

Groundbreaking This Week Paves Way For New Lincoln High School Fieldhouse



Pictured here is a rendering of the new Lincoln High School Fieldhouse at its completion. Construction is expected to finish in time for school to resume after summer break.

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Local residents have long been formidable and proud supporters of school activities in

Shinnston. Particularly during the various sports seasons, it is not unusual for the public to deck themselves in attire that boasts of their allegiance to the Lincoln

Cougars ... and flags fly from car windows and in yards, also representing their “Cougar Pride”! That fan pride will be even more prominent when they see the new fieldhouse at Stydahar Field come to fruition.

According to Lincoln Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Holly Hawkins, this project has been in the planning stages for a couple of years now, but finally the consultations with engineers and architects have finalized the project and a bid has been awarded to Veritas Construction Group of Fairmont. And, at last,

work has begun.

Ground was set to be broken this past Monday, April 12th, and on that date, Stydahar Field and the walking track around the field were closed to the public for safety reasons.

“We were always happy to allow the public to walk the track at Stydahar Field to get some exercise. But now and in the days ahead, it will be a ‘construction site’ with a lot of equipment on

the premises and a lot of work being done, so the gates will be locked down and public use banned until further notice. The fieldhouse itself will be off limits for everyone as well,” Mrs. Hawkins stated. “The project is scheduled to be completed in 120 days, but many factors will determine just how long it will remain closed. Once exterior work is finished and they move inside, that could change.”

This sizeable addition to the existing fieldhouse is a huge project and a costly one, yet a necessary one. Since Lincoln Middle School’s building was erected on the same campus, a larger facility was needed to serve student athletes from both schools. Mrs. Hawkins noted that the fieldhouse is utilized for both middle and high school soccer and track, football, weightlifting,

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Shinnston Announces City-Wide Cleanup



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It may not be a job you’re looking forward to, but it is probably one that needs to be done ... and when it’s complete, you’ll be glad to have it out of the way! Maybe you’ve already started a pile or loaded a box or two of things that ‘need to go’! If you’re a Shinnston resident, do that spring cleaning NOW, and prepare to haul it to the curb on your regular trash pickup day next week.

The City of Shinnston has made arrangements with Enterprise

Sanitation to allow you to set out more trash than you normally would. Cleanup Week is April 19th – 23rd so get ready. Enterprise Sanitation crews will accept anything EXCEPT paint, flammable liquids and other hazardous materials, and tires. Please bag or box the extra items you set out for pickup, and avoid items that will be too heavy to lift.

The City also plans to rent a dumpster for one day that same week for City residents who miss their pickup day but are willing to bring it to

the dumpster, which will be placed at the Public Works Garage on Saturday, April 24th from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. (or when the dumpster is filled). Once again, flammables, paint, and tires will not be accepted – nor will food items! Larger items, however, will be allowable at the dumpster collection site on Saturday.

A reminder that the last time the dumpster collection was held, City residents took advantage of this opportunity and the dumpster was filled quite early, so it would be wise NOT to delay your trip to the Public Works Garage until later in the day.

Residents are encouraged to do some Spring cleaning and seize this opportunity your City is providing to keep your property presentable.

Shinnston Plans For A Busy, FUN Summer

By **LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD**
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It’s been a long, dry spell with few options for entertainment or activities! Between COVID and cold weather, families were trapped indoors and it was hard not to tire of darkness, television, and board games. Only a walk to the mailbox seemed a safe venture! Now that Spring has sprung and summer is approaching, however, Shinnston is preparing to get families out of the house with some opportunities for enjoyment.

After assuming the position of Shinnston’s new Economic Development Coordinator in mid-December, Anthony Tate says he began initial planning back in January for a time when less pandemic restrictions and warmer, sunnier days would allow him to offer some social activities for the community. So if you classify yourself as ‘pandemic fatigued’, you can start marking your calendars for better options coming soon.

This year’s first Wind Down Wednesday will kick off on May 5th on the greenspace in downtown Shinnston ... and will continue on the first Wednesday of each month through September. In just a few weeks, plan to bring your lawn chairs to the “green” and enjoy some time with friends and neighbors. Local DJ Byron ‘Six Six’ Cooper will bring “music to your ears” in the downtown area – and perhaps offer his own vocals as well. Gil’s Pit Beef out of Glenville will be offering food, and the Lincoln High School junior class will be selling deep-fried Oreos and/or funnel cakes as well. VISTA worker Jon Olsen will also be on hand to talk to anyone who might be interested in giving some volunteer hours to their community. These monthly events are outdoors so families can social distance and feel less at risk.

The Shinnston Pool is scheduled to reopen on Memorial Day, May 31st. A new pool manager, Sonia McGrady, has been hired and lifeguard staff was hired last week. They will be looking for concession stand workers too. Tate noted that they are in the process of addressing maintenance needs at the pool and park now so that it will be ready for the gates to swing open.

Tate commented on McGrady’s hiring as pool manager, saying, “We’re very pleased that McGrady will be managing the pool this year. A former swimmer at Fairmont State University, she is currently the assistant swim coach at Salem

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American Rescue Plan



Building Amazing Cities

By **JIM HUNT**
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The recently passed American Rescue Plan is a nearly two Trillion-dollar program designed to help the country recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Within the bill is the widely talked about \$1400 checks to individuals along with childcare assistance and money for schools to reopen in the Fall. A portion of the bill that is not as widely known is the assistance to state and local governments. These dollars will go to each city and town throughout the country and can be used for a variety of purposes.

The money is sorely needed by many cities that have suffered greatly during the pandemic. The total dollars being distributed to cities and towns are approximately \$65 Billion dollars, with a like amount being distributed to county governments. To put these dollars in perspective, each year the Community Development Block Grant Program allocates about \$5 Billion dollars to cities and towns around the country and it is considered one of the most important funding programs from the federal government to cities and towns.

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BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

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

PARK CLEANUP DAY

Community volunteers are encouraged to gather at Ferguson Memorial Park this Saturday, April 17th from 10 a.m. until noon to participate in a park cleanup effort. Tasks such as litter/debris pickup, weeding, etc. will be performed. Needed tools and trash bags will be furnished. Water and snacks will also be provided.

ST. ANN’S SPAGHETTI DINNER

We’re back!!! St. Ann’s Catholic Church, 610 Pike St., Shinnston will be hosting a Curbside Take Out Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, April 25 from 11:30a.m. to 2:30p.m. or until sold out. No preorders accepted. \$10 for adult meal with 2 meatballs - \$5 for child portion with 1 meatball. Meal includes salad, bread, & dessert. Come enjoy this renowned recipe.

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).

WV HERITAGE CRAFT CLASSES

The following classes are being offered by the West Virginia Heritage Crafts located at Quiet Dell Grade School - exit 115 I-79: Basket making class - Monday April 19 9:30 am-3:30 pm. Price \$45.00 Call Martha @304-483-0858 to reserve your seat. Embroidery class - Saturday April 24 1pm-3pm. Price \$15.00 Call Mary @ 304-669-1295 for a list of supplies needed and to reserve your seat.

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.



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and Mountaineer Youth teams. The fieldhouse at Stydahar Field has been in use since 1976 with minimal upgrades through the years. Now, with middle school athletes using it as well as high school athletes, the space had simply been outgrown. Mrs. Hawkins also noted that the new facility will offer changing opportunities for the danceline and officials as well. “We’ve been very

cautious about spending money in the past couple of years because our plans for this addition were very solid. The Harrison County Board of Education has committed \$150,000 for this project out of athletic facilities money from the school levy too, and in time, we also hope to gather some contributions in addition hosting fundraising events to cover costs for additional furnishing needs,” Mrs. Hawkins added.

The existing structure will remain and will be roofed to be consistent with the new attached addition. It will appear to be an entirely new facility – not an add-on. The new fieldhouse will include locker rooms, showers, restrooms, and a coach’s office, as well as space for weightlifting. “Steve Cain, a Lincoln graduate who works for Civil & Environmental Consultants (CEC) was a great help to us, and Omni Associates in

Fairmont advised us on the architectural layout and design aspects as well. COVID slowed us down as far as starting this project goes, but we’re excited to finally move dirt and get started. This will be a real improvement to our facilities and will offer needed space for our student athletes. We feel this too will exhibit our Cougar Pride and will be something our entire community will be proud of,” Mrs. Hawkins concluded.

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University and has management experience as well, so we are confident she will be a great asset to us.” Tate said they will be placing greater emphasis on the park and pool this year and are hoping both will gain maximum use during the summer months. “Thanks to volunteers from Jewel City Church, both playgrounds at the park will be restored and re-mulched sometime in May and will be ready for area children to fully enjoy. There will also be some restoration work done at the amphitheater as well, and we plan to use it during the summer. ‘Shakespeare in the Park’ is planned for July 8 & 9 at the amphitheater; the City also plans to hold monthly Open Mic Nights at the park for anyone interested in performing karaoke, stand-up comedy, etc.; and we hope to continue to hold Movie Nights in the Park during the summer months. Specific dates on those events will be determined and announced later,” Tate continued. One more announcement of interest ... Modern Woodmen of America is contributing funding to build a roofed pavilion inside the pool – on the grassy area – for

guests and swim team spectators who would like to get out of the sun. This, too, will be another great pool amenity, Tate said. Now, let’s back up a little to a pre-park opening event. Don’t forget if you have a little free time THIS Saturday, April 17th, the City is hosting Park Cleanup Day at Ferguson Memorial Park from 10 a.m. until noon. Tate reports that they are expecting some groups from Lincoln High School to take part and a few volunteers from Jewel City Church. “We’d like to have as many community volunteers there as possible,” he said. “These are not heavy tasks, just things like picking up litter, pulling weeds and clearing debris, etc. With enough volunteers we can have this all completed in two hours and this will help us get our park looking in great shape prior to opening.” And that brings us to Frontier Days! The dates are set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 9th, 10th, and 11th. Although, because it is impossible at this point to predict what COVID numbers may look like that far in advance, the location is still a toss-up between the downtown area and the park. “I spoke recently

with Governor Justice’s office and was told they will soon be publishing new rules for Fairs & Festivals in the state of West Virginia. Right now, if such an event is held, it must have just one point of entry, which we could not manage to do in the downtown area. While we’d like to hold this event in the heart of our community’s downtown area, if this one point of entry stipulation is still in effect, we may have to host Frontier Days at the park, but at least we do have that option,” Tate said. “So the location is yet to be firmly in place but we will keep the public posted as time passes.” Tate noted that although he had been in contact with nearly 20 carnival operators in several states, none were available for Sept. 9-11. However, instead of amusement rides, there WILL BE various inflatables from Cartoon Headquarters, along with games and activities that will be provided by Big Elm PTA and Lumberport Elementary’s Parents Club. Friday and Saturday will feature live music all day as well as a two-day cornhole tournament (for teams of two). Tournament winners will receive a grand prize! Tate also noted that a good number of vendors

offering a variety of food have been confirmed. The Frontier Days Pageant, headed by Amanda Sayers, will be held on April 9th and will be an evening event that Sayers says she is hoping will be held on the new stage on the greenspace in town. Having a backup location in the event of inclement weather is being planned as well. “We plan to include photogenic contests for those newborn to 18 years of age, but the Queen Contest itself will be open to young ladies from the age of 15 to 18. Potential contestants can look for specific registration information by the end of July,” Sayers noted. Saturday, September 11th, will feature a parade that will get underway at 11 a.m. and be led by a trio of bagpipers. The parade is to be a tribute to the 20th anniversary of 9-11 and will include the involvement of many area first responders. This lineup of upcoming plans proves that Shinnston has been busy making arrangements to help folks eliminate “COVID fatigue”! Highlight these dates on your calendar and hope the sun will shine brightly for these activities. Watch for further details as they become available.

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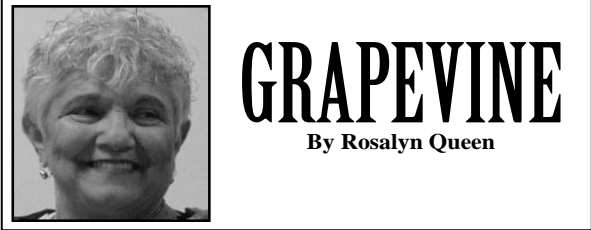
daily new infections has risen over the past two weeks from 4,050 to 4,250. NJ Governor Phil Murphy says he is constantly talking to the White House about demand for the vaccines. Vaccine shipments to New Jersey were up 12% in the last week, but Murphy questioned whether that was enough. Dr. Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, chair of the department of epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of California at San Francisco, said that new virus variants are one of the drivers in the increase in new cases. She said more vaccine needs to be where the virus is and that people need to get over the “scarcity mindset” that has them thinking surging vaccine

into one place will hurt people elsewhere. University of South Florida epidemiologist Jason Salemi said that Florida had relaxed safeguards during a busy spring break season and that had likely helped spread virus variants. Florida’s seven-day average of daily new infection has exceeded 5,400, an increase of 20% in the past two weeks. While many new infections appear to be among younger people, Salemi is worried about Florida’s seniors. About 78% of residents age 65 and older have received at least one vaccine dose, but roughly a million more still have not gotten any shots and Salemi doesn’t understand their reasoning for not getting vaccinated. The number of daily

infections in the U.S. reportedly increased in January following the holiday season. Then numbers fell again, but have begun to rise slowly since mid-March. Of course, the five states seeing the most infections stand out! But recently 31 states in the U.S. are reporting seven-day averages of fewer than 1,000 new daily cases. The White House reports that more than 28 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines were delivered to states recently and that allocation brings the U.S. total to more than 90 million doses distributed in the past few weeks. Biden has announced that more than 150 million shots have been administered since he took office, and that all adults will

be eligible to receive a vaccine by April 19th. According to the CDC, 40% of U.S. adults have now received at least one COVID-19 shot, and about 23% of American adults have been fully vaccinated – including more than half of Americans 65 and older. Dr. Geng of Washington University feels that even just a few more weeks of Americans sticking with social distancing, masking, and other precautions could make a huge difference. “The take-home message here is, let’s not jump the gun,” Geng concluded. “There is light at the end of the tunnel. We all see it there, and we will get there – slow and steady.”

Iron Skillets Have Made A Comeback In Modern Cooking



GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

A short recap on Easter Sunday: I did get to attend mass at my church on Easter and Palm Sunday. It was the first time I had attended services at my church in a long while. I have been attending church at home on EWTN and although I did enjoy it, it was great to be back in my home church. I had almost forgotten how beautiful my church is. All of my family had dinner at Leslie’s and she really out did herself. It was great to be with everyone and we all left with take outs and had leftovers all week.

Somehow, I have subscribed to a magazine, Real Simple. I had never heard of it before, but it is really a magazine I look forward to receiving every month.

Recently, when I was visiting Leslie, she showed me an iron skillet that she had purchased. It was a new one and I was so surprised that she would want one. Immediately, I thought of all the iron skillets that Fray’s grandmother and my mother had. I really was not too fond of them and was so happy when I could equip my kitchen with new shinny skillets. My sister used to tell me that the skillets would somehow release iron into your prepared food and that it was thought it might contribute to dementia. I have never been able to substantiate

this, and so, I forgot about it.

Well, getting back to my magazine, recently there was an article about iron skillets. It said the biggest perk about these skillets is that they can get blazing hot. This makes them excellent for searing. They are very tough and are great for using a metal spatula. There is only one item to shy away from cooking in them and that is tomatoes... the sauce is highly acidic and the iron may give it a metallic taste.

Most new pans come preseasoned, but if you have an old one, you will have to season it to keep it from sticking. A light layer of oil will start the seasoning process. The more you use it, the more seasoned it becomes. Once seasoned, a quick rinse and a wipe with a towel will clean it. Do Not Let It Air Dry. When not in use, rub a little oil on the pan’s surface and store it with a paper towel on top. If you want to switch to iron skillet cooking, remember, new ones in all probability will not need seasoned.

Now that Spring is here it is time to reconnect with ourselves. Remember to get the bird feeder out, fill it up and watch the birds. I even get to watch two little squirrels who like to invade the feeder. Get your pots ready for flowers or vegetables. If nothing else, have a spot of fresh basil for your tomato salads. Get out your patio furniture and maybe even buy new cushions to brighten up the patio.

I hope the quarantine will soon be over and we can enjoy each other’s company. Take care, stay healthy, and until next week, “Now You Have Heard It Through the Grapevine.”

I Finally Cut The Grass For The First Time This Year...It Was Definitely Overdue



Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny

Last Sunday, I met sisters-in-law Bernie and Debbie at the FOP Restaurant in Nutter Fort for Easter dinner. The parking lot was packed but there was no wait time. We had a nice meal and I always enjoy being with the girls. It was nice running into Libby and Bud Hildreth from in the holler. What was doubly nice, Libby stroked my ego by saying she always enjoys reading the column each week. So, if my count is right, that makes 28 people who have told me the same in the past ten years. WOW, I’m building a heck of a following, but I don’t think I’ll match, “Keeping Up With the Kardashians”... I ain’t built right for that.

I’ve mentioned before that my late wife Susie was the second oldest of twelve kids. She had seven sisters and four brothers ... her three youngest siblings are younger than my son. Bernie was seven years old when Susie and I got married and Debbie was 10.

Growing up, they spent a lot of time at our house. We considered them the same as our kids and the girls thought of Susie as their second Mom. Other the years, Bernie has lived with us a couple of times; once, for two years. She has had a key to our house for thirty years. Bernie has been divorced for over thirty years and Debbie has been divorced for over 10 years and both want ‘no man’! Bernie worked for years in the rest-care field, so, we’ve always had a pact that she would be the one to take care of Susie and me when we got old. She is living up to her end of the bargain.

Monday afternoon, I mowed the yard for the

first time this year and it was way overdue. I fueled the mower up, checked the oil, kicked the tires, and surprisingly, it started right up. The grass was so high I had to creep around the yard. Due to bum wrists, I ran into a few problems that taxed them. So, I don’t know how much longer I’ll be able to do it.

In the evening, Lee came down and we watched the NCAA Basketball Championship together. He brought me some homemade meatballs that Patty had made; I always enjoy the time I spend with my son. Baylor left no doubt which team was the best that night. I ate the meatballs later and they were delicious.

Friday morning, I took Bernie to the burial service for her Uncle Kenneth Jenkins (Army Veteran). He was my late mother-in-law’s youngest brother (Same age as I am). He was one of Susie’s favorite uncles and we used to visit each other often. We drove to the Davis Funeral Home in Nutter Fort and met up with other family members. Then, we followed the hearse to the West Virginia National Cemetery at Grafton where he was given a military burial service - always a very solemn event.

It has been beautiful weather this week with the temps hitting 80°. I’ve been switching between air conditioning and heat for the last four days. One day, I stopped at Ace Hardware in town and picked up hummingbird nectar for the feeders and hung two of them around the patio. I haven’t spotted any yet.

The WV Legislature will be wrapping up their 60-day session Saturday night. I’m on pins and needles waiting to find out if the pepperoni roll will be the official state food of West Virginia. A fella needs to know these kinds of things.

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

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Fairmont State University Hosting Week-Long Virtual Open House Event



For first-generation college student “Being a first-generation college student, it was hard to figure out the whole labyrinth of all this college stuff I’m supposed to do and to selecting the school all this paperwork where he would call I’m supposed to fill home for the next four out,” said Allen, now a

senior criminal justice student at Fairmont State University. “But Fairmont State had its doors right open for me; they offered me Promise Beyond and several other scholarships, giving me opportunities that nobody else could.”

To help other prospective students and their families better understand the college-decision process while acquainting them with the University’s offerings, Fairmont State will host Maroon and White Week, a virtual open house event, from April 11 – 17.

“The goal of Maroon and White Week is to provide a springboard for students, parents and others to learn more about their future here

at Fairmont State, and to have a whole host of information sessions available at their fingertips,” said Chris Sharps, Senior Director of Recruitment. “One of the biggest reasons we hear from students and parents alike as to why they chose Fairmont State is small class sizes and direct contact with their teacher-mentors. Our classes aren’t filled with hundreds of students – the professors know their students by name.”

The event kicked off Sunday, April 11, with an introductory session to the week’s programming. Each day, representatives of Fairmont State’s faculty, staff and student body will provide

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As cities and towns anticipate these funds coming in, there are a few things that they should be doing to make sure that the money is appropriately used and invested for the benefit of their citizens. The National League of Cities has been studying the program and providing information to its members about the proper usage of the funds. There are also many other organizations providing webinars, white papers and resources for city officials to use. This is important since many cities and towns do not have the expertise to properly analyze and digest the many thousands of pages of federal regulations that govern the use of these monies.

One thing that all cities and towns should be doing is holding meetings and town halls to receive input from their citizens about how to use this one-time infusion of funds to their communities. While these meetings may be virtual, due to the pandemic, it is important to hear the voices of the community before deciding what projects are selected for funding. Elected officials should be reading and attending webinars and meetings to be as well educated as possible on the uses of the federal dollars. One caution that has been at the forefront of many discussions is to not use these funds to create new programs or hire new employees that will require ongoing funding. This is because there is no guarantee of additional funds and it is unwise to create new burdens on city budgets and then have to cut programs or lay off employees after the federal funds are exhausted.

Another consideration in planning for these federal dollars is to be careful about funding projects that do not have firm costs. Often, projects that are in the planning stages, do not have firm cost estimates and with many cities proposing projects, there may be higher than expected construction costs. Citizens do not look favorably on city councils that approve projects and then have to raise taxes or fees when costs come in too high. This takes a great deal of discipline on the part of local government officials to not overspend on these projects and to maintain adequate reserve funds, in case costs go higher than expected.

The American Rescue Plan can be a needed boost to local governments throughout the country, but prudent decision making is needed for the program to have a lasting impact on America’s cities and towns. I believe we are up to the challenge and I look forward to seeing the robust discussions in cities and towns on deciding what will make their communities AMAZING!

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Flag Raising Ceremony At UHC Celebrates April As National Donate Life Month



UHC nurses carried and guided the Donate Life flag that was lifted up the flagpole on the UHC campus recently. The flag for organ donation will wave at UHC during the entire month of April.

Organ Donation By The Numbers

Be a hero; become an organ donor. Here are some statistics that affirm why making the pledge for life by registering to become an organ, tissue, and cornea donor is so important.

- 113,000 – the number of people awaiting an organ transplant nationally
- 20 – the number of people who will die each day without receiving a transplant
- 2,600 – the approximate number of people awaiting transplantation in CORE’s service region
- 75 – the number of lives one individual can heal through tissue donation
- 250,000 – the number of people awaiting tissue and cornea transplants each day
- 11,000 – on average, the number of people who die annually considered medically suitable to donate organs, tissue, and corneas, yet only a fraction actually donate
- Every 10 minutes – the rate at which someone new is added to the organ transplant waiting list
- 8 – the number of lives one individual can save by donating organs

Transplantable Organs & Tissues



Pictured here is Nancy Jividen of Eleanor, WV, mother of donor Shane Jividen.

Heart the opportunity to have a normal heart with normal blood circulation. While a heart transplant is a major operation, chance of survival is good with appropriate follow-up care. A heart must be transplanted within four

The heart is a muscular organ that pumps blood through the blood vessels of our circulatory system. A heart transplant gives patients with congenital heart disease or ailments such as cardiomyopathy and myocarditis

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Nationally, close to 113,000 people are waiting for an organ transplant, including 2,500 people in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia. At least 20 will die each day without receiving the transplant they so desperately need. Someone is added to the transplant waiting list every 10 minutes.

United Hospital Center (UHC) is pleased to join the Center for Organ Recovery & Education (CORE) to create awareness about organ, tissue, and cornea donation, and to inspire everyone during Donate Life Month to register

Dispelling The Myths About The Donation Of Organs

Myth: My body will be mutilated and disfigured if I would donate.

Fact: Organ and tissue donation will not interfere with traditional funeral arrangements such as an open casket. Doctors maintain the utmost respect for the donor and organs are removed in a routine operation similar to other types of surgeries.

Myth: Organs go to people who did not take care of theirs.

Fact: Organs go to people who were born with or developed diseases that have caused organ failure. Less than 5 percent of those waiting need a transplant because of their own behaviors or choices. For those people, they must achieve and sustain sobriety before they can be listed for a transplant.

Myth: I am too old to become an organ donor.

Fact: No one is ever too old or

to be an organ donor. To help create awareness, UHC held a flag raising ceremony on Thursday, April 1, and the Donate Life America flag for organ donation will wave at UHC for the entire month of April

“National Donate Life Month is a time when we celebrate the power of organ, tissue and cornea donation to save and heal lives; when we recognize the partnerships between CORE and the hospitals we serve throughout western Pennsylvania and West Virginia that made possible 661 life-saving organ transplants

in 2019, a record number; and when we mobilize and inspire our local communities to register as donors,” said Susan Stuart, president & CEO of CORE. “Most importantly though, National Donate Life Month is a time when we honor the selfless donors and their courageous families who make the decision to give the gift of life.”

“Just as we do year-round, this April, UHC will be working with CORE to save and heal lives through organ, tissue and cornea donation,” said Kara Elko, RN, clinical

Myth: I am too sick to donate.

Fact: Few illnesses or conditions prevent someone from being a donor. People with diabetes, heart disease, cancer, hepatitis and even HIV have saved lives through organ and tissue donation. At the time of death, CORE reviews medical and social histories to determine suitability for donation. Although someone may not be able to donate blood, it does not always prevent the individual from donating organs and/or tissue.

Myth: My family will have to pay for costs related to my donation.

Fact: Donors and their families are not responsible for any costs related to donation. All costs are

incurred by the organ procurement organization.

Myth: My religion does not support donation.

Fact: All major religions consider organ donation to be an individual decision, or support it and see it as the final act of love and generosity toward others.

Myth: Wealthy people are the only people who receive transplants.

Fact: Financial and celebrity status do not determine who receives a transplant. A national computer network, maintained by the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), matches organs according to height, weight and blood type, followed by medical urgency and then time accrued on the waiting list. Age, race, gender, religious affiliation or financial status are not factors that determine who receives a transplant.

The Donation & Recovery Process

DONATION PROCESS

A person is evaluated for organ donation only after all lifesaving measures have been attempted. The sole purpose of first responders, hospital staff and doctors is to save a patient’s life.

The hospital staff working to save a patient’s life is completely separate from the transplant team. A patient is not evaluated for donation until after imminent or actual death has been established.

The opportunity for organ, tissue and cornea donation most often results from an individual sustaining an injury that causes brain death, which means the brain has stopped working and will not work again. Common causes of brain death are motor vehicle crashes, head injuries or strokes. Organ donation requires a patient to be in a hospital and on a ventilator when the individual is pronounced brain dead.

If a patient experiences cardiac death, which means the heart has stopped and will not work again, the individual will be evaluated for tissue and cornea donation.

RECOVERY PROCESS

Hospital personnel notify the OPO of each death within their hospital.

An initial screening, done by the OPO, determines the donor’s suitability for organ, tissue and cornea donation.

If found to be a suitable candidate, and after authorization has been given (by the individual or his/her family), the OPO works with the donor’s family and obtains a medical and social history before proceeding.

The donor’s information is entered into a national database, and the computer matches the organs with transplant

candidates in most critical need. Following recovery, the donor’s family can proceed with funeral arrangements.

A team of organ transplant surgeons and OPO staff recovers the organs, tissues and corneas.

LIVING DONORS

Many individuals with kidney failure know someone who would like to give them a kidney but is not a match. This most commonly occurs because the donor’s and the recipient’s blood types are not compatible.

CORE’s Paired Kidney Donation Program uses a computer database to match donor/recipient pairs with others who are compatible.

Also, CORE operates an Altruistic Kidney Donation Program so that an anonymous kidney donor can have the opportunity to save the life of someone on the national transplant waiting list.

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The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor

Sports Editor

Robert C. Byrd earned a regional title this past Saturday in boys swimming. Bridgeport garnered a second place 47 points behind the Flying Eagles in the event held at Salem University.

Robert C. Byrd had several swimmers step up in the event to earn the title. Patrick Fubio earned gold in the 100 freestyle and silver in the 100 backstroke. He was also a part of a pair of winning relay teams. Jacob Howe, Kaden Meighen, Adam Fubio, and Patrick Fubio combined for wins in the 200 and 400, respectively. Howe also won the 50 freestyle and grabbed second in the 100 freestyle. Adam Fubio nailed two second place finishes in the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle. Meighen picked up a third-place finish in the 200

freestyle to help his team to victory.

The Indians were paced by standout, Randy Keener. Keener claimed top billing in the 200 IM and the 100 backstroke. Luke Pinti took first place in the 100 breaststroke in record time. Mason Titchenal put up a new mark in the 100 butterfly. These three, along with Justin Wright and Allen Reese, brought in impressive points in relay events to help the Tribe to a runner up position.

Notre Dame ended the event with a seventh-place finish behind the efforts of Brian Ngo and Christopher Schumacher. Ngo garnered a second place in the 100 breaststroke and third in the 100 free. Schumaker had a fourth-place finish in the 50 free.

On the girls side, Bridgeport earned the

regional championship with Notre Dame taking seventh and Robert C. Byrd was 12th.

The Indians were led by Marra Johnson, Cheyenne Rhode, and Olivia Urse. Johnson nabbed first place finishes in the 200 free and the 100 breaststroke. Urse took first place in the 100 butterfly and second place in the 100 backstroke. Rhode was first in the 100 backstroke. Rhode, Lilly Madden, Urse and Johnson won the 200-medley relay. Kennedy Bealko, Kelsy Dorchak, Johnson, and Rhode earned second in the 200 free relay. Jenna Wood, Madden, Urse, and Rhode claimed victory in the 400 free relay.

The Fighting Irish were led by Caitlin Oltman. Oltman recorded two second place finishes in the 200 and the 100 freestyles each.

The Flying Eagles Annalise Gentilozzi had all of her team's points. Gentilozzi took the top spot in the 500 freestyle

and finished third in the 200 freestyle.

The State Swim Meet will be held at West Virginia University on April 20th.

Bridgeport's wrestling squad took to the road, Glen Dale to be exact, and came away with a fourth-place finish in regional action.

The Tribe had four grapplers earn regional championships. Bryce Carnes, Derek Starkey, Kamar Summers, and Kemo Summers all took titles. Carnes (195), Starkey (160), Kamar Summers (285), and Kemo Summers (170) were tops in their respective weight classes.

Other Indians to qualify for the State Wrestling Tournament to be held April 23 and 24 in Huntington are JT Muller, Conner Arnett, Brody Charnes, and Bladen Roush. Muller (2nd), Arnett (3rd), Charnes (3rd) and Roush (4th) all qualified for the big dance.

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



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

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

This past week's winners are Bridgeport's Marra Johnson and Randy Keener.

Indian swimmer, Marra Johnson put on a show in regional action at Salem University last Saturday. Johnson led the Tribe to the regional title with an exceptional effort. She earned wins in the 200 free and the 100 breaststroke and she was integral in the first-place finish for the 200-medley relay and the second-place effort in the 200 free relay.

Indian swimmer, Randy Keener led the Tribe to a second-place finish in the regionals. Keener claimed a pair of wins in the 200 IM and the 100 backstroke. He also did his fair share of damage in the relays propelling the Indians to second place.

Congratulations to Bridgeport's Marra Johnson and Randy Keener for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week!

Gaga Pits Brings New Element To Rec Complex



From The World Of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

For those not familiar with the game, Gaga ball has been around since the early 1970's. Sad to say, but the game was not invented by Lady Gaga, but Israeli counselors who introduced the game at camps. The game, similar to dodgeball but in a confined area, has exploded among the teenagers who has always been a target audience we wanted to come to the Recreation Complex. Director Mike Book has been anxious to bring this game to the area and expects it to draw heavy traffic.

"Once the game was introduced to me, I was hooked," said Book. "It is a form of recreation that was transformed from a game of dodgeball where kids have been injured, to an absolute competitive game, just without all the injuries. We love having the pit here at the complex and cannot wait to have the other one built at our Spelter park."

So, the pit looks like an octagon and the sizes varies with each pit. We decided to go with the 30' high pit with 10' boards and it definitely takes up space. The location was very important as we need a level area but close to all the other attractions we offer. Book's decision of its location really gives balance to the playground area.

"We did a lot of head scratching in determining where the most efficient place to have the pit and we decided the level area in front of the two upper pavilions was the best bet," said Book. "We knew it would take up some space, but those waiting to play can sit on the picnic tables at the pavilion and cheer on their friends. To me, it is the best place to be especially for families with varied ages. The little kids can play on the playground while the older kids can still be in the eye's view of the parents."

The game is actually pretty easy to play. First, all players must have a hand on the outer rim of the pit. A person tosses the ball into the pit. From there, all the kids says "Ga Ga....Ball" for each bounce the ball makes. After that third bounce, kids have to slap the ball towards the opponents in the pit. You cannot hold or grab the ball and make a throwing motion as it needs to be hit towards the others. If the ball hits you from the knees down, then you are out of the game. Some games takes a while to play while others takes mere minutes.

Former City Manager Martin Howe expressed his excitement as his kids play this game at 4-H camp in Jackson's Mill just outside of Weston. When I mentioned the project to him, he said that this was going to do nothing but make that playground better.

"It is a great addition to the park. My kids love to play the game and the department is correct that it will add another element to an already nice park. I am sure once word gets out, many kids like my own will be over there taking advantage of the court."

The beauty of the pit is that it is available to kids of all abilities. ADA compliance is very important to the County Commission and Book agrees that

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Shinnston Little League Looking For Umpires

The Shinnston Little League is looking for Umpires. Game times start at 5:30 pm at the earliest Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and some Fridays. Typically, the last games start at 7 to 7:30 pm and usually are completed around 9:00 pm.

Umpires for C-Ball,

Minor and Major pay on average \$15 to \$20 a game, with Plate Duty paying \$25. Experienced umpires for plate can be negotiated. Please contact ShinnstonLL@gmail.com, Facebook or text 304-266-9093 for further information.

Shinnston Little League Opens 2021 Season



Last Saturday Shinnston Little League held its 2021 Opening Day of Games with beautiful weather and many spectators.

Submitted by Derek McIntyre

On Saturday, April 10, 2021 Shinnston Little League held it's 2021 Opening Day of Games. Teams across C-Ball (machine pitch), Minor Division Kid Pitch and Major Division have been anxious to get off the practice field and play some actual games! Although there were not any traditional opening ceremonies, kids came dressed in their uniforms with bats, gloves and game faces on. Families and fans lined the field to watch and the weeks of hard work were to be tested.

Mother Nature continued to bless us with beautiful weather and the new field looked amazing. Field Maintenance Director Jason Belcastro stated the recent spring weather and continued volunteer efforts have paid off, and the league couldn't be happier with the condition of field play and facility improvements. He would like to publicly thank Robey Excavating, Nuzum Trucking, and the league volunteers who help our

league operate for the kids. League President Derek McIntyre echoes Jason's comments, and adds team and community sponsors mean the world to what Shinnston Little League is able to do.

In the first match up, L&T Construction Braves played host to the Robey Excavating Cubs. The Cubs came ready to play as they opened the game with a 5-run inning, quickly jumping on the Braves 5-0. But the Braves were not ready to quit. Led by some great batting and pitching from first year Minor Division player, Ethan Kisamore, the Braves battled back to make it a competitive game. In the end, the Cubs were too much, securing the game with a pop fly to 1st baseman Grant Robey to end the comeback. The outcome was Cubs 9 - Braves 5; both teams will rematch Tuesday evening at 7pm.

At high noon, the Hammers Market Yankees and Lee Reger Builds Dodgers took the field in the Major Division. Dodgers

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A 'San Diego Kid' Gives The Padres Their First No-Hitter



Musgrove celebrated his first no-hitter at any level with catcher Victor Caratini. Caratini also caught the last no-hitter in the majors. Credit...Ronald Martinez/Getty Images

Maybe it was fate, Joe Musgrove guessed late Friday night. How else to explain his sudden status as the first pitcher to throw a no-hitter in the history of his hometown team? Musgrove was drafted by Toronto, won a World Series with Houston and made an opening-day start for Pittsburgh. But his inner compass always pointed home.

"Just a San Diego kid

that made it to the big leagues," Musgrove said on a Zoom call from Arlington, Texas, after his 3-0 masterpiece against the Texas Rangers at Globe Life Field. "So, it feels even better to be able to do it in a Padres uniform — and, selfishly, be able to do it for my city and have everyone know that the kid from Grossmont High threw

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PATTY JEAN CRITES

Patty Jean (Salerno) Crites, 65, of Bridgeport, passed away Wednesday afternoon, April 7, 2021, in the United Hospital Center. She was born in Fairmont on October 16, 1955, a daughter of the late James Salerno and Patricia JoAnn (Scarcella) Salerno.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 40 years, David E. Crites, whom she married on October 25, 1980.

Also surviving are her daughter, Brianna Harris and her husband David Ray of Bridgeport; two sisters, Pamela M. Gemono and her husband Jimmy and Maria Spino and her husband Johnny; her two brothers, Jimmy Salerno and A.J. Salerno and his wife Josie, all of Shinnston; her nieces and nephews, Andrew Gemono, Anthony Gemono and his companion Morgan Lawrence, Alec Gemono, Olivia Spino, and Sylvie and Emmy Salerno.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother in infancy, Anthony Salerno.

Patty Jean was a graduate of Shinnston High School, Class of 1973. She was the office manager for Salerno Brothers for over 20 years, and had worked at A.J.'s Diner, her family's restaurant. She was then the office secretary for Bob Greer Law Office for nearly 20 years, until her illness forced her to retire in 2015.

She enjoyed shopping and attending church and sharing her heart and faith with God while singing. She also enjoyed the "Friday Night Lights" of Bridgeport Football.

Her biggest joy was cooking and canning hot peppers with her daughter and family, and especially being with them around the Holidays.

Memorial contributions can be made to Jewel City Church, 511 Jewel City Blvd, Meadowbrook, WV 26404.

Funeral services were held at Jewel City Church on Monday, April 12, 2021, with Pastor Robert Shingleton presiding. Interment followed in Bridgeport Cemetery.

ALSTON THEODORE "TED" CHAMP

Alston Theodore "Ted" Champ passed away on March 27, 2021. He was born August 16, 1937, the son of the late Alston Champ and Lena Poling Golden.

Ted was a graduate of Shinnston High School, West Virginia University and Colgate Rochester Theological Seminary. He retired from Cigna Corporation after living and working most of his life in and around the state of New York, New York City, and Philadelphia, PA.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Shirley J. Stanton.

Ted is survived by two nephews, George P. Stanton III and Edward Scott Stanton of Summersville, WV. Interment will be at Bridgeport Cemetery at a later date.

VERNA LYNNE ROBESY



Verna Lynne Robesy, 59, of East View, passed away on Sunday, April 4, 2021 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born January 18, 1962 in Clarksburg a daughter of Vilma Nagy Robesy who survives her in Shinnston and the late Beckley Robesy of Bingamon.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her companion of 22 years, Ricky Paugh of East View; her sister, Adrienne Robesy of Shinnston; her uncle, Wellman Robesy and his wife Nola of Bingamon and their daughter, Courtney Bias of Purcellville, VA; her step-daughters who did a wonderful job taking care of her in her final days; Sandy Paugh Stanton of Shinnston, Sarah Jane Paugh and her companion Chad Blaniar of Shinnston, and Ivy Paugh and her companion Tish Alonso of Bridgeport; her step-son, Ricky Paugh Jr. and his wife Heather of Jane Lew; her grandchildren, Robert Stanton and Kelsey Stanton of Shinnston; Steven Paugh of Cincinnati, OH; Sandi Dennison of Shinnston; Justus and Jaelyn Campbell of Bridgeport; McKennon and Rachel Paugh of Jane Lew; and Amaya Blaniar of Shinnston. She is also survived by her special cousin, Joe Nagy and

his wife Connie of Shinnston.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by her grandparents, Steve and Rose Nagy and Wellman and Elizabeth Robey.

Verna graduated Lincoln High School in 1980 and went on to attend Fairmont State University where she studied Business Administration. She worked for seven years as an over-the-road truck driver for Bell Trucking in Reading, PA. She was also an Insurance Broker and most recently, a homemaker for her family. Verna was a fabulous cook. She loved reading and especially loved her dogs, Zoe and Pugsley, as well as her furry grand-dogs.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation services were provided by Perine Funeral Home. There will be no public services. Online condolences and memories can be shared with the family at www.perinefunerals.com

Memorial contributions may be made to the Harrison County Humane Society at P.O. Box 4397 Clarksburg, WV 26302

SHEILA ANN RUSSELL



Sheila Ann Russell, 71 of Clarksburg, passed away on Monday, April 5, 2021 at United Hospital Center. She was born on May 7, 1949 to the late Marvin Minor and Sylvia Shook Minor.

Sheila is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Paul Russell; daughter, Melissa Ann Wilson (John) of Morgantown, WV; son, Patrick Dean Russell of Richmond, VA; granddaughter, Jessica Lynne Campbell (Steve) of Clarksburg, WV; grandson, Avery Landan Russell of Richmond, VA; granddaughter, Angela Renea Stapleton (Erik) of Kew Gardens, NY; great-grandchildren, Violet Claire Campbell of Clarksburg, WV; Reid Carter Campbell of Clarksburg, WV; Bella Ann Torres of Anacocoa, LA; Kolt William Diamond of Anacocoa, LA; sister, Suellen Ammerman (Jon) of Tyrone, PA; brothers, Marvin Minor (Sandra) of Mt. Clare, WV; Brian Minor (Becky) of Shinnston, WV along with several nieces and nephews who she

Out Of The Past

Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



The still-standing old 'Stone House' on lower Charles Street, built around 1821 by Aaron Shinn. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

will greatly miss.

Sheila was a care giver to her great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Freedom Southern Baptist Church where she was part of the church clothing ministry and the welcoming committee. Sheila enjoyed spending time with her great-grandkids Violet and Reid, playing her upright bass, singing bluegrass music, going to yard sales and visiting the Amish Country with her husband. She was also very proud of her grandchildren Jessie and Avery. Sheila had fun babysitting her grand dogs Minnie, Mickey, Daisy, Pearl and Princess. She was a devoted Christian who touched many lives thru her faith and she will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

A funeral service was held at Harmer Funeral Home on Friday, April 9, 2021 with Pastor Jim Sanders and Pastor Matt Magness officiating. Interment was at the Floral Hills Cemetery.

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

JUDITH IRENE THOMAS



Judith Irene Thomas of Shinnston, passed away April 2, 2021 at United Hospital Center following a brief illness. She was born September 17, 1946 in Fairmont, WV the daughter of the late Charles "Charlie" Stalnaker and Violet "Pug" (Nolder)

Stalnaker.

She is survived by the love of her life, Robert "Bob" Thomas. They were married almost 50 years and had one daughter, Crystal (Thomas) Parker and one grandson, Clint Parker. Her world revolved around Crystal and Clint. She loved every minute of it.

She will be deeply missed by her four sisters and two brothers; Charlene (Loudin) Childers (Art) of Shinnston, Shirley (Stalnaker) Nicholson Lilley (Bob) of Lumberport, Debbie (Stalnaker) Ashcraft of Shinnston, Penny (Stalnaker) Cochran of Worthington, Chuck Stalnaker of Lumberport and Mike Stalnaker (Tami) also of Lumberport; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Also surviving are her brother-in-law Dave Thomas (Donna) of Lumberport and sister-in-law Sue (Thomas) Gooden of Joetown.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers-in-laws Nick Nicholson, Ronnie Ashcraft, and Cliff Cochran, sister-in-law Jill Stalnaker, father-in-law Santford Thomas and mother-in-law Genevieve Thomas, brother-in-laws Ted and Ed Scritchfield and David Gooden and sister-in-law Phyllis Newbrough.

Judy grew up on Pleasant Hill in Shinnston. She was a stay-at-home mom while Bob worked for the Board of Education.

In 2010, she and her sisters opened Shabby Chic Sisters in Shinnston. Judy loved talking to the customers who she thought of as friends.

As the second to the oldest of seven children, Judy helped take care of her younger siblings. All

of the sisters loved to dance the Jitterbug and sing "Going to the Chapel" for their Dad.

She once said she felt like she hadn't contributed much to society because she never had a "regular" job. She was quickly reminded she had helped raise three generations of her family, along with babysitting the children of friends and neighbors. She did in fact have a huge impact by instilling morals and loving unconditionally. When the kids would misbehave or make some bad choices she would always say, "we need to talk." She would explain the problem and why the behavior or words were wrong. Every "talk" ended with a hug and I love you.

Judy attended every school, band, basketball game or awards ceremony Clint was involved in until her health prevented it. She was his biggest supporter and cheerleader and was so proud of the young man he is becoming.

She enjoyed making jewelry, cross stitching, and watching "The Curse of Oak Island." She collected antiques and loved going to estate sales. More than anything else, she loved spending time with her family. There was always a lot of good food, sharing of memories, and laughter. Her laugh was contagious and those around her couldn't help but laugh along with her.

The family would like to thank the staff of Stonerise Clarksburg (formerly known as River Oaks) for their care and dedication.

Also, a special thanks to the staff of United Hospital Center Critical Care Unit. They went above and beyond to provide

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The City of Shinnston is now hiring pool concession stand workers for the 2021 season. Responsibilities include management of the concession stand, serving guests, handling of all monetary concession transactions, taking daily concession stand inventory, and keeping track of daily money. Applicants must be responsible and trustworthy individuals that are comfortable with running a cash register and making change. This position is concession stand only. No training is necessary. Applicants may apply through Indeed or stop by the city office for an application. For any questions, please contact Anthony Tate at (304)-476-0370.

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“National Donate Life Month” **cont. from p.5**

the donation cause, honor donors and donor families, and celebrate life made possible by the decision of individuals and the dedication of donation and transplant professionals.” Approximately 11,000 people die annually who are considered medically suitable to donate organs, tissue and corneas, yet only a fraction donate. Anyone can be a potential donor regardless of age, race or medical history.

“Little League Opens Season” **cont. from p.6**

second baseman Jacob Holt recorded the game’s first hit, as the Dodgers took a 2-0 lead with aggressive baserunning after 1 inning of play. A complete pitcher’s duel would set in. Yankees’ ace pitcher Brycen Moore would get rolling, using his fastball and curveball to success. Dodger’s ace, Colton Edwards, was just as impressive shutting down the side in the next two innings of play. In the bottom of the fourth, the Dodgers took a 3-0 lead after an RBI double from Isiah Ice. Action picks back up in the top of the 6th from the Yankees. With one out, Colton Edwards allowed his first recorded hit from Yankees leadoff batter Jacob Bart who laid a great bunt down the 3rd base line. Edwards would then reach his pitch limit and be relieved by Colt McIntyre; number 45 for the Dodgers would retire the next batter on a routine fly ball to short stop. After a couple close walks to load the bases, a passed ball and error led to a 3-run inning for the Yankees. With the game tied in the bottom of the 6th, the Dodgers led off with a left field gap double from Jacob Holt. After an intentional walk of Edwards and Ice, Yankee’s pitcher Roger Duckworth was set to face Anthony Belcastro. In a true ‘walk off fashion’, Belcastro drew a walk, and Holt crossed the plate for the win. Hammers Market Yankees pitcher Brycen Moore (0-1) recorded 12 strike outs, 3 hits, on 85+ pitches for the game, while Colton Edwards (0-0) allowed one hit, recorded 13 strike outs, and 3 base on balls. Absolutely tremendous pitching from these two kids. McIntyre (1-0) is the winning pitcher of record for the game. Abruzzino Bakery Astros remained idle for Saturday, but will face Fairmont at Mary Lou Retton Park on Monday evening. In C-Ball Action, the

Vincent Lumber Red Sox hosted the T&L Hotdog Phillies. The Phillies led a balanced hitting attack, scoring 4 runs in the first inning. The Red Sox countered in the 3rd inning to make it a game. Heading into the bottom of the 6th inning and with two outs, the Red Sox began to hit the ball, and boy did they ever! Back-to-back doubles tied the game. With Cole Boyles standing on second and two outs, Red Sox first baseball Collin Benson ripped a ball to center field, easily scoring the game winning run. Final in Shinnston, Phillies 5 - Red Sox 6. In the end, a successful day in Shinnston had been completed. Sunburns, smiles and memories aplenty were etched into the late afternoon spring Saturday. All teams will be in action this week, as T-Ball opens up their season as well. You can visit Shinnstonlittleleague.com for schedule information of your favorite teams!

“Virtual Open House” **cont. from p.4**

informational sessions and panels on topics such as admissions, financial aid, housing, student services and more. Attendees will also have the option to attend academic presentations representing more than 80 programs of study, learn more details surrounding campus safety and institutional COVID-19 response measures and participate in a virtual campus tour. Each of the University’s individual colleges and schools will be featured throughout the week, including the School of Education, Health and Human Performance, College of Liberal Arts, School of Business and Aviation, College of Science and Technology and the School of Nursing. “Many families don’t fully understand the value of a college degree,” said Mirta M. Martin, Fairmont State University President. “Maroon and White Week explains that, and answers other questions prospective students and their families might have, like how to pay for school and what to major in. They’ll get the inside information firsthand from the people who know best – the faculty, staff and students who make this place so very special.” Maroon and White Week offers high school, transfer and international students, as well as adult learners, the ability to customize their individual schedules and choose sessions based on their unique interests. To register or view the event schedule, including a full list of informational sessions and panels, visit www.fairmontstate.edu/MWVisitation. Fairmont State University’s cozy, tree-filled hilltop campus is located in Fairmont, along the state’s growing high technology corridor. Fairmont State is a comprehensive, student-centered, state-supported institution offering 41 degree programs and over 90 programs of study in the arts and sciences, engineering and technology, teacher education, nursing and business administration. The institution is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association.

“Padres No Hitter” **cont. from p.6**

the first no-hitter.” It happened at last in the Padres’ 8,206th game, an even longer wait than the Mets endured before their first no-hitter in 2012, by Johan Santana in Game No. 8,020. Yet the futility of the Mets, the team that brought Tom Seaver, Nolan Ryan and Dwight Gooden to the majors, was harder to grasp. For the Padres, it seemed more fitting. A National League expansion franchise in 1969, the Padres began with losing seasons in 12 of their first 13 years. Three starters have won the Cy Young Award — Randy Jones in 1976, Gaylord Perry in 1972 and Jake Peavy in 2007 — but nobody has stayed long enough to earn more than 100 victories for the team. Musgrove looked up to Peavy and chose his old number, 44, when he joined the Padres in a trade from Pittsburgh in January. But while Peavy left his mark in San Diego, he won championships with other teams. The Padres are still waiting for their first. Musgrove was acquired to help make it happen. The Padres had already traded for Yu Darvish and Blake Snell before adding Musgrove, overhauling their rotation to support an offense built around third baseman Manny Machado and shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr., who both are signed to contracts worth at least \$300 million. The Padres’ catcher, Victor Caratini, also caught the majors’ last no-hitter by the Chicago Cubs’ Alec Mills last September. It was Mills’ first career complete game, as this was for Musgrove, in his 85th career start. It is so rare now for pitchers to throw nine innings that four of the last seven starters to throw a no-hitter had never before pitched a complete game. Working nine innings had always been a goal, Musgrove said, reinforced by his habit of lining up nine pieces of gum on a towel in the dugout for each start. He chews a piece before each inning, he said, but had never finished all nine. He also leaves a pile of empty water bottles in the dugout to track his hydration; on Friday, he gulped down 11 or 12 while maintaining another ritual. “That was the one thing I didn’t want to break the superstition of,” he said. “I didn’t want to have to use the bathroom in the middle of a start.” Musgrove pitched like a man in a hurry. He said he had never thrown a no-hitter at any level, not even Little League, and in the early innings Friday, he doubted he would do so this time. This was his second start of the season, and he had not worked into the eighth since 2019. “I figured to get six, seven, eight, nine innings in, I was going to be way too high in the pitch count,” he said. “I was kind of at peace with the idea that I would go six, seven shutout innings hitless and then hand it over to the pen and see if they could finish it off.” After six innings or so, when he realized his pitch count was lower than he’d thought, Musgrove thought he’d have a chance. Manager Jayce Tingler kept the bullpen busy in case of a hit, but said he would not have pulled Musgrove before then. “He was in control,” Tingler said. “After the seventh inning, that’s when we kind of put all the chips in. For Joe, for the team, for the organization, for the city that hadn’t had a no-hitter before, at that point you throw everything out the window and you roll with it and see where it lays out.” Musgrove got it done, with 10 strikeouts and no walks. He hit Joey Gallo in the knee with a cutter in the fourth inning, but otherwise allowed no base runners. Musgrove did not lament the lone mistake that cost him a perfect game; he actually called it a lucky break, because for all he knew, Gallo might have gotten a hit. The outcome was perfect, just the way it was supposed to be, for a San Diego kid in dreamland. “A no-hitter, regardless of where you’re playing, is really special,” Musgrove said. “But it almost seems like this was meant to be.”

Super Crossword

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“Obituaries”

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great care in her last days. The compassion shown to her and her family was truly a Godsend and saying “thank you” will never be enough.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at Dorsey Funeral Home with Pastor Duane Bartrug officiating. Internment followed at the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

HOWARD HANSON BOOTH

Howard Hanson Booth, 66, of Clarksburg, WV died April 3, 2021 at 12:23pm at his residence following an extended illness. He was born on June 25, 1954, the son of the late Glenda P. Sigley and Howard W. Booth.

Howard is survived by his wife of 47 years, Donna R. Bunnell Booth; two sisters, Melva D. Booth Fittro and husband Louis of Adamston, WV,

and Cindy J. Booth Seabright and husband Michael of Cleveland, OH; one half-sister, Shawwna Booth; as well as several nieces and nephews, including one nephew who was like a son, Michael E. Seabright, Jr.

In addition to his parents, Howard was preceded in death by his son, Howard H. Booth II and one sister, Linda R. Booth Burner.

Howard was a 30-year retiree of AGC (Forco Glass). He was an avid fisherman, hunter and motorcycle rider. Howard was also a member of Calvary United Methodist Church for many years.

Memorial donations can be sent to WVU Medicine Hospice. As per Howard’s wishes, he will be cremated and no services held. Dorsey Funeral Home handled the cremation arrangements for

the Booth family. Online condolences can be made on Howard’s memorial page on our website, www. Dorseyfuneral homewv.com.

BETTY JOANN STONESTREET BUCK

Betty Joann Stonestreet Buck, 69, of Gypsy, WV, passed away on Sunday, April 4, 2021 at her home. She was born on June 18, 1951 in Clarksburg, WV, to the late Leonard and Thelma Kerns Stonestreet.

She is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Buck Milligan and her son George Buck Jr. and his wife Brandi; three granddaughters, Macy Buck, Chelsia Bell and Kimberlee Foster, all from Gypsy, WV, and one great grandson due in July, Liam Ray Foster. She also has a sister, Rosemary (Donald) Mundell of Fairmont,

one brother, Lee (Debbie) Stonestreet of Clarksburg, WV, and a brother-in-law John Longanetta of Gypsy, WV.

In addition to her parents, Betty was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl Stonestreet and Jimmy Stonestreet and one sister, Nancy (Sissy) Stonestreet, two nephews and three nieces.

Betty enjoyed going to the flea market and yard sales. She had a passion for reading romance books and doing crossword puzzles.

The family would like to thank Amedisys Hospice for their care.

Services were held at Dorsey Funeral Home on April 7, 2021 with Pastor Tim Sandy officiating. As per her wishes, Betty was cremated. The family asks for memorial donations to be made to Senior Citizen Center in Clarksburg, WV.

James was preceded

JAMES EDGAR FINCH, JR.

James Edgar “Bub” Finch, “Big Blue” Finch, Jr., 38, of West Pike St., Clarksburg, went to be with the Lord, April 2, 2021 at his residence. He was born in Clarksburg, September 19, 1982, a son of Donna May Hughes, of Clarksburg, and James Finch and Rhonda Blosser, of Lambert’s Run, and his step-mother, Rebecca Morlock, Meadowbrook.

He is survived by his wife, Miranda Collins Finch; his mother-in-law, Brenda Collins; his children, Donovan Finch, Sabrina Finch, Katelyn Finch, Miley Finch, and Mya Finch; his siblings, Arthur Finch, Frank Horner, Barbara Horner, Joyce Horner, Josh Menendez Finch, Amanda Wright, Sandy Finch, Josh Finch, MaKayla Maxon, and Wyatt Finch.

James was preceded

in death by his grandparents, Betty Finch Yeager, Paul Finch, Junior Yeager, Harold Hughes, and Dorothy Lorkowski, his sister Brittney Horner, and his aunt Becky Murray.

James worked as a welder, landscaper, and in construction, as well as various other jobs. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, football, and spending time with his children. He was a devoted husband, father, and son. He attended Jewel City Church.

Funeral services will be held at Perine Funeral Home on April 9, 2021 with Pastor Robert Shingleton officiating. Interment was in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Enterprise. Memorial donations may be made to the family at the funeral home. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com.

AG Morrisey Intervenes To Save Power Plant, Related Jobs

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey took action Thursday to save a coal-fired power plant in northern West Virginia, a move designed to preserve reliable electricity for consumers and protect the jobs of plant workers and countless others whose livelihoods depend upon its continued success.

The Attorney General’s petition seeks to intervene in an ongoing proceeding before the state’s Public Service Commission. The case involves American Electric Power subsidiaries and potential investment needed to preserve the long-term operation of the Mitchell Power Plant in Moundsville.

“We remain dedicated to doing everything within our power to help West Virginia consumers maintain access to reliable electricity,” Attorney General Morrisey said. “Ensuring such capacity is fundamental to national security and powering our state’s economy, as well as protecting the jobs of hard-working, West Virginian utility workers, coal miners and countless others who rely upon their success.”

The Attorney General’s petition supports the continued operation of the Mitchell Plant beyond 2028 – a break with those who remain neutral on its retirement and environmentalists who favor an end to the use of fossil fuels, a move that would devastate West Virginia’s economy and the livelihoods of those who depend upon the success of coal mining.

A federal regulation requires American Electric Power subsidiary Wheeling Power to commit to the necessary investments for Mitchell by October. Without such commitment and approvals from the PSC, federal regulators would force the company to cease operations at the Mitchell plant by 2028.

Wheeling Power has requested a decision from the PSC by July 31.

DHHR Announces Healthy People Healthy Places 2021 Awards

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Public Health, Division of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease (HPCD) today announced five communities as recipients of the Healthy People Healthy Places designation, recognizing their commitment to supporting healthy choices.

This year’s gold-level awardees are the City of Beckley and Berkeley County. The silver-level awardee is the City of Fayetteville. Bronze-level awardees are the City of Morgantown and Putnam County.

Healthy People Healthy Places made a conscious effort to make West Virginia a healthier place to live, work, learn, eat, and play,” said Jessica Wright, Interim Co-Director of the Office of Community Health Systems and Health Promotion and HPCD Director. “Communities are showing a concerted effort by developing policies to address tobacco cessation and prevention, promote healthier eating, and promote physical activity. These efforts not only make our communities healthier and happier places to live, but also aim to reduce healthcare costs and build economic impact.”

“Parks & Rec”

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everyone should have the chance to play this great game.

“We attached a door to one of the sides to allow kids in the special population to get in and play as well. We love the idea of everyone playing together and this was a selling point when we pitched the courts to the Commission. There was a little confusion about the game, but once we supplied them with the materials and some videos, they gave it the approval.”

The pit is ready to go at the Recreation Complex and plans for the Spelter Park will be in the coming weeks. We would love to see everyone come and play the game, and you won’t even need to have a Poker Face. Sorry, had to say it...Ha-Ha!

communities receive signage and other materials to promote their commitment to policies, programs, and practices that promote healthier lifestyles. The Healthy People Healthy Places program also provides advice and assistance to expand the effect of community efforts.

“The last year has been challenging for both our state and local communities,” said Dr. Ayne Amjad, State Health Officer and Commissioner of DHHR’s Bureau for Public Health. “Even with the COVID-19 pandemic, these communities took steps to improve the overall wellbeing and quality of life by supporting healthy choices. Every step taken helps build a healthier and brighter future for West Virginia.”

To learn more about the West Virginia Healthy People Healthy Places program and how to apply for the 2022 designation, visit www.wvhealthypeoplehealthyplaces.com. To view the video announcement, visit <https://youtu.be/zF2Taim-OUM>.

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“Transplantable Organs & Tissue”cont. from p. 5



Brandy Sweeney, a mother of three from Point Pleasant, WV, received her heart transplant in 2015.

hours.

Lungs

Lungs extract oxygen from the atmosphere and transfer it into our bloodstream. Donated lungs save the lives of those afflicted with conditions such as cystic fibrosis, pulmonary hypertension, pulmonary fibrosis, and end-stage chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Lungs must be transplanted within six hours.

Kidneys

These organs are essentially sophisticated trash collectors. Every day your kidneys process about 200 quarts of blood to sift out about two quarts of waste products and extra water. Donated kidneys replace diseased or damaged kidneys due to conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, and polycystic kidney disease (PKD). This is the most frequent and most successful organ transplant

procedure. Kidneys can be transplanted up to 48 hours, often after being recovered.

Tissue/Cornea

Although less widely publicized than organ donation, tissue and cornea donation saves or enhances the lives of more than one million people in the U.S. each year. Donated tissue can be used for up to five years after it is recovered.

Liver

Our liver is the

workhorse of the digestive system and performs 500 function that help keep the body healthy. Donated livers replace diseased or damaged livers due to conditions such as birth defects or bile ducts, as well as infections such as hepatitis. A liver can be replaced with all or part of a healthy donor liver from a living or deceased donor. Livers can also be split into two segments for transplantation.

Pancreas

The pancreas creates digestive juices that help break down food that has left the stomach. It also produces the hormone insulin, which regulates the body’s sugar level. Individuals who have severe complications from diabetes can benefit from pancreas and/or combined kidney/pancreas transplants.

Intestines

Essentially, intestines are a long system

of tubes that absorb nutrients and water from the food we consume and processes these in stages. Most intestinal transplants are performed on infants or children to heal conditions such as twisted or blocked intestines, or short gut syndrome (SGS). Intestines are often transplanted with a liver and pancreas. Intestines must be transplanted within 12 hours.

FSU Announces Vice President Of Academic Affairs And Provost

After engaging in a national search in seeking a Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost, Fairmont State University is proud to welcome West Virginia native, Dr. Dianna Phillips to the Falcon Family. Phillips will begin her tenure at Fairmont State on Monday, April 26.

“We are beyond proud to welcome Dr. Phillips back to her roots in West Virginia and into our Falcon Family,” said Mirta

M. Martin, Fairmont State University President. “As a first-generation college graduate, Dianna Phillips brings truly understands the value of a quality college education, and the profound impact Fairmont State has on the lives of our students. She shares Fairmont State values like prioritizing student success, diversity, transformational impact and the pursuit of academic excellence, and I

look forward to a bright future under her experienced and caring leadership.” Although less widely publicized than organ donation, tissue and cornea donation saves or enhances the lives of more than one million people in the U.S. each year. Donated tissue can be used for up to five years after it is recovered.

Dr. Phillips began her higher education

career at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and serving as an administrator and faculty member, followed by a position at SUNY Brockport as an Assistant Professor. Other highlights of her professional career include, Chief Executive Officer of the District of Columbia Community College, Executive Vice President of Educational Services at Brookdale Community College in New Jersey, Dean of Technical Education at Monroe Community College in Rochester, New York, among several others.

“As a first-generation college graduate, I have deep understanding of the profound impact higher education has upon an individual and its effect as a public good for society as a whole,” said Dr. Dianna Phillips, Fairmont State University Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost. “Additionally, I am dedicated to the social justice mission of higher education, recognizing that on a University campus people from all walks of life come together in the peaceful



DR. DIANNA PHILLIPS

pursuit of knowledge. I believe that providing access, opportunity and voice to our students and communities we serve benefits both individuals and societies at large.” Phillips possesses a Doctor of Philosophy in Social Foundations of Education with an emphasis in Higher Education Administration from the University of Buffalo, in addition to a Master of Science from Buffalo State College in Student Personnel Administration with an emphasis in Adult Education. She received a Bachelor of Business Administration with an emphasis in Legal

Studies from National University in San Diego, along with an Associate General Studies Degree from Chaminade University in Honolulu. Upon her graduation from high school, Phillips joined the United States Navy where she would serve 14 years on active duty as a communications specialist in Hawaii, London, the Bahamas, Iceland and California. Dr. Richard Stephens has served as the Fairmont State Interim Provost for the 2020 – 2021 academic year. The University extends its thanks to Dr. Stephens for his service and leadership during his tenure.

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