



## Shinnston City Council Discusses Best Spending Of American Rescue Plan Funds

By LEIGH MERRIFIELD

*News & Journal Editor*  
Shinnston City Council resumed having meetings at the Woman's Club on Monday, March 29th for the scheduled Public Hearing to ratify the City's building codes to be in line with the State's codes, followed by a work session. Twenty-three attended, two via Zoom.

There was a question regarding the publication notice of the Public Hearing. The state and the City's charter are not worded the same, so Council remained unsure whether the

City's charter requires five 'business' days' notice or simply five days' notice prior to a public hearing. Until that determination is clarified, the date of the Public Hearing has been moved forward, although Council did ask for comments if anyone wished to make an objection to the ordinance in question. No one spoke, and the hearing has now been moved to April 12th.

Petitions of citizens were then heard. First to speak was Joe Roberts who offered complaints about street signage, street sweeping, city employees not being given a raise, the amphitheater's

deterioration, park dumpsters being used for public disposal of trash, personnel ethics questions, and a violation of the Freedom of Information Act. Many of his complaints were on the agenda that evening to be discussed. Councilperson Mary Ann Ferris noted that any issues regarding personnel ethics should be addressed in Executive Session or taken directly to the City Manager to tackle. City Manager Chad Edwards commented that a full financial report with all of the information requested from 2016 to present was in the process of being compiled for his

review. Shinnston resident Bob Crites also spoke regarding continuing problems with Suddenlink. Councilman Kevin Wiles suggested he write to legislators, and noted that part of the problem may be that Suddenlink is not a regulated utility. He also stated that because the community has an aging infrastructure, taxpayers could suffer by paying for it to be updated. Mrs. Ferris also suggested that Crites try contacting the Public Service Commission. Mr. Crites also complained that his street (Maple St.) had

not been cleaned in three years. He also asked about ordinances in effect where homeowners would be required to care for and properly maintain their property. In his executive report, Mayor Kovalck reported that when attending the HCEDC's board meeting, David Hinkle has been replaced on the board by Tracy Miller, who is president of the Mid-Atlantic Aerospace Complex and her knowledge and

experience would be an asset to the success of Harrison County and north central WV, Kovalck stated. Mayor Kovalck also reported on the United Way Give-A-Thon where he and other public figures had manned telephones taking pledges to aid the United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties in meeting their campaign goal. Kovalck, along with others from Shinnston

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## Ferguson Memorial Park Cleanup Slated For April 17th



By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

*News & Journal Editor*

Despite some unseasonably nice weather the past few weeks, folks may have thought that the predictions for dipping temperatures and possible snow last Thursday were merely an April Fool's prank. It was not ... although measurable snow escaped our area, we were greeted with thermometer readings near freezing.

The City of Shinnston is hoping that warmer, sunnier days will soon return and remain. And surely by mid-April, outdoor activities will not need to include wearing a coat and hat! If you're interested in getting some modest exercise along with some fresh air ... and if you have two hours to spare ... the City invites and encourages you to make your way to Ferguson Memorial Park on

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## Ronnie Milsap Concert At RGPAC Is Again Rescheduled



Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, the Ronnie Milsap concert on April 24, 2021 at the Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center is being rescheduled one more time. The newly rescheduled date will be on Friday, October 22, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. All tickets to this event will be honored.

Even with Governor Justice's recent allowing of indoor live music in the state of West Virginia, the demand of this event does not meet the current occupancy and social-distancing restrictions in place.

"We have been

in constant contact with Ronnie Milsap's team throughout this process to determine the best course of action. Ronnie remains committed to holding this concert for his fans in West Virginia," stated Ryan Tolley, RGPAC Executive Director. "And the Robinson Grand also remains dedicated to making it happen despite all of the reschedules. This is quite an uncommon situation, but demand coupled with restrictions tells us a fall date is the best solution to safely execute this exciting event."

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## Distracted Driving Can Be Costly



Packing for a trip? Consider distracted driving precautions before leaving home and make you and your passengers' safety a #1 priority.

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

*News & Journal Editor*

If you are like most people, you've been cooped up long enough! According to current studies, many Americans are eager to plan a vacation now that spring weather is arriving. Although the status of the pandemic still demands a necessary watchful eye, the focus on a getaway is nevertheless dominant ... and number one on the destination list is a visit to see family members people have been separated from for a long time. Whether it's a family visit, a trip to the beach, or an outdoor adventure at a national or state park, people are prepared to hit the road and travel! And, yes, most participating in the study are preferring to hit the highways rather than fly due to COVID risks still being

a concern.

Because April is 'Distracted Driving Awareness Month', we will share some assessments to consider. Because so many are ready to pack up their car, truck or SUV for a road trip, highways could be busier than usual and being distracted while in traffic has a huge impact on both driver and passenger safety!

More than any other age group, those 65 and over expect to travel long distances. They were the first group to be fully vaccinated, so they feel a little safer ... AND they are very eager to finally hug their children and grandchildren! This age group also largely plans to travel with just one other person, typically their spouse or partner, and are less likely to use a phone

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## Neighbors



### Building Amazing Cities

By JIM HUNT  
author, speaker, consultant

When the media asks people what they miss from the "good old days", the changing perception of neighbors is often mentioned as something that has changed over the years. People lament that they don't know their neighbors and rarely interact like they did several decades ago. The pandemic has impacted this phenomenon by forcing the entire country into isolation and recommending people not to engage with their neighbors.

From my earliest memories, my childhood neighborhood was a beehive of activity and kids ran between the yards of the neighbors and pet dogs and cats roamed the area and both kids and pets were often fed by a kindly neighbor. Men would share tools and women would send their kids next door to borrow a cup of sugar. Many neighbors were closer than family and when something happened to someone in the neighborhood, the joy or sadness was shared by everyone.

My faith in neighbors was recently reaffirmed through the actions of an incredible group

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# Food For Thought

By Leigh Currey Merrifield  
Editor

## Home Becomes Office & School

I go to my work computer every morning and immediately begin the deleting process to remove unnecessary e-mails. You can't believe the amount of junk mail! A number of them are survey results, and once in a while the subject title draws my attention. Recently, one attracted my interest so, to satisfy my curiosity, I read it.

A leading home-selling platform wanted to learn, hypothetically, how much the average parents would be willing to pay for some R&R to recharge their batteries following all the changes that were presented after 'quarantine' and 'COVID' became words in our everyday vocabulary. Over 3,000 moms, dads, and guardians across the country who have been working from home while balancing their new role as their children's 'teacher' for the past year took part. The answers were interesting!

First of all, we must give a 'shout out' to parents (and grandparents!) who have struggled through the past year's rollercoaster ride along with their children/grandchildren and teachers. Many of them have had to adjust to moving their own workplace into their homes while also setting

up a 'classroom' area for their children's (or grandchildren's) remote learning ... along with housekeeping, meals, snacks, Zoom meetings, and other 'normal' chores.

Some parents who relocated their workplace into their homes noted that one of the difficulties was finding space devoid of a lot of background noise while they worked, and some had to work in the evenings AFTER being available to help their kids during their learning hours. If there was no spare bedroom that could be repurposed, the living room, dining room or kitchen had to suffice as their 'home office'. Despite the pandemic having been a challenging experience for families, more than half reported that they had managed to achieve somewhat of a healthy work/life balance under the circumstances, but it was not easy.

So ... when broken down by states, the survey revealed that parents in West Virginia were prepared to pay the most - close to \$2,500 - for a break from it all! Conversely, those in Maine, for instance, were only willing to dish out a little over \$300 for the same few days away from all the chaos! I'd like to know where you can go for a

few days' getaway for \$300!

They were also curious what additional amenities people would have liked their homes to be equipped with - features that might have eased the burden of being locked down. Building an addition amidst all of the pandemic turmoil was of course out of the question, but looking ahead to the possibility that another such situation could arise in the future, adults thought in advance about being more prepared if they were to purchase another home. Some of the COVID-friendly amenities parents were determined to have included: a dedicated work room (49%), a home gym (31%), a private man (or woman) cave (23%), a game room (20%), a home office (18%), and a better outdoor space for kids to run off energy and where parents could unwind at the end of the day (8%).

God forbid that we will be forced to go through something like this again, but perhaps this survey has been good 'food for thought' for the future!

This week's dessert: "It takes a village to raise a child; it takes a distillery to steer one through remote learning!" ~ Author Unknown

## This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

**April 8, 1891:** The town of Paw Paw was incorporated. Strategically located on the Potomac River, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and the C&O Canal, Paw Paw was

named for the banana-like pawpaw fruit that grows in the area.

**April 8, 1951:** An Air National Guard transport plane crashed near Kanawha (now Yeager) Airport, killing 21.

**April 9, 1900:** Physician Margaret Byrnside "Dr. Maggie" Ballard was born. She actively pursued her interest in genealogy and local history and

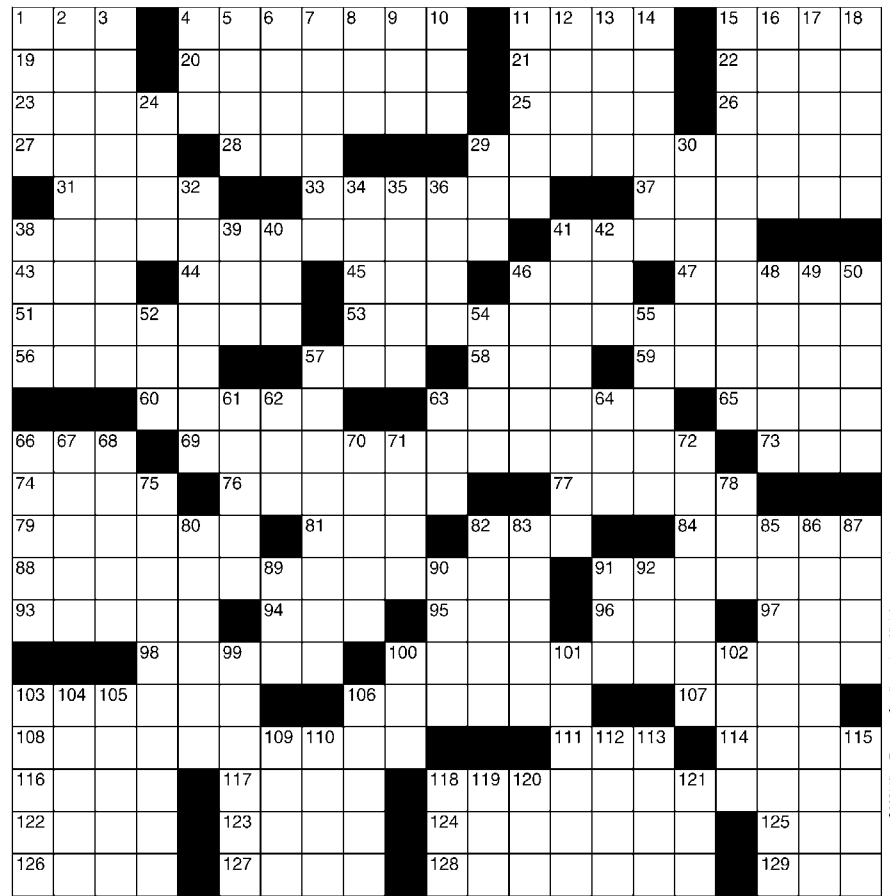
was one of the founders of the Monroe County Historical Society.

**April 10, 1848:** John Kenna was born in Kanawha County. In 1883, the state legislature elected him to the U.S. Senate, unseating the powerful Henry Gassaway Davis. Kenna is one of two West Virginians memorialized by a statue in the U.S. Capitol.

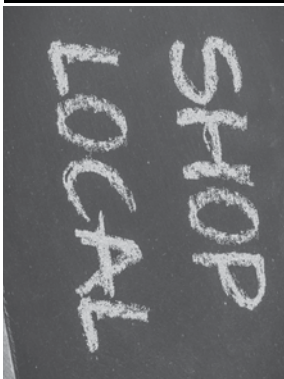
## Super Crossword

POWER USERS

- ACROSS**
- 1 It may follow "Co."
  - 4 Give a hug
  - 11 Fave buds
  - 15 Location
  - 19 Sheep sound
  - 20 Flan topping
  - 21 Smell - (be suspicious)
  - 22 -pedi
  - 23 Groups with queens and workers
  - 25 Talk wildly
  - 26 Lickety-split
  - 27 - IRA
  - 28 Ending for host
  - 29 Nitric acid, old-style
  - 31 Knife incision
  - 33 Best Actor awards, e.g.
  - 37 Blood vessel
  - 38 Dairy Queen treat
  - 41 Freshen up
  - 43 Apple product
  - 44 Tax-taking org.
  - 45 Razor-billed seabird
  - 46 Made a lap
  - 47 Xenon and neon
  - 51 Some nameplates
  - 53 Certain recyclable
  - 56 Syringe fluid
  - 57 "Touched" actor Beatty
  - 58 Suffix with Midwest
  - 59 Like dweebs
  - 60 Sleep lab study
  - 63 Ocean route
  - 65 Expectation
  - 66 Airport
  - 69 Peddle stuff on the street
  - 73 The, in Cannes
  - 74 Apple product
  - 76 View lustfully
  - 77 Really clean
  - 79 Whole bunch
  - 81 Patriotic ladies' gp.
  - 82 "I told ya!"
  - 84 Hoarse
  - 88 Rival of Evander "The Real Deal" Holyfield
  - 91 Petroleum distillate used as fuel
  - 93 "Death Be Not Proud" poet
  - 94 Pro vote
  - 95 URL letters
  - 96 Ocean east of N. Car.
  - 97 Eternally, poetically
  - 98 Make thrilled
  - 100 Be really successful
  - 103 - de corps
  - 106 Spanish wife
  - 107 Ozeki's sport
  - 108 Tiny garden pest
  - 111 Mothers
  - 114 Witty writer
  - 116 Showoff's cry
  - 117 Spanish coin
  - 118 Basis of this puzzle's theme
  - 122 Part of QED
  - 123 Deli dish
  - 124 Ouzo flavorer
  - 125 Walk- (small parts)
  - 126 - terrier (dog breed)
  - 127 Wallet bills
  - 128 Items in the classifieds
  - 129 Word that can follow the starts of nine answers in this puzzle to make the names of 118-Across
- DOWN**
- 1 Steel girder
  - 2 Measurable in microns
  - 3 Cow carrier on rails
  - 4 With 24-Down, organic cotton garb, maybe
  - 5 Drone, e.g.
  - 6 Dudes
  - 7 Demand from a kidnapper
  - 8 Gallic friend
  - 9 Fair grade
  - 10 Golfer Ernie
  - 11 Brand of root beer
  - 12 German wife (risotto bit)
  - 13 - bean
  - 14 Tennis great
  - 15 Mobile device worn on the wrist
  - 16 Adhesive in an art class
  - 17 Broadcasting
  - 18 Buzzed
  - 24 See 4-Down
  - 29 "How - you?"
  - 30 Salem's state
  - 32 Victory
  - 34 Suffix with land or moon
  - 35 "How - you?"
  - 36 "My Way" lyricist Paul
  - 38 Wee devils
  - 39 Prior to, to a bard
  - 40 Pack animal
  - 41 Material carried away in a deluge
  - 42 End-of-list abbr.
  - 46 Soda insert
  - 48 Bar furniture
  - 49 Flee to marry
  - 50 Monica of the court
  - 52 Sine - non
  - 54 Perceives
  - 55 Purchaser
  - 57 Unaided vision, with "the"
  - 61 Nita of silent films
  - 62 Lamb's mom
  - 63 Stage array
  - 64 Curved bit
  - 66 Unassertive
  - 67 - Gyra (jazz group)
  - 68 Hank of baseball
  - 70 Speechify
  - 71 - a soul (nobody)
  - 72 Excess amount
  - 75 Restaurant rendezvous
  - 78 Crank's cry for Audrey Tautou
  - 82 Guide for a DIYer
  - 83 Nobel winner
  - 85 Sauna alternative
  - 86 Remarkable events
  - 87 Lawn locale
  - 89 Kit - bar
  - 90 Graceful bird
  - 91 Slangy refusal
  - 92 From - B
  - 99 Unmoving
  - 100 Drone, e.g.
  - 101 Most docile
  - 102 Litigant
  - 103 - Park, Colorado
  - 104 Fire initiator
  - 105 March 14, to math lovers
  - 106 Stores safely
  - 109 Pack animal
  - 110 Gulf nation
  - 112 Location
  - 113 Storage site
  - 115 Org.'s kin
  - 118 Logger's tool
  - 119 Spanish "a"
  - 120 Dowel, e.g.
  - 121 Figs. on a masthead



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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Natural Gas Must Lift Our Energy Future

Dear Editor:

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, if the Appalachian region were an independent country, it would be the third-largest natural gas producer in the world.

Job creation and economic growth through the natural gas industry cannot be overstated. It's why I've pushed so hard to create a natural gas storage hub in West Virginia. Sadly, natural gas growth faces tremendous headwinds over the next four years.

Despite calls for "unity," in some of his first actions, President Biden managed to kill thousands of jobs and paralyze America's energy industry with executive orders. The Biden moratorium on new oil and gas leases on federal lands is an economic, energy and national security disaster rolled into one. This order moves America from energy independence back to relying on foreign adversaries for fuel - countries who have

much more lenient environmental standards.

This action is indicative of the incoming climate agenda that will have drastic impacts on West Virginia's energy sector. The forces against natural gas are growing. And they're against natural gas, nuclear or any other energy source that's not blessed by the Green New Deal.

President Biden installed Gina McCarthy and John Kerry as his climate czars. Both are unaccountable to Congress and have made clear they're the ones in charge of the administration's ambitious climate agenda. By claiming every policy issue touches climate, McCarthy and Kerry have broad jurisdiction to do their bidding. They've made no secret of their ultimate goal: Banning fossil fuels. In fact, Kerry suggested folks should "go work on solar panels".

I have great skepticism when I hear this administration talk about giving

industry time to transition and giving workers clean energy jobs. Tell that to the Keystone XL pipeline workers. Where are their clean energy jobs? Do they get a new clean energy job tomorrow? Next month? Next year?

West Virginia has powered this country for decades. We're incredibly proud of that fact. Coal, natural gas, oil, solar, wind, nuclear, biomass ... Our country has been incredibly blessed with a variety of energy resources, and using all of them keeps America safe and running.

Natural gas in particular burns cleaner, moves safely and efficiently in our world-class national pipeline network, and is an essential feedstock for several domestic supply chains like medical supplies, which are critical now more than ever during this pandemic.

Environmentalists fighting against natural gas can't see the forest for the trees. Eliminating natural gas from

our energy mix will lead to higher utility costs and less reliability - just ask California. Renewables can't power our country at 100 percent all the time, and battery technology can't fill the gaps. But we can address climate change together through innovation and technology.

Sadly, President Biden's climate executive orders really alienated key players in the solution. That's not a way to build unity. That's picking winners and losers. That's pitting American jobs against each other. That's creating resentment.

This country has always risen to every challenge we've faced. This climate challenge is no different. Through American ingenuity, we will find solutions.

Sincerely,  
Senator Shelley Moore Capito,  
Ranking Member of Senate EPW  
Committee

# N&J Briefs

## FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

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

### BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

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

### LOWE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

### 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.

# Lincoln High School Announces February Students Of The Month



EMILY DUFFY



COREY PRUNTY

Lincoln High School is proud to announce that the February Students of the Month are Emily Duffy and Corey Prunty.

Emily Duffy is the daughter of Joseph and Cheryl Duffy. Emily has participated in various clubs, organizations, and groups throughout her high school career. She has been dancing ever since the age of seven and has been a member of the band and dance line for all four years of high school. Emily has also been a part of Key Club, Student Council, Christian Club, Student Council Executive Committee, Spirit Club, Drug-Free Club, and is the National Honor

Society Secretary.

Emily has devoted her free time to volunteering, being a leader, helping her classmates and teachers, and focusing on her grades. She has contributed to the community by doing several activities such as leading, planning, and organizing donations for the homeless shelter. However, her accomplishments do not stop there. She has been awarded Top Scholar in English for two years in a row, a member of the perfect Honor Roll, and she is in the top twenty-five of her class.

Emily also enjoys several outside hobbies when she is not in

school. She has been a member of the Ingra and Company Dance Studio for six years where she enjoys every type of genre of dance such as ballet and pointe. Emily also enjoys horseback riding, playing the ukulele, exercising, playing with her dog, going to church, and spending time with family and friends. Her future plans are to attend Fairmont State University to first obtain a bachelor degree in education, and then she plans to further her career by attending grad school.

Corey Prunty is the son of Bob and Jennifer Prunty, and the grandson of Norma

Stire and the late Tom Stire, and Arnold and Jackie Prunty.

Throughout his four years at Lincoln, Corey has earned a spot on the honor roll due to his exceptional grades. He is in the top 25 of his class, and has qualified as a PROMISE scholar. Corey was inducted into the National Honor Society his junior year, and has taken many college-level classes throughout high school. Also, noteworthy, is the fact that Corey was a nominee for the Ambassador Leadership Summit as a junior.

Corey also excels athletically, and has

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## “Distracted Driving” cont. from p. 1

while driving.

Then there are young families who are anxious to make some travel plans to take themselves and their children and escape the remote learning setting when the school year closes. However, parents are the first to admit that their children's excitement and often rather loud conversations are a distraction and often obstruct their concentration while driving.

In addition, other top

driving distractions include: observing things outside the window, cell phones ringing, GPS directions, receiving and responding to texts, and trying to eat and drink while driving.

Interestingly, despite all the promotions saying “Don't Text & Drive”, nearly 2/3 admit that they do participate in activities involving a mobile phone while driving!

If you doubt the importance of paying

attention to the road while driving, look at these latest statistics:

- Roughly 20% of injuries occurring in a car accident involve distracted driving.
- Distracted driving accounts for more than a quarter of vehicular crashes.
- Distracted driving claims approximately 3,500 lives per year.
- More than 400,000 motorists were injured in accidents caused by distracted driving and

2,800 deaths occurred as a result.

• Drivers are distracted by their cell phones during at least 10% of their driving time.

Some folks may pay more attention when it involves \$\$\$\$\$! So if you want to safely reach your destination, consider turning off your cell phone while driving ... AND consider the fact that a distracted driving violation can cause your insurance rates to rise! Put safety first.

## “Ferguson Memorial Park Cleanup” cont. from p. 1

Saturday, April 17th from 10 a.m. until noon.

Shinnston will be hosting a 'park cleanup' event during those hours when volunteers can lend a hand with some beautification tasks. A lot can be accomplished in just two hours with enough volunteers participating. Some of those tasks will include picking up litter, weeding, removing tree debris and rocks from grassy

areas, etc. Any needed tools, trash bags, etc. will be provided.

Shinnston's VISTA Volunteer Jon Olson stated, “This will be the first of numerous events aimed at beautifying the community, and we are hoping to have a great turnout! It will be a family-friendly event with snacks and water provided.”

Those who are interested in helping to spruce up the park for Spring are encouraged to

register as volunteers on the Volunteer Shinnston website at https://shinnstonwv.galaxydigital.com because the City would like to keep track of volunteer data and the time they have donated. Those who fail to register will not be turned away though. Show up at the park that day at the designated time and your contact information can be added to a sign-up sheet.

Remember, this

activity will not exhaust your entire Saturday.

The cleanup is scheduled for just two hours! With enough participation, results will be immediately noticeable.

As the weather continues to warm, many people will be heading to the park, and that may include YOU! Why not help maintain it as one the City's quality assets ... and something you as well can reap the rewards from?

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## “Roots” ... An Important Part Of Family History



### GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

Easter came in right on the heels of April and April Fool's Day. I hope you were not surprised when you woke up the other morning to a beautiful snow. As long as I can remember, my mother told me there would always be an Easter snow. I don't know how often this actually happens (I'm sure there are times when we do not have an Easter snow), but in my memory it seems to occur more often than not.

Easter, like Christmas, seems to be a holiday surrounded by family and traditions. I hope you all got to spend time at church and that you were surrounded by family at your Easter dinner. My daughter Leslie and her husband Dixon planned a Community Easter Egg Hunt at their home for the community kids and I really enjoyed watching the kids hunt for eggs. There was even a life-size bunny to help in the hunt and to take pictures with the kids. It was great to see families restore traditions to our holidays.

Talking about traditions, this past week I received a call from my cousin, Donna June Winslow, from New York. Donna is the step daughter of my Uncle Frank Audia; Uncle Frank was married to Donna's mother Jaunita. Donna called to tell me that she had in her possession a gold necklace that had belonged to my great grandmother, Philamenia LaCava Audia. Philamenia was married to Luigi Audia and they immigrated from Italy in the very early 1900's and settled in Stonewood. They were the parents of Johnny Audia, Mary Cimeno, Catherine Allevato, Barbara Levani, Annie Roberto Veneziano and Frank Audia. All but their last two children were born in Italy.

In relating the story to me, Donna told me her Dad, who loved her as his daughter, gave her the necklace and that she had it for many years and that she had worn it several times. Donna is a couple years older than I am and she wanted the necklace to go to a blood relative of Philamenia. So, she informed me she was sending it to me. I was so surprised when I received this beautiful filagree necklace. I took it to the jeweler to check the clasp and to get it cleaned. He advised me, after a test, that it was indeed gold. So, now I have in my possession a piece of my family history. I intend to keep it and wear it on occasion and then



**Pictured is an heirloom gold necklace belonging to my great grandmother, Philomenia LaCava Audia. The necklace was brought from Italy when she came to America.**

pass it on to my daughter, Leslie, who will then see that it goes to one of my granddaughters.

I have done a great deal of searching for family roots on my father's side but have not done much on my mother's side. There is a void as to what Lacavas, Audia or Robertos we are related to; I have a feeling that the LaCava name may have been shortened to Cava by some families.

I cannot express how much this piece of jewelry means to me. As I touch it, I think of my great grandmother and all the hardships she must have faced and how she must have felt to own this beautiful necklace. I would love to know the history that surrounds it. I do not know if she passed before I was born, but I do remember my Grandpa Audia. As he got older, he resided with his daughter, Anna (my grandmother) in North View.

“Roots” are a very important part of us and we must remember to pass them on. As each old member of our family passes, we lose a part of our history.

Take care, enjoy the Spring, stay healthy, and until next week, “Now You Have Heard It Through the Grapevine.”

## “Neighbors”

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of people on the west side of Shinnston. My mother-in-law, Jane Hearn, lived in this neighborhood for much of her life and I got to observe the caring and compassion that these people shared with each other. I can remember driving up to her house and seeing half a dozen people in their yards, waving and greeting my wife and me as we got out of the car. More than a few times, one of her neighbors was sitting on her porch sharing a story or recipe. One of the neighbors was close enough to sit on their porch and conduct hours-long conversations with my mother-in-law. Many of the neighbors had keys to one another's houses in case of emergency, and often my wife would get a call from a neighbor if her mother was at our house a little later than usual.

My mother-in-law passed away recently, and it was touching to hear the stories of a life lived in the neighborhood. The visitation at the funeral home had both laughs and tears. The hurt in her neighbors' eyes was evident but they wanted to say goodbye to a friend who had been with them through their times of trouble and loss. The neighborhood friendships spanned generations and one of my mother-in-law's best friends was a seventeen-year-old girl named Sydney Brooks who thought the world of her. They spent countless hours together talking about their mutual love of history and books. During Jane's final days, Sydney would sit with her, holding her hand and giving her comfort.

Sydney wrote a remembrance of Jane and gave it to my wife at the funeral. As we drove up the highway after the funeral, my wife read me one of the most beautiful tributes I have ever heard. It captured Jane completely and gave a peak into her life that could only be related by a true friend. My wife and I were both in tears and feeling for Sydney, knowing the pain that was in her heart.

The little neighborhood on the west side of Shinnston will go on and eventually someone else will occupy the little white house on Vine Street, but the memories will last forever. Let's hope that every family can discover the joys of living in a loving and embracing neighborhood and have the kind of relationships that these families shared for many years. And to Sydney, keep Jane's memory in your heart forever.

## I'm Happy The WVDOH Has Finally Started Patching The Roads



### Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny

Last Saturday, I took the truck through the automated car wash in town and then decided to dine in at T&L Hot Dog. Toni took good care of me and it was nice chatting with Tom Whitecotton. We mainly discussed our maladies.

Monday, I took the Explorer to Chenoweth Ford to have a recall taken care of; I was in and out in 45 minutes. Then, I hit the Walmart on the hill and I still can't find anything since they have switched everything around.

Tuesday morning, my son Lee stopped in and brought back one of my pistols that he had cleaned. His broken rib is about healed up. In early afternoon, I called Santana and had her to meet us at the Outback Steakhouse by the mall. I had Lee drive my pick-up, so 'we be stylin' with the new custom rims; besides, I can't climb up into his pick-up (Semi-monster truck). Santana is back working at the Audubon Animal Clinic in Bridgeport. We enjoyed a nice meal and great conversation.

I noticed the WVDOH has done some blacktop patching in the bad place above the old Williams Mine. The road in that area had some serious ruts. You knew it was bad when a 4WD Ranger would almost bottom out while crossing them. I would like to thank the Governor (Big Jim), Highways Commish Byrd White, and District 4 Manager Michael Cronin for going all out in patching the road...they sent both pickup trucks

loaded with asphalt.

A slip in the side of the hill in that area is slowly pushing the road over the hill with about a thirty foot drop off down to Bingamon Creek. It has been like that for over ten years, but who's counting. Maybe our US Senators, Farmington Joe and Shelley Moore Capito, can slip this project in the \$2,000,000,000,000 infrastructure bill that the Prez is starting to tout. Surely there should be enough money left over after remedying our road problem to pay off the cronies and special interest groups.

The recent warm weather had all of the trees budding, but that came to a screeching halt over the past two nights because of hard freezes.

There hasn't been much happening in PB this week. Matter of fact, there ain't been much happening in the last year. However, just about any time of the day or night, if you're outside and listen closely, you'll hear a dog barking somewhere in the holler.

When I was around 11 or 12 years old, I was running around the PB community and stopped at our grandparent's house. Grandma Matheny and her sister, Aunt Bonnie Jackson, were on the front porch snapping and stringing green beans. Aunt Bonnie was in a rocking chair and I sat in the swing with Grandma and started snapping beans. When those two got together, they were ornery. Grandma's old collie, Fox, was across the barn lot and standing near the mailboxes along the main road and barking his head off. After about 15 minutes, Aunt Bonnie said, “Opal, why does Fox keep barking like that?” Grandma said, “Uh, I think he just likes to feel his butthole jerk!” But she didn't say butthole. I thought I would die laughing.

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

Ace

## WorkForce Warns Of New Texting & Fraudulent Website Scam

WorkForce West Virginia warns a fraudulent texting scam has been launched throughout West Virginia and the nation.

WorkForce officials say people are receiving text alerts that inform the recipient “there are issues with their West Virginia Insurance Claim,” a website link is provided for the

recipient to click. The site is fraudulent and is designed to look like the WorkForce website.

“There are bad actors out there attempting to get West Virginians to provide detailed personal information so they can hijack the claimant's benefits. It is important to note that WorkForce never communicates

with claimants by text,” said Scott Adkins, acting commissioner for WorkForce West Virginia. The WorkForce fraud unit is cooperating with authorities to determine the source of this activity. “Workforce continues to work to deliver benefits to those that qualify for them,” Adkins said. “What's really unfortunate about this situation is that fraudulent claims slow down the process for folks who've lost their job, need help and have been waiting on an unemployment check.” For more information, to report fraud, schedule a call with a WorkForce representative or access the online claimant system visit [www.workforcewv.org](http://www.workforcewv.org).

## “Ronnie Milsap”

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With Ronnie Milsap's six Grammys, forty #1 hits, five decades of charted hits, and epic titles such as CMA Entertainer of the Year and four Album of the Year Awards, audiences are in for a much-needed musical feast for the ears.

The good news is that some tickets to see the famous Ronnie Milsap are still available. Visit online at [tickets.therobinsongrand.com](http://tickets.therobinsongrand.com) or you may purchase tickets over the phone by calling (855)-773-6283 on Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.

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# HCSCC SPOTLIGHT

Featuring news from the Harrison County Senior Citizen Center

## HCSCC Book Club Members Record Readings For Dr. Seuss's Birthday



Pictured here is HCSCC Executive Director Beth Fitzgerald recording a Dr. Seuss book.



HCSCC Board Secretary Bill O'Field, shown here in a Dr. Seuss hat, introduces his book.



Harrison County Parks & Rec Director Mike Book and HCSCC Board Secretary Donna Stuart prepare to do their readings.

Every year on March 2nd, the birthday of Dr. Seuss is celebrated, and this year, even the pandemic didn't thwart this recognition; it just required it to be done a little differently – virtually!

known around the world as the most beloved children's author. His birthday is now recognized as 'Read Across America Day', where children all over the country celebrate their love of reading and learning. This special day has also become a day when the National Education Association endorses the importance

of reading. Dr. Seuss was not only an author, but also a cartoonist, illustrator, poet, animator and filmmaker. Although not really a 'doctor', he studied English literature at Oxford after graduating from Dartmouth, and in 1955, Dartmouth awarded him an honorary doctorate. Reportedly, a

publisher challenged him to "write a story that first-graders can't put down"! And because he was concerned about kids learning to read, Dr. Seuss wrote "The Cat in the Hat". Dr. Seuss earned a posthumous star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and the hat worn by The Cat in the Hat adorned that star following dedication

ceremonies in 2004. Geisel passed away on September 24, 1991, but during his lifetime, he wrote and illustrated more than 60 books under the pen name Dr. Seuss. Many of his books are among the most popular children's books of all time with

over 600 million copies sold. His works had been translated into more than 20 languages by the time of his death. Not only were his books loved by children, but even adults became fans of Dr. Seuss

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## HCSCC Board Actions At March 25th Meeting

The HCSCC Board of Directors held a Zoom meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2021 with the following Board actions taken:

- Initiated an auditing firm search to conduct the Board's annual audit.
- Approved the 2021-2025 Employee Holiday & Break Schedule.
- Approved the Center's participation in Clarksburg's Winterfest and the Center's Holiday Luncheon featuring West Virginia authors.
- Initiated the discussion of the Board's election of representatives to serve on the Board and the matter was referred to the Ad Hoc Elections Committee.

Also at the meeting, members received required board training conducted via Zoom by Katie Hudak, Director of the Northwestern Agency on Aging/Belomar in Wheeling, WV.

The next Board meeting will be held via Zoom on April 22, 2021 at 1 p.m.

Board members now serving include: Sandra Mossor, President; Harley Jeffries, Vice President; Bill O'Field, Secretary; Donna Stuart, Treasurer; Donald Burton; Janet Dotson; Sharon Hamilton; Gary Keith II; Ryan Kennedy; Bill Phillips; and Susan Thomas.

## FREE Drive-In COVID Testing

The Harrison County Senior Center, Inc. (HCSCC) continues to offer FREE drive-in COVID-19 testing for ALL AGES in their parking lot at 500 W. Main Street in Clarksburg on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. No appointment is required. Individuals who want to be tested should go into one of the three spaces set aside for testing in the Center's parking lot and follow the instructions posted there.

For more information, call the Senior Center at 304-623-6795.

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

## Senior Center Participates In Honoring Vietnam Veterans



Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin (Front)



Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin (Back)

The Harrison County Senior Citizens Center, Inc. (HCSCC), in cooperation with the Morgantown Veterans Center, participated in honoring Vietnam veterans late last month. The Vietnam

vets were presented with lapel pins and memorabilia provided by the Veterans Center in Morgantown. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, however, there was no public ceremony. The HCSCC In-

Home caregivers were tasked with presenting the lapel pins and cards which read "On behalf of a grateful nation, thank you for your service". Pins and cards were presented to the

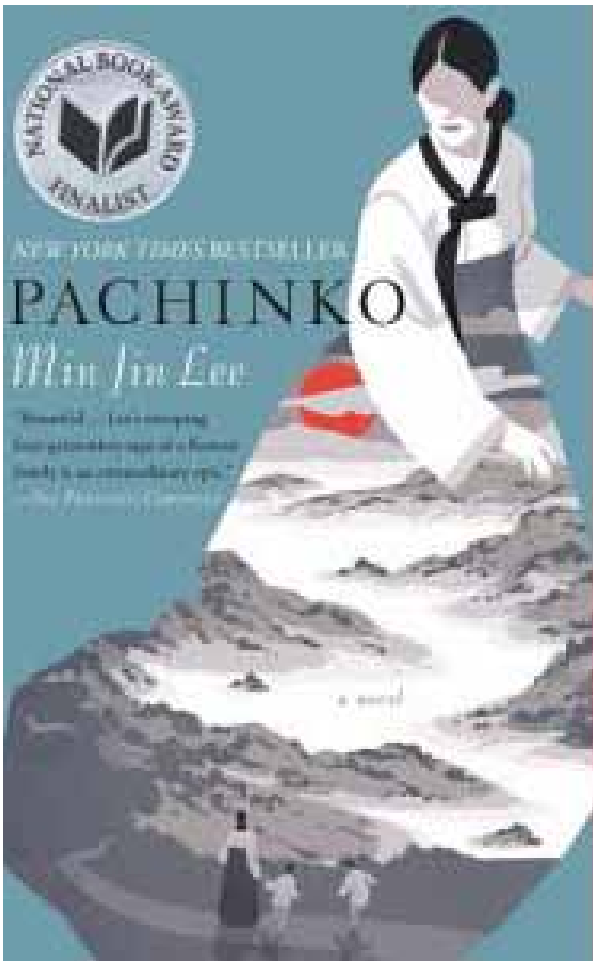
following recipients:

- Terry Lynch, Navy (presented by Crystal P.)
- Joseph Butler, Sr., Marines (presented by Tricia F.)
- Efrain Lopez, Army (presented by Stuart W.)
- James Jensen, Marines (presented by Delores W.)

The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration began a

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## Senior Center Book Club's Next Read



The next HCSCC Book Club meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee.

The author's website has the following post: "Lee's stunning novel, her second, chronicles four generations of an ethnic Korean family – first in Japanese-occupied Korea in the early 20th century, and then in Japan itself from the years before World War II to the late 1980's. Exploring central concerns of identity, homeland and belonging, the book announces its ambitions right from the opening sentence. 'History has failed us, but no matter.' Lee suggests that behind the facades of wildly different people lie

countless private desires, hopes and miseries, if we have the patience and compassion to look and listen."

To find out what happens, join the Book Club discussion on May 12th – even if you have not read the book. For more information about the Book Club, the virtual meeting, and to find out how to get a copy of "Pachinko" to read, call 304-623-6795.

As you settle into spring, the Book Club also recommends the following books that are available at your public library: "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman; "The Nickel Boys" by Colson Whitehead; "Haunting at Howard Hill: A Ghost Story" by Betty Larosa.

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# Roundball News & Views!



## The Bottom Line By Bill Nestor Sports Editor

Basketball has taken the sports spotlight on all levels as Spring has sprung. Typically, by this time champions on both the high school and college levels have been crowned and baseball would beat the front of the pack. However, due to the pandemic the sports world is running just a little behind.

On the high school level, the regular season is winding down and teams are gearing up for the second season. Recently, round two of the Lincoln-Robert C. Byrd series took place in Shinnston. The Flying Eagles managed to take a second win in the 'sure to be three' game set. The Cougars have managed to play the top team in Class AAA, the toughest of any competition, in the first half during this season. At the break in the first lock-up, Robert C. Byrd held an eight-point advantage and this past week it was just a one-point lead after two periods.

The third quarter has been the Achilles

heel for the Cougars. Last Thursday, a 20-11 scoring advantage for the visitors provided separation that was too much to overcome. Both squads had players step up in the affair. The Flying Eagles placed three players in double figures, led by Gavin Kennedy's game-high 20 points. Jeremiah King recorded a double-double with 15 points and 12 rebounds. Bryson Lucas netted 13 points, hauled down seven caroms, and dished out a team best three assists.

The Cougars were paced by Zach Snyder and Wes Heldreth. Snyder had 13 points, four rebounds, and a game-high four assists. Heldreth claimed three trifectas en route to an 11-point performance.

With the second edition of this series in the books, all attention turns to round three. The grand finale promises to be the most important with a potential sectional championship on the line. Fortunately, fans

won't have to wait long to see how this final chapter will play out.

Harrison County native, Jarrod West announced this past week that he was on the move to Louisville. West, a four-year starter at Marshall, averaged 12.5 points, 6 assists, 3.5 rebounds, and 2.5 steals this past season. The Cardinals outlasted Pitt, Florida, Rhode Island, Miami, Wichita State, Marquette, Ohio State, and West Virginia. West left his mark on the Thundering Herd's program and took the record for steals (254) with him. What is next for West after a year in the Bluegrass State? Maybe a trip to the NBA, which would be deserving for one of the hardest working players in the country.

The Mountaineers could have used West's services after recent and additional potential departures. Jordan McCabe took his talents to UNLV to run the Running Rebels offensive attack. Emmit Matthews Jr. entered the NCAA transfer portal this past week and is destined to leave the Mountaineer program. Taz Sherman, Sean McNeal, and Deuce McBride have all

declared for the NBA draft. They are all three important pieces for the program, but McBride is by far the most significant player that is looking to leave. The likelihood of Sherman or McNeal actually getting drafted is slim and they are going through the evaluation process to see just where they stand. It will give them more of an understanding of what they need to improve on to eventually get to the league. Out of the three, McBride would be the most likely drafted because his skill set and overall talent is far greater. His departure would leave the 'Eers without a point guard since McCabe has already exited the program.

It would have been a dream scenario if West would have stayed in the Mountain State. It doesn't seem like it was that long ago that his father hit the buzzer beater that sent WVU to the Sweet Sixteen. It would have been something to see another West running the show in Morgantown. We can't always get what we want, unless you are Louisville.

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 Liberty's Emma Elliott and Robert C. Byrd's Bryson Lucas.

Mountaineer basketball player, Emma Elliott helped her team to its first win of the season. Elliott scored 23 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in last Monday's win over Grafton. Elliott also had three steals in the victory.

Flying Eagle hoopster, Bryson Lucas helped his squad to a three-win week with victories over Liberty, Lincoln, and Grafton respectively. Lucas scored 56 points, hauled down 25 rebounds, blocked 11 shots, and recorded five dunks in the three contests combined.

Congratulations to Liberty's Emma Elliott and Robert C. Byrd's Bryson Lucas for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week!

## Wheels Are In Motion For T-Ball To Come Back



### From The World Of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

Covid-19 paused many activities for the Park's department including the beginning level of the Nation's pastime. But, Recreation Specialist Jack Cann is putting together a game plan to bring back the ever popular T-ball league sponsored by Harrison County Parks and Recreation.

Director Mike Book, who received some good news hearing that his staff is full once again, will lean on Cann to put together a program that is not only a learning league, but, most importantly, a fun one as he explains.

"We have always had a T-ball league and for us not to have one in the past year was tough to swallow. But we have conversed with the WVSSAC and asked for their blueprint on handling softball and baseball under the Covid restrictions and we will formulate something of our own from that," Book Said.

Cann's to do list begins with getting the word out through social media markets as well as some local word of mouth through the school system. Many people have inquired about the program, but we were still in limbo as to the status of the league. Knowing that we can have it under the current conditions makes Book happy knowing that we have something for the kids in the area.

"We have lost so many programs during this pandemic and knowing that we are working on a Summer Parks Program, Energy Express and now some recreational activities really inspires me for a great summer plan. The maintenance has been gracious in helping with some projects at the complex here (Recreation Complex) and now we get to utilize the fields at Summit Park."

But, before play can begin, we are in need of a couple projects at the facility including some safety concerns with the fencing. Just some minor housework that will not only give the fields more appeal but keep the kids best interest in mind. Also, it will be a working relationship with the parents as far as the kids equipment is concerned as Book explains.

"We will provide the shirts for play and have all the necessities for the field. But, the parents will need to have a bat, glove and helmet for their kids. In the past, we offered a few helmets for the kids, however, we cannot share equipment this year. Each kid will have to have those items during play. We are researching some way of pre-ordering helmets to help save the parents a few dollars compared to buying full retail."

In speaking with Cann, he has shown some excitement and is determined to make the league one of the best under his belt. Hopeful of a full field of players, we plan to have a rotation of games between the groups as well as instruction on the basics including hitting, fielding and the basic rules. The league will start sometime shortly after the school calendar year and most likely be a

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## Mohican Wildlife Weekend In Mansfield, Ohio Offers Unforgettable Outdoor Experiences



Visitors can experience the habitats of birds and bats firsthand, learn about fly-fishing and more at the 20th Annual Mohican Wildlife Weekend, April 23-25 in Mansfield, Ohio. Attendees will discover natural history and

heritage at 13 program sites across Ashland and Richland Counties. Each offers workshops and demonstrations that engage both beginners and experienced naturalists. An ideal event for families, this fun and educational weekend features

more than 30 hands-on activities and workshops for all ages, including birding boat tours, nature photography and crafts, wagon tours, wildlife interactions and much more. New this year, guests can earn up to five different survival hat pins, as well as a

special hiking stick medallion by attending programs.

With the theme of "Survivor Mohican," this year's Wildlife Weekend promises to be unforgettable. Marked by a keynote presentation by one of the stars of the History Channel's outdoor survivalist series "Alone," Carleigh Fairchild, will share stories from the 91 days she spent in the wilderness of Patagonia and Mongolia. As the

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## The Best Trout Streams In West Virginia



Looking for the best trout streams in West Virginia? The Mountain State is home to many of Appalachia's most popular fly-fishing destinations, with it's

streams abundant with trout and many other types of fish. Below is a list of streams with their own unique features, surprises and types of trout to be caught.

Elk River – Dry Fork – Parsons, Northeastern WV

Dubbed "The Lady" by local fishermen, the Elk River is a fly-fishing haven with tons of spots to catch large rainbow, brown, and brook trout. It is a popular fly-fishing destination for all skill levels. The stream has several deep pools, shallow runs, and riffles with the highest portion of the river offering some of the best fly fishing in the state.

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## Mon National Forest Plans Prescribed Burn In Big Mountain Project Area

Monongahela National Forest plans to conduct a prescribed burn in the Big Mountain Project Area, southwest of Cherry Grove, this spring when conditions permit. The purpose of this burn is to re-establish

fire's natural role in the forest ecosystem, improve forest health and wildlife habitat, and reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfires.

The burn area will be closed to the public on the day of the burn and may be closed for

several days after to ensure public safety. Signs will be posted on nearby roads before and during burning. Residents and Forest visitors may see and smell smoke for several days. If you encounter smoke on the highway,

slow down, turn on your vehicle's lights and drive appropriately for the conditions

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**NANCY CARROLL JOHNSON**



Nancy Carroll Johnson, a loving wife, mother, and grandmother went home to be with her Lord and Savior on March 26, 2021. She was born June 15, 1940 to the late Paul and Eleanor Smallridge.

Nancy devoted her entire life to carrying for her family. She enjoyed dancing and laughing with her grandchildren, baking her family's favorite pies, and taking care of her beloved cats. She loved riding in her red convertible while listening to her favorite music. Nancy never missed watching the local broadcasts of the Sago Baptist Church services and enjoyed sharing the sermon messages with her family.

Nancy is survived by her husband of 64 years, Denver Johnson; daughter Nancy Johnson and son-in-law Rick Johnson of Huntersville, NC; son Mark Johnson and daughter-in-law Laurie Johnson of Woodstock, GA; daughter Paulette Shaffer and son-in-law Dan Shaffer of Bridgeport, WV; daughter Jennifer Simmons and son-in-law Todd Simmons of League City, TX; five grandchildren, Christopher Johnson, William Shaffer, Allie Simmons, Zach Simmons, and Avery Simmons; and brother Paul Smallridge and sister-in-law Karen Smallridge of Greenville, SC.

Nancy is preceded in death by her parents, daughter Anastasia Johnson, and grandson Gregory Lee Pitzer.

Nancy loved the Lord and her family. She will be deeply missed by her loved ones.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the nurses and staff at Ruby Memorial Hospital for their compassionate care of Nancy.

A funeral service was held at Harmer Funeral Home on Friday, April 2, 2021.

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

**DENVER CLAUDE ALLEN JOHNSON**



Denver Claude Allen Johnson, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather joined his

recently departed wife of 64 years, Nancy Johnson, to spend eternity together in Heaven with their Lord and Savior. Denver was born August 15, 1938 to the late George and Geraldine Johnson.

Denver was a Navy Veteran who served his country while stationed in Newport, Rhode Island. Denver spent the majority of his career as a proud West Virginia coalminer. He began his mining career at Loveridge Mine where through hard work and dedication he eventually became Mine Superintendent. Denver later assisted in opening Dent's Run Mine, spent time at Four States Mine, and then ultimately ended his 31-year notable career as Mine Superintendent at Robinson Run Mine. Denver's strong work ethic is a characteristic that served him well throughout his lifetime.

Denver enjoyed being outside and taking care of his land. He took great joy in spending time with his grandchildren, laughing and joking with them. He loved the Lord and enjoyed reading his Bible early in the mornings.

Denver is survived by his daughter Nancy "Elaine" Johnson and son-in-law Rick Johnson of Huntersville, NC; son Mark Johnson and daughter-in-law Laurie Johnson of Woodstock, GA; daughter Paulette Shaffer and son-in-law Dan Shaffer of Bridgeport, WV; daughter Jennifer Simmons and son-in-law Todd Simmons of League City, TX; five grandchildren Christopher Johnson, William Shaffer, Allie Simmons, Zach Simmons, and Avery Simmons; brother David Johnson and wife Judy of Idamay, WV; sister Wanda Hickman and husband Sonny of Mount Clare, WV; sister Patti Burge of Fairmont, WV; and brother, Pastor Ron Johnson and wife Debbie of Shinnston, WV.

Denver is preceded in death by his beloved wife, parents, daughter Anastasia Johnson, grandson Gregory Lee Pitzer; brother, George "Ernie" Johnson; brother, Pastor James "Whitey" Johnson; sister Wilma Jean Arnett; and brother-in-law Delmus Burge.

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**RAY GREENE**

Ray Greene, 80, of Clarksburg, passed away on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at United Hospital Center. He was born January 23, 1941 in Tennessee a son of the late Charles and Mary Mullins Greene.H

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Annie Bell Barton

Greene; his children, Terry Ray Greene of Salem, Christina Morlock of Clarksburg, and Mary Jane McIe of Salem; 9 grandchildren, Ninna Ann Hooper, Virginia Ann Greene, Darrell Ray Greene, Stephanie Ann Greene, Mary June Sprout, David Lee Cork, Billy Jack Cork, Matthew David Nicholson, and Michael Joseph Morlock; 52 great-grandchildren; his brother, Jimmy Greene of Ohio; his sisters, Barbara Bell of Florida and Joyce Johnson of Tennessee; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Ray was preceded in death by his daughter, Wanda Louise Brooks; his granddaughter, Melissa Sue Grace Leasure and his sister, Priscilla Samples.

Ray and his family lived in Baltimore for many years. Upon moving to West Virginia, Ray was employed as a security guard at Ingersoll-Rand and later as manager of the River Bend Motel. He was a very religious man and was a devoted husband to Annie for 60 years. He loved being with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation services were provided by Perine Funeral Home. Online condolences and memories can be shared with the family at www.perinefunerals.com

**BETTY LOUISE KEITH MICHAELS**

Betty Louise Keith Michaels, 83, of Quiet Dell passed away on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at her residence. She was born in Wilmington, NC on November 14, 1937, a daughter of the late Oscar Wade and Clara Mason Jackson.

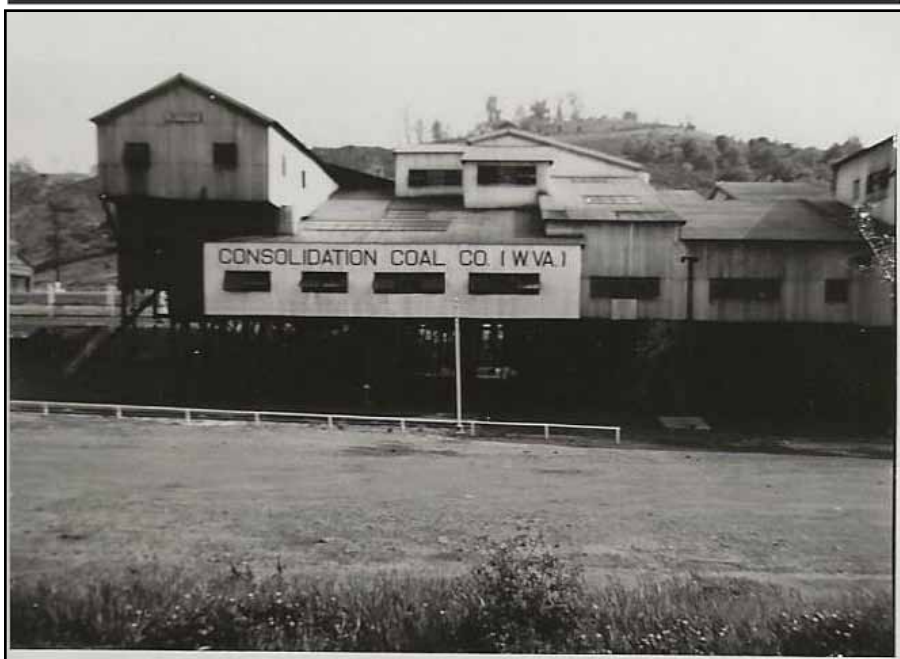
Twice married, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Okey Taylor Keith on July 10, 1966, and also her second husband, Victor Michaels on March 8, 2011.

Surviving is one daughter, Vickie Marlene Hastman and her husband Keith of Bridgeport and one son, Mathew Keith and his wife Tabatha of Bridgeport; three grandchildren, Taylor Lee Keith and his fiancé Lisa of Bridgeport, Roger "Wade" Keith and his wife Lindsey of Bridgeport, and Drew Victor Hastman of Bridgeport; three great grandchildren, Bentley, Georgia and Maverick Keith; and her dog LuLu.

She was also preceded in death by one brother, James Wade "J.W." Jackson.

Betty was a graduate of New Hanover High School in Wilmington, NC, Class of 1955. She received her Associates in Accounting from Fairmont State College. Betty was a retired secretary with the Harrison County

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Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



1940's side view of the Prep Plant at Owings. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

Board of Education. She was a member of the Bridgeport United Methodist Church, Quiet Dell United Methodist Church and a lifelong volunteer at United Hospital Center.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 15, 2021 at Amos Carvelli Funeral Home with Reverend Dr. Ken Ramsey officiating. Interment was in the Floral Hills Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Bridgeport United Methodist Church, 251 Worthington Drive, Bridgeport WV 26330.

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

**ISAIAH DAVID EDGELL**

Isaiah David Edgell, 55, of Center Point, passed on March 27, 2021. He was born December 6, 1965 in Clarksburg, son of the late Archie Dail and Frances Kathleen Hutson Edgell.

David had worked as a crane operator and was a truck driver for many years, currently working for ATI Trucking in Masontown, WV. He enjoyed working on cars, riding ATV's and building log cabins.

He is survived by four children, Robbie Uselton and wife Gina, Pittsburgh, PA, Brandi Dawn Fulbright, Maiden, NC, Amanda Diane Reynolds and Wesley, Elgin, SC, James David "JD" Edgell and Mariah, Catawba, NC; ten grandchildren, Gage, Joshua, Jasmine, Jacob, Caleb, Nathaniel, Cole, Hailey, Axel and Dakota; two siblings, Steven Dail Edgell and Amanda, Philippi, and Daniel Bruce Edgell, Center Point; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by his siblings, Katherine Louise Drain, and Jackie Lee Edgell.

A funeral service was held at Davis Funeral Home on April 3, 2021 with Pastor Robert Marino presiding. Interment followed at the Center Point Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to DavisFuneralHomeWV.com.

**SALVATORE "SAM" JOSEPH LACARIA**

Salvatore "Sam" Joseph Lacaria, 94, of Clarksburg passed away on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at United Hospital Center.

Sam was born December 15, 1926 in Clarksburg, the son of the late James L. and Clara Caputo Lacaria.

He was a local business man that worked until the end. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Sam is survived by his children, Joann Barger and Jeff, Bridgeport, James "Jimmy" Lacaria and Maureen, Bridgeport, Donna Wilson and Jimmy, Nashville, TN, Sam J Lacaria Jr. and Tammy, Bridgeport, Christopher "Chris" Lacaria, Kingsland, GA, Mary Ann Cincinnati, Martinsburg, WV; seventeen grandchildren; six great grandchildren; one brother, John Lacaria, Suttons Bay, MI; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Sam was preceded in death by his wife Mary Scarcelli Lacaria on August 8, 1982; four sisters, Antoinette Fiorenza, Rose Bonem, Mary Burnett, Virginia Mercure; five brothers, Felix, Frank, George, Louie and Albert Lacaria.

A Private service will be held at Davis Funeral Home and a Private Interment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. Online condolences can be sent at www.davisfuneralhomewv.com.

Memorial donations can be made to the Mustard Seed, P.O. Box 2709, Clarksburg, WV

26301.

**GERALD "JERRY" MARTIN DAVIS**

Gerald "Jerry" Martin Davis, 81, of Bridgeport passed away on March 31, 2021. He was born on August 3, 1939 in Romines Mills, WV, the son of the late Homer and Harriett Marguerite Hardman Davis.

Jerry graduated from Bridgeport High School, Class of 1957. He attended Chicago Tech and received his Drafting Certificate and came back to WV to work for the Department of Highways helping build Route 50. He then went to work for Union Carbide and retired working in production control. His favorite job was being the owner of Jerry's Flies which he started in 1975. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, Mountaineer games with his son, and being a handy man. He loved spending time with family and friends.

Jerry is survived by three children, Julie Martin and Andrew "Jim", Fairmont, Jo Ellen Davis, Bridgeport, James Bradley Davis and Mary Kay, Bridgeport; one grandson, Markus "Alex" Bray, Fairmont; two siblings, Howard Edward Davis and Carol, Stonewood, Shirley Webb and Ronald, Fairmont; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by his wife Judith Elaine Goldsmith Davis on September 6, 2015 whom he married on July 2, 1961 and one brother, Robert Lee Davis.

A funeral service was held on April, 6, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home with Pastor J. Edward McDaniels officiating. Interment followed at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens. Online condolences can be made on DavisFuneralHomeWV.com.

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and Nutter Fort, looked at the street sweeper being considered for purchase and shared by the two communities. He said although it had a hefty price tag of close to \$240,000, he was impressed by its performance.

Both the mayor and City Manager Edwards will meet with CityNet to discuss the possibility of broadband expansion in Shinnston. Kovalck also stated he would like to begin discussing with SPD Chief Harbert about resuming the Neighborhood Watch meetings that were

halted due to COVID. He would like to look into developing a confidential list of properties with security cameras and the possibility of those owners' willingness to share camera footage with police in the event of problems in their neighborhoods.

Mayor Kovalck went to great lengths to do a study of parking availability in Shinnston and said he didn't see a need for more parking lots in town. He feels that first the City should focus on attracting new businesses to Shinnston.

City Manager Chad Edwards reported the following departmental reports:

**- S E W E R :**  
Two sewer lines were replaced – one on Hood Avenue and another on Clement Street.

**- P O L I C E** – SPD successfully took 15 grams of Fentanyl off the streets recently. Another bust brought in almost \$50,000 (street value) worth of THC wax. A lease was recently signed for two new police cruisers that have already been picked up. The payments will not begin until next year's budget

(July 2021).

**- P U B L I C W O R K S** – Crews will begin patching potholes and graveling alleys now that the worst of winter weather is almost over.

**- E C O N O M I C D E V E L O P M E N T** – Mr. Taco made his second appearance in Shinnston and was not so overwhelmed this time.

**- P A R K S & R E C** – A new pool manager, Sonia McGrady, has been hired for the summer; her experience will prove to be an asset. Lifeguards will be the next hiring that is done.

that will come in two installments. The City Manager recommends tackling the lift station for Lincoln Apartments first with some of the funds (\$350,000).

Councilman Wiles said he felt some of the funding could help get a generator for the Water Plant and one at the sewer plant as well so that the City would be prepared in advance if the need arose; he said the City could perhaps even look into a mobile unit. Edwards stated that the State Auditor could give guidance on what spending would be allowed. The sidewalk in front of the Murphy Building was another consideration, and it was noted that citizens' main concerns seem to be broadband expansion and road improvements.

**- G R E E N S P A C E / M U S E U M P A R K I N G L O T** – The City Manager explained that Jim Scudere has offered to give the City his parking lot located between the library and the museum IF they agree to turn the greenspace on Pike Street into a parking lot, the expenses of which would be incurred by the City. When assessing if there was a need for more parking, it was noted that the Fire Department would allow public parking if needed on its lot and Jason Martin said parking on his lot on Rebecca St. (the former church parking lot) would also be permitted. City Recorder Kathleen Panek reminded Council that a previous Council had already approved adding 11 diagonal parking spaces on Main Street adjacent to the greenspace. Mr. Scudere has already roped off his parking lot on Bridge Street with no parking being permitted there.

**- S T R E E T S W E E P I N G P L A N / S T R E E T S W E E P E R P U R C H A S E** – The City Manager has already inquired about a 10-year loan if both Shinnston and Nutter Fort join forces on the purchase of a new street sweeper they would share. If both entities sold the sweepers they now own, the cost of this new purchase would be \$216,000 –

each sharing \$108,000 of that cost. This would be an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Shinnston and Nutter Fort.

**- S U M M E R P O O L A C T I V I T I E S** – Councilman Andrew Kisamore said he would like to see usage at the park and pool increased and that perhaps they should look into different programs and new activities for different age groups – i.e., senior citizens and maybe Healthy Harrison programs.

**- S I X - M O N T H P R O J E C T P R O G R E S S** – Council reviewed the goals they had set to check on the progress of each and were pleased that several are set to begin and one has been completed (the school safety rails). Street signs will be voted upon at the next meeting, and paving is set to begin as soon as the contractor returns from vacation. Nine streets on the list to be tackled during this project include Jackson St., Second St., Factory St., Howard St., Stewart St., Ferguson St., Clark St., Seth Ave., and Fleming Way. Van Rufus will be addressed after work recently performed there has had time to properly settle. Cleanup at the park and broadband are being discussed now, and Councilman Kisamore will see that split rail fence posts and rails are ordered.

**- R O L E S & E T H I C S C O N C E R N I N G C O U N C I L M E M B E R S** – Councilman Kisamore stated that the pandemic in 2020 had slowed down momentum a great deal in moving forward with projects but that a positive attitude was essential. He also noted that social media postings are sometimes factual but many times are not, and to help the City have positive results, keeping an optimistic attitude would bring about better results.

No Executive Session was needed. The next meeting of Shinnston City Council will be held on April 12th (Public Hearing first), and April 20th will be the required meeting to set the levy rates with a work session to follow.

**ANSWERS**

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# “Mon Forest Plans Burn” cont. from p. 6

pre-determined forest management goals. Monongahela National Forest follows strict guidelines for conducting prescribed burns, and takes into consideration

environmental factors such as temperature, humidity and wind. If any environmental conditions are not within limits, the burns will be postponed. Local radio stations

will be alerted to burn activities ahead of time. When burning begins, information, photos, and maps will be available at <https://inciweb.nwcc.gov/>.

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# “Mohican Wildlife Weekend” cont. from p. 6

featured speaker on Friday, April 23 at 7 p.m., guests can meet Fairchild at Pleasant Hill Lake Park as she explains how she used her skills to live wholly off the land. Fairchild will offer insight into the psychological effect of such extreme isolation. The event will take place at an outdoor covered stage area with plenty of social distancing, though space is limited for this free event, with registration and details found

at MohicanWildlifeWeekend.com. Program sites include: Gorman Nature Center, Malabar Farm State Park, Mohican State Park and Lodge, Clearfork Reservoir Marina, Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Fin Feather & Fur Outfitters, Pleasant Hill Lake Park, Charles Mill Lake Park, Byers Woods, Fowlers Woods, Hazel Willis Woods, Shelby Wetlands and Landoll’s Mohican Castle. While registration is not required for

programs, some have limited space and are offered first come, first served depending on activity and location. Most venues are outside, with all following strict COVID-19 sanitation, distancing and mask procedures. Tickets must be purchased at mohicanwildlifeweekend.com for the birding boat tours. Just in time for April 24 “Trails Day,” Destination Mansfield also announces the release of the new Mohican Regional Trail

Guide, produced by Mohican Trails Club. Ohio’s largest and only multi-trails guide it covers more than 170 miles and features trails for all hiking experience levels and types, including hiking, mountain biking, bridle and water trails, as well as paved bikeways throughout Ashland and Richland counties. This up-to-date and expanded edition is the area’s most comprehensive and accurate trail map. Highlighting GPS-

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# “The Best Trout Streams In WV” cont. from p.6

Seneca Creek – Seneca Rocks, WV Seneca Creek is a well-known stream populated with native brook trout and wild rainbow trout. The river flows for nearly 10 miles, dotted with pools, waterfalls, and riffles making for an immensely beautiful area for fly fishing. Seneca Creek has several accessible fly-fishing spots, including some of the best spots that take more of a hike to get to. The river is near the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center, so

there are restrooms nearby. Cranberry River – Central West Virginia The Cranberry River stretches 41 miles in central West Virginia within the Monongahela National Forest. Types of trout include brown, brook, rainbow, and golden. Anglers will find two sections along the river: the backcountry and the lower section. The lower section is easily accessible with roads that run alongside this portion of the river. The backcountry is a 16-mile remote section that

does not allow vehicle access—if you plan on fishing the backcountry section of the Cranberry River, there are several overnight shelters available to stay in. North Fork – Richwood, WV Stocked with rainbow, browns, native brook trout, and gold rainbow trout, the North Fork of the Cherry River is a popular spot for fishing. Beginning in southeastern Pocohantas County, the North Fork of the Cherry River has a 1.8-mile catch-and-release section

where fly fishing is at its best. Here, anglers will find rainbow, brown, and golden rainbow trout. The stream runs through the Monongahela National Forest in Richwood and has plenty of spots with deep pools and riffles. The stream is stocked once in February and every two weeks March through May. Second Creek – Lewisburg, WV Located in Lewisburg, WV, Second Creek features a 1.5-mile-long catch-and-release, fly-fish only trout stream

that is stocked once in April of each year. The stream is typically shallow with a gravel bottom and reaches its lowest levels during the summer months. However, there are plenty of spots that feature deeper sections. The stream is located on private property and is a popular spot for local anglers. North Fork, South Branch Potomac River- Northeastern West Virginia The river is quite peaceful, making it a great spot for all ages and

skill levels. The North Fork portion of the area is easily accessible with plenty of parking along the river. The water is perfect for wading and has several large pools, riffles, and fast runs. Anglers can also enjoy a serene fly-fishing experience along the private, two-mile portion of the North Fork when booked through Harman’s Luxury Log Cabins. This two-mile stretch is home to beautiful trout year-round, including golden, brown, and brook trout.

## “Obituaries” cont. from p.7

**FRED L. BAILEY**  
Fred L. Bailey, 79, of Bridgeport, went to be with the Lord at his residence on Saturday, March 27, 2021. He was born July 6, 1941 in Big Issac in Doddridge County, a son of the late Fred “Goose” Bailey and Opal Hinkle Bailey. On May 28, 1968, he married Mary (Caldwell) Bailey, who preceded him in death on July 3, 2017. He is survived by several nephews; Robert Paugh and his wife Susan, John Paugh and his wife Dodie, Danny Cottrell, Tim Cottrell, Brad Myers, William O’Field, Randal O’Field and Ronald O’Field; nieces, Eilene Caldwell Harris, Denise Spencer Ramirez and Linda Myers Malcolm; and a special great-niece, Debra Toth and her husband Chris; and several other great-nieces and great-nephews.

the Odyssey Supper Club in Hepzibah for 20 years. He was a member of the United Methodist Temple in Clarksburg, and the American Legion. A Graveside Service was held on March 30, 2021 at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery with Reverend Michael Burge presiding and Military Funeral Honors accorded by the Harrison County Honor Guard.

**DALE T. DODD**  
Dale T. Dodd, 89, of Bridgeport passed away on Monday, March 29, 2021. He was born in Wendel, WV on September 26, 1931, a son of the late Granger and Frances Edna Wagner Dodd. He was married to Elizabeth Ilene Cassell Dodd on July 24, 1966, who preceded him in death on March 17, 2019. Surviving are two daughters, Debbie Lynn Booth and her husband Steve of Greenacres, FL and Lisa Dodd McGee of Lexington, KY; two step-children, William Ellis Colvin and his wife Jeanne of Seattle, WA and Sharon Ilene Kellogg of Palm Desert CA; two grandchildren, Cindy Carnahan of Royal Beach, FL and Adam Brown of West Palm Beach, FL; two great grandchildren, Justin Hedges and Bryan Carnahan;

one great-great granddaughter, Sutton Rose Carnahan; two step grandchildren, Michael Colvin and David Colvin of Seattle, WA; four step-great grandchildren; and one sister, Phyllis Lancaster of Grafton. He was also preceded in death by one infant brother, Alden Leo Dodd and one sister, Patricia Ann Butcher. Mr. Dodd was retired from the United States Coast Guard with 22 years of service, and later was an apprentice with Union Electric Company. He enjoyed gardening and hunting, and was a life-long member of the Grand Lodge of Iowa AF&AM. In keeping with his wishes, Mr. Dodd will be cremated. A graveside service will be held in the WV National Cemetery at a later date.

**JAMES FRANKLIN “JIM” JENSEN**  
James Franklin “Jim” Jensen, 80, of Bridgeport, WV passed away on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at his residence surrounded by his family. Jim was born in Detroit, MI on September 4, 1940 a son of the late Lewis L. and Ernestine Cook Jensen. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Sammie Rose Lopez Jensen who resides at their home in Bridgeport. In addition to his wife, Jim is survived

by two sons, James “Jim” Jensen Jr. of Savannah, GA, and Jeffrey Jensen and wife Kristin of Harrisburg, PA; two grandchildren, Jackson Klingaman, and Nancy Rose Jensen of Harrisburg, PA; one sister, Marguerite Ochadleus; four brothers-in-law, Frank Lopez and wife Virginia of Fairmont, Vincent Lopez and wife Mary Jo of Clarksburg, David Lopez and wife Gina of Clarksburg, and John Lopez and wife Beverly of Bridgeport; three sisters-in-law, Donna Fragale of Bridgeport, Francis Lopez of Clarksburg, and Cheryl Walter and husband Tom of Clarksburg; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two brothers, Lewis and Donald Jensen; one sister, Shirley Crown; and two sisters-in-law, Arlene McKitrick, and Linda Parsley. Jim was a sales representative for Union Pacific Railroad where he retired with over 30 years of service and he was a United States Marine Corps Veteran. He was an avid golfer, history buff, particularly in the realm of General Custer, and enjoyed reading. He was a huge Detroit sports fan through “Thin and Thin”. Jim was a very loyal person and he truly loved his family. The family asks that

memorial donations be made to a charity of your choice in memory of Jim. A gathering of family and friends was held at the Amos Carvelli Funeral Home on April 4, 2021 where

**John Rush Named To Fall 2020 Dean’s List At Citadel**  
John Rush of Bridgeport is among the nearly 1,400 cadets and students recognized for their academic achievements during the fall 2020 semester at the Citadel. The Dean’s List is a recognition given to cadets and students who are registered for 12 or more semester hours and whose grade point average is 3.20 or

full military honors were accorded. Expression of sympathy may be extended to the family at www.amoscarvelli.com. A service of Amos Carvelli Funeral Home. higher, with no grade of I (Incomplete) and no grade below C for work in a semester. Due to a commitment to academic excellence, 63% of Citadel cadets and students graduate after four years and go on to earn an average salary of nearly \$57,000 after learning how to be principled leaders in all walks of life.

## “Dr. Suess” cont. from p.5

books! Some of these adult fans – members of the Harrison County Senior Center’s Book Club – recorded readings for his 117th birthday this year for the Harrison County Parks and Recreation. The reading were shared online with children. As the photos here show, Book Club members even dressed for the occasion to do the recordings of some of his revered books!

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# Fairmont State University To Launch U.S. Air Force JROTC Summer Program



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The Fairmont State University Aviation Center of Excellence is preparing to welcome its inaugural class of cadets to the summer 2021 U.S. Air Force Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps Flight Academy, comprised of incoming high school seniors from across the nation. The selection process for the AFJROTC Summer Flight Academy is

highly competitive, with all cadets meeting the components required of U.S. Air Force Academy candidates.

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"The majority of our staff at the Aviation Center of Excellence are former

or current military flight instructors, and therefore, have a first-hand understanding of the needs of our cadets and how we can best position their training to meet their goals," said Joel Kirk, Chief Pilot and Fairmont State Aviation Center of Excellence Director. "Our niche is that we are small, and students will benefit from our 'quality over quantity'

philosophy, with more one-on-one, specialized attention."

Summer 2021 JROTC cadets will report to the Fairmont State main campus where they will reside for the entirety of the eight-week program. Candidates will experience instruction similar to Air Force Academy flight training, allowing cadets to fly one to two times each day, six days

per week.

"We strive to offer unmatched experiential learning opportunities," said Mirta M. Martin, Fairmont State

University President. "Our aviation program is one of the best of its kind in the nation. With the introduction of the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps Flight Academy, our expert teacher-mentors can

now offer that hands-on training to even more students, and start them on a track to a meaningful, rewarding career."

Fairmont State is one of 25 universities throughout the nation that has partnered with the U.S. Air Force to provide opportunities to JROTC cadets, while also expediting flight training for future airmen.

## "Students of the Month" cont. from p. 3

been quite an asset for our football team at Lincoln. A four-year member of the football team, Corey has earned All-County, Big 10, and All-State awards. He is currently a member of the track team where he will no doubt leave his mark there, as well.

Corey has been a member of the Key Club Council, Drug Free Club, Ping Pong Club, and the Pickleball Club, and is a member of the yearbook staff. He has spent countless hours volunteering in his community. Some of these include: Angel Luv, Feed-a-Family,

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, and WVU Hospitals. He is also very active within his church where he helps with the sound system and events.

Corey has plans to attend Fairmont State University to major in Computer Science and Business.

## "Honoring Veterans" cont. from p. 5

13-year celebration for the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War starting on Memorial Day in 2012 and will continue

through to Veterans Day of 2025. The 29th day of March 2017 made the 50th anniversary of the war.

Please be sure to thank a soldier or veteran for their service and their families' sacrifice for our nation.

## Strange BUT TRUE

\* "The Whole Shabang" is a brand of potato chips once sold only in jails and prisons. It was so popular that in 2016, due to demand from ex-inmates, it was finally made available to the general public.

\* The majority of people will tilt their head to the right when they kiss.

\* Sherlock Holmes creator Sir Arthur Conan Doyle helped popularize skiing by being the first Englishman to document the sport.

\* In Alabama, it's against the law to drive while impersonating a member of the clergy.

\* For centuries, doctors thought that medicines made with human flesh, blood or bone could be effective in curing all kinds of ailments, from epilepsy to headaches. The practice was called "corpse medicine."

\* The original name for the search engine Google was Backrub. It was renamed after the googolplex, which is the number 1 followed by 100 zeros.

\* The fear of young people is known as "ephebiphobia."

\* Gatling gun salesmen went to Civil War battlefields to demonstrate their products in actual combat.

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