danilovich, Coordinator of the WV Master Gardener Program, stated that this could not be used for food production. Edwards, however, said that nearby property with running water would make it simple to tap into an existing line to obtain city water for the garden.

Having a footbridge to connect the garden to the basketball court area was also mentioned; however, City Code Enforcement Officer Vincent Smith said it would have to be raised several feet and that could be a challenge.

The need for fencing around the proposed garden was another topic on the agenda and several things were considered. Ms. Danilovich noted that a garden without proper fencing is an invitation to deer and that, not surprisingly, it would

only take one deer to do significant damage.

City Recorder Kathleen Panek offered the idea of considering a pallet garden, with each pallet becoming a garden in itself. She stated that the owner of one local business in Shinnston - Home Style - has many pallets she would like to get rid of and has offered to save them if garden organizers want them. Panek also said they could perhaps be used for fencing instead of chain link and would be inexpensive.

Vincent Smith remarked that pallets are made of cheaper wood and would probably not be good for the long term since they would deteriorate much more quickly. Panek said it would at least help them get started and fencing could later be upgraded with something more substantial.

Ms. Danilovich presented the idea of creating garden rooms that are functional and look very presentable at the same time.

Bethany Nuzum suggested that hydroponic gardening – tower gardens – have some advantages as well. Plants grow in a mist environment instead of soil, yield and grow faster and use less space and water. The tower gardens come as a complete kit, therefore eliminating buying all the components. They are, however, a little more expensive initially, but perhaps something to consider.

Amanda Herrod stated that her husband was a former agriculture educator and that students might be helpful in fabricating the structures needed.

High and low tunnel

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gardening were other ideas that can be economical and extend the growing season. Grants and fundraising were also explored and several suggestions were offered, including engaging the assistance of the Master Gardeners where mini-grants sometimes can tender anywhere from \$500 to \$5,000!

Carla Kesling, who is involved with the Master Gardeners of Harrison County, said the Master Gardeners might be able to help in an advisory capacity and would be a good resource for help with planning what to plant and possibly even some funding help.

Jennifer Friend, with the WVU Extension Service and an Agriculture and Natural Resources agent, said the Extension Service would be happy to teach volunteers and coordinate with Master Gardeners about what will and won’t work in the garden, help with pest issues, and with soil testing when the time comes.

Local Boy Scout leader Buddy Hawkins said his scouts are ready to help with constructing any flower boxes or raised boxes that might be needed. Community Development Coordinator Anthony Tate noted that planning the garden is a huge task in itself, and they will still need people who will be committed to remaining active in the project. He suggested contacting the FFA at the schools for possible involvement, perhaps the Key Club, and some local organizations.

It was also suggested

that as plans are made, it would be a good idea to visit the Margaret McCoy Garden in Clarksburg, a volunteer garden project, and see what they have done.

Olson said that subsequent meetings will be held in the near future as planning evolves. They still need to inventory the tool shed that was used in Shinnston’s former garden that she is storing. He also noted that participating in this project is a way to learn gardening skills, engage people who don’t have room for a garden space of their own, and develop new friends.

The Lord’s Pantry in Shinnston is to be the beneficiary of produce from the Shinnston Community Garden, providing fresh produce that is typically not received from the Mountaineer Food Bank.

Olson was pleased with the results of the first meeting and delighted with the input and knowledgeable advice of those with gardening experience. After planning and building the garden, it will still need to be maintained. Being such an important project and involving a considerable effort to carry on, LOTS of volunteers will be needed to share in that task. “We don’t want to prepare it and then not have the commitment to keep it going so that it will benefit those in our community who need it the most,” he concluded.

Watch for notices of future Community Garden meeting plans in upcoming issues of The News & Journal and consider how you might help!

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we hope to give people the tools and resources they need to address health issues and build a healthier lifestyle. We launched this in March and had an overwhelming response, so we know this program is important to our fellow West Virginians.”

“Dining with Diabetes” will be offered April 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

from 6 to 8 p.m. Anyone interested in participating in the four-week program should register online no later than April 6th. To register, visit WVU Extension’s home page at extension.wvu.edu. and find the section marked ‘Timely Topics’; then click on the icon ‘Dining with Diabetes’. This will take you to the link for registration.

Easter Is The Most Holy Time Of The Year!

GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen



During this most HOLY time of the year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on our relationship with God. What I find most surprising is that we do not seem to come to this point until later in life. I am certainly not being negative about what point in life we come face to face with God, but if we truly believe, it would be so much easier when we are young.

I have always been a believer. Being an Italian Catholic girl, there was never a time when I did not know that weekly attendance at church was an important part of my life as was the observance of Holy days and the sacraments such as baptism, weddings, confession and communion. I am sure that this served a purpose when I was younger, but as I aged, I began to see that I had truly denied myself the comfort of having God as a partner.

This came to me full force when I was diagnosed with cancer. A few of the most important words ever spoken to me were spoke by my doctor. After he gave me my diagnosis, he said, “You are not in charge of this, I am not in charge of this, there is

someone bigger than you and me in charge.”

I continued to think of these words and perhaps I heard them before, but they now had an altogether different meaning. I knew if I truly believed that these words were my salvation. It takes a lot of courage to truly accept this phrase. Just for a second, think about a happening in your life that you truly know you have no control over. Can you put it into his hands and honestly accept the outcome? Am I saying this is the easy way out? No!

I am asking you to adopt this way of thinking into your life. Next, you must ask for the courage and the strength to accept His will. It is so rewarding to really know that He is walking hand in hand with you. During this Easter season accept him. Try writing on a piece of paper “I am not in charge”. Hang it on your door or refrigerator and dwell on its meaning every day. What a relief to know you have a partner.

My heart is heavy with the passing of my dear friend, Carmine Cann. There is much that will be said about his professional and political life this week, but in a future column I will share with you my observations of his personal life and his family. Condolences to his family and may he Rest in Peace.

Happy Easter, stay safe, stay healthy and until next week, “Now You Have Heard It Through the Grapevine.”

I’m “Stylin” Now In The Old Ranger Thanks To Some New Rims

Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny



Monday afternoon, I had two procedural appointments at the VA Hospital for an MRI and x-rays of my wrists (Sure miss the valet parking). Dortha (The Sheriff) had everything under control at the lab entrance.

Tuesday afternoon, I had an appointment at the Cove Run Customs shop in Anmoore to have the four rims replaced on the old Ranger. The magnesium was flaking off one of the original rims and needed replacing. I decided to buy a custom set of rims and spent two days online looking before something I liked popped up. I had the four rims delivered and I think my buddy Chris of UPS had the honors of unloading them on the breezeway (Kind of hefty).

That morning, nephew Bobby came down and loaded the rims into the back of the truck for me (Good boy). I was well pleased with the experience at Cove Run Customs. They were very professional and accomplished the task in a timely manner and at a reasonable price. So, if you pass an old black Ford Ranger in the area with a set of rims that are worth more than the truck, that will be me ‘stylin’!

After leaving the shop, I met Bernie and Debbie (Former Ding Dong Lady) at the FOP Restaurant in Nutter Fort for something to eat. The restaurant actually had real salt and pepper shakers and they worked...life is getting better.

Wednesday morning, the Mayor (Dogcatcher??) of Feathers Hill, Wellman T. Robey, paid me a visit.

My old friend brought some articles he wanted me to read. I always enjoy talking with him...never a dull moment. Terry had just come from working at the Lord’s Pantry in town. The volunteers were putting the food baskets together for the Thursday’s handout. They do great work.

Around noon, I drove up to check on John and Patty, and also, I wanted John to see the new rims on the Ranger. I told him the only problem was I couldn’t see them while driving around. He said I needed to buy a couple of extended side mirrors and point them down towards the rear wheels ... he may be onto something there. After leaving John’s, I drove up to the Strand Barber Shop near Nutter Fort for a much-needed haircut. Don Henderson (The barber) did a fine job.

Thursday morning, guess where I was at? Yep, I had another appointment at the VA Hospital. I had lab work done again (I swear they are selling it!) before seeing the rheumatologist. The sheriff had her badge on and had everything under control on the 2nd floor. It was nice running into Nurse Assistant Kenny Davis. He and my son always hung out together growing up. Over the years, Kenny spent a lot of time under our roof... he’s a good boy. The wrists are not improving, so, the doctor changed meds (Sure miss the valet parking).

It has been a month since I had the second COVID shot and I haven’t noticed any new growths on my hands, feet, or nose yet. However, since that time, my voice has changed and I sound like I have a very deep cold. Some mornings when I first try to talk, I sound like ‘Ole Blue’ baying at a treed coon at midnight in the head of the holler.

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

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Clarksburg Library To Celebrate National Library Week With Virtual Poetry Workshop



KARI GUNTER-SEYMOUR

April 4 - 10 marks National Library Week 2021. Sponsored by the American Library Association, National Library Week “celebrates the contributions of our nation’s libraries and library workers and to promote library use and support.” The Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library will mark the week with a host of online programming culminating on April 10 with a virtual poetry workshop presented

by Ohio Poet Laureate Kari Gunter-Seymour.

The event, titled Fortifying Our Resilience - A Virtual Poetry Workshop, will feature Gunter-Seymour as she guides participants through poetry as a means of healing. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the workshop will be hosted digitally on Zoom. No prior writing experience will be necessary to attend the workshop.

The event notes that, “We are experiencing the ever-present effects of social distancing and it’s hard to stay positive. We cannot avoid all of our problems but we can work to focus our attention on the things in our life that are positive, and by doing so, build up our feelings of resilience. Using a series of ‘sensory’ exercises and

prompts we will work to bring ourselves to a state of awareness and peace.”

Kari Gunter-Seymour is a ninth generation Appalachian. Her poetry collections include A Place So Deep Inside America It Can’t Be Seen, winner of the 2020 Ohio Poet of the Year Award; and Serving. Her poems have appeared in numerous journals and publications including Verse Daily, Rattle, The New York Times, and on her website: karigunterseymourpoet.com. Her work was selected by former US Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey to be included in the PBS American Portrait crowdsourced poem, Remix: For My People. She is the founder/executive director of the Women

of Appalachia Project and editor of the WOAP anthology series, Women Speak, volumes 1-6. She is currently the Poet Laureate of Ohio.

Fortifying Our Resilience - A Virtual Poetry Workshop will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2021 from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM on Zoom. For more information and to register, please visit clarksburglibrary.info /poetry-workshop or call (304) 627-2236. Fortifying Our Resilience - A Virtual Poetry Workshop is sponsored by the Cultural Foundation of Harrison County and the Friends of Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library.



“Four Blessings”

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she keeps her love for art and dance.

My second granddaughter, Avery, is nine and lives in South Carolina. I can remember the day she was born and how her eyes sparkled. She has always been outgoing and loves to experience new things. She has spent a week with us in the Summer for most of her life and we look forward to her visits. We had planned to take her to Paris last year but the pandemic cancelled our trip at the last minute. She enjoys going out to eat breakfast with me and I enjoy our conversations. I love the way that she is always up for anything and is excited for each thing we decide to do. When we visited the game farm in Upshur County a few years ago, she wrote about each animal she saw in her journal.

Our third granddaughter, Emery, also lives in South Carolina. She is a free spirit and so much different than her sister Avery. She is quieter and more reserved and it is often difficult to know what is going on in her little head. As she has grown older, she has become the athlete of the family. She loves basketball and is just starting soccer. She also visits us in the summer for her own special week. We go to Eat n’Park for breakfast and she loves to get French Toast and a Smiley cookie. I love the way she dresses, with mismatched socks and just about any combination of colors and patterns.

The newest member of the crew is Sadie, a beautiful little girl who is adored by her sister Ali and her cousins Avery and Emery. Sadie is a little more than a year old and has captured the hearts of everyone who meets her. We have a special bond and she enjoys sitting in the recliner with me to watch Coco Melon, her favorite program, and recently she found that she loves WVU basketball. We get to see her several times a week and each visit is special. I can’t wait till this summer when we will get to explore the yard and go for walks in the park. She has already taken swimming lessons and I’m sure she will enjoy the Splash Zone this summer.

I know I have been blessed beyond measure and each day, I enjoy hearing news of these wonderful grandchildren. As they grow and begin families of their own, I’ll look back on these times and remember sitting in the recliner and reading books with these little angels. Life has its ups and downs, but grandchildren have a way of making everything better. Have a great week!

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BUSINESS MATTERS

Antero Resources Presents \$100,000 Check To Robinson Grand Capital Campaign



Pictured from left at the check presentation are: Kevin Ellis, Regional Vice President of Antero Resources, RGPAC Executive Director Ryan Tolley, and Clarksburg City Manager Harry Faulk.

Leadership from contribution to the Antero Resources, the Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center, and the City of Clarksburg gathered at the historic theatre recently to recognize and accept a major

performing arts center's capital campaign. In late 2017, Antero Resources made a \$600,000 commitment to the theatre's restoration, renovation, and on-going operation.

This commitment is the largest that the Robinson Grand Capital Campaign has received to-date. With this donation, Antero Resources is continuing its steadfast support by issuing a \$100,000 check towards their \$600,000 commitment. Following this donation, the energy company will have donated \$500,000 in support of the theatre's capital campaign.

"We're deeply thankful for our dedicated supporters, including Antero Resources, whose generosity was critical to restoring this very special institution and also helps to ensure its survival for many years to come," Tolley

said during the check presentation. "This theater is such a huge part of our community here. Antero Resources has been with us throughout the construction and re-opening phases, but also remained steadfast in their support during this unprecedented pandemic, which has been crucial to ensuring the Robinson Grand can remain operational and ready to open its doors again. Their support has not only helped us to sustain, it has also helped to produce free virtual content on our stage that has been enjoyed by everyone throughout the past several months and continued through the end of March."

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American Rescue Plan Act Elevates Small Business Support In Response To COVID-19 Pandemic



Upon President Biden signing the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 into law, the U.S. Small Business Administration's Senior Advisor Michael Roth stated, "The American Rescue Plan Act enables the SBA to continue to lift up the cornerstones of our communities, the mom-and-pop businesses and nonprofits that provide essential services for our everyday lives, hire from within neighborhoods, and more. Our nation's more than 30 million

small businesses are the economic engine of this country and, in alignment with the Biden-Harris Administration's focus on equitable treatment, the SBA will work tirelessly to ensure eligible borrowers will get access to this critical economic relief."

The American Rescue Plan Act provides additional relief for the nation's small businesses and hard-hit industries for programs the SBA is currently administering and adds new efforts, including:

- \$7.25 billion additional for the Paycheck Protection Program, including to expand eligibility to additional nonprofits and digital news services
- Additional funds are allocated for the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant program, and now allows businesses to apply for both a PPP loan after Dec. 27, 2020, and the SVOG
- \$15 billion additional for Targeted Economic Injury Disaster Loan Advance (EIDL) payments, including NEW \$5 billion for Supplemental Targeted EIDL Advance

payments for those hardest hit

- NEW: \$28.6 billion for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund for industry-focused grants

- NEW: \$100 million to establish a Community Navigator pilot program; grants will go to eligible organizations supporting efforts to improve access to COVID-19 pandemic assistance programs and resources.

SBA's current relief efforts can be found at www.sba.gov/coronavirusrelief, and more details about these program updates and new efforts the SBA will administer in the coming weeks.

PSC Orders Electric Companies To Improve Reliability Targets



The Public Service Commission has issued an Order directing Appalachian Power Company, Wheeling Power Company, Monongahela Power Company and Potomac

Edison Company to improve both their System Average Interruption Frequency Index and Customer Average Interruption Duration Index each by 5%. The Companies had requested to maintain their Reliability Index Targets at the same level they had been for the last eight years.

"These Targets are intended to improve electric reliability," said PSC Chairman Charlotte

Lane. "The Companies should strive to meet these new Targets, seeking innovative ways to provide greater electric reliability for their customers. The improvement levels set by this Order are a step in the right direction to focus the Companies' attention on achieving better levels of reliability, particularly for the worst performing circuits on the system."

The Companies were directed to file petitions for reevaluation of the new targets by May 1, 2024, and to propose new reasonably achievable improvement reliability targets to set standards for fewer average outages per year and shorter outage durations.

Additional information, including the Final Order, is available on the Commission website: www.psc.state.wv.us by referencing Case Nos. 20-0357-E-PC and 20-0368-E-PC.

Workforce WV Continues Working On Claims Thanks To Passage Of American Rescue Plan



West Virginians receiving unemployment benefits are unlikely to experience a gap in West payments as WorkForce

West Virginia officials work with the U.S. Department of Labor to implement provisions of the American Rescue Plan, which extends

several federal pandemic unemployment assistance programs another 29 weeks.

"Gov. Justice has tasked us with making sure West Virginians don't miss a payment now that the federal unemployment benefit

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Mr. Taco Believes In Giving Back To The Community

The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal, in conjunction with North Central West Virginia Airport, has named Mr. Taco as April's Business of the Month.



The exterior of Mr. Taco's foodtruck pictures many of the menu items. Peering through the window are members of the Tyson family – owners Ken and Alma with son Alexis.



A socially distanced line begins to form for an authentic Mexican lunch at Mr. Taco's foodtruck.

By DIANA BEDELL

News & Journal Staff Writer

A mere seven months ago, a colorful food truck known as 'Mr. Taco' set out for a trial run for the Knights of Columbus and the following day began with a successful debut on September 1st. Like many new up and comers, Mr. Taco has relied only on social media platforms for marketing and it has paid off as they now have over 4,000 followers on Facebook thanks to co-owner Alma Tyson's ingenuity.

She and her husband and co-owner Ken Tyson started this journey back in 2017 when they purchased the truck and had the plan and idea to set the truck up to serve food.

"We built it from the bottom up and set it up the best we could," said Ken Tyson. "There is a lot of blood, sweat and tears in the truck. The main reason we started this project was because Alma missed her authentic Mexican dishes and the recipes are all her own."

Mr. Taco is also a family endeavor as each of their four children help in some aspect.

The couple moved to north central West Virginia in 2015 from outside San Diego, CA in order to help care for Ken's mother, only to have her pass away nine days after their family moved. Ken worked as a field agent for the Knights of Columbus in southwest Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland until COVID hit and then his traveling was curtailed. Illness also sidetracked Ken in February 2020 which affected the couple's momentum in getting the food truck on the road.

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WVU Hoops Season Comes To An End!



The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

The West Virginia Mens Basketball team ended its season with a loss to Syracuse. It was a roller coaster of a campaign like no other in Mountaineer history. The number of ups and downs that most teams deal with on a yearly basis were met midway through the season.

Coming into the preseason there was a chip on the shoulder of Mountaineer Nation. The previous year, the Eers were steamrolling toward March with thoughts of a National Championship. The coronavirus derailed that train and threatened to end this season before it even started which had players, coaches, and fans all holding their collective breath. All involved were ecstatic when lofty preseason rankings and dreams of hardwood action were replaced with actual games. The roller coaster had finally climbed to the top and the ride was set to begin.

When play began, someone forgot to tell

Oscar Tshiebwe and the prized post player looked like the kid waiting for the next roller coaster ride to start. It was evident that the “Big O” wasn’t very happy and before veteran mentor Bob Huggins could remedy the situation, Tshiebwe took his talent to the bluegrass state. It was tough enough to lose the former McDonald’s All-American in the middle of the campaign, but to lose him to Kentucky was just unbearable. Huggins and Wildcat Head Coach John Calipari were as close as possible. Calipari was there for Huggins when he needed him most. He visited Huggins in the hospital years ago at a time when Huggs needed him most. Calipari has even made appearances at Huggins’ Fish Fry (an event to raise money for the Norma Mae Huggins Cancer Research Endowment Fund), so to lose Oscar to a good friend is like being betrayed in the worst way.

Huggins did what

only he could do! He rallied the troops and brought his squad even closer together. After an adjustment period of learning how to move forward without their highly touted post player, the Mountaineers put all of the pieces together. They climbed the rankings yet again and earned the respect of the entire country in the process.

WVU ended the regular season with an 18-9 record and for the 30th time in program history, they earned an invitation to the NCAA tournament. March Madness had finally touched down in “Touchdown City”; sure, it was a year late, but better late than never. The Mountaineers obtained a three-seed and they were ready to dance.

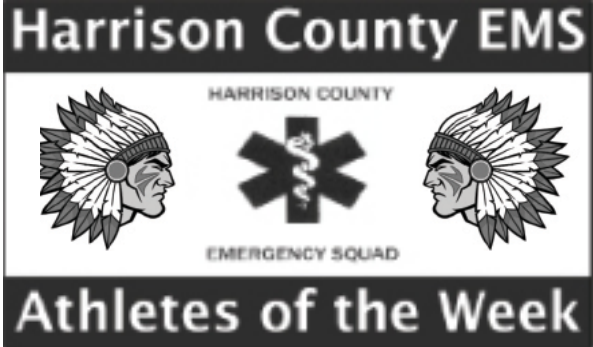
There were several prognosticators that picked WVU to win the first ever National Championship in school history. Once again, just like in the preseason, hopes were high and the dreams were big. An opening round win over Morehead State not only advanced the Mountaineers to the second round (which meant more dancing), it

provided Huggins with his 900th career win. There was more to be excited about as 11th seed Syracuse had ousted San Diego State and the Eers had an opportunity to beat up on one of the biggest whiners in college hoops. The cherry on top was that with this win, a trip to the Sweet Sixteen would follow.

The Orange utilized their trademark 2-3 zone to jump out to a commanding lead. However, just as we had seen all year long, this team would refuse to quit and would garner their first lead of the game with just under 10 minutes left in the affair. Unfortunately, it would be short-lived and their last.

The season ended before it was supposed to which says a great deal about the job Huggins did. He pulled this squad together and did what very few others could. They became relevant again after everyone had counted them out. Now we have to wait until next year to buy a ticket for the ride.

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



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 Bridgeport’s Paige Humble and Jack Bifano.

Indian basketball standout, Paige Humble had an impressive outing in a win over Lewis County last Tuesday. Humble scored all nine of her teams first quarter points en route to a 15-point effort. Humble eclipsed the 1,000-point mark for her career in the victory.

Indian hoopster, Jack Bifano helped his squad to a 1-1 mark this past week. Bifano scored 20 points, grabbed 17 rebounds, and blocked a pair of shots in a win over Philip Barbour. Bifano recorded his second double-double of the week against Morgantown. Bifano hit for 20 points and claimed 10 boards in the loss to the Mohigans.

Congratulations to Bridgeport’s Paige Humble and Jack Bifano for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal’s Athletes of the Week!

Spring Has Sprung – Time To Break Out The Sticks



From The World Of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

There have been many oddities to begin 2021, such as playing high school basketball after daylight savings time. Other oddities include everyone getting the vaccination to help cope with living during a COVID-19 era and the continuance of wearing masks and following a protocol that will go down historically for generations to reference. But there is that one constant for many when the weather changes from winter to spring...it is time to play some golf.

I work as the golf professional at Clarksburg Country Club and this will mark my tenth year at the club. This is a wonderful private club offering the amenities of 18-holes of championship golf, a full-sized swimming pool, tennis and basketball courts and a wonderful club house with restaurant. For those looking for a home to golf during the summer and close to home, the CCC would be an ideal experience.

I have had a passion for the game for many years and getting the opportunity to pass my knowledge of the physicality of the sport through golf lessons is one of many things that I enjoy. To teach students of all ages to learn the basics of this great game and to improve those who have managed to go from beginner to novice and take them to another level is a challenge I accept and strive to succeed. And now is the time where all that comes forward as we open our driving range on April 1st and the lesson book will begin to fill up.

For those looking for some pre-season help, here are a few things that may help with kicking the rust off the golf muscles before competition is played.

First, make sure your body is ready for play. The players on all tours have a workout regimen that keeps them from getting hurt during play. The back, knees and hips take a brunt of the damage in the golf swing and we must make sure we are not only strong enough to endure the many swings during the summer, but have the flexibility to reduce straining the muscles.

Stretching is always important. I have an old broom stick that I use for working the trunk or core of my body. Twisting and bending side to side helps loosen up the lower back muscles and helps give the feeling of movement in the back during the swing. It is a simple exercise to do, but essential for players of all ages and abilities.

Also, subtle weight lifting can always make a difference in the game. When you are strong and flexible you have two advantages over your playing partners. You can maintain distance off the tee as well as have the endurance to go 18 holes without getting tired. Believe me, you will get tired playing golf in the early part of the season, so jump out on it early and be ready for opening day.

Also, besides getting your body in tune, make sure your equipment is ready for the season too. We all know how expensive new clubs can be, but

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West Virginia’s Treasured Golden Rainbow Trout Has A Remarkable History



West Virginia’s golden rainbow trout gets its iconic color from years of selective breeding.

The golden rainbow trout is one of the most treasured fish in West Virginia, and is prized by anglers young and old for its unmistakable, bright-yellow color. For more than 50 years, these freshwater cousins of the rainbow trout have provided a special experience for anglers who have been lucky enough to catch

them and a source of frustration for those who haven’t.

Like gold panned from a mountain stream in the old west, catching a golden rainbow trout requires patience and skill. Getting a golden rainbow trout to bite is difficult, but when they do take the bait, you’ll be able to say you found gold in the hills of West



Pictured here, DNR biologists fertilize golden rainbow trout eggs.

Virginia!

As the fish got older, they also got “golder”. In 1957, DNR’s fish division chief Dr. Edward C. Kinney and his staff conducted spawning experiments to produce trout with the desired color. Within two years, more than 90 percent of the eggs hatched showed golden

coloring. Although the first fish in this experiment were small, additional selective breeding brought future broods up to the size and vigor of regular rainbow trout. With their success, game fish specialists knew they had something that would be of interest to

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Mon National Forest Issues Guidelines For Collecting Ramps

Digging and eating ramps in the spring is a traditional activity throughout Appalachia and especially in the gateway communities of Monongahela National Forest. While collecting ramps for personal use is permitted on the Forest within established limits, commercial harvesting of ramps in the Forest, including re-selling ramps collected for personal use, is not permitted.

Personal use is defined as two gallons per person in possession at any one time, about the amount

that fits in a typical plastic grocery bag. This equals about 180 whole plants, including roots and leaves. Individuals may not collect ramps on behalf of someone else.

We encourage people who collect ramps in the Forest to follow these guidelines to ensure abundant ramps in the future:

- Collect ramps only in patches with more than 100 plants.
- If you find a patch that has already been harvested, move on to another area.
- When

collecting ramps from a large clump, take only one-fifth of the plants. Leaving behind most of the plants will allow them to mature and go to seed, and the patch will recover faster.

- If digging bulbs, use a soil fork or a small hand trowel and a knife, rather than a large shovel. Shovels disturb the root system of neighboring ramps and other plants much more than these smaller tools. To dig ramps, loosen the soil with the soil fork or hand trowel and use the knife to cut the ramp roots beneath

the bulb.

- After you dig a ramp, cover the bare soil with leaves. This will reduce the likelihood of invasive species taking root.

By following these guidelines for harvesting ramps, we can ensure that our children and grandchildren will be able to enjoy ramps for generations to come. Learn how to grow ramps on your property here: <https://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/compass/2017/04/12/grow-your-own-ramps-2/>.

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**FRANK LOUIS ROSE**

Frank Louis Rose, 65, of Shinnston, WV went to be with our dear Lord and Savior on March 21, 2021 at United Hospital Center, surrounded by his family. He was born on August 11, 1955 to the late Patsy Rose and the late Sarah Jane (Demarco) Rose, both of Shinnston.

He was also preceded in death by his in-laws, Don Bartlett and Ellen "Louise" (Wagner) Bartlett, his grandparents, Sam Abruzzino and Victoria (Rose) Abruzzino, and Frank Demarco and Mary (Perri) Demarco.

He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Kathy (Bartlett) Rose, one daughter, Maranda "Mandy" (Rose) Bowen and husband Shane, two grandchildren who were his favorite people in the world, Frankie Lee Bowen, his little mini me, and Ella Rose Bowen, his little "cook", all of Shinnston; two sisters, Mary "Patty" (Rose) Moran and Sharon (Rose) Sears, and one brother, Patsy Rose Jr. also of Shinnston; four brothers-in-law, Chuck, Bobby, Davie, and Ronnie Bartlett, and one sister-in-law Donna Kay Palmer. Frank is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and very special cousins.

If you knew Frank, you knew his love of family, his friends, and anything with wheels! He started working with cars at the age of 13. That's the path he followed for his entire life! He briefly worked at a full-service gas station owned by his Aunt and Uncle in Laurel, Maryland as a teenager, and numerous car related jobs around Shinnston where he made so many lifelong friends. He was loved by so many! He was an ASE Certified Master Technician and could fix anything that you put in front of him. He was the guy to go see when you couldn't figure something out, you would leave with a fixed problem, every time. He was an avid Dirt Track and NASCAR racing fan. He was well known in the dirt track world for his engine building abilities and even grabbed a few championships along the way.

During hay season, you could find him in the fields with his father-in-law, Don, helping out.

The love that he had for his family was unparalleled. Growing

up in a close-knit Italian family, cousins weren't cousins, they were your bonus brothers and sisters! His mother always had Spaghetti Sunday's, every single week. He even opened "Frank Rose Automotive" right beside his parents' home. That meant morning coffee/breakfast with his mom and dad before starting work for the day and daily visits from his dad, just coming in to see what he was working on. He made sure that anyone that needed something, got it!

His favorite role in life though, was "Pap"! He thought the world of his grandkids, and they of him. He was so proud to take them out and about when he could. He even did school pick-ups on occasion, usually followed by a milkshake and a visit to "Demarco's" for goodies. He was a loving husband to Kathy, and an amazing father to Mandy.

Frank was also involved in his community. He was a member of the American Legion Post #31, the Knights of Columbus, The Columbian Club, and the Odd Fellows. He was a lifelong member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Shinnston, where he was an alter server as a young man.

Our family would like to give special thanks to the CCU staff at United Hospital Center for their compassion and kindness. Frank was a fighter, through and through; he had a long hard fight. Now he can rest in Heaven with his loved ones.

Catholic Funeral Rites were held at St. Ann's Catholic Church on Thursday, March 25, 2021, with Father Chris Turner, presiding. Interment followed in Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

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

DANA ANDREW PARSONS

Dana Andrew Parsons, 63, of Shinnston passed away on Tuesday March 23, 2021 at Ruby Memorial Hospital. He was born on December 15, 1957 to Edward E. Parsons and Patricia A. McIntire.

Dana is survived by his loving wife, Judy Parsons, who he married on September 1, 1984, spending 36 wonderful years of marriage

together; mother, Patty Parsons Robinette; sister, Valerie O'Dell and her husband Dave, Donna Minnear and her husband Wayne; brother, Aaron Parsons and his wife Jen, along with several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Parsons; grandparents, Charlie and Elma Parsons as well as James and Bernice McIntire; and infant sister, Theresa.

Dana graduated from Shinnston High School in 1976 and retired from Sears Auto Center with 35 years of service, then later on worked for Gwynn Tire in Fairmont. He loved spending his time hunting and fishing with his buddies. Dana enjoyed working in his yard and garden.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

MARY JANE NEWBROUGH HEARN

The world lost a beloved mother, grandmother, aunt and friend when Mary Jane Hearn, 83, of Shinnston, WV, went to be with our Lord on March 23, 2021. She passed surrounded by her daughters in her home.

Jane was preceded in death by her husband of 35 years, Charles Hearn, her parents, Roy and Mary Lillian Newbrough, a sister, June Wood and 2 brothers, Dave Newbrough and Franklin Newbrough and great-grandson, Henry Edmond Storm.

She is survived by her sister Sue Young (Jerry), her daughters Pam Hunt (Jim) of Clarksburg, WV and Susan Kirstein (Edmond) of Ingomar, PA; 5 grandchildren, Charles "Lee" Kirstein, Kimberly Jones (Glenn), Allison Storm (Joshua), Jason Bartlett (Stacie), and Sarah Sellhorst (Matt). Also surviving are 9 great-grandchildren, Ali and Sadie Bartlett, Charlotte and Benjamin Jones, Quincy, Logan and Simon Storm and Avery and Emery Sellhorst. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

She was a product

Out Of The Past

Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



Ella P. Sturm (1885-1970), a teacher at Enterprise for many years. Taken in 1909. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

of her time. Few knew that beneath her zest for life, her memorable laugh and her work ethic, was a brilliant mind. She loved history and archaeology, was an avid reader and a whiz at math. Her collection of books is proof of that. Had she been born in another time she would have soared in a glamorous or academic career.

She graduated from Victory High School in 1956 and chose to create a loving home and to be the "caregiver" of the family. When anyone stepped into her house the rest of the world melted away. She had a large circle of friends of all ages, including one of her best friends, Sydney Brooks. Included in that circle are Irene Dotson, Becky and Rudy Durcie, Randall Barnes, Bill and Wilma Chrastina and Rodney and Kim Strait, all of which were neighbors but she considered them friends.

She was member of the Otterbein United Methodist Church in Shinnston.

In lieu of flowers treat your family to dinner, donate to the food bank, the animal shelter or pay it forward. That is who she was.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at Harmer Funeral Home with Pastor Robert Shingleton officiating. Interment was at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

Memories and condolences may be shared at www.harmerfuneralhome.com

JOHN WAYNE WILSON

John Wayne Wilson,

66, of Meadowbrook, WV, passed away at United Hospital Center on Friday, March 19, 2021. He was born on November 20, 1954 the son of the late Willie and Ruby Cooper Wilson.

John loved to spend time with his family, especially his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed being outdoors, hunting, and fishing.

John is survived by his ex-wife, Linda Wilson, Point Pleasant, WV; two sons, Jerry Wilson, Meadowbrook and Jamie Wilson and wife Danielle, Shinnston; two grandsons, Alexander and Mason, both of Shinnston; one granddaughter, Elayna Wilson; four sisters, Carolyn Ray and Gladys Walston, both of Amidy, AK, Dorothy Provence, TX, Shirley Young, Nashville, AK; as well as several nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by one brother, Thomas Wilson.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at Dorsey Funeral Home with Pastor Delores White officiating. Interment followed at Floral Hills Memorial Garden in Mount Clare.

Online condolences can be made on John's memorial page at www.dorseyfuneralhomewv.com.

ADDISON JUNIOR NUTTER

Addison Junior Nutter, 90, of Clarksburg, passed away on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at the West Virginia Veterans Nursing Facility. He was born on

November 17, 1930, in Barbour County, a son of the late Herman Addison Nutter and Hada Pearl Lanham Nutter Campbell. He was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy Marie Jenkins Nutter who passed away in 2000.

He is survived by three sons, Bruce N. Nutter and his wife Bonnie of Bridgeport, Mark K. Nutter and his wife Kim of Parkersburg and Steve Nutter of Clarksburg; his brothers Wesley Nutter and his wife Marilyn, Robert Campbell, and Sammy Campbell and his wife Joyce; and his sisters, Virginia McMay, Irene Hawkins and her husband Charles, Judy George, Shirley Lightner, and Janice George and her husband George Todd; sixteen grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews complete his family.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was also preceded in death by one son, Stanley Addison Nutter and one daughter, Dottie Sue Nutter.

Addison worked for PPG for 20 years and then was an auto salesman at Chenoweth Ford. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in the 82nd Airborne Division. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 12, 2021 at Burnside Funeral Home with Reverend Garry Layfield presiding. Interment followed in Johnstown Cemetery, Johnstown.

LEGAL NOTICES

(Cert. No. 178566 Sonya and Eric Lemley)
To: DEBORAH E DAWSON, CITY OF CLARKSBURG, GARY B WOTRING, 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 Sonya and Eric Lemley, the purchaser of the tax following real estate, Certification No. 178566, located in COAL CLARKSBURG CORP District, LOT 'B' (2365.72 SQ FT) SYCAMORE ST, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SANDY JOSEPH (LE) (GARY B WOTRING), and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Harrison County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on 08/03/2020. Sonya and Eric Lemley requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 04/19/2021, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on or before 04/19/2021 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to 04/19/2021	\$ 1816.64
Amount of taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to 04/19/2021	\$ 0.00
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest to 04/19/2021	\$ 977.07
Additional Statutory Fees with interest to 04/19/2021	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff of Harrison County.	\$ 2793.71

You may redeem any time before 04/19/2021 by paying the above total less any unearned interest. Given under my hand 3/4/2021
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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of Harrison County, State of West Virginia

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**FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022
LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

MUNICIPALITY OF SHINNSTON, WEST VIRGINIA

In accordance with Code §11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collection from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE

Unassigned Fund Balance	30,000
Property Taxes - Current Expense	264,742
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	7,000
Excise Tax on Utilities	125,000
Business and Occupation Tax	380,000
Wine & Liquor Tax	15,000
Animal Control Tax	670
Sales Tax	325,000
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	15,000
Licenses	10,000
Building Permit Fees	8,500
Miscellaneous Fees	700
Franchise Fees	20,000
Parks & Recreation	35,000
Refuse Collection	280,000
Police Protection Fees	70,000
Fire Protection Fees	196,000
Street Fees	40,000
Charges for Services	5,000
Federal Government Grants	20,000
State Government Grants	25,000
Other Grants	20,000
Contributions from Other Entities	26,500
Gaming Income	6,000
Interest Earned on Investments	3,500
Refunds	3,000
Sale of Fixed Assets	30,000
Accident Reports	2,000
Video Lottery (LVL)	5,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	5,500
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 1,986,112
COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND	
REVENUE SOURCE	
Coal Severance Tax	6,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$ 6,000

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES

	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
Economic Development	\$ 10,000	\$ -
City Council	10,648	-
City Manager's Office	32,130	-
Finance Office	39,716	-
City Clerk's Office	7,201	-
City Attorney	15,000	-
City Auditor	8,000	-
Engineering	1,500	-
Rehabilitation of Property	40,000	-
Custodial	8,060	-
Regional Development Authority	660	-
Building Inspection	15,880	-
Elections	5,000	-
City Hall	115,800	-
Public Works Department	65,178	-
Contingencies	64,390	-
Police Department	594,964	-
Fire Hydrants	10,000	-
Streets and Highways	189,895	6,000
Street Lights	30,000	-
Signs and Signals	5,000	-
Central Garage	15,000	-
Garbage Department	280,000	-
Storm Sewer	5,000	-
Parks & Recreation	69,693	-
Fair Associations / Festivals	56,652	-
Swimming Pools	80,575	-
Library	5,500	-
Beautification Programs	8,000	-

MUNICIPALITY OF SHINNSTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Current Expense Levy

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022

	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
CLASS I			
Personal Property	\$ 0	12.50	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$ 37,853,000	25.00	\$ 94,633
Personal Property	153,054		383
Total Class II	\$ 38,006,054		\$ 95,016
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$ 17,263,100	50.00	\$ 86,316
Personal Property	15,626,761		78,134
Public Utility	6,140,000		30,700
Total Class IV	\$ 39,029,861		\$ 195,150
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 77,035,915		\$ 290,166
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	14,508
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)		2.00%	5,513
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)			0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			\$ 270,145
Less Assessor Valuation Fund		2.00%	5,403
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)			
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$ 264,742

MUNICIPALITY OF SHINNSTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Excess Levy / Levies

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022

	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
CLASS I			
Personal Property	\$ 0	6.25	\$ 0
Public Utility	0		0
Total Class I	\$ 0		\$ 0
CLASS II			
Real Estate	\$ 37,853,000	12.50	\$ 47,316
Personal Property	153,054		191
Total Class II	\$ 38,006,054		\$ 47,507
CLASS IV			
Real Estate	\$ 17,263,100	25.00	\$ 43,158
Personal Property	15,626,761		39,067
Public Utility	6,140,000		15,350
Total Class IV	\$ 39,029,861		\$ 97,575
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 75,508,571		\$ 145,082
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)		2.00%	2,757
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy for Budget Purposes			\$ 135,071

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF

MUNICIPALITY OF SHINNSTON

I, KATHLEEN PANIK, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies of orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 8th day of March, 2021.

(Signature)

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Emergency Low Income Energy Assistance Available: Closes April 30, 2021

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) announced applications for the Emergency Low Income Energy Assistance Program (ELIEAP) will be accepted beginning today and ending at the close of business on Friday, April 30, 2021, or until funds are exhausted. This federally funded program assists eligible state residents in paying home heating bills.

To be eligible for ELIEAP, a past-due bill or termination notice is required. Eligibility is also based on income, household size, and whether the household is responsible for paying its heating bill. Households must also meet all program guidelines, which include an applicant’s annual income being at or below 60 percent of the State Median Income. Any income received from Social Security or the Veterans Administration will be excluded.

The maximum allowable gross income levels for ELIEAP Fiscal Year 2021 are listed below:

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income Level
1	\$1,931
2	\$2,525
3	\$3,119
4	\$3,713
5	\$4,307
6	\$4,901
7	\$5,495
8	\$6,089
9	\$6,683
10	\$7,277

*For each additional person, add \$594. Households whose income exceeds the maximum amount are not eligible. However, some types of income may be excluded for ELIEAP.

Applications for ELIEAP may be obtained at local DHHR offices. Due to COVID-19, the face-to-face interview requirement has been waived. Completed applications may be mailed or hand-delivered to the DHHR office located in the applicant’s county of residence. A copy of the past-due bill or termination notice must be submitted with the application.

A list of local offices may be found at <https://dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/Pages/MapList.aspx>. A copy of the application may be obtained at the above site or by calling 304-356-4619. Mailing the application to any other office or a utility company may delay the receipt by DHHR and prohibit processing the application.

WoodmenLife Accepting Entries For “America Is...” Video Contest



WoodmenLife is sponsoring its fifth “America Is...” Video Contest, which aims to foster patriotism in elementary school students and show pride in their school and community. Students and school representatives across the nation have the opportunity to win up to \$2,500 for their school.

This year’s theme is “America, the Beautiful,” and classrooms in grades K through eighth can submit original, up-to-60-second videos illustrating the contest theme. Students featured in video entries must be wearing masks or other appropriate facial coverings, per CDC COVID-19 guidelines, to be eligible.

After such a unique year in 2020, WoodmenLife wants to provide a way for students to showcase their creativity and help give back to their schools at the same time. All elementary school classroom teachers, band directors, coaches, principals, and school-affiliated organizations are eligible to participate.

Videos can be submitted between March 15 and April 5 through the WoodmenLife corporate Facebook page. Voting for the winners will then take place April 7 through 12 on the same page, and the top three entries will be announced on April 15. The cash prizes are:

- Grand Prize: \$2,500
- Second Place: \$1,500
- Third Place: \$1,000

For full contest rules and details and to submit video entries, please visit [Facebook.com/WoodmenLife](https://facebook.com/WoodmenLife).

WoodmenLife was founded in 1890 as a not-for-profit. The organization gives back to its members across the country, who join together in a shared commitment to family, community and country. With a legacy of financial stability, WoodmenLife offers quality life insurance and retirement products. A person becomes a member when they purchase a WoodmenLife product. Members have access to many extras they can use now. To learn more about the organization, visit newsroom.WoodmenLife.org.

“Obituaries” cont. from p. 7

LUELLA RIDDLE Luella Riddle, 88, of Clarksburg passed away on Sunday March 7, 2021 in the United Hospital Center. She was born in Clarksburg on March 20, 1932, a daughter of the late Edgar and Bessie Westfall Johns. She was married to Thomas Riddle, who preceded her in death. Surviving are one son, Steve Riddle, Sr. of Clarksburg; three daughters, Krista McIntyre of Sycamore, Deanna Cunningham of Clarksburg and Ruth Rigdon of Lost Creek; 17 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; nine great great grandchildren; and one sister, Dixie Stemple of Clarksburg. She was also preceded in death by one son, Thomas Riddle, Jr.; four brothers, Russell, Kenny, Web and Woody Jones; and one sister, Violet Knotts. Funeral services will be private.

Expressions of sympathy may be extended to the family at www.amoscarvelli.com.

BETTY JEAN BROWN Betty Jean Brown, 91, of Clarksburg passed away on Wednesday March 10, 2021 at her residence. She was born in Clarksburg on July 5, 1929, a daughter of the late Ralph and Helena Moore Marshall. She was married to Thomas “Brownie” Tommy Brown, who preceded her in death. Surviving are one daughter, Twila Brown, Clarksburg; one grandson, Anthony Losh, Jr. and his wife Felicia of TN; two great grandchildren, Emily Losh and Laney Losh; one sister, Dorothy Bright of Clarksburg; and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Helena Susie Losh; one grandson, Christopher Losh; one sister, Lily Booth; one brother, Ralph Marshall, Jr.; and one brother-in-law, Bus Bright. Mrs. Brown was a graduate of Victory High School and a member of the Grace Baptist Church in Bridgeport. Betty was a devout Christian and the day she passed was a great day of reunion as she was greeted in Heaven by her family. She was very devoted to her family. She was caretaker to many children whom she treated as her own and who lovingly looked at her as their “Nanny”. Funeral services will be private.

John Rush Named To Fall 2020 Dean’s List At Citadel

John Rush of Bridgeport is among the nearly 1,400 cadets and students recognized for their academic achievements during the fall 2020 semester at the Citadel. The Dean’s List is a recognition given to cadets and students who are registered for 12 or more semester hours and whose grade point average is 3.20 or higher, with no grade of I (Incomplete) and no grade below C for work in a semester. Due to a commitment to academic excellence, 63% of Citadel cadets and students graduate after four years and go on to earn an average salary of nearly \$57,000 after learning how to be principled leaders in all walks of life.



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