



Eastpointe Shopping Plaza Scores Again!



Michaels signage is in place at the former AC Moore location at the Eastpointe Shopping Plaza in Clarksburg, and signs on the doors announce that they are 'NOW HIRING'. With display shelving currently being put in place, the next step will be to look forward to them being filled with merchandise that creative customers will love!

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

News & Journal Editor

If you've paid attention while driving along Emily Drive in the Eastpointe Shopping Plaza recently, you may have noticed new signage lit up on the

façade of the former AC Moore store that closed last year. It proudly announces the coming of a Michaels store to the local area. Michaels, the largest arts and crafts retail chain in North America, provides arts, crafts, framing, floral, home décor, and seasonal merchandise to hobbyists and do-it-yourself home decorators. Having this store nearby will negate the need for crafters to drive to Morgantown to meet their needs to be creative! Although there is still no opening date

set in stone, travelling crews of workers have been occupying the facility recently and have made significant progress in setting up shelving and display fixtures to hold an abundance of merchandise. Signs on the doors also announce that they are taking job applications.

Clarksburg Mayor Ryan Kennedy stated, "I am aware that they are moving very aggressively to get the store open as soon as possible. I think they are hoping to beat Hobby Lobby's opening, which they have said won't be until the Spring of next year. This is great news, especially for hobbyists, that they will soon have two craft supply stores at Eastpointe where

they're sure to find what they need."

Kennedy had predicted several weeks ago when the Hobby Lobby move to Clarksburg was announced that more good news for Eastpointe would be forthcoming, and now they seem to have hit another home run!

It may appear a little surprising, during the pandemic when so many businesses are struggling during these challenging times, that two well-known businesses are

opening in our area. Mayor Kennedy says he believes a lot of the credit should be given to city leadership.

"Our City Manager and City Council have been working very hard at cleanup in our city and ridding it of unsightly abandoned properties. Everyone has worked together and really focused on making Clarksburg not just a family-friendly place to reside but also a more business-friendly place as well. That effort is paying

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Shinnston City Council Approves Sidewalk Funding; Discusses Frontier Days Plans

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

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Shinnston City Council met once again via zoom on Monday, Feb. 22nd. A special meeting was first called to order to address the Sidewalk Trip Hazard Removal Survey and Proposal on Pike Street in the downtown area, the cost of which is a little over \$15,000. City Manager Chad Edwards requested that a portion of the cost come from the excess levy, an account that holds a little over \$400,000 that is for funding of paving, sidewalks and the park. Council voted unanimously to proceed with the proposal. The work will be done by Precision Safe Sidewalks.

Councilman Bill Watson asked that the project include putting a berm down Clement Street to keep water from running onto properties there. He stated that although it would broaden the scope of the cost, it would also be the appropriate time to tackle this as it has been a complaint for some time. It was moved and seconded to do this and the motion carried unanimously.

The special meeting closed and the work session opened, asking for petition of citizens. One resident wanted to speak but had audio problems,

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WVU School Of Nursing To Offer Nursing Program On UHC Campus

School Will Be Part of UHC's New East Wing Construction



Pictured here with an artist rendering of the skills lab are (from left): Michael C. Tillman, president and CEO of United Hospital Center; Tara Hulse, vice president of Health Promotion and Wellness and Dean of the WVU School of Nursing; and Stephanie Smart, MSN, RN, vice president of Nursing at United Hospital Center.

The West Virginia University School of Nursing will offer one of its undergraduate nursing programs at a new location in Bridgeport, WV.

The fifth WVU School of Nursing campus will be located at United Hospital Center and

will offer an accelerated Bachelor of Science/ Bachelor of Arts (BS/BA) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). The first cohort of students will begin Spring, 2023.

"There is a high demand for registered nurses around the

Bridgeport area, and we wanted to offer a geographically accessible, high quality option to those with an existing BS/BA degree who are interested in becoming nurses," Tara Hulse, vice president of Health Promotion and Wellness and Dean

of the WVU School of Nursing, said. "We are excited about this new partnership with UHC. This new campus is another way for us to help our communities provide quality healthcare to citizens."

The nursing school will occupy in excess of 5,000 square feet on the fifth floor of the newly constructed East Wing at UHC, which will encompass more than 40,000 square feet at a total cost of \$23 million. The space will include two classrooms, a skills lab, conference rooms, a student lounge, and offices.

"The shared mission of United Hospital Center and the WVU School of Nursing presents a unique opportunity for

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Brainstorming Session Identifies Many Community Needs & Opportunities For Volunteer Assistance

A 'Community Needs Brainstorming Session' was held via Zoom on February 16th with 12 people participating.

The purpose was to identify community needs and possible solutions, utilizing results from the community survey feedback. Discussions centered around what the City could do to address needs (funding, resources, personnel, etc.) and what role volunteers might offer in addressing these issues.

Issues on the agenda included

roads, sidewalks, and drainage improvements, community event ideas and planning, and city beautification. Rodney Strait, Anthony Tate and Jon Olsen served as topic facilitators with City Manager Chad Edwards as the administrator. Bill Watson played a significant role in making many comments and Sabrina Baker took notes and monitored the chat box.

Strait facilitated the first topic: road, sidewalk and drainage improvements. He emphasized the need to fix drainage, patch roads

and repair sidewalks. Strait noted, "While we cannot replace all the sidewalks through town nor replace all the roads, we can look into repairing them so they are not trip hazards." He said citizens with sidewalks and storm drains concerns should contact the City so these areas can be assessed and a determination made as to whether they are repairable or need to be replaced.

On this note, John Marchio highlighted the need for sidewalk repair at St. Ann's Church and on the left

side of Norma Lane. Kathleen Panek pointed out the importance of addressing water pools on Davis Ct. by Harmer Funeral Home's parking lot and the nearby sidewalk. She also noted that while property owners are responsible for having their sidewalks maintained, according to City of Shinnston rules, if a sidewalk needs repair, the City may be willing to pay roughly half the expense to ease the burden of the property owner.

John Ciesla, a member

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Once again, the weather is in the news and it points out how important the basics of food, shelter and safe surroundings are to every citizen. In Texas, the entire state was paralyzed due to a freak winter storm that crashed the electrical grid and made travel especially dangerous. In West Virginia, several counties in the western part of the state, suffered from a devastating ice storm and created a disaster that will take months to fully recover. Most people were caught off guard and did not have the equipment to handle such an unusual weather event. The highway departments in snow prone areas have stockpiles of rock salt and heavy snow plows that can handle snow and ice, but most Southern states do not invest in these expensive pieces of equipment for events that happen only once every few years.

The issue with the electrical grid in Texas is probably the most concerning since it pointed out a fundamental weakness in the way that the state of Texas handles its electricity needs. The state decided many years ago to develop their own electrical grid and did not connect into

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Food For Thought

By Leigh Currey Merrifield Editor

TRUST Gets A Failing Grade

I came upon an article entirely by accident recently about how trust in broadcast journalism in America has hit an all-time low. With the ongoing pandemic situation AND some bitter cold weather keeping us indoors most of the time, maybe we're tuning in to more news broadcasts than usual. And probably the heated political season that we just put behind us didn't help much. As a result of all of this, what I read noted that broadcast journalists are really taking the heat!

I myself noticed the variance in news reporting according to what channel I was watching during the political season. Broadcasters seemed to have lost their objectivity, and it was easy to tell what party affiliations they had. Instead of reporting factual news, their opinions were all too obvious. Instead of allowing the viewers to make up their own minds, they slanted their news to coincide with their own personal feelings. Naturally, that would cause the viewing public some lack of faith in the media.

This lack of trust is not specifically aimed at only the media, however. Politicians also gather their share of distrust! Many people feel that politicians tell people what they want to hear; how they act may not uphold their words though. They, too, have their special interests, and they seem to often be more interested in pleasing their party than representing the needs of ALL the people. Would stricter limits on campaign contributions reduce candidates'

loyalties to donors and help restore some public confidence? One comment made by a citizen so consumed by lack of faith in politicians and government, was that he would "place more trust in a bag of rattlesnakes"! That's a rather tragic view of those who are our country's decision makers, don't you think?

And it doesn't stop there; distrust is rampant in many other areas as well. Some retailers have been presumed to take advantage of the COVID situation with price gouging! Stockbrokers have been accused of wanting to line their own pockets with profits rather than helping their clients' gains. It has been proclaimed, too, that physicians love to write prescriptions for the kickbacks they receive ... and order a lot of tests to meet a quota or to take advantage of Medicare. Dentists, too, were not above reproach with some saying that there are dentists who recommend procedures that are unneeded. Contractors were even among those where lack of faith apparently exists. A home is one of the largest investments people make. Of course, they want their money's worth but are often vocal about contractors cutting corners for their own benefit. Even repairmen were not left out! It seems that no one is trusted any more! People seem to be full of criticisms of those they rely on in areas where there should be trust and not wariness.

Social media is another outlet for offering opinions that are often exaggerated,

and comments that may be true OR false! You've probably heard it said that word-of-mouth is great advertisement, but that can work both ways. A positive comment will be remembered but don't think for a moment that negative remarks don't have just as much influence. Being trusted IS important. Why do you think parents try to teach their children honesty and fairness? It is important in character building and help them to develop into trusted human beings as they mature.

I am very leery of answering a phone call from a number I don't recognize ... or opening an e-mail from an unfamiliar address. Potential scams and spam are so prevalent and can appear to be very legitimate! So we are therefore wary and seek to protect ourselves. This is another example of how our trust is so often compromised.

Trust is earned and must be protected because once it is lost - in a marriage, a friendship, in the workplace, in public life, or wherever - it is hard to regain. Everything I read about America's lack of trust (at whatever level) is very disheartening. Having faith in one another and trust in our lives is not something we want to see dissolved. It is a glue that binds us together and provides a secure foundation in all of our relationships.

This week's dessert: "Whoever is careless with the truth in small matters cannot be trusted with important matters." ~ Albert Einstein

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.

March 4, 1849: Earl Williams Oglebay was born in Bridgeport, Ohio. He became one of West Virginia's most successful industrialists and a generous benefactor.

March 4, 1893: Governor William A. MacCorkle gave his inaugural address in which he warned that West Virginia was "passing under the control of foreign and non-resident landowners."

March 4, 1924: Blues musician Nathaniel H. "Nat" Reese was born in Salem, Virginia. Growing up in Princeton, Reese learned and played blues, jazz, country and dance music throughout the southern coalfields.

March 5, 1856:

Calhoun County was created from neighboring Gilmer County and named for John C. Calhoun, who served as vice president under John Adams and Andrew Jackson.

March 5, 1963: Country musician Hawkshaw Hawkins was killed in a plane crash, along with Patsy Cline, Cowboy Copas, and Randy Hughes. Hawkins was born in Huntington.

March 6, 1820: Joseph H. Diss Debar was born in France. Diss Debar was the designer of the Great Seal of West Virginia and the state's first commissioner of immigration.

March 6, 1828: Johnson Newlon Camden was born in Lewis County. He opened one of the first oil wells in West Virginia in January 1861. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1881.

March 6, 1900: Forty-six men were killed

in a mine explosion at the Red Ash Mine in Fayette County. It was the state's first major mine explosion of the 20th century. Five years later, another 24 men were killed in a disaster at the same mine.

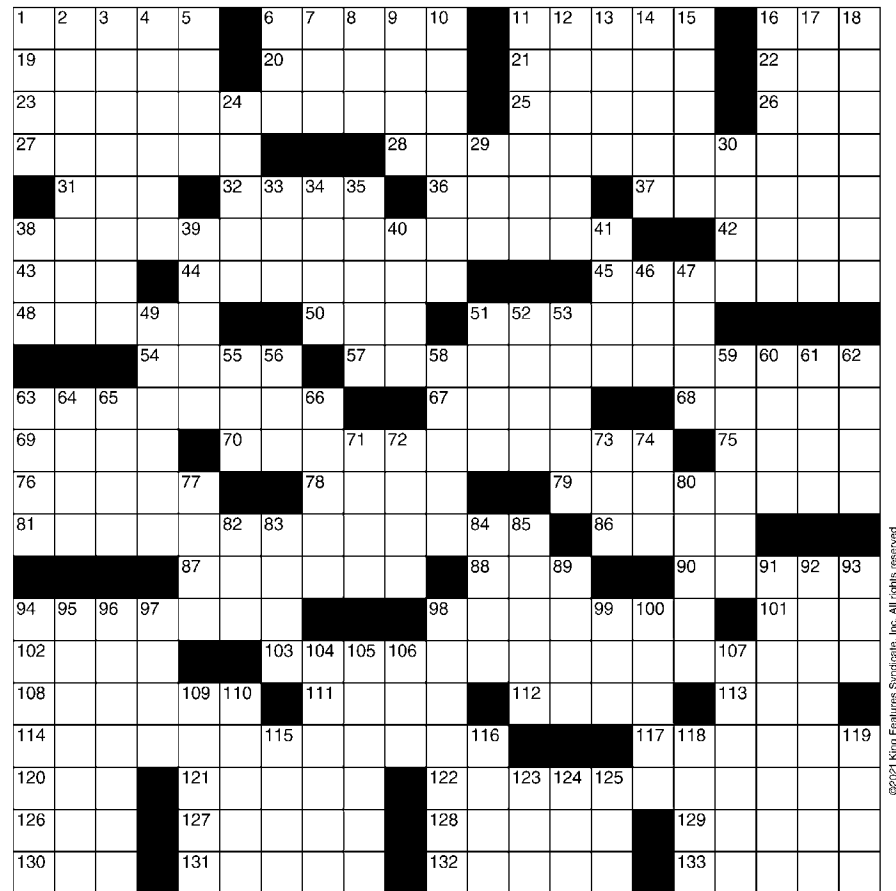
March 7, 1856: Tucker County was formed from Randolph County and named for Henry St. George Tucker Sr., a Virginia soldier, statesman, and jurist.

March 7, 1929: The Legislature adopted the official state flag. The state's coat of arms is emblazoned in color in the center of the flag. Above the seal is a red ribbon lettered "State of West Virginia," and a wreath of rhododendron surrounds the lower part of the seal. The white field of the flag is bordered on four sides by a strip of blue.

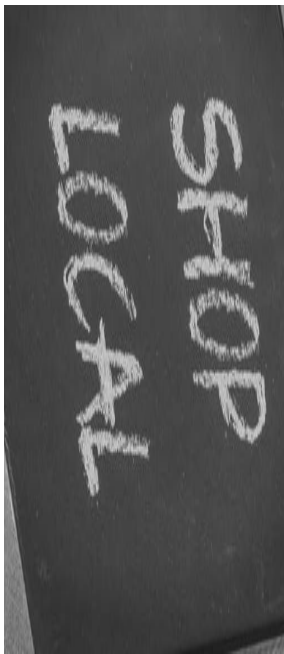
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Paper Ballots Required

Dear Editor: A vast number of people in America doubt the 2020 election was free of fraud and for good reason. A computer program can be designed to do whatever the programmer predetermines at any predetermined time. Voting machine companies claim that the computer source code is proprietary and therefore not subject to third party review. Our form of government relies on confidence and mass participation in

the election of their representatives. The most secure form of ballot, the paper ballot, is paramount. What makes this all the more imperative is the fact that there has not been a proper investigation of alarming voting irregularities where voting machines were used in the 2020 November election. West Virginia voting can be commended in not being widely suspect as are many other states. However, the system of voting in West Virginia can be made much more

secure, reliable, and pro-active in form and function. Paper ballots are the most secure way of making election choices and providing proof when voting recounts are requested.

The Constitution Party of West Virginia believes that the people of West Virginia deserve a return to paper ballots and the enhanced peace of mind they bring in the election process.

Sincerely, Jeffrey Jarrell, Chairman Constitution Party of West Virginia (304)771-0088

N&J Briefs

FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

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BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Bridgeport library is still closed to the public, however pick up is available. Readers can access the library's catalog by reserving books on their website at www.youseemore.com/bridgeport and may pick up books on the following days and times: M-W-F 12:00pm-7:30pm and Tues. & Thurs. 12:00pm-4:30pm. until further notice. 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 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

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Lincoln High School Announces January Students Of The Month



HANNAH OLIVERIO



MATTHEW HOLBERT

Lincoln High School is pleased to announce that the January Students of the Month are Hannah Oliverio and Matthew Holbert.

Hannah Oliverio is the daughter of Dale and Heidi Oliverio, and the granddaughter of Carolynn and Michael Exline.

Throughout her four years at Lincoln, Hannah has earned a spot on the honor roll due to her exceptional grades. She has always received the honor roll throughout high school, and most recently, received Perfect Honor Roll for the first semester of her senior year. Hannah was inducted into the National Honor Society her junior year.

Hannah also excels athletically, and has been quite an asset for many teams at Lincoln. A four-year member of

the volleyball team, Hannah received All County honors. She was also a four-year member of the volleyball team. Also, noteworthy, is the fact that Hannah was a member of the Lincoln High School Marching Band for four years, and was selected as Field Commander this year.

Hannah has been a member of Theatre Club, Student Council, Key Club, and the Drug Free Club. She has spent countless hours volunteering in her community to local businesses and programs. Some of these include: Angel Luv, Feed-a-Family, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, and WVU Hospitals.

Outside of school, Hannah sings in the Youth Worship Band at Jewel City Church,

as well as works at her father's local business.

Hannah has plans to attend West Virginia University to major in Music Education.

Matthew Allen Holbert is the son of Traci Stingo and Harry Holbert, Jr., and the grandson of Ron and Debbie Johnson and Harry and Martha Holbert.

Matthew is very active in the Lincoln High School Marching Band where he is a member and Co-Captain of the Drumline, and also participates in the percussion ensemble.

He is not only a member of the National Technical Society, he also worked as Tech Crew for the school's production of the popular musical, Grease.

Matthew also holds membership in

the National Honor Society, to which he was inducted during his junior year. Most notable is the fact that Matthew is a PROMISE Scholar.

In his spare time, Matthew enjoys powerlifting, golf, and carpentry.

Matthew has been accepted into the Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources at WVU and Marshall's College of Engineering and Information Technology; he has received multiple scholarships from both universities.

He has plans to obtain a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He wants to become an engineer with a major automobile corporation or race team, and become an IPF Athlete.

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collaboration, enabling us to groom future generations of nurses who can meet the evolving healthcare needs of our region," said Michael C. Tillman, president and CEO of UHC. "Skilled and compassionate nurses are critical to our mission, especially nurses who have the academic and clinical training that allows

them to successfully adapt in a rapidly changing healthcare environment."

The BS/BA to BSN program offered on the Bridgeport campus will mirror the Morgantown campus program. The program is five full-time semesters, or 18 months in length, and consists of 66 credits of nursing curriculum. Students who have a

BS or BA degree from an accredited college or university and want to become registered nurses are invited to apply between March 1 – July 1, 2021. A total of 24 students will be admitted each semester.

In addition to this new campus, the WVU School of Nursing offers its nursing programs on

campuses in Beckley, Charleston, Keyser and Morgantown.

The WVU School of Nursing Project is part of a \$1 million capital campaign at United Hospital Center. Contact Lora Edgell by calling 681-342-1455 or via email at lora.edgell@wvu.medicine.org for more details on how you may provide support.

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I'm Eagerly Waiting For Spring To Arrive



GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

This past week has certainly been a great week; it ushered out February and got us ready for March. There were several twists and turns to the weather, but there were several beautiful days which reminded us that Spring is on its way. I watched a couple of red birds visit my bird feeder, but I kind of feel like they may have been there all winter. I also was thrilled to look out the other day and see two squirrels running up and down the tree which must have been their winter home. It is very uplifting to think that soon Spring will be here and maybe some of the restrictions of COVID will be gone.

Last year when I planted my garden on my patio, I fixed a raised bed and planted my peppers and tomatoes in it. I used planters for my spices and at the end of the season, I brought the planter with the basil into the house and it has remained healthy all winter and has grown to a height of over two feet. I have used basil from it for all my winter cooking and especially for my home canned tomato salads. I see that the basil is getting kind of weepy and may not last much longer, but in the meantime, I found a pack of basil seeds with my gardening supplies and I planted them in a vase on my sink and they have started coming up. So, hopefully, as I use the remainder of the basil from last year, my new basil will be ready.

This past week I spent the day with my Godchild, Cheryl Mihaulic, and after an afternoon of reliving our wonderful past, we met up with her husband, John, and had dinner at Minards. I was fortunate

enough to run into the former Raygina Booth, her husband and children; they are some of my friends from East View. Ray's husband told me that while searching for a recipe he ran across my cookbook and used the teal recipe. If you have a copy, you will find all those great Italian recipes that we grew up on, especially the ones from East View.

Now that Easter is on its way, most of us will be mixing up a batch of Easter Bread. This recipe is in the book and there is also an Easter Pie recipe that was submitted by Nicky Epstein that was a family recipe of her grandmothers. You might want to start a tradition with this recipe. My book also contains several recipes using zucchini, which should be abundant in the very near future. There are several dandelion recipes included which will be a good excuse to take a nice walk in a meadow where there will be an abundance of dandelions. Remember - use the greens as well as the flowers.

I am sorry to say that I am out of the cookbooks, but hopefully, Tomaro's Bakery may still have a few. It is hard to believe that I sold about 10,000 books. All proceeds went to scholarships in my mother's and dad's memory and the last donation went to Bonnie's Bus for mammograms.

Speaking of Easter Bread, the PWA will be selling it the weekend before Easter. As there will be a limited supply, please call 304-624-6881 to reserve your order. We will also be selling peanut butter eggs nested in a Fiesta bowl which will make a nice gift.

Stephanie Sumpter was the speaker at the PWA luncheon meeting. She informed the membership of the housing available through the Housing Development Corporation; she also passed out flyers listing information for seniors interested in securing housing.

Do not forget this is Lent season and we should all be making Lenten sacrifices. Take care, stay healthy and until next week, "Now You Have Heard It Through the Grapevine."

The Sheriff Was Back In Town!



Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny

Sunday afternoon, Kim came in from Virginia to spend some time with this old man and to see the local dentist. She is still pretty as ever...thank God she got her looks from her Mom. Later, Patty showed up with Miss Aubrey for a visit. This time, our little princess had a combination of ice cream, Kit Kats, and chose a grape popsicle. She told me she was partial to chocolate ice cream.

Monday morning, Kim drove over town to the Minigh Family Dentist office to have a tooth pulled. She is like her Dad...we ain't too partial to the dentist. Dr. Minigh put her on antibiotics for three days before pulling it which let her think about the procedure a little more. When she left, I took the Explorer up to Chenoweth Ford on old Bridgeport hill to have a new battery installed. I'm thinking about buying stocks in Motorcraft and Diehard.

Tuesday morning, Kim took her Kia and I took the Explorer up to Rusty's Body Shop on Randall Run for safety inspection stickers. Rusty has so many vehicles setting around that Ernie Ashcraft had to play traffic controller to get us in and out.

In the early afternoon, Lee came down and we three jumped in the Explorer and hit the Outback Restaurant by the Mall. When those two get together, there's never a dull moment. They revert back to their teen years (Kind of like slapstick comedy). When they delivered the salads at the restaurant, the waitress brought us a bowl full of those little salt and pepper packets.

I told the kids to "hold still" and walked out to the vehicle to retrieve the shakers I had stored in the console. Lee literally did what I said and froze all of his body movements while staring straight ahead. Kim was sitting across the table and tried to talk to him, but he wouldn't move or answer which scared her to death. When I returned, he started laughing and moving around and then Kim wanted to kill him. She said she thought he was having another heart attack and we'd have to call 911; she was worried that she wouldn't get to eat her French onion soup first!

Thursday morning, I had an appointment with the rheumatologist at the VA Hospital. This was the appointment I had scheduled last week but inclement weather came into play and I had to reschedule. When I went for labs, I discovered the "Sheriff was back in town" sitting in her high chair directing vets at the check-in windows (She has that Gestapo mentality). She said they brought her back last week (Which I know tickles every Veteran to death).

Dr. Haque was well pleased with the progress of my joints and tweaked a couple of meds. I still have wrists and finger problems, but it's improving, also, I'm learning to adapt. So far, they have constructed two floors on the new parking garage (Sure miss the valet parking).

Thursday afternoon, Kim went back over to the dentist office to have the tooth pulled. Like me, she likes the "ha ha" gas. They took good care of her and she did all right.

Friday morning, Kim left for Virginia...I'm missing her already. In the afternoon, I made a trip back to the VA Hospital to get the second COVID shot (Sure miss the valet parking). I'll let you know if I start growing an extra toe or finger.

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

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off and beginning to be recognized," he continued.

Kennedy added that many of the larger chains are located in more urban areas, and the pandemic has perhaps led to ditching the city life for a more appealing life in a quieter environment. He may be spot on with that speculation.

U.S. News & World Report recently presented the results of a survey by the Harris Poll that suggested urban dwellers are increasingly

considering moving out of highly populated areas due to the COVID situation increasing their time inside close quarters. According to Harris Poll CEO John Gerzema, thanks to the pandemic, many urban dwellers have had the freedom to work from home and those close quarters are not as attractive now ... and neither are high rents and clogged streets. Instead of being drawn by large cities being the epicenter of excitement, many people are now much

more cautious about a life in such a crowded area. 'Space' has now taken on new meaning; it is something more than the square footage of a high-rise apartment, and they would welcome having the breathing space of a yard!

While the coronavirus has clearly produced a shift from the 'norm', it may also have encouraged urbanites to consider social distancing as a continuing lifestyle. And, by comparison, they will find that

opportunity for a quieter, less congested life in Harrison County, WV.

Mayor Kennedy concluded, "We're very excited to welcome Michaels to our business community, but it doesn't end here. There are still several empty business spaces available that we're working on. I am not able to divulge the details at this point; however, we are hoping to have more good news to announce soon."

"Weather In The News"

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the national system. While this worked to their advantage for many years, it appears that it was a disaster just waiting to happen. The Texas grid failed to weatherize their natural gas lines and wind turbines, and they froze up when exposed to the cold weather. While there was much finger pointing going on after the weather event, it appears that they simply tried to save money rather than being prepared for a rare, cold weather event. Experts pointed out that natural gas lines and wind turbines work throughout the world even in the coldest of climates.

Another unexpected disaster in the Texas event was the exorbitant bills that some Texas homeowners received during the disaster. In Texas, homeowners and businesses can choose their own electrical supplier and this led to electrical bills that approached several thousands of dollars a day in charges. A good many states have become "unregulated" with regards to power and the jury is still out about whether this is a good option for homeowners. West Virginia is still a regulated utility state and the spikes in the electrical bills, like those experienced in Texas, cannot occur under the current regulations. Many energy experts have warned, over the years, that the average homeowner is not sophisticated enough to understand the complexities of buying their own energy with pages of fine print and complicated terms and conditions.

The ice storms in western West Virginia were also very devastating to the homeowners and businesses in that part of the state and are being considered some of the worst winter storms in many years for those citizens. The ice developed and covered everything, including power lines and trees, causing massive failures and trees falling into roadways and onto houses. This is one of the worst types of winter weather events since it destroys the infrastructure that carries power to people's homes and is very difficult to repair. When these types of events happen, they can incur millions of dollars in damages in a very short time. Utility companies try to prepare for these events but since the roadways are often closed due to trees falling, it is very difficult to even reach much of the damaged areas.

While the weather is often unpredictable, it is a good idea to follow the age-old advice of keeping some food and water available in case of an emergency and to think about having alternative ways to heat your home for these types of emergencies. Being prepared can save you the inconvenience of being at the mercy of the weather conditions.

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BUSINESS MATTERS

East Meets West At New Restaurant -Authentically Mia's - In Bridgeport The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal, in conjunction with North Central West Virginia Airport, has named Authentically Mia's as March's Business of the Month.



Rick Henderson, a co-owner of Authentically Mia's with his wife Mia, is shown with a sample of Kimbobb, a Korean staple that is a featured item on the restaurant's menu.

By DIANA BEDELL
News & Journal Staff
Writer

North Central West Virginia has become a melting pot for a variety of cuisine in recent years and Mia and Rick Henderson

added Mia's take on Korean food when Authentically Mia's opened in September of 2020. Located on Main Street in downtown Bridgeport, Authentically Mia's is the real deal when it comes to creating a

fusion of Korean and American cuisine.

Mia Henderson grew up in South Korea, just northwest of Seoul, before moving to the United States at the age of 16.

"This is not hard-core Korean food but rather Mia's spin on Korean food; it's her version," said Rick Henderson, who retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2017. The couple had always talked about opening a restaurant someday. "We would go to picnics and Mia would take her egg rolls and people loved them," Rick said.

The Hendersons' dream became a reality when the site that formerly housed Twinkles and Sprinkles became available on Main Street.

"The space was just what we were looking for," said Rick. "It has a working kitchen area and counterspace in the front and we have added a steam table."

When questioned

about opening during the pandemic, Rick said that the time actually was beneficial. "This is a new venture for us so we have learned what it takes to run a restaurant effectively," he noted. "We're still in the experimental stage and we'll see how it plays out."

They learned right away that there is a lot of food preparation involved, especially since the couple wants everything to be fresh and with as little waste as possible.

The restaurant is open for 'take-out' only, Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and delivery is available

if time permits, but at the moment, the owners stay busy fulfilling their guests' orders. There is no room for sit-down seating at the present, although Rick offered that a small deck out front with a couple of tables may be added in the future. "Anything is possible at this point," he added.

So, you may be wondering about the mouthwatering menu items Mia has chosen to offer. Rick's favorite is sweet and spicy pork bulgogi "because it has a little bit of a kick", while Mia leans toward the spring roll. The sweet and sour bulgogi is a thinly

sliced pork marinated in red pepper paste. Other selections include beef bulgogi (thinly sliced beef marinated in a sweet soy sauce), a shrimp bowl, egg rolls, Mia's California rolls, Kimbobb (a Korean staple), glass noodles, soy butter chicken, chilled cabbage salad and soups including a spicy ramyun or shrimp ramyun. The cabbage salad is similar to Korean kimchi but according to Rick "is not quite fermented". The glass noodles are phenomenal and are a hit among the locals. These are described as translucent sweet potato

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Manchin Applauds Progress On New Passenger Terminal & Aerotech Business Park At NCWVA



An aerial view of the North Central WV Airport is shown here. NCWVA property encompasses approximately 665 acres and is home to the longest commercial service runway in WV at 7,800 feet. It is anticipated that moving forward with the terminal and aerospace park project would sizably increase the airport's economic impact in the area.

Last week, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) applauded the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) distribution of the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for public review and comment of the new Passenger Terminal and Aerotech Business Park project at North Central West Virginia Regional Airport (CKB).

This Environmental Assessment is a vital step towards the completion of the Passenger Terminal and Aerotech Business Park project at the North Central Regional Airport, which will create jobs and boost economic development in the region.

"After repeated delays in the FAA's approval process, the

draft Environmental Assessment for the new Passenger Terminal and Aerotech Business Park project at North Central West Virginia Airport has been distributed for public review and comment. This is great news for North Central West Virginia and is a step in the right direction for the completion of this

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W.Va. House Of Delegates' Small Business Committee Hopes To 'Make A Big Difference'

By Erika Diehl
WV Press

Members of the West Virginia House of Delegates' Small Business Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Committee, many of whom are small business owners, gathered for introductions last week.

"Economy runs on small business," Delegate Phil Mallow, R-Marion, said. He believes the committee needs to be open to everything. "If we don't have that revenue... nothing else matters."

There was bipartisan emphasis on the



DEL. KAYLA YOUNG
Kanawha County

importance of meeting the desperation felt from the pandemic, while also promoting an entrepreneurial atmosphere in West



DEL. BEN QUEEN
Harrison County

Virginia.

The committee is chaired by Delegate Ben Queen, R-Harrison, with Delegate Kayla Young,

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Fairmont State University Named In 2021 Trade College Search Rankings



Trade College Search has named Fairmont State University as one of the top schools in the country through its most recent ranking analysis. Although Fairmont State is not a technical or trade school, Trade Colleges recognizes several of the University's majors as top ranking within the State of West Virginia.

Among the rankings awarded, Fairmont State received the following highest honors:

- #1 Best Civil Engineering Technology Trade Schools in WV;
- #1 Best Electronics Engineering Technology Bachelor's Degree Trade Schools in WV;

• #1 Best Architectural Engineering Technology Bachelor's Degree Trade Schools in WV.

"Fairmont State is proud to educate and prepare West Virginia's work force, and we are thrilled these impressive programs have received this recognition," said Mirta M. Martin, Fairmont State University President. "These rankings are a testament not only to our commitment to providing quality, transformative opportunities to our students, but also to our efforts to strengthen the talent pipeline that leads from our campus to the region and beyond."

For more information about these programs and others offered in the Fairmont State University College of Science and Technology, visit <https://www.fairmontstate.edu/collegeofscitech/>.

Trade College determines its rankings by a number of quality metrics including time taken to graduate, average graduate salary and debt levels post-graduation.

TradeCollege.org is a free resource for students seeking a career in the trades. The organization researches and compiles trade study area information, career overviews and other factors to determine ranking lists for institutions across the United States to assist students in making higher education decisions.

WV's Voter Files More Accurate Since Removal Of Abandoned Voter Files

West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner made voter list maintenance a cornerstone of his first term of office as West Virginia's chief elections officer. When he took office as the state's 30th Secretary of State in January of 2017, he immediately went to work with West Virginia's 55

county clerks to identify ways to keep voter registration lists accurate and complete.

Over the last four years, Warner has worked closely with all 55 county clerks to uniformly identify and remove abandoned registrations from deceased voters, felons, duplicate records, and people who had moved

out of state. His office also began a campaign to register new voters. To date, the clerks have removed 253,263 voter files statewide.

"West Virginia's voting rolls have never been cleaner and more accurate than they are today," Warner said. "The dedication to accuracy from our

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The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

The coronavirus swept through West Virginia early last year forcing cancellations while turning the sports world upside down. The Mountain East Conference was in Wheeling for the men's and women's basketball tournaments. As COVID-19 gained traction, conference after conference on every level announced there would be no play, thus yielding no opportunities for student athletes to compete.

The Mountain East Conference, led by commissioner, Reid Amos put in countless hours of preparation, building a plan to put its most valuable asset, the participants, back in action.

Testing, mask wearing, social distancing, sanitization, along with every other safety procedure, were adopted to protect everyone involved. Once a plan was put into place, the entire conference from top to bottom was tasked with the

responsibility to follow the guidelines. It took a great deal of sacrifice by players, coaches, and the institutions and their game day staffs to bring about the highest level of safety.

The season schedules were trimmed down to inter-conference play only. Games were scheduled on Wednesdays and Saturdays with Mondays and Thursdays used for make-up dates. There were a handful of setbacks due to COVID-19 but Amos and company navigated the troubled waters admirably. The entire staff at the MEC headquarters deserves the highest level of praise for making this season a reality. Without their efforts these student athletes would have lost out on an experience of a lifetime.

I was fortunate to see this impressive feat unfold firsthand doing the play by play of both mens and womens basketball games at Alderson Broaddus

University. Athletic Director Carrie Bodkins did an exceptional job of assembling a group of individuals that committed to the plan, executed it perfectly, and provided the best possible environment for their student athletes. Bodkins, a former standout Battler, is in the A.B. Hall of Fame. She understands the true value of teamwork and her leadership has been crucial through this entire process.

This weekend provides the biggest win the MEC has ever collected. The place where it ended a year ago is the same venue that will provide the prize of perseverance. All of the hard work culminates in the playing of the MEC Basketball Tournament at the WesBanco Arena in Wheeling. There will even be a small crowd in attendance which is a step up from the regular season. Until this tournament, fans were not allowed in any venue in the conference during the first sixteen lock-ups of the campaign.

The league announced that 15 percent of the WesBanco Arena capacity will be permitted to attend each game. Having

spectators present will be a win for everyone involved. First, the players themselves deserve to play in front of fans. They should be able to hear the applause after a special play and to celebrate together after a big win. The parents and families of the participants can now celebrate the accomplishments of their loved ones in person. Then, there are the alumni and loyal fans that have been there year after year, game after game (living every play as if it were the last one) that plan their schedules around a hoops schedule.

Having the Mountain East Conference Tournament with fans in attendance is a victory for everyone involved. It is a major accomplishment that would not have been a possibility if not for the work of so many that realize the most important thing is to fight for what you believe in and to never give up. Congratulations to Reid Amos and the entire Mountain East Conference on a job well done.

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

The Golf World Was Turned Upside Down!

By Bill Nestor Sports Editor

This past week, the golf world dealt with some terrible news; Tiger Woods had an accident that caused multiple injuries and could have been life threatening.

The single car collision occurred early last Tuesday morning. Woods suffered fractures to his right leg – to both the upper and lower portion of his fibula and tibia. Reports say that his right ankle was shattered. The ankle and foot injuries were stabilized with screws and pins. Some reports say that Woods is lucky to be alive.

The gold legend is coming off of a recent back surgery that put his golf career in jeopardy. This most recent accident has made competitive golf in the future look rather bleak. However, one thing sports fans have grown to understand is that you can never count out Tiger Woods.

Woods has made a living out of proving doubters wrong. Focus and dedication are traits that all of the greats in any sport possess and Tiger owns both of them. It doesn't matter if you are a fan or not of Woods. What does matter is that you appreciate his love and dedication to the sport. The future for the golf GOAT is in question but you should never doubt the determination of the best player to ever play the game. That determination is the reason that he is the best to ever play the game.

Guess Who's On The Loose? Why It Is Dr. Seuss



From The World Of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

Monday marked the 24th year of Reading Across America and we paid homage to Theodor Geisel, or more commonly known as Dr. Seuss, as his birthday falls on March 2nd. The originator of some of the most interesting children's books of all time has been an influence in elementary schools and bedsides for decades.

Parks and Recreation, who often dips its toe in the educational waters, paid tribute by posting videos on its Facebook Page and YouTube channel as many volunteers were filmed reading their favorites from the author. Kids in high school, principals and most importantly, our seniors, chipped in and with the help of some editing, we were able to capture some great readings.

"We have always been fans of anything that benefits the kids," said Director Mike Book. "Dr. Seuss has been such an inspiration for so many of us. I bet you can ask anyone from Pre-K to senior citizens and they will have a memory involving Seuss's writings. He definitely went against the grain and was turned down a lot, but once the opportunity was there, he made the most of it."

Personally, the words "tongue twister" was quoted for the first time after a person read one of his books. They are books that definitely need some studying before you go public with it. In fact, the Seuss book 'Fox in Sox' says on the first page, "take it slowly, this is dangerous." With a mind like his, I am sure his sense of humor was equal to his imagination in writing. Book agrees as he explains.

"We have had a lot of fun reading these books and you definitely have to be prepared to have your words fumbled through on a couple of his lines. In all seriousness, kids have learned to read at a higher level simply because of his style of writing. Making a continuance of words rhyming like cat, hat, bat, mat and many others makes it easy to remember those words for the younger kids. And, the artwork is unlike anything you will ever see."

Even though he was not a fan of television or interviews, Seuss took his work to the screen as well as many films including probably the most famous "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" which dates back to 1966. There has been multiple versions of that movie made over the years as well as many more animations like the "Lorax," "Horton Hears a Who" and of course, "The Cat in the Hat."

The style of connecting the story together through rhyme with the imagination of making up words along the way has such an originality that this trait is what draws fans to his books. The journey was not easy as many publishers turned him away saying that his style would never attract readers. However, Bennett Cerf took a chance on him not knowing what future dividends it would later pay.

To summarize the mind of Seuss, one reporter asked where he got his inspiration and fittingly Seuss joked that he spent time in Ubergletch, a small hamlet in the Swiss Alps getting his Coo-Coo Clock fixed. Yep, that about sums up the mind of Dr. Seuss. Thank you for the wonderful stories that have touched so many of us. Happy Birthday Ted!

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



Dog Gone RVing is a group created for RVers who love hitting the road with their dogs.

Love taking epic adventures with your pet? Have you been searching for ideas, tips, and like-minded adventurers on your favorite social media platforms? You've probably come across a few by now; however, not all social media groups are created equal. We went searching for the most helpful, popular, and fun online pet adventure

groups, and we've dug up some real gems! During next several weeks, we will be sharing some ideas of where to seek some helpful tips.

Week two: Dog Gone RVing

What's more fun than a road trip? A road trip with your four-legged sidekick, and in an RV of course! Dog Gone RVing is a group created for RVers

who love hitting the road with their dogs. Whether you're planning your first RV adventure with your pup, or you've already traveled thousands of miles together, this group is the perfect place for helpful advice and support. Members offer tips on traveling with your pet in your RV, finding the best dog-friendly RV parks, and posts of dogs living it up on RV road trips!

There are plenty of resources available to find the best dog-friendly RV parks and campgrounds. They give you a breakdown of RV parks, campgrounds, and destinations that are dog-friendly and the amenities they offer. They go beyond what RVers are looking for, giving you options for beach getaways, events, and more. You can also learn

more about traveling with dogs on both websites.

If you're not sure what amenities are available for your dog at a campground or RV park you're interested in, give them a call and find out. Many RV parks are open to you bringing your dogs with you, but it may not be advertised. Call ahead to make sure it's allowed, what the rules are, and if there are any breed restrictions to avoid any issues when you arrive.

Whether you're going on an extended vacation or want to take your dog along for the ride, pet-friendly RV parks and campgrounds are on the rise across the country. Don't leave your best friend behind on your next RV trip. Take your dog on your next adventure for memories that'll last a lifetime for both you and your pet.

1.2 Million Fish To Be Stocked Across West Virginia



© Provided by Charleston-Huntington WSAZ-TV Governor Jim Justice stocks trout.

West Virginia Governor Jim Justice announced 1.2 million fish will be stocked statewide this year. This is part of his Spring Trout Stocking Initiative.

He kicked off spring trout stocking season Friday with a ceremony filled with stocking the

first of over 1,400 trout into Buffalo Creek.

"It is amazing – the great stuff that we're doing from the standpoint of our fisheries and all the wonderful stuff we're doing in regard to the nature in this unbelievable state. To everyone who has been

involved, I congratulate you in every way in the world." said Gov. Justice.

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Director Steve McDaniel, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Harold Ward, and members of the Buffalo Creek Watershed Association were also at the ceremony Friday.

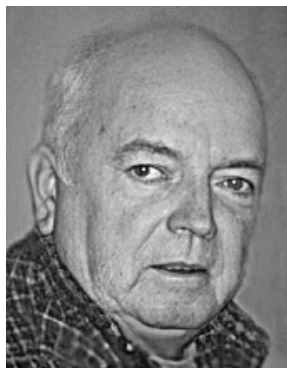
The governor says the stocking rate for Buffalo Creek has been permanently increased by 10% due to ideal angler access, water quality, and in-stream habitat improvements. Buffalo Creek is also

expected to get 2,500 fingerling rainbow trout this spring.

"Many of the successes we are experiencing in our trout program are a direct result of the ongoing \$30 million in hatchery renovations that Governor Justice directed our agency to undertake when he first came into office," Director McDaniel said. "Once complete, these renovations will enable us to substantially increase the number of trout stocked annually, in addition to the numerous improvements already in place under Governor Justice's leadership."

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**GENE DOUGLAS VANCE**

Gene Douglas Vance, 88, of Shinnston passed away on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at Stonerise Nursing Home in Nutter Fort, WV. He was born on August 26, 1932 to the late Homer Vance and Beryl Miller Vance.

Gene is survived by his children; Kirk Vance and his wife Charlene of Clarksburg, Rodney Vance and his wife Heather of Willow Springs, N.C., Kent Vance and his wife Barbara of Shinnston, Valerie Vance of Meadowbrook, Robbie Vance and his wife Rhonda of Shinnston; sisters, Sandra Newbrough of Shinnston, Sharon LeuLiette of Parkersburg; brother, Baron Vance of Warren, Ohio; grandchildren, Timothy Vance and his wife Mary, Josh Vance and his wife Nona, Misty Dawn Taylor and her husband John, Travis Vance and his wife Marlie, Jenna Swisher and her husband Brett, Trevor Vance; great-grandchildren, Abigail Vance, Lydia Vance, Nathan Vance, Noa Vance and Korbin Vance.

In addition to his parents, Gene was preceded in death by his loving wife Norma Bice Vance; brother, Charles Vance; sisters, Betty Bowman and Diane Keiffer, grandson, Ian Vance.

Gene was a graduate of Shinnston High School and was in the United States Army during the Korean War. He worked at Williams Mine for 10 years and retired from Lockheed Martin with 31 years of service. Gene was a member of St. John's Lodge #24, AF and AM. and he attended Jewel City Church.

A funeral service was held at Harmer Funeral Home on February 26, 2021 with Pastor Robert Shingleton officiating. Interment followed at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery with full military honors.

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

ROBERT GENE DILLOW

Robert Gene Dillow, 74, of Haywood passed away on

Thursday February 25, 2021 at residence with his family by his side. He was born on June 27, 1946 to the late Walter Dillow and Opal Thayer Dillow.

He is survived by his loving wife Emma Dillow; daughters, Brenda Koon and her husband Charles Koon II of Fairmont, Bobbie Dillow and her husband Edward Vanscoy of Haywood, Diana Smith and her husband Micheal of Clarksburg; son, Robert Dillow II of Haywood; brother, James Dillow of Meadowbrook; sister, Martha Ramsey of Fairmont and Roberts twin sister, Roberta Westfall of North Carolina, along with 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by his brothers, George, Richard, Harold, Ralph, Sterling and Sam Dillow; sisters, Virginia Gross and Charlotte Martin.

Robert was in the US Army during Vietnam and worked at Mont Levine in Fairmont for 38 years. He enjoyed spending time at the flea markets collecting a variety of treasures including antiques, signs, bears and swords.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at Harmer Funeral Home.

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

SUSAN E. COTTRELL

Susan E. Cottrell, 71, of Lumberport passed away Friday, February 19, 2021 at J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital. She was born May 3, 1949 near Lumberport on Route 18, the daughter of the late Charles and Edith Taylor Bunnell.

Susan graduated from Victory High School. She began work as a telephone operator at the Harrison County Courthouse. Later, she started working at the Continental Can and continued working as it changed to Anchor Hocking, until its closing.

Susan is survived by her husband of fifty-two years, Donald Cottrell, whom she wed on July 6, 1968. She is also survived by two sons, Donnie Cottrell and wife Cindy, Gypsy, WV, and Ronnie Cottrell, Lumberport, WV; two grandsons, Jonathan Cottrell, Gypsy, and Matthew Cottrell,

Lumberport; sisters, Noma Kyle and husband Eddie, Gregory's Run, Donna Booth and husband Howard, North View, Jo Ann Reel, Grafton, and one brother, Rick Taylor, Arkansas.

In addition to her parents, Susan was preceded in death by one brother, Gary Bunnell; and two sisters, Ester Kyle and Mildred Stottlemeyer.

Dorsey Funeral Home helped with the cremation arrangements for the Cottrell Family. Online condolences can be on Susan's Memorial Page on www.Dorseyfuneralhome.wv.com.

SHAWN BERNARD "BUBBA" LONG

Shawn Bernard "Bubba" Long, 52, of Meadowbrook passed away unexpectedly on Monday, February 22, 2021 at his home. He was born February 27, 1968 in Ohio, a son of Twila Patricia Long Limer who survives him.

He is also survived by his loving wife, Melissa Dawn McGary Long whom he married on October 13, 2012; his son, Chase Alan Long of Austin, TX; daughter, Claessia Dawn Chadwell and her companion, Travis Bentley of Clarksburg; and son, Joseph Carl Chadwell Jr. and his companion, Rebecca Ann Smith of Jane Lew; his granddaughter, who was the love of his life, Jurnie Ann Bentley; his sister, Laciana D. Roush of Clarksburg; two uncles, Donald Long of Ohio; and Joseph Long of North Carolina; his life-long friend, Roger Dale Moore of Meadowbrook; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Shawn was preceded in death by his grandparents, Richard and Mildred Long.

He was a graduate of Lincoln High School. He loved spending time with his friends and playing in the mud with his Jeep.

Cremation services were provided by Perine Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family.

Online condolences can be shared with the family at www.perinefunerals.com

TOM SWIGER

Tom Swiger, 63, of Wallace, passed away at 12:45pm, Friday, February 12, 2021, at the United Hospital Center in Bridgeport. He was born in Clarksburg, May 20, 1957, a son of the late Kinzy and Theresa J. Swisher Swiger. On November 3, 1978, he married Peggy Ellen Wade Swiger who survives.

Also surviving are two children, Rebecca Swiger (Donnie), Paul Swiger (Megan), both of Wallace; his grandchildren, Molly Abigail Swiger, Brantley Thomas Swiger, Dylan Scott Swiger; his siblings, Laura Parmer, Clarksburg, William

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Out Of The Past

Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



The old wooden structure Baptist Church on Rebecca Street with the "house between the churches". Taken in 1899. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

Swiger, Clarksburg, Robert Swiger, Doddridge County, John Jenkins (Arlene), Wallace, Martha Pratt (Jim), Louisiana; several nieces and nephews; and his special friend Mike Riggs.

In addition to his parents, Tom was preceded in death by three siblings, Tim Swiger, James Franklin Swiger, and Mary Kay Swiger.

Tom was a mechanic at Riggs Service Center for 25 years. He enjoyed working on vehicles and eating sweets. He was a hard worker who loved his family and grandchildren.

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

ROBERT CARLOS PRICE SR.

Robert Carlos Price, Sr, 85 of Mount Clare passed away on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at Bridgeport Health Care Center. Bob was born on November 29, 1935 in Fireco, WV, the son of the late Simon and Viola Dunn Price.

Bob served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was owner and operator of Pro-Transmission. His hobbies were playing guitar, listening to music, especially Johnny Cash, fishing and tinkering on cars. He was a member of the Clarksburg Church of the Nazarene. Bob enjoyed spending time with his family and especially the family's fur baby, Bubba Dog.

Bob is survived by three children, Angela Maria Lafferty and Jason, Nutter Fort, Josh Price and girlfriend, Peggy Shaughnessy, Mount Clare, Darren Propst and Robin, Winston-Salem, NC; three grandchildren, Emily Lacaria and Christopher, Hannah Palmer and fiancé, Anthony Podesta, and Dylan Price; three great grandchildren, Annabeth, Aidan, and Hendrix; two brothers, Thomas Price and Sherry, Cleveland, OH, Ronald Price, Roanoke, VA; sister-in-

law, Sharon Price, Lost Creek; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his wife of fifty-nine years, Imogene Sloan Price in 2014, two sons, Phillip Thomas Price and Robert Carlos Price Jr; two siblings, Margaret Nelson, Daniel Price and two in infancy.

A private Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Davis Funeral Home and Onsite Crematory is handling the cremation and honored to serve the Price family.

Online condolences can be sent at www.davisfuneralhome.wv.com.

SIDNEY "SID" DEWAYNE MCINNES

Sidney "Sid" Dewayne McInnes, 64, of Dawson Mines (Clarksburg), passed away February 23, 2021 at United Hospital Center following a brief illness. Sid was born on January 5, 1957 in Clarksburg, son of the late David and Wilma Carnes McInnes.

Sid worked for Home Industrial Bakery for many years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and being outdoors. He also loved to spend time with his beloved dog, Zoey.

Sid is survived by his wife, Rhonda McInnes, Dawson Mines; two sons, Jessie and David McInnes, Clarksburg; one stepdaughter, Misty Arnett and husband Tim and daughter Izzy, all of Dola; one stepson, Jeff Kimble and partner Jeffrey House, McHenry, MD; three grandchildren, Laura, Brennon, and Hunter; several Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins; as well as good friends Flossie Layfield and Mike Lamp, both of Wilsonburg.

As per Sid's wishes, he will be cremated. Davis Funeral Home and Onsite Crematory handled the cremation arrangements for the McInnes Family. Online condolences

can be made on Davis FuneralHomeWV.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to his funeral care fund.

GERALD "JERRY" JACKSON CLEM

Gerald "Jerry" Jackson Clem, 72, of Clarksburg passed away on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at West Virginia Veterans Nursing Facility. He was born April 28, 1948, in Clarksburg, to the late John Jackson and Velma Elizabeth Barbe Clem.

Jerry graduated from Roosevelt Wilson High School. He served his country in the United States Army serving three years in Fairbanks, Alaska. He worked for twenty-five years for Hazel Atlas, Continental Can, Brockway and Anchor Hocking until it closed. He last worked for Securitas and Pinkerton Security as a security guard for nineteen years at the Anchor Hocking location and Pittsburgh Tube in Jane Lew. Jerry was a member of the First Baptist Church of Nutter Fort where he was baptized by Pastor Louie Dodson. He enjoyed fishing, crabbing, playing croquet, bowling, walking, listening to country music and watching westerns. He was very friendly and liked by all.

Jerry is survived by his uncle, Paul Gene Booth, Clarksburg; good friend and former pastor, Rev Greg Blevins and his church family at First Baptist Church of Nutter Fort.

A Graveside Service was held at the WV National Cemetery on Friday, February 26, 2021 with Rev Greg Blevins officiating and military honors were accorded by the Taylor County Honor Guard and the United States Army Honor Guard. Online condolences can be made on Davis Funeral HomeWV.com

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“Small Business Committee” cont. from p.5

D-Kanawha, serving as the minority chair. Republicans said their focus will be on removing impediments for starting a business. They are also looking to implement attractive legislation for those working remotely to take up residence in West Virginia.

of the Guardians of the West Fork River, mentioned that Weston had volunteers clean, paint, and powerwash sidewalks via the Weston Citizens Act, and he implied that the City could do something similar.

Anthony Tate facilitated the second topic of community events and highlighted how the City is preparing to host Frontier Days although he said it seems unlikely that a carnival will be involved this year. He also discussed plans for a Fall Festival that would include fun activities for children such as a costume contest, hayride, and pumpkin carving.

Kathleen Panek pointed out that the legislature has introduced a bill which, if passed, would allow temporary, one-day liquor licenses for certain community events. While some may not favor this idea, she said it could draw some people who might not normally attend the function.

Bingo’ at the big pavilion at the Park might attract interest as well. Kathleen Panek recommended a Bicycle Rodeo and Helmet Give-Away. John Ciesla proposed a ‘Boat Float’ or boat parade to Worthington. He stated, “We were planning on having a float tied into Frontier Days and volunteers could assist with shuttling passengers back and forth, serve as parking directors, and assist people in and out of boats.

Spurling also proposed concerts in the park featuring local bands, sing-alongs, or perhaps a family dance party that would include family-friendly DJ music. Kathleen Panek noted that the BRSO (an ensemble of Community Band members) might be interested in playing at the park. Panek also summed up the feelings of nearly everyone, saying, “People have been locked up for so long during the pandemic, they are bursting to get out!”

Jon facilitated the third topic of beautification. Amber Blankenship, the WV Prevention Solutions Family Resource Coordinator for Harrison County, said that with support from the Harrison County Hope Lions Club, she would be happy to help provide the City with youth volunteers to assist with events, and noted that she could call on resources from not just the Lions Club but through the Chamber of Commerce as well. Sabrina Baker stated that the City would like to organize “Beautification Days” that would include activities such as removing weeds and picking up litter along roadways, particularly along Rt. 19 spanning from Gibby’s to Lincoln High School, and this would be an opportunity to utilize volunteers. She added that the City would need to identify “site managers” to look after the safety of volunteers and ensure the sites were satisfactorily cleaned up. Site managers would be asked to complete a safety course prior to supervising volunteers. John Marchio noted the need for beautification in the Park, especially in terms of removing weeds along the trails and mulching in the playground. He said

that those who use the park typically pick up after themselves, but there are a lot of drainage issues around the bocce court and down by the pool where the dumpster is that could use attention. Jon Olsen briefly discussed the Volunteer Shinnston website, explaining that there are two types of registration accounts – one for individuals or groups who would like to volunteer and another for non-profits that could post their own volunteer recruitment needs. He stressed that though the website is sponsored by the City of Shinnston, it is also a free resource for all local organizations in need of volunteers – even organizations from other communities. Another brainstorming session is planned for the near future that will focus more on volunteer opportunities in Shinnston and explore the website in greater depth. Olsen concluded, “We hope that this session will be the first of many to come and hope that the next time we’ll gather more participation. If citizens have any recommendations for future event topics, addressing community needs, or wish to play a role in facilitating future events, please send them to me via e-mail at jolsen@shinnstonwv.com.”

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AG Morrissey Alerts Consumers To COVID Vaccine Scam

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey reports his office has received a number of calls from consumers who claim to have received suspicious calls related to the COVID-19 vaccine.

Most consumers report receiving phone calls, although scammers may also reach out via

text or email. The consumer artist will often ask multiple questions about personal and financial data, supposedly in order to schedule a vaccine appointment.

“Consumers must know that legitimate health officials coordinating vaccine distribution will never ask for payment

or financial or other personal, identifiable information,” Attorney General Morrissey said. “If you suspect a scam, trust your instincts and give our office a call. We can help you sort out fraud from fact.”

The Attorney General’s Office further advises consumers to consider the

following tips:

- Do not pay for a vaccine appointment or a spot on a waiting list.
- Be extremely wary of texts from unknown parties.
- If something seems suspicious, call a trusted source such as the local health department or the Attorney General’s

Consumer Protection Hotline.

- Never open email attachments from unknown parties.
- Never share personal, identifiable information with an unknown party.

Anyone who believes they have been the victim of coronavirus

vaccine fraud should immediately contact the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-368-8808, the Eastern Panhandle Consumer Protection Office in Martinsburg at 304-267-0239 or visit the office online at www.wvago.gov.

“Progress at NCWVA”

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project,” said Senator Manchin. “At the end of last year, I wrote to the FAA urging them to work quickly with the airport after months of delays that slowed the distribution of the draft Environmental Assessment. I also convened a meeting between the FAA and airport officials to ensure

that they were on the same page, and I am pleased the FAA has finally taken action. As the project progresses, I will continue to work with the North Central Regional Airport and FAA officials to ensure a smooth process. I look forward to seeing the completed Passenger Terminal and Aerotech

Business Park as well as the good-paying jobs and economic growth the terminal and business park will create for North Central West Virginia.”

Richard B. Rock, NCWVA Director, commented, “The Benedum Airport Authority is pleased our terminal and aerospace

park projects are moving forward. We appreciate the FAA and the Army Corps of Engineers for their due diligence, and we are excited for this major expansion and the benefit it will bring to West Virginia. We appreciate the Senator’s support for the North Central WV Airport and

his efforts to keep our momentum going. When we work together as a team, all of West Virginia wins.”

This project consists of two phases that will add a new terminal with access to Interstate 279, a new parking facility and a 100-acre AeroTech Park with direct access

to the airport’s 7,800-foot runway, which is the longest runway in the state.

Development of the AeroTech Park is estimated to create more than 1,000 jobs and double the annual economic impact of the airport to over \$2 billion.

“Business of the Month”

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noodles with carrots, onions, mushrooms and beef bulgogi.

The shrimp bowl is a bit different (in a good way) in that it is served chilled with avocado and giant shrimp served over a bed of rice. The spring rolls wrapped in rice paper are a good choice for those persons needing a gluten free option.

According to Rick, seventy-five percent of the time a person can come in and order and

be out the door in 10 to 15 minutes and as in all restaurants, some days are busier than others. Significant time is needed to prepare the items so they are fresh each day. On a normal day, Mia can be found in the kitchen by 8:30 a.m. prepping the necessary vegetables and items needed to fulfill the menu choices although she will admit to starting earlier on Monday.

“We want everything to be fresh,” she said.

While nothing on the menu is extremely hot in taste, Rick said that he would rate the sweet and spicy pork at a six or seven out of ten. “It won’t burn your mouth;” he noted, “it’s not that hot.”

When questioned about the various sauces available for their food offerings, Rick explained they have three different ones including a soy sauce, Mia’s soy sauce (soy that is seasoned with mild spices) and Dragon,

that Rick describes as Mia’s soy sauce with a “sweet and spicy tang”. He recommends the Dragon sauce for the sweet and spicy pork bulgogi for the “extra kick”.

He also noted that luncheon platters are also available for the beef or pork bulgogi and soy butter chicken and are served over a bed of steamed or fried rice, an egg roll and a side of Mia’s cabbage salad or steamed vegetables. And for those

inquiring minds, bulgogi means meat cooked over fire, and both the beef and pork are thinly sliced and marinated overnight which truly enhances the flavors.

“Dinner in Korea is a real social event,” said Rick. “You sit down and share community food similar to our appetizers first and this is followed by the main course.” He added that dinner could literally be a two-to-three-hour event. “Our society has a lot to learn in that

regard.”

The “regulars” rave about all of the options available in this unique take-out only restaurant. Everyone has their favorite item whether it be Kimbobb, bulgogi or the ramyun soup.

The Hendersons have advertised via social platforms and word of mouth and to date, that has been very successful in luring visitors in to sample the fusion of ‘east meeting west’ at Authentically Mia’s.

“Shinnston City Council”

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so his comments were addressed later in the meeting.

The City Manager gave his report, noting that there had been a chemical leak at the water plant that was cleaned up and fixed prior to becoming a potentially serious issue. Sewer lines on Martha/Monroe Streets and on Fortney property are being fixed; the storm water project on Van Rufus Drive that was contracted out has been completed. Several mentioned that the surface on Van Rufus is still a little soft and they will wait until it settles before paving is done there. There is also a drain issue on the Sears property that will need to be addressed.

Edwards stated that the new fire fees are ready to be billed in March for those outside the city limits but within SVFD’s service area. He also noted that the budget for 2022 is nearly completed and should be ready for the March meeting. The City continues to apply for CARES Act reimbursements in case later funding becomes available.

Other items brought to attention for consideration included:

- Looking into tearing down the house on Charles Street that burned prior to Wind Down Wednesday events beginning;

- Because Public Works has had problems with the cinder spreader,

perhaps look into having a backup spreader;

- Question on a project from long ago about having a generator for the intake at the water plant.

- Mayor Kovalck suggested having updates on old projects put on a future agenda;

- Police continue to run backpackers out of a house on Charles Street and on High Street.

Council member Mary Ann Ferris stated she read that Morgantown was partnering with United Way to help food banks meet greater needs during the pandemic food bank and asked the City Manager to investigate what was entailed in this in case Shinnston might be able to do something similar to help The Lord’s Pantry and people out of work in the local area.

Mayor Kovalck was asked by the United Way of Harrison County to participate in a telethon in March. He agreed to do that.

The mayor again asked for petition of citizens at which time Joe Roberts of 1201 E. Pike Street addressed several of his concerns: street sweeping not being done; downtown sidewalks; nothing being done about buildings on Pike Street in disrepair, including the Ashby Apartments.

Mayor Kovalck stated that the sidewalk funding had already been approved earlier in the meeting and that

crews had been busy with repairs and snow/ice removal, leaving street sweeping to be done after bad weather has halted. The mayor also noted that they were all aware of the presence of dilapidated buildings but addressing those presented a financial issue and that the City would first need to find a way to pay for what needs to be done with those.

D I S C U S S I O N I T E M S on the agenda included:

New Stage at Green Space – Brock Bittinger, a scout from Troop 7, is working on his Eagle Scout project and would like to reconstruct the stage on the green space downtown. He has all the paperwork ready and he and his fellow scouts are ready to progress. It would mean removing the current stage but perhaps repurposing some of the material into the new project.

Mayor Kovalck thanked Brock for his desire to lead this community improvement project and asked that he submit his plans and present them in person at Council’s regular meeting in March, at which time Council will vote on approving the plans.

Frontier Days – Community Development Coordinator Anthony Tate said they have not found a carnival available for the September event

dates, but that he and the Frontier Days Committee would like to perhaps consider holding some Frontier Days events (such as a variety of entertainment, face painting, hayrides for kids) at the Ferguson Memorial Park because it is not utilized nearly enough. This would entail figuring out a solid system for adequate parking or perhaps a way of transporting people to the park from town. Amanda Sayers will handle the Frontier Days pageant.

Several members of Council made suggestions such as inviting high school classes to participate with parade floats. Some liked using the band shell at the park for entertainment, while others prefer activities being held in the downtown area, giving local businesses the opportunity to extend their hours during the Frontier Days celebration. Having activities at both locales was also an idea. Council ultimately decided that Tate and the Frontier Days Committee might consider the opinions offered but remain in control of the decision making. All agreed that due to COVID’s lingering presence, the celebration might have to be handled differently this year but all felt that holding the event in some fashion

would be a plus since last year’s event was completely cancelled due to the pandemic.

Community Needs B r a i n s t o r m i n g Summary – VISTA volunteer Jon Olsen reported on the meeting that was held via zoom on Feb. 16th. He noted that 12 people participated in the discussions that he said were very productive and that he hopes to have more participate in the future when he would like to further place emphasis on the volunteer website. Jon is open to public input, ideas, and suggestions.

Grant Updates – The City Manager reported that he has spoken to the DOH concerning Shinnston’s walking trail located near the baseball field; the DOH and Stantec will get together on the plans to begin. He also noted that the comfort station at the Rail Trail (located just past the bridge) should be in place in the next two months.

Edwards also stated he hopes the sidewalks in front of Lincoln High School will be addressed this summer.

He noted that the DOH didn’t want to tackle the sidewalk in front of the Murphy building due to its extreme expense because it is hollow underneath the sidewalk there with doors that lead into the building’s basement as well. Other sidewalk needs such as in front of the former Infinite Café

and in front of Harmer Funeral Home were also discussed. The DOH is waiting for Shinnston to select a spot for the work. Grant funding of \$250,000 is available and the City will be contributing money too – some of which is already accounted for.

It was mentioned that the City qualified for the grant and they didn’t believe the DOH should them be permitted to tell the City what they could not do. It was suggested that the City contact some of the local legislators to see if they could help with getting the DOH to comply with what was most needed. Council will prioritize sidewalks in need of work and list them in order of greatest need for the DOH to consider.

City Manager Auto-Renewal Provision – Mayor Kovalck said the City Attorney had sent the auto-renewal provision within a contract that they could revisit for future years. Notice of renewal will be given 60 days prior to its expiration, and if there is no issue from the City Manager’s standpoint nor from Council, his contract will automatically renew for another one-year term. Council will look at a further raise when the contract is renewed, dependent on city finances at that time.

The work session concluded and Council met in executive session to discuss personnel.

Adaland To Honor Joe & Ann Serafin



Ann Serafin accepting a WV Preservation Grant on behalf of Adaland Mansion, one of the many grants Ann prepared and was awarded over the 20 years she led Adaland



Pictured above is Joe Serafin enjoying one of the garden benches currently in one of Adaland's garden areas.

“Voter Files”

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county clerks while applying multi-agency list comparisons to track abandoned registrations has resulted in the most accurate voting rolls in our state's history.”

At the same time, Warner said that his office and the county clerks implemented a public education effort that emphasized voter registration, especially for young people and newcomers to the state. Warner said county clerks have registered 242,044 new voters over the last four years, including more than 65,000 eligible high school students. As of February 11, 2021, West Virginia has 1,219,542 registered voters.

“Eligible West Virginia citizens can now register to vote or update their current registration online any time,” Warner added. “Our website allows voters 24-hour-a-day access to voter registration in all 55 counties.”

To register to vote or to find more information on elections in West Virginia, visit GoVoteWV.com.

To honor the dedicated service of Joe and Ann Serafin to Adaland Mansion at Philippi, Adaland plans to update its rose garden and install plated garden benches at key locations on the 20.3 acres that make up the Adaland property.

The Serafins began their Adaland service in 1991 when Adaland became part of the plans for a historic Philippi house and garden tour. Adaland, then owned by coal company Anker Energy, needed a major clean-up to participate in the tour. From that initial clean-up, Ann and Joe established a nearly 30-year history with the historical home and grounds.

Both Ann and Joe contributed to the more than 65,000 volunteer hours that restored the house and have kept the doors open to the public. Adaland's

gardens were a favorite area of their volunteer efforts. Joe's death in January of 2021 brought to a close his history of dedicated service to Philippi's heritage.

Ann completed her service as volunteer executive director for over 20 years in 2020.

To ensure that the Serafin's work and love for Adaland are kept as part of Adaland Mansion's history, Adaland is seeking donations for updating the rose garden and for plated garden benches. To contribute to this effort, people may mail their donations to Adaland Mansion Development, Inc., PO Box 74, Philippi, WV 26416.

To learn more about Adaland Mansion and its 2021 calendar of events, visit www.adaland.org and Adaland Mansion at Philippi on Facebook

Partial Lane Closure

The West Virginia Division of Highways advises motorists of a partial lane closure on Harrison County Route 24, Meadowbrook Road, between County Route 24/1, Winters Hollow, and 24/27, Custer Hollow Road. The Eastbound lane at mile marker 4.35 shifts to the right. Use caution when traveling this section of road. This lane shift is now in place and will remain in place indefinitely. It is due to a possible mine subsidence.

On The Menu
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Italian Donut Cookies

Submitted by Leigh Merrifield

Since I grew up here in Shinnston, I happen to KNOW that through the years, bake sales at St. Ann's Catholic Church have always been extremely popular. Those ladies always produced a wonderful variety of really tempting sweet treats!

Many years ago, the former publisher here at the News & Journal had a special delivery of cookies brought to him by one of those ladies (the late Mary Seamon), which thrilled him to death because it was a favorite of his, and after a few hints, he finally offered to share ONE with me!

Typically, my favorite cookie is the peanut butter blossom because it gives you a taste of both peanut butter and chocolate. These cookies had neither and looked for the most part 'plain' except for a dab of colored icing smeared on top. They were DELICIOUS though! And after a number of years, I finally tracked down this lady's recipe, which I will share. I'll warn you, though, with a cold glass of milk, they are addicting!

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 ½ cups margarine (softened somewhat)
- 1 ¼ cups sugar
- 3 Tbls. imitation vanilla (butter/nut flavor)
- 5 eggs
- 7 tsp. baking powder
- 8 cups flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 cup milk

DIRECTIONS:

Cream the margarine and sugar and add the vanilla flavoring. Beat the eggs and add to this mixture. Mix the dry ingredients separately and add them with milk gradually to the creamed mixture. Roll the dough into ropes about an inch thick and 5 inches long. Pinch the ends to seal in a circular form. Arrange on a cookie sheet and bake each sheet about 10 minutes at 350 degrees until light brown on the bottom. (Check often!)

Let cool and then ice with this glaze:

- 4 ½ cups powdered sugar
- 2 Tbls. margarine

Pour in just enough milk to get to icing consistency; add 3 tsp. imitation butter & nut flavoring.

These are very popular at Easter time with icing tinted in a variety of pastel colors. Easter is rather early this year – on April 4th – so gather your ingredients and consider making them this year!

Be sure to drop by your local Price Cutter for all your baking needs. And if you have a favorite recipe you would like to share with our readers, we invite you to e-mail it to us at newsandjournal@yahoo.com.

Bridgeport Student Selected For 2021 U.S. Senate Youth Program

U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) today announced that two West Virginia high school seniors, Olivia Hindman of St. Albans and Emma Romano of Bridgeport, have been selected for the 2021 U.S. Senate Youth Program. Olivia and Emma will represent West Virginia during the virtual Washington Week that will be held in March. The U.S. Senate Youth Program Washington Week is an interactive educational and leadership forum where the students will attend virtual meetings and briefings with the Senators, the President, a Justice of the Supreme Court, leaders of cabinet agencies and members of the national media.

“Olivia and Emma are some of West Virginia's brightest students and I look forward to meeting them virtually as part of the Senate Youth Program,” said Senator Manchin. “Both Olivia and Emma set a wonderful example for all of West Virginia through their commitment to their studies and dedication to serving their communities. Young leaders like Olivia and Emma are the future of West Virginia and I am confident they will represent the Mountain State well.”

“Olivia and Emma are excellent representatives for West Virginia in the U.S. Senate Youth Program, and I'm thrilled to welcome them to Washington virtually this year. Both are talented students, and exemplify terrific leadership skills and dedication to their communities. I look forward to the impact both Olivia and Emma will have on West Virginia in the future,” Senator Capito said.

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