

Drive-In Theater Tour Featuring TobyMac Returns To Sunset-Ellis Drive-In May 11th



TOBYMAC

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

Awakening Events is a full service, live event company that had to get especially creative when COVID-19 began to storm our country last year. The pandemic, sadly, left music artists and musicians without live venues for their performances due to safety restrictions. Awakening Events, however, met the challenge by initiating the Drive-In Theater Tour which allowed the ‘beat to go on’, so to speak.

Drive-in theaters, once the popular place to go for entertainment, have suffered a severe decline over the years ... so utilizing these outdoor theaters for concerts served a dual purpose. It not only gave artists a stage to perform on in a safer setting, but it also offered a boost of something unique for drive-ins to host other than a movie. It was a win/win!

Last year, Awakening Events enlisted the help of Antoinette Ellis-Casto to set up a live concert featuring Christian group ‘Casting Crowns’ at the

Sunset-Ellis Drive-In, which was a sellout! Curtis Pinkerton, Marketing Director for Awakening Events, was pleased with the venue and praised the professionalism of the theater owners and the crew of volunteers they had handling the traffic flow with such ease.

This year, they once again reached out to Antoinette for a comeback tour this Spring, which will feature TobyMac and THE DIVERSECITY BAND, along with opening act, Cochren & Co.

TobyMac is a well-known American Christian hip hop recording artist who has charted 20 solo singles on Billboard’s Christian Songs list. He is also a songwriter, music producer and author.

During his music career, TobyMac has garnered numerous Grammy and Dove awards including Best Rock Gospel Album,

Best Contemporary Christian Music Album, Contemporary Christian Artist of the Year, Songwriter of the Year, and many gold records! Awakening Events has TobyMac and THE DIVERSECITY BAND putting many miles on the road in 2021, with Drive-In Theater Tour stops booked from April through November. Shinnston’s Sunset-Ellis Drive-In will be TobyMac’s only performance in West Virginia, but he will be making appearances at drive-in theaters in 21 other states throughout the U.S. as well.

Antoinette commented, “The public seems to be enjoying the outdoor concerts we have hosted, so we are happy to continue to embrace any and all concerts we can.”

Tickets are available NOW for the Sunset-Ellis Drive-In Theater Tour featuring TobyMac! Once again,

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Contributors Were ‘Pot Of Gold’ For United Way Give-A-Thon



By **LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD**
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The United Way of Harrison & Doddridge Counties held a “Give United Give-A-Thon” last Wednesday – St. Patrick’s Day. The virtual event was hosted at the Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center with phones manned by

local volunteers. They were hoping for a bit of ‘Luck ‘o the Irish’ that day because due to the pandemic, it has been a difficult year for donor-driven non-profit organizations to raise needed funding.

The United Way’s annual fundraising campaign typically concludes at the end of February each year, but

they extended it to the end of March this year – also because of the pandemic. This year’s goal was to raise \$850,000, which would aid them in providing necessary funding for their 20 affiliated agencies. They had reached 80% of their goal, but still had a long way to go prior to this event.

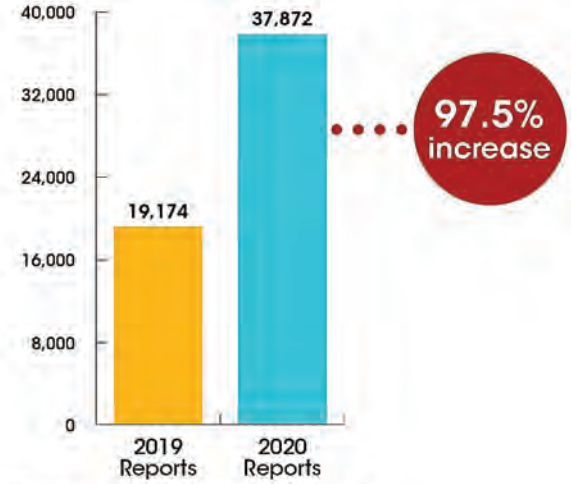
According to Aimee

Comer, the Fundraising and Community Development Director for the local United Way, meeting their goal is even more crucial this year because, once again, thanks to the pandemic, there are so many people out of work and in need of United Way’s vital services.

Comer gave a couple

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Number Of Childrens’ Internet Exploitation Cases Astounding



Online Enticement Reports
By **LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD**
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This is a topic that parents will find distressing and yet it is important to be informed. The Cyber

Tipline has released an alarming report of the significant rise in online enticement of children. Sadly, the past year was a record-breaking year with more than 21.7 MILLION reports of

suspected child sexual exploitation made to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC). The NCMEC’s Cyber Tipline shows receiving the highest number of reports ever received in one year, with reports of online enticement increasing 97.5% in 2020 compared to the year prior.

What exactly is online enticement? It involves an individual communicating with someone believed to be a child via the internet with the intent to commit a sexual offense or abduction. It is a broad category of

online exploitation and includes ‘sextortion’, in which a child is being groomed to take sexually explicit images and/or ultimately meet face-to-face with someone for sexual purposes, or to engage in a sexual conversation online, or in some instances, to sell/trade the child’s sexual images. This type of victimization takes place across every platform, social media, messaging apps, gaming

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Volunteerism Learned At An Early Age

The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal has named Charla Nutter as March’s Citizen of the Month, a program sponsored by Dorsey Funeral Home in Shinnston – locally owned and operated.



CHARLA NUTTER
By **DIANA BEDELL**
News & Journal Staff Writer

There are many women who come to mind when celebrating women during the month of March, and there are many here in Harrison County - including Charla Nutter, a native of Salem. By day, Nutter is the operations representative and business manager for Lockheed Martin, where she has worked for the past 12 years. But after hours, she is a spirited volunteer wanting to give back to her community.

Volunteerism runs deep in Nutter’s veins. “I was a leadership student while at Marietta College and my desire to volunteer kicked into gear when I was at Marietta,” she noted, adding, “I volunteered as a student at the Eve Shelter, which is a domestic violence shelter there.”

She is also quick to add that she learned a lot about ‘organized volunteerism’ from her grandparents.

“I was taught at an early age that you take care of your community and your neighbors,” she said.

Upon graduating from college, Nutter worked for the former Fenton Glass in Williamstown for 15 years. While at Fenton Glass, she ran their employee campaign for United Way. She ‘blames’ her good friend James Swiger, also from Salem, for getting her involved in the United Way of Harrison County when she moved back to the area.

“James got me interested in serving on United Way’s grants committee as a panel member and I later became a panel chair and grants chair,” she stated. “The grants committee was restructured a couple of years later and is now known as the Community Investment Committee. This is the

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Springtime Plans



Building Amazing Cities

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

When I looked out my back patio window, I saw a few wisps of green forming in the middle of a brown sea of brush. It happens every year. In just a few weeks, the green will overtake the brown and suddenly, the sound of mowers and weed eaters will fill the air. Spring is always a beautiful time of the year and I believe this year will be even more inspiring. After being cooped up and isolated by the pandemic, doing yardwork and getting some much needed exercise will be a welcome activity. It is still a good idea to remain socially distanced and wear a mask, but the Spring weather gives us so many more options and ways to enjoy our families and friends.

It is important to get everything ready to enjoy the Spring and now is a good time to clean out your garage or storage building and prepare for the sun and fun ahead. I like to make sure my lawnmower and yard equipment are in good working order and if something needs sharpened or repaired, now is the time to do it. I also like to check my car to make sure that all the winter salt is washed away and the gravel and cinders are vacuumed off the carpet and

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“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.

Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center Offers Walk-In COVID-19 Vaccinations

The Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg will be offering unscheduled walk-in COVID-19 vaccine clinics Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm, to all enrolled Veterans which began Wednesday, March 17, 2021. To receive the free COVID-19 vaccine, enrolled Veterans are asked to present their VA card and are encouraged to wear a short-sleeved shirt. If you are not currently enrolled as a VA patient, please visit www.clarksburg.va.gov/patients or contact Enrollment at 304-623-3461, Ext. 3332 or 3590.

“Childrens’ Internet Exploitation”

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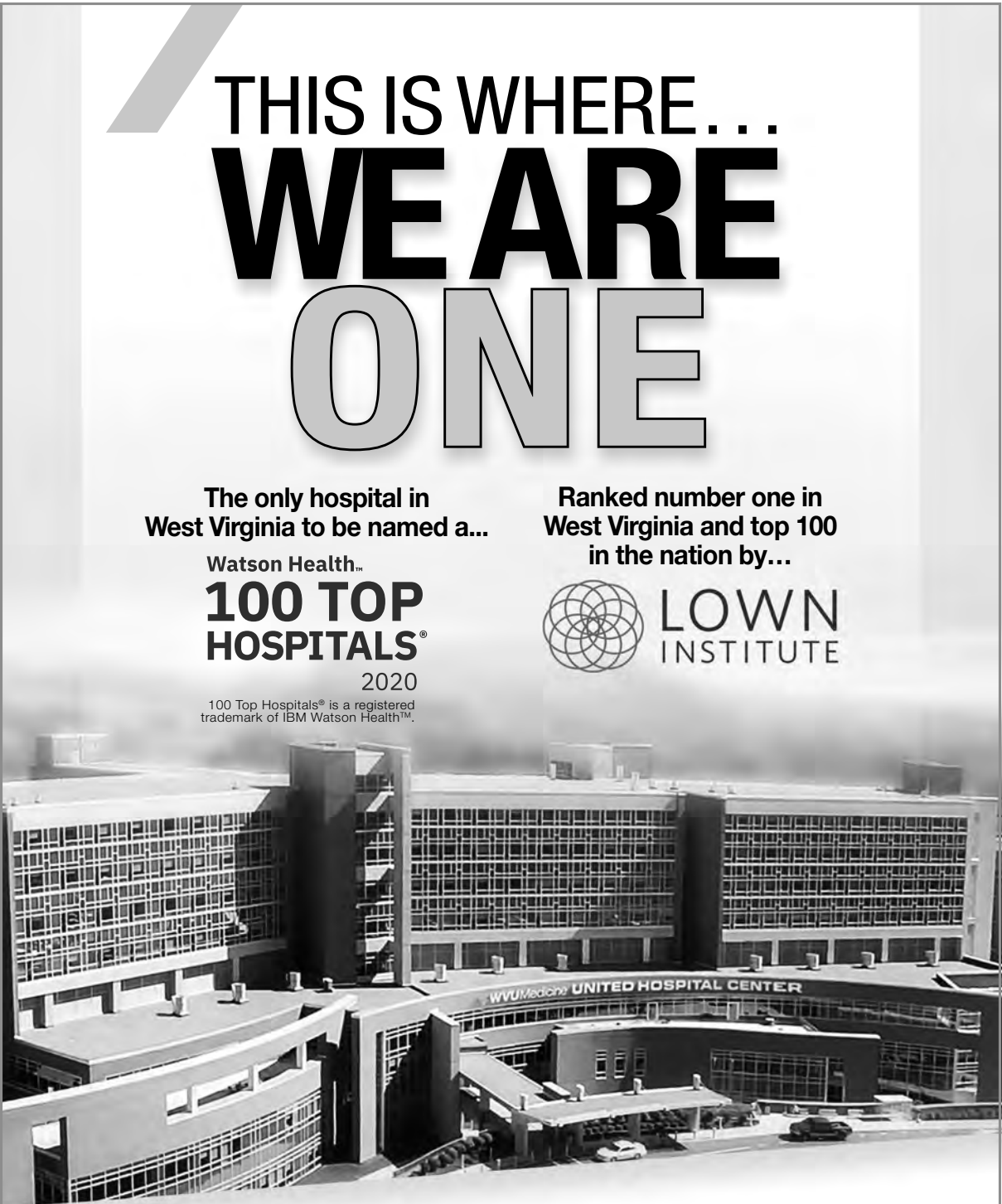
platforms, etc. 21.4 million of these online exploitation reports were from electronic service providers. This higher number of reports, the NCMEC says, can be indicative of a variety of things, including larger numbers of users on a platform or how robust an electronic service provider’s efforts are to identify and remove abusive content from their platforms. These reports are critical to helping remove children from harmful situations and stopping further victimization. Another of the reasons why online enticement reports have skyrocketed so much in 2020, they feel, may be closely related to the pandemic, since COVID’s safety precautions have moved both children’s and adults’ lives online even more than they already were. Children have switched to virtual learning and have been spending more time than ever on social media or online gaming in lieu of seeing friends or meeting new people in person. This leaves kids and teens more susceptible to the dangers of the internet. One warning to parents is NOT to believe that this could never happen to your child. Lindsey Olson, executive director of NCMEC’s Exploited Children Division, says that online enticement can happen to ANY child using the internet. “Offenders are very effective at grooming children, gaining their trust, isolating them from their parents, and then exploiting them,” Olson noted. What can parents do to protect their children online? Susan Kennedy, Prevention Program Manager at NCMEC, says, “Get involved in children’s online life. Ask about what they are doing online and take a genuine interest. Provide guidance but try not to be overly punitive or judgmental. Offenders are able to take advantage of children when their activities are secret. This happens often when children are not comfortable or even afraid to go to adults in their lives when something is happening online, especially when they feel they may have done things they regret or know they shouldn’t have done.” When a report comes into NCMEC’s Cyber Tipline, the tip is reviewed, analyzed and made available to the appropriate law enforcement agencies all over the globe. This system has resulted in the rescue of countless children and the arrests of their abusers. Olson said the reports of online enticement are all taken very seriously, and the recent number has made it clear that there has never been a more important time to educate the children in your life about staying safe online. Fortunately, NCMEC has a collection of data-informed prevention resources for parents and guardians, as well as children of all ages, where they can learn more about how to stay safe and prevent online enticement. For children 10 years of age and under, NCMEC’s very own animated series, “Into the Cloud”, teaches children useful tips for staying safe online. Along with prevention resources, NCMEC provides help and support to those who have experienced this crime. While child exploitation is not a favorite topic, it is nevertheless becoming a growing problem and one that should not be ignored. Parents in need of prevention resources or emotional support, can e-mail familysupport@ncmec.org or call 877-446-2632. NCMEC also has the tools to help you remove explicit content that appears online. If someone you know has been enticed online, please report it to NCMEC’s Cyber Tipline at MissingKids.org/CyberTipline, or call the hotline at 1-800-843-5678. Remember ... this can happen to any family regardless of where you live!

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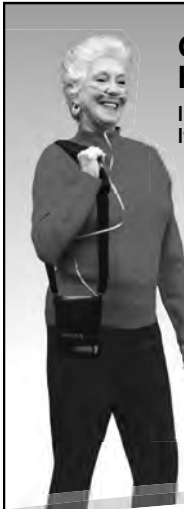


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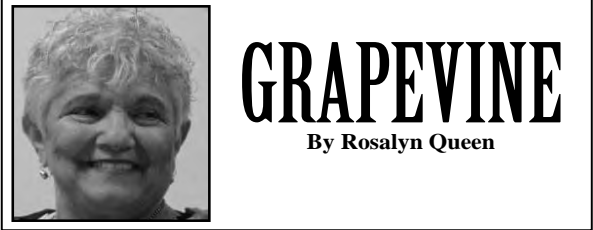




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The PWA Is Planning Several Spring Fundraisers & Celebrations



GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

This week I am going to brief you on what is going on at The Progressive Women’s Association. Now that Spring is here it seems that we may be headed down the other side of the hill of this pandemic and we are anxious to get back into the swing of things. It has been a long year and we have tried to succeed as most other groups have. It may not be over yet, but we are being optimistic and moving forward.

We continued to keep our food pantry open and have served thousands of Harrison Countians every week for the past year. We have been able to do this through the generosity of our residents and businesses. The YWPA has manned the outdoor pantry for the homeless. There are many visitors, mostly at night, and the pantry is kept full to serve those in need. We have also been able to supply pet food to pet owners due to the generosity of local pet stores. For all of these people, there are no questions asked; if they have a need, we meet it.

This past Friday we had a Members meeting and finalized plans for our Easter Egg and Easter Bread sale. The sale will be held on Friday, March 26 and Saturday, March 27 at the Uptown Event

Center. The chocolate peanut butter eggs will be sold in Fiesta bowls with Easter wrap and will sell for \$10.00. The Easter bread will sell for \$10.00 for a loaf or for two doll babies. There will be other home baked items for sale to help complete your Easter dinner. To pre order call 304-624-6881. Our famous PWA hot dogs will also be for sale.

On Saturday, May 1 the YWPA will hold a flea market and on Sunday, May 2 the PWA will sponsor a Spring Bazaar. If you are interested in participating please call 304-624-6881.

In observance of our 100th Anniversary Celebration, we will be sponsoring a 2021 Membership Challenge. It is our goal to get 100 new members by the time of our fall celebration. The dues are \$25.00 per year and every new member who supports us either financially or with donated time, will have the opportunity to use our facility for a family-get-together free of charge. We welcome both men and women as members of our organization.

In order to serve our entire membership, our next meeting will be held on April 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Uptown Event Center. Snacks will be available for all present. We will make our meeting as short as possible in order to accommodate those who may have additional obligations. Please feel free to contact our director, Elinda Carson, for any questions.

Be sure to get your Easter goodies from us, stay healthy, stay safe and until next week, “Now You Have Heard It Through the Grapevine.”

I’ve Been Busy Getting My Vehicles In Order



Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny

Monday, I did my yearly civic duty by filling out and filing my federal and state taxes. I wanted to file it early because I know the federal and state governments are in dire need of our tax money; I know they are spending it so wisely.

I did the taxes online and it took me around three hours, however, it was free! I ain’t never got nothin’ fer free! Well, if you don’t count the double pneumonia I caught last fall.

In the evening, Bernie stopped by and we drove up to the Eat’n Park Restaurant on Bridgeport Hill for supper. They’ve changed their menu around and no longer offer the chopped sirloin, so, I probably won’t be back there for a while.

Tuesday afternoon, I drove up to Chenoweth Ford on old Bridgeport Hill to have the warranty extended on the Explorer. The vehicle is still in great shape and only has 49,000 miles on the odometer; I’ve decided to keep it around for another three years.

Since the Parkette was close by, I grabbed a bite to eat at the restaurant. The waitress brought me two little packets of salt and two packets of pepper. I walked out to the vehicle and retrieved the emergency salt and pepper shakers (Forgot them again) ... they work so much better. Kudos to the staff for delivering a delicious meal and serving it HOT.

Thursday morning, Lee followed me to M &G

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“United Way Give-A-Thon”

of examples of the increased needs during the past year, noting that Bi-County Nutrition had served 17,000 meals in 2020 alone! AND, Health Access is making sure that Harrison County residents who have lost their insurance due to job loss can still get vital medical care!

“There is still money coming in, but at last count we raised \$26,000 during our 12-hour Give-A-Thon. That still leaves us with a deficit of approximately \$140,000, but I am hopeful and optimistic that we can still get there. We have until the last day of March,” Aimee stated. “This campaign focused on Harrison County funding that will benefit Harrison County residents. And I really don’t think that Harrison County will disappoint us.”

Aimee has been a United Way volunteer for four years, but this year is her first experience with a direct task – that of fundraising within the

county.

A Harrison County native, Aimee says she is quite familiar with the kind of people who call this county ‘home’. “They are the kind of people who help one another when it comes to adversity. They don’t just open up their wallets; they open up their hearts,” she added. “And most of our donors that day were grassroots Harrison County people who gave what they could. It was important to them to rally behind a good cause.”

She, once again, cited a perfect example, noting that one gentleman, who preferred to remain nameless, donated his entire stimulus check to United Way, saying that he didn’t really need it, but he knew people helped by United Way agencies who DID need the help that is offered by through the United Way.

“That,” she emphasized, “is a perfect message about the people of Harrison County whose hearts really long to help

others. Gestures like this make me so proud of my friends and neighbors here in Harrison County. THEY are our ‘pot of gold!’”

The Give-A-Thon was marketed on the radio and on the organization’s Facebook page and the event was viewable on Facebook Live. Entertainment was broadcast live with musical performances by Benjamin DeFazio, Brandon Leroy & Gigi Collett, Aaron Henry and Staci Swiger. Drawings were held during the event as well, with many donated prizes offered to contributors – prizes such as an office lunch for ten people, several restaurant gift certificates, a wine lover’s basket, a yoga basket that included therapeutic massages, car detailing, professional teeth whitening, a two-night stay at Canaan Valley Resort, and round-trip airfare to both Chicago and Destin Beach, Florida.

Despite the challenges

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brought by COVID-19, this year’s Give-A-Thon was even more successful than last year’s telethon.

Aimee encourages everyone to visit the United Way’s Facebook page where they can view videos filmed at many of the United Way agencies and see for themselves exactly what these agencies do and how much they help here in the local area. It is quite an ‘eye-opener’, she stated.

“One thing that people need to realize is that pledging to United Way does not mean a check has to be written that day. Those who pledge have until Dec. 31, 2021 to fulfill any pledge they make,” Aimee concluded. “There is still a little time to help us meet our goal!”

To pledge to the campaign to help keep the doors open at these local agencies, you can call the United Way office directly at 304-624-6337, visit their website at unitedwayhdc.org or text the number 313131 and then type in giveunitedhc.

“Springtime Plans”

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floormats. It is good to have your vehicle ready so that you might just head to the mountains for a nice weekend trip to see the trees regain their beauty after a long, cold winter.

I have found that if you enjoy hiking, walking, bicycling or other outdoor activities, it is best to plan a trip early in the season. That way you can ease into the activity and determine if you are going to need to upgrade your equipment or possibly make changes to your activity level. So many times, if we wait until Summer is upon us, it feels rushed and we don’t get to fully enjoy the seasons. I’ve found that if our family opens our lake house early, we enjoy the Summer season a lot more. In fact, I have plans to head to Crystal Lake in Doddridge County next weekend to clean up the winter debris and check out our supplies. I’ll also do a repair list and get that started before planning Memorial Day or 4th of July activities.

We are also planning a few trips to Davis and Thomas up in the West Virginia mountains. These quaint towns are always fun for a day trip, and sitting around one of the great restaurants and drinking a craft beer makes for a fun day. It is also close to Blackwater Falls and seeing the falls is always enjoyable, no matter what season you are there. Our little granddaughter is just getting to the age where she is noticing things and it will be nice to introduce her to the West Virginia sites that made such an impression on our kids. It is also a great place to take pictures and if you enjoy photography, you won’t run out of interesting places.

We are still a little reluctant to get on a plane in this age of Coronavirus, so we will probably stay within a few hours driving range. I’ve been wanting to visit some places in Ohio and maybe explore a few historic villages and towns. The area around Cleveland is interesting and I’ve enjoyed visiting many small towns on my business trips to the Northeast Ohio area. Akron and Canton are also interesting cities and there is always something to see or do. I’m not sure how the attendance is going to be for Major League Baseball, but I’m sure the Pirates will have a game or two that won’t be sold out.

Spring can be the beginning of a lot of fun and enjoyment and this Spring might just be one of the best. I hope you enjoy this season and make sure to be safe and take advantage of some of the Amazing places around us. Enjoy!

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The Coffindaffer Doctors In Shinnston

By MAXINE WESER
Museum Board Member

The Coffindaffer brothers who had practices in Shinnston were Dorsey, Clyde and Russell. The first doctor was Dorsey who was born in 1882. His first practice was in Jane Lew in 1909. He came to Shinnston in 1911 and his office was in the First National Bank Building (presently Bice-Ferguson Museum) located at 400 Pike Street. The upstairs of the building was divided into six rooms and served as offices for numerous doctors, dentists, and lawyers over the years. Dorsey and his wife Maymie Cole were the parents of four children. On July 20, 1920, a call came into his office that a young boy named William Dorsey Ford was playing around the Guy Ashby Hardesty mine at Allied located outside of Shinnston and had encountered electric and was severely burned on his head and feet and needed medical attention. While racing to the scene, Dorsey was struck by a B. & O. train on the track at Bethlehem. Dorsey was loaded into a passing taxi and raced to a Clarksburg hospital, but he died before the taxi even made it to Shinnston. Ironically, William Dorsey Ford, aged twelve, survived the electrocution incident, later went to work in the coal mines and died of a coal mining fatality in 1929. Taxis were quite common in those days and would have a dedicated parking space in downtown Shinnston to wait for people who wanted a ride. The second Coffindaffer medical doctor was Clyde. He was born in 1886 and in 1917 he was a doctor in residency at Bellevue Hospital in New York City. Soon after Dorsey's death in 1920, Clyde assumed his practice in Shinnston and was here until 1927 until Russell completed his residency. Clyde had graduated from the University of Virginia School of Medicine at Richmond, VA. Dorsey and Russell did also. At that time, an undergraduate degree, and 4 years of medical school (that included 2 years of science and 2 years of clinical work) were required to be considered a doctor. Clyde was married to Lessie Law. He is still

CLYDE COFFINDAFFER

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DORSEY COFFINDAFFER

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DeMarco's Meat Market – Serving The Community & Beyond For Over 35 Years!



DeMarco's Meat Market, located at 417 Pike Street in Shinnston, is appreciative of their many loyal customers whose patronage has kept them in business for so many years. It is perhaps the welcoming atmosphere of treating customers like 'family' that is partly responsible for that customer loyalty!

By ANTHONY TATE
Community Dev. Coordinator

This month's community spotlight shines on DeMarco's Meat Market, a Shinnston landmark where people from both

near and far stop for fresh meat and produce. Sam DeMarco says his father, who previously owned a grocery store in town, decided to open the meat market in July of 1984 because he wanted to keep the family business in Shinnston. DeMarco's Meat Market, owned and operated by family members, has long thrived on tradition, loyal patrons, and Italian pride. The market carries a variety of fresh produce, deli meats and cheeses, homemade sausage, and hand-cut steaks. Items like their homemade sausage and hot olives continue to use the same

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What The Economic Stimulus Package Means For Shinnston

By CHAD EDWARDS
Shinnston City Manager

This month Congress passed a \$1.9 Trillion-Dollar economic rescue package to help the U.S. recover from last year's stagnation because of the coronavirus. Part of this package gives counties, cities, and towns money for infrastructure. Unlike the CARES Act, the money will be distributed directly to the cities and towns themselves as opposed to being run through the state, thanks largely to our own Senator Joe Manchin. The City of Shinnston will receive \$880,000. Senator Manchin called me this past Sunday to answer a few questions I had about the money we are receiving. The money can be used for infrastructure: water, sewer, streets, parks, etc. It can be used for broadband and it can be used to backfill revenue loss which was caused by this past year's epidemic. According to Senator Manchin, the money will be distributed half this year and half next

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Lowe Public Library Has Many NEW Bestsellers Awaiting You



If you have a library card at Lowe Public Library, you have the option of curbside pickup for reading materials during the pandemic. To expedite this service, please call before you come and then let us know when you arrive!

By DEBORAH STARKEY
Lowe Library Director

James Patterson's new book 'The Russian' is his latest Michael Bennett novel. Just weeks before NYPD detective Michael Bennett is to marry his longtime fiancé Mary Catherine, an assassin announces his presence in the city with a string of grisly murders. Each victim is

a young woman. Each has been killed in a manner as precise as it was gruesome. Working alongside the FBI, Bennett and his ambitious new partner uncover multiple cold-case murders across the country that fit the same pattern. Bennett promises Mary Catherine that the case won't affect their upcoming wedding. But as Bennett prepares

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SPD Submits February Activities	
Shinnston Police Chief Jon Harbert shares his monthly report of the Department's detailed activity during the month of February, 2021.	
CITATIONS:	
Hazardous	8
Non-Hazardous	8
Accident	0
Warning	29
Parking	0
ARRESTS:	
Felony	3
Misdemeanor	14
Shoplifting	0
DUI	0
Domestic	0
REPORTS:	
SPD 101	23
Accident	3
Juvenile Petition	0
OTHER:	
Alarm Response	13
Premise Exams	663
Investigations	68
K-9 Deployments	17
Calls for Service	140
Total Calls for Service numbered 989.	

Ten House Reports February Responses

SVFD Fire Chief Dylan Oliveto reports that in February, 2021, the department responded to 56 calls for service. The breakdown of those calls included:

34 Medical Emergencies	4 Motor Vehicle Accidents
5 Service Calls	4 Structure Fires
	1 Brush Fire
	7 Fire Alarms
	1 Smoke Investigation (Smoke in the Area)

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Battle In The Burg Highlights Last Week

The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

The typical basketball season provides little time to rest. The games are non-stop throughout the regular season. Due to the pandemic, this year's schedule is so condensed and compacted that it's hard to just catch a deep breath between games. There are always a handful of lock-ups that are circled on the calendar when the schedule comes out that I consider "can't wait" contests. I always look forward to broadcasting the Lincoln-Robert C. Byrd tilts because I know that they will always be entertaining. Cougar Head Coach Jordan Toth and Flying Eagle Head-Man, Bill Bennett always have their respective teams prepared to play which aids in the build up heading into the matchup. Case in point, Robert C. Byrd was on a five-game winning streak and Lincoln had won four in a row

coming in. The calling card for both programs is tenacious defense and that was the force that drove the bus for both squads this past Saturday. The Cougars used multiple defenses and they held the Flying Eagles to just 58 points, 14 points below their season average. It was eight points less than the previous low total of the season. Robert C. Byrd returned the favor, utilizing their trademark man to man defense to hold the Cougars to single digit scoring in three of the four quarters played. The Flying Eagles earned a win in the prime matchup in what could end up being a three-game series on their home court. The Cougars will look to hold serve on April Fools' Day when Bennett and company come to Shinnston. Robert C. Byrd was paced by Gavin Kennedy's 27 points.

Kennedy, one of last week's winners of the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week Award, has scored 20 points or more in every game of the season.

Blake Meighen had 11 points in the contest. Bryson Lucas chipped in with seven points, nine rebounds, four steals, and three blocked shots.

Lincoln was led by Sammy Bart's 10 points. Zach Snyder had nine points and a team high six rebounds. Westin Heldreth chipped in with eight points and two steals.

Both programs had received some love from the media this past week. The Flying Eagles garnered all ten first place votes and were voted the top team in class AAA. They have owned the top spot throughout the initial part of the season. The Cougars were knocking on the door, just outside the top ten, in a tie for 11th with the Grafton Bearcats. There is a solid chance that they both could be high in the rankings when they

meet for round two next week.

This game will carry slightly more weight than this initial square up for a couple of reasons. There will be only two weeks remaining in the regular season and every team looks to build momentum heading into tournament play. Secondly, it will provide another up close and personal view of each other prior to sectional play. You can watch as much film as you would like, but having the opportunity to see how an opponent is going to react, specifically to what you are doing and how your squad will respond to the looks that they see in return is invaluable. It will also set the tone for the tilt that matters the most which will come in the sectionals where these two and Liberty will dual for the right to host a regional game. The plot thickens as we move forward. Don't miss the action on April 1st.

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 Lincoln's Madi Martin and Notre Dame's Jaidyn West.

Cougar basketball standout, Madi Martin helped her team to an impressive win over Liberty last Friday. Martin led all scorers with 24 points in the affair. Martin also dished out three assists and recorded three steals.

Fighting Irish hoopster, Jaidyn West came up aces in a hard-fought loss to Poca last week. West tossed in a game high 38 points that included nine three pointers. West also impressed on the defensive end with three steals in the lock-up with the Dots.

Congratulations to Lincoln's Madi Martin and Notre Dame's Jaidyn West for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes Of The Week!

Advisory Board Member Calls It Quits After Decades Of Service



From The World Of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

Joe Oliverio has been an advisory board member for Parks and Recreation for decades and this year he is stepping down to spend more time with family and friends. When I think of this happening, I refer back to the old Coca-Cola commercial where a tired Joe Greene enters the hallway of a football stadium seeing a kid offering him a Coke and he returns the favor with a game jersey. The kid ends the commercial by simply saying, "Thanks Joe!"

I too, want to be in that entrance saying the same to this man. Mr. Oliverio and his family was instrumental in bringing the Energy Express Program to Harrison County as well as the countless amounts of advice and suggestions he would bring to the board to be forwarded to the County Commission. His passion for recreation was shown not only as a board member, but as a father and grandfather.

For me, I knew of the Oliverio family at an early age. His son, Michael and I played basketball together at the Jerry West ranks. Michael was a good player and continued through high school and his dad was in the stands cheering along the way. And being in sales, he developed a friendship with my father, Don Comer, who operated local grocery stores in the area for over 40 years.

Today, being an official for the WVSSAC, I often see Joe on the sidelines giving me the business over a foul I may have missed and I know he is doing it in fun. He is fiery with sports and recreation and his presence on the board is what drives him. Director Mike Book has always been a fan of what Oliverio has done as he explains.

"Joe (Oliverio) is one of the old school guys that has seen parks and recreation evolve in decades of service just like myself. He has offered many ideas and he and his wife were two of the leaders in creating an Energy Express Program in Harrison County. People know him more for his help in recreation, but he is equally as important in educating kids. He did a wonderful job and was a real asset to the county and to our board."

In conversing with Oliverio and hearing the news that he was going to resign, you could sense the feeling that he wavered over this decision for a while. It was almost like he could not get the words out. But, in his own words, he was ready to pass the baton onto someone else in hopes of carrying it the way he did for so many years.

It is going to feel different to look across the room and seeing Oliverio and long-time member Bill Renzelli sitting side-by-side with so much experience between the two offering ideas or guidance about our programs and enrichments. He will be missed.

So, my thank you to Joe Oliverio, you were always a stand-up guy to me and I appreciate you, whether talking about sports or receiving some advice on how to handle situations or just to give me a hard time and keep me grounded. You are a great man and I want to personally thank you for all the years of service in making Harrison County a great place.

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



Paddleboarding With Dogs provides tips to help you have a great paddleboarding experience with your pet.

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. Our fifth and final tip is the following:

Paddleboarding With Dogs

Paddleboarding is a fun sport that people and their pooches absolutely love. Whether you're a novice or a paddling pro, Paddleboarding With Dogs provides tips to help you have a great paddleboarding experience with your furry family member. You'll get your questions answered, make new friends, learn about

favorite destinations, and be able to share tips on best practices, safety, and equipment. This group offers a great outlet for sharing your paddleboarding adventures, all while getting inspired by other members' experiences!

Just remember - whatever adventures you and your pooch are into, there's a social media group for that!

For those who are planning on traveling with their furbabies, TripsWithPets has been helping pet parents find and book pet-friendly

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Great American Outdoors Act Funds Nine Projects On Monongahela National Forest

Monongahela National Forest is pleased to announce that as part of the Great American Outdoors Act nine local projects have been selected for fiscal year 2021. The selected projects will be the first round of improvements to address deferred maintenance on the Forest while improving

visitors' experience. Many of these projects have multiple phases and will not necessarily be completed this year. These projects are part of the \$285 million investment made possible by the newly created National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund, established in 2020 by

the Great American Outdoors Act. These funds will allow the USDA Forest Service to implement more than 500 infrastructure improvement projects essential to the continued use and enjoyment of national forests and grasslands. These funds are critical in helping to reduce

the Forest Service's \$5.2 billion deferred maintenance backlog and an important step in restoring what visitors love about national forests in the Eastern Region.

This year's selected projects for Monongahela National Forest are:

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Charles Town Racehorse Death Toll Climbs To Eight In 2021

Animal Wellness Action (AWA), the Animal Wellness Foundation (AWF), and the Center for a Humane Economy (CHE) are calling on Penn National Gaming to investigate the rash of horse deaths that have occurred at its Hollywood Casino Charles Town Race Course in West Virginia in 2021.

This year, there have been eight on-track deaths of horses at the facility. "Lanesborough" and "Nicaloe" were each reported to have "suffered fatal injury" and were "euthanized on track" on February 27th, and most recently, "Uncle Funky" was reported to have suffered a "fatal injury"

and was "euthanized on track" on March the 10th. Other deaths at Charles Town this year include "Best Shot," "Venetian Drive," "Don't mess with bull," "Mio's Long Term," and "Paul's Plunder."

The Charles Town track has also been widely criticized in the past for shuttling poor-performing horses right

from the track to kill buyers, who then ship horses to slaughter in Canada or Mexico for export to Belgium, Italy, and Japan for human consumption.

"We're appalled as the body count continues to multiply at Charles Town," said Marty Irby, executive director at Animal Wellness Action

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KEVIN GUY EVANTO

Kevin Guy Evanto, age 51, of Pittsburgh, PA, passed away at Shadyside Hospital on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, after a brief illness. His parents were at his side.

Kevin was born on July 11, 1969, in Clarksburg, WV, and grew up in Shinnston, WV. He graduated from Lincoln High School where he was Valedictorian of his class in 1987. Kevin received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and Government from the University of Pittsburgh in 1991; and his Master's Degree in Public Administration – Public Management and Policy in 1996, also from the University of Pittsburgh.

His career included serving as the Assistant Director of Commonwealth Relations at the University of Pittsburgh 1992-1996; Associate Director of Government Relations at the University of Washington 1997-1999; Senior Associate at Cocker Fennessy Consulting Firm in Seattle, WA 1999-2004; and Director/Deputy Director of Communications for Allegheny County 2005-2014. At the time of his death, Kevin held the position of Chief Marketing Officer for Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, PA.

Kevin is survived by his parents Larry and Sandy Evanto; brothers Kristopher (Michelle) Evanto and Larry (Meagan) Evanto; nieces and nephews Nora, Alece, Maren, Lilly, Hunter and Cooper Evanto; and his beloved Aunt Diana Wright.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Howard and Jean Rutter and by his paternal grandparents George and Irene Evanto.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the doctors and nurses at Shadyside Hospital and to Kevin's friends and co-workers at Allegheny County for their kindness during this time.

As per his request, Kevin was cremated. A private memorial will be held at a later date.

RONALD LEE HARDESTY, JR.

Ronald Lee Hardesty Jr., 65 of Shinnston passed away on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at St. Barbara's Memorial Nursing home in

Monongah, WV. He was born on March 1, 1956 to Ronald Hardesty Sr. and Juanita Dotson Hardesty.

He is survived by his father, Ronald L. Hardesty Sr. of Shinnston and his aunts, Lucille Strait of Shinnston and Wilda Hardesty of Owings along with many loving cousins.

Along with his mother, Ronald was preceded in death by his brothers, Danny and Donald Hardesty. Ronald was a supporter of the Royal Rangers and showed extraordinary compassion for missionary trips, feeding the hungry and prison ministries. He attended the Owings Baptist Church, enjoyed collecting knives, and going camping. Ronald was an avid Alabama football and Washington Redskins fan, where his cousin, Hall of Famer Sam Huff, retired.

A funeral service was held at Harmer Funeral Home on Thursday March 18, 2021 with Pastor Ron Johnson and Pastor Garry Adkins officiating. Interment was at IOOF Enterprise cemetery.

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

CHARLES JOSEPH NAY

Charles Joseph Nay, 88, of Lumberport, WV passed away on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at his home. He was born on June 6, 1932 in Lumberport, the son of the late Herbert Dale Nay and Edith Mae Harbert Nay.

Charles was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Betty Louise Cunningham Nay who he dearly missed; son, Marvin Ray Nay, and one grandson, Zachary Cole Nay; also, one sister, Jeanne L. Seman.

He is survived by his daughter, Nancy Cool and her husband John; son, David Nay and wife, Becky, all of Lumberport; daughter-in-law, Deborah Nay; grandchildren, Brandon Nay, Brian Nay and wife, Jennifer, and their sons, Seth and Matthew; Christopher Cool and son, Mason; Lindsay Wray and husband David Wray, their children, Trinity and Fox; Travis Nay; and several nieces and nephews.

Charles was raised on Jones Run where he learned a strong work ethic. He even began driving a coal truck for his uncles at the age of fourteen.

Charles graduated from Lumberport High School in 1950. He was then employed by Pursglove Coal Co. of Dola. He served in the US Army at a rank of Sgt. Upon his return, he returned to work at Pursglove Coal Co. (Clinchfield) for 20 years. Later, he was part owner of Ten-A-Coal Company and then started a business, C&M Coal Company with his son Marvin, which he operated for 27 years, where he treated his employees like family. He was also involved in the oil and gas business.

Charles and Betty started the Dola Dairy Mart and operated it for 45 years. He was a farmer his whole life. Charles enjoyed Nascar races, local dirt tracks, loved to cut grass and using the weed eater, talking and debating with the crew at the Sunset-Ellis Restaurant. Charles attended Tennmile Baptist Church.

The family wishes to extend their thanks to his visiting Angel, Linda and the WVU Medicine Hospice nurses.

A funeral service was held at Harmer Funeral Home on Monday, March 22, 2021 with Pastor Jeff Perine officiating. Interment was at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Tennmile Baptist Church, PO Box 416, Lumberport, WV 26386 or WVU Hospice 2673 Davisson Run Road, Clarksburg, WV 26301 or Lumberport Fire Dept. PO Box 33, Lumberport, WV 26386.

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

VIOLET IRENE PATRICK

Violet Irene Patrick (VIP) a caring wife, mother and grandmother, died suddenly on March 12, 2021. She was born in Shinnston, West Virginia to Earl Carder and Ruth Johnson Carder.

She graduated from Shinnston High School (1958). In her early years, Violet worked at GC Murphy and Westinghouse in Fairmont, W.V. and later, at Best Products in Willowick, Ohio. She was the Mayor of Lakeline, Ohio and served on council for several years. Violet was also a caregiver to her mother. She loved gardening, dancing, animals, and politics.

Violet is survived by her husband Jack Patrick; daughter Terri Patrick Knight; son Doug Patrick; two grandchildren, Mark and Luke Knight; and her sisters Virginia Moore, Clara Paugh, Louise Jones, Carol Greaver and Nancy and Larry Golden (brother-in law).

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Earl Carder Jr. and Eugene Carder; two sisters, Betty Jo

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McIntire and Anna Lee Johnson; and nephews, Richard McIntire, Dusty McIntire, Mark Carder and Brenda Jenkins.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

JOHN DAVID PIGOTT, JR.

John David Pigott, Jr., 52, of Shinnston passed away at United Hospital Center on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. He was born on October 15, 1968 the son of John David Sr. and Emily Pigott.

John served in the US Army. He then went on to work for Jimmy's Diner in Shinnston for 30 years.

In addition to his parents, John is survived by his life partner, Brian Lucas of Shinnston; four sisters, Donna Clifton and husband Jim of Tulsa, OK, Kim Howe and husband Melvin of Lumberport, Tammy Tucker and husband Jimmy of Shinnston, and Melissa Luchuck of Wallace; two nieces, Megan Martin and husband Dale of Shinnston and Samantha Luchuck of Wallace; four nephews, Sean Vincent of Norfolk, VA, Cody Luchuck and Amanda Dulaney of Wallace, Zachary Howe and Briana Wilkinson of Lumberport, and Ervin Luchuck, Jr. of Wallace; a great nephew, Easton Howe of Lumberport, as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins.

John was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Charles Alfred Pigott and Mary Virginia Wable, maternal grandmother Rachel

Price, aunt Rebecca Pigott Taylor and brother-in-law Ervin Luchuck Sr. Funeral services were held on Monday, March 22, 2021 at Dorsey Funeral Home with Pastor Cindy Boggs officiating. Interment followed at the Enterprise I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

VIRGINIA LENORA WRIGHT

Virginia Lenora Wright, 91, of Clarksburg passed away at Clarksburg Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on Sunday, March 7, 2021. She was born on March 30, 1929 in West Union, WV, the daughter of the late McKinley and Lucy Davis Hileman.

Virginia was very passionate about cooking and also enjoyed shopping. She was the happiest when she was spending time with her family, especially her grandbabies. She was a joy to everyone who met her and she will be missed by many. "Loving you forever and always in our hearts".

Virginia is survived by one daughter, Pamela Toryak and significant other, William Watson, Clarksburg; two sons, Mark Wright and wife Rachel, Clarksburg and Gary Mills, Houston, TX; one granddaughter, Jennifer Smith and husband, Landis, Clarksburg; two grandsons, Justin Wright, and Nathan Wright and wife Tara, all of Clarksburg; one step grandson, Camron Huff, Shinnston; great grandchildren, Madison and Landis Smith, Faith Ann, Sadie, Leo, Azzalee, and Ryland Wright, and Lillee Rutter; as well as numerous nieces, and

nephews.

In addition to her parents, Virginia was preceded in death by one stepdaughter, Patty Ford; and one grandson, Antonio Toryak.

A Graveside Service was held at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery with Pastor Bobby Bright officiating. Online condolences can be made on Virginia's Memorial Page at www.Dorseyfuneralhomewv.com.

ALICE FAYE BLAIR

Alice Faye Blair, 62, of Bridgeport passed away on Sunday evening, March 7, 2021 at her residence. She was born on July 19, 1958 in Grafton, a daughter of the late Bill Bailey and Norma Jean Spring Bailey.

She is survived by her husband of 13 years, Richard Blair, whom she married on January 25, 2008

She is also survived by one sister, Karen Corder of Clarksburg and one brother Chuck Reed of FL.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by one daughter, Tonya Bailey.

Alice attended Grafton High School. She was musically inclined and loved to sing. She collected angels, bears, and frogs. She enjoyed spending time with her family and will be sadly missed, especially by her cat Penelope.

Graveside services were held on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens, Quiet Dell with Paul Hickman presiding.

(Cert. No. 178566 Sonya and Eric Lemley)
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Public Hearing
A Public Hearing on: **1) ORDINANCE AFFIRMING, RATIFYING AND ENACTING THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING CODE OF THE CITY OF SHINNSTON, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PRIOR ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHINNSTON BY PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE BUILDING CODE SET FORTH AND DEFINED BY TITLE 87, SERIES 4 OF THE CODE OF STATE RULES, AS AMENDED** will be held on March 29th, 2021, in the Woman's Club at 28 Bridge Street. Comments from citizens can be made at the meeting or written comments can be sent to the City Manager at 40 Main Street, Shinnston, WV 26431. Comments by mail must be received by 4 P.M. on the day of the meeting. The Public Hearing will be followed by a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 12th, 2021, at the same location where the 2nd reading of this ordinance will be on the agenda.

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Bestsellers that are available at this time include: “The Four Winds” by Kristin Hannah; “Dark Sky” by C.J. Box; “The Affair” by Danielle Steel; and “The

Vanishing Act” by Brit Bennett.
We also have some NEW arrivals, including: “Bitter Pill” by Fern Michaels; “Faithless in Death” by J.D. Robb; “Stranger in Town” by Kelly Armstrong; “Missing and Endangered” by J.A. Jance.

For those who need large print, we have new LP books as well, including: “Wrong Alibi” by Christina Dodd;

“Four Winds” by Kristin Hannah; “A Promise of Ankles” by A. Smith McCall; “Yellow Wife” by Sadega Johnson; “The Wedding War” by Liz Tailey; “The Love Proof” by M. Henry; “Musical Chairs” by Amy Poeppel; “Matthew Johnson, U.S.” by J. Boggs; and “Montana Territory” by C. West.

The library is still hosting Virtual Story Hour every Wednesday for the children. We invite everyone to join us. Our goal is to keep all children interested in reading!

The Hungry Caterpillar Book & Recipe Club will meet on April 20th at 2 p.m. Please post your favorite recipe to our Facebook page or drop it off by April 15th to be eligible for a prize. We will be posting the prize on Facebook next week.

Curb-Service is still be offered as an option for those who don't feel comfortable entering the library due to COVID. Just call the library at 304-592-1700 and we'll be happy to deliver your books to your car.

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

	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES		
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	\$ 0
Public Utility	0	0
Total Class I	\$ 0	\$ 0
CLASS II		
Real Estate	\$ 37,853,000	\$ 94,633
Personal Property	153,054	383
Total Class II	\$ 38,006,054	\$ 95,016
CLASS IV		
Real Estate	\$ 17,263,100	\$ 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	\$ 0
Public Utility	0	0
Total Class I	\$ 0	\$ 0
CLASS II		
Real Estate	\$ 37,853,000	\$ 47,316
Personal Property	153,054	191
Total Class II	\$ 38,006,054	\$ 47,507
CLASS IV		
Real Estate	\$ 17,263,100	\$ 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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Good Health Guide

The Positive Energy Of Honesty



Words of Wellness

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I’m all about honesty – not just because it is what we are taught, but because of the positive energy and wellbeing it creates within us. At a very young age, a Native American Indian provided sage advice that I will always remember. He said, “Always tell

the truth; and you will always be at peace with yourself.” Speaking our truth may be scary, but when we allow ourselves to trust the truth, we are supported by the universe and we enjoy more peace of mind as a result. As children, we learn

that it is important not to tell lies. We may not know why, but we know we get in trouble if we do. As adults, we can go deeper and understand that our behaviors and choices are investments of energy with risks and returns. When we are not honest with ourselves or others, we extend more energy than when we tell the truth and that energy is also heavier and comes with extra stress and burdens. Life is not always black

and white, so we have to trust our higher selves and intuition to guide us through the gray areas. While I believe that small white lies that involve only our opinions might be the higher path at times (e.g. What do I look like in these pants?), it is difficult to determine where to draw that line. We may feel that little untruths are harmless, but they can be like small cracks that weaken an overall structure over time. To answer those questions

about white lies for yourself, think, “How am I serving the other person by not being completely honest?”. The harmful energy of telling lies grows when we have to follow the uneven trail of covering our tracks. This often leads to more lies and stress, and can eventually deplete our health. Life is too short to spend precious energy this way. We can make the choice to free ourselves from the bonds of dishonesty at

any time. Speaking and living in truth may involve risks and even the possibility of rejection. Allowing ourselves the gift of truth frees up our energy to create physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Today we can make honesty our choice in every interaction, bringing the nurturing power of the universe’s energy into our lives to bring positive, lasting results.

United Hospital Center Earns National Accreditation From The Commission On Cancer Of The American College Of Surgeons



DR. ANGIE MALONE



The Commission on Cancer (CoC), a quality program of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) has granted Three-Year Accreditation to the cancer program at the Cecil B. Highland, Jr. & Barbara B. Highland Cancer Center at United Hospital Center (UHC). To earn voluntary CoC accreditation, a cancer program must meet 34 CoC quality care standards, be evaluated every three years through a survey process, and maintain levels of excellence in the delivery of comprehensive patient-centered care. Because it is a CoC-accredited cancer

center, UHC takes a multidisciplinary approach to treating cancer as a complex group of diseases that requires consultation among surgeons, medical and radiation oncologists, diagnostic radiologists, pathologists, and other cancer specialists. This multidisciplinary partnership results in improved patient care. “It is an honor for the cancer center at UHC to be recognized once again as an accredited program by the Commission on Cancer, as our cancer center has received consecutive approval since 1989,” said Angie Malone, DNP, APRN,

ACNS-BC, OCN, AOCNS, NE-BC, director of oncology at the Cecil B. Highland, Jr. & Barbara B. Highland Cancer Center at UHC. “Physicians and staff communicate and collaborate to provide high quality cancer care to our patients in North Central West Virginia. This approval acknowledges national recognition for the entire cancer care team at UHC” The CoC Accreditation Program provides the framework for UHC to improve its quality of patient care through various cancer-related programs that focus on the full spectrum of cancer

care including prevention, early diagnosis, cancer staging, optimal treatment, rehabilitation, life-long follow-up for recurrent disease, and end-of-life care. When patients receive care at a CoC facility, they also have access to information on clinical trials and new treatments, genetic counseling, and patient centered services including psycho-social support, a patient navigation process, and a survivorship care plan that documents the care each patient receives and seeks to improve cancer survivors’ quality of life. Like all CoC-accredited facilities, UHC maintains a cancer registry and contributes data to the National Cancer Data Base (NCDB), a joint program of the CoC and American Cancer Society. This nationwide oncology outcomes database is the largest clinical disease

registry in the world. Data on all types of cancer are tracked and analyzed through the NCDB and used to explore trends in cancer care. CoC-accredited cancer centers, in turn, have access to information derived from this type of data analysis, which is used to create national, regional, and state benchmark reports. These reports help CoC facilities with their quality improvement efforts. The American Cancer Society estimates that more than 1.7 million cases of cancer will be diagnosed in 2018. There are currently more than 1,500 CoC-accredited cancer programs in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, CoC-accredited facilities diagnose and/or treat more than 70 percent of all newly diagnosed patients with cancer. When cancer patients choose to seek care locally at a CoC-accredited cancer

center, they are gaining access to comprehensive, state-of-the-art cancer care close to home. The CoC provides the public with information on the resources, services, and cancer treatment experience for each CoC-accredited cancer program through the CoC Hospital Locator at <https://www.facs.org/search/cancer-programs>. Established in 1922 by the American College of Surgeons, the CoC is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving patient outcomes and quality of life for cancer patients through standard-setting, prevention, research, education, and the monitoring of comprehensive, quality care. Its membership includes Fellows of the American College of Surgeons. For more information, visit: www.facs.org/cancer.



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Krista Flesher, FNP-BC

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“Economic Stimulus” cont. from p. 5

year. Local government entities have until 2024 to spend the money. On March 29th, 2021, Shinnston City Council will have a work session meeting at the Woman’s Club

at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing as a group what the best use for this money will be. You, the public, are welcome to join us and offer us suggestions on how you would like to

see this money spent. As your city manager, I would insist that a sizable portion go to decommissioning of Lincoln Apartments sewage plant and bringing that small area

into our system. No matter what we do with the money, it is always nice to have assistance especially for something as important as our city’s infrastructure.

“TobyMac at Sunset Ellis” cont. from p. 1

there will be four tiers of parking offered – each tier with its own individual pricing. Up to six people per car is permitted. Already, the Platinum level (limited spots closest to the stage and

screen) is SOLD OUT! Next there is the Gold tier at \$175 per car, followed by the Silver tier at \$125 per car, and lastly, the Value Tier for \$88 per car. Tickets can be purchased online by visiting

awakeningeventsdrive-intheatertour.com. Ticketholders may wish to bring lawn chairs to sit outside their vehicles; hopefully no blankets will be needed by that time! Mark your calendars for an evening

of live music and fun ‘under the stars’ on May 11th. Gates open at 6 p.m.; the concert begins at dusk ... and the theater’s concession stand WILL be open for purchasing snacks and beverages.

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“Citizen of the Month” cont. from p. 1

group that hears agencies’ requests for funding allocations each year.”

Panel members also serve as agency liaisons during the grants process and she recalls her first agency was the former YWCA.

“I later went to an agency known as the Rainbow House, which was a real eye-opening experience,” she noted.

It was during this time period that Marie Battles, former executive director of United Way of Harrison County, asked Nutter to serve on its board of directors. “I met Charla early during my career at United Way, “said Battles. “She was the employee coordinator for Lockheed Martin’s United Way campaign.”

Battles went on to add, “Charla stepped up to literally every volunteer position within the organization during my tenure.” Battles added. “She held every position, not in name only but was a leader in each role.”

Nutter served on the board for seven years and went through the ranks of secretary, vice president and president, before completing her two-year term as president in March 2020.

Having known Nutter for many years, Swiger said that United Way was always looking for individuals who were dedicated to bettering their communities and added, “Charla came to mind when she moved back to the area to be

closer to her roots and family.”

Nutter was serving on the United Way board when her friend Swiger, who by this time was the United Way Campaign chair, again asked Nutter to join the campaign cabinet and she later became the campaign chair. “Charla has given countless hours to United Way and through her dedication, has made a huge impact on hundreds of Harrison County residents,” he said.

Nutter’s most memorable experience was listening to a presentation on the Healthy Grand Families program, which is partnered with Family Services. “I really became more aware of

the number of children being neglected by their parents and how extended family members were not adequately prepared to assume a child’s care,” she said. “There is always a waitlist of children and the amount of need continues today.”

While on the United Way board, Nutter worked with Battles and past director Tina Yoke in starting the Women United organization which she describes as “an affinity group to get more people involved.” She added, “We knew we were missing a group that wanted to be involved but didn’t have time.”

The group had 50-plus members in January/February 2020 when members brainstormed various projects including ‘birthday in a box’ that was suggested by one of its members. The group

had struggles during the pandemic but hopes to get back into gear soon.

Brad Riffée, current executive director of United Way, noted, “Charla has been a blessing to United Way and our local community. Her love for helping others is clearly seen through her philanthropic work and we are honored to have her in our United Way family.” He added, “Her time on the board has come to an end but she continues to lead the charge by chairing our Women United group.”

Nutter is also an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Salem Chapter. The group works with veterans and local VFWs and also presents a DAR Good Citizen award to a graduating high school senior. She has been a

member of the DAR since she turned 18 and served as a State Regent for three years. She has assisted in raising funds to purchase e-readers for the VA hospitals throughout the state.

We all know that life goes first circle and Nutter says it is interesting that her father, who served 38 years in the military and flew C-130s, and now she help make them. She also commented that Lockheed Martin wants its employees to volunteer in the community. “It’s an important component of Lockheed,” she stated.

What would she tell a young person today about volunteerism? “Everyone has had an opportunity given to them and it’s up to you to give that gift to someone else,” she said. “This resonates within me because someone has helped you.”

“Coffindaffer Doctors” cont. from p. 5

listed as a physician and surgeon in 1960. He passed away in 1961.

The Coffindaffer doctor that most people living today still remember was Russell. He graduated from the Virginia medical school in 1925 and served part of his residency at Bellevue in New York City. He moved into the First National Bank Building in Shinnston in 1927 and was still there in 1942 when he was registered for the WWII draft. He married Beulah Barnes Boggess and they were the parents of Ina Germaine. Their home was located on Lucas Road in a house built by Charles Ashby Short.

Dr. Russ moved his practice to 40 Main Street into a two-story house in early 1944. The convalescent area was located on the upper floor. My sister had to have her tonsils removed in 1949. Dr. Russ was cautioned that she needed

additional care because of the bleeding so at the end of the day she went home with the family where Beulah and young Ina cared for her.

A story related to me was that Dr. Russ loved to deliver babies. When he was called to St. Mary’s Hospital to attend to the birth of a baby, he would come down the hall whistling and singing “We are going to have a baby today.”

Some will remember Dr. Russ riding his horse in the Shinnston Centennial parade of 1952. He and Beulah were proud members of the community. In 1944, after the Shinnston tornado, they both rendered invaluable aid to the injured and worked endless hours until all had been evaluated, cared for or transported to the hospitals at Clarksburg and Fairmont.

Russell died at St. Albans, WV while at his

daughter Ina’s home in 1961. Over 1,500 persons called at the funeral home to pay their respects.

Thus, the Dorsey, Clyde and Russell Coffindaffer doctors served the community of Shinnston from 1910-1961. What a legacy!

The parents of these three doctors were Abram and Sarah (Carder) Coffindaffer of Union District in southern Harrison County. They were also the parents of Wade, Wayne and Clarence who were all teachers. Wade served as Harrison County School Superintendent for a term. Some may remember Wayne as being the husband of Laura (Rowley) Coffindaffer who taught English at Shinnston High School for many years.

Girls born into the Abram and Sarah (Carder) Coffindaffer family were Elvia, Winnie, Cora.

Service infrastructure supports more than 300 million recreationists, first responders such as wildland firefighters, and other users of Forest Service roads. Each year, visitors to the national forests contribute almost \$11 billion to the U.S. economy, which sustains more than 148,000 jobs.

For more information on these nine projects contact Public Affairs Officer Kelly Bridges at kelly.bridges@usda.gov or (304) 642-2864.

“Great American Outdoors Act” cont. from p. 6

• Lake Sherwood Campground Rehabilitation. Lake Sherwood Campground will be renovated by replacing some toilet/shower wooden buildings with new accessible concrete structures, demolishing old vault toilets, repairing utility lines, replacing sewer infrastructure, reconstructing the amphitheater, and installing new traffic signs.

• Marlinton-White Sulphur Ranger District Stream Crossing Structures for Trout Fisheries. This project will include the design and replacement of three undersized and deteriorating culverts on Forest Roads 296 and 298

(Laurel Run) and Forest Road 999 (Williams River), resulting in ecological uplift and improved trout fishing.

• Williams River at Tea Creek Bridge Replacement at Cranberry Wilderness. Design and construct a replacement bridge on Forest Road 404 over the Williams River for access into Tea Creek Campground.

• Red Oak Fire Tower Lightning Protections and Improvements. Repair and renovate parts of Red Oak Fire Tower to correct safety issues for future public use.

• Tumbling Rock Bridge Replacement for Timber Sales and Recreation Access. A replacement bridge

and abutments will be constructed for Cranberry Backcountry Road, Forest Road 76, over the Cranberry River near Tumbling Rock Shelter.

• Forest Road 209 Culvert Replacement with Bridge for Aquatic Organism Passage Improvements. Design and replace a bridge/culvert to maintain recreational access to Stonecoal Dispersed Camping Area and improve aquatic organism passage in Red Run, a tributary of the Shavers Fork.

• West Fork Greenbrier Bridge Replacement for Laurel Fork Wilderness Access. Design and construct a replacement bridge to link Forest Road 44 and the

“Racehorses Death Toll” cont. from p. 6

who testified before Congress in 2020 in support of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act. “The track is operated by Penn National Gaming, a publicly-traded company and we expect better – so should investors, the industry, and the betting public. Penn National should adopt a set of reforms – banning the movement of its horses to kill buyers, imposing a ban on the use of whips, and imposing a ban on race-day doping of horses at its tracks, even before the new federal law goes into effect.”

“It’s shameful to see

the rampant deaths at Charles Town, and we will continue to press Penn National Gaming to implement much-needed reforms,” said Scott Beckstead, Director of Campaigns at the Center for a Humane Economy and a lifelong horseman. “Our iconic American horses deserve better.”

Mr. Irby visited the track earlier in the week and was set to interview with a local television station on-site until officials with the track objected to the presence of AWA and the local reporter.

The latest deaths come on the heels of a story

in the Journal-News and Associated Press in February that revealed the first three deaths at Charles Town.

Irby, who was recently honored by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, II for his work to protect American equines led the charge within the animal protection space in support of the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) that was signed into law on December 27, 2020. The measure was championed by U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., and

U.S. Reps. Paul Tonko, D-N.Y., and Andy Barr, R-Ky., and bans race-day doping in U.S. horse racing and creates a uniform national standard for drug testing overseen by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) that will take effect mid-2022. The Jockey Club, the New York-based breed registry for Thoroughbreds, The Breeders’ Cup, New York Racing Association, Keeneland, Water, Hay, Oats Alliance, and others were also instrumental in working for the passage of the anti-doping legislation, but Penn National Gaming was not

active in supporting the anti-doping legislation.

Irby and Beckstead both at AWA and CHE, and in previous roles have long advocated ending the use of the whip, and for the passage of the Safeguard American Food Exports (SAFE) Act, led by U.S.

Reps. Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill., Vern Buchanan, R-Fla., and U.S. Sens. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. that would ban horse slaughter on U.S. soil, and ban the transport of American equines for the purposes of slaughter.

“Pet Adventures” cont. from p.6

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