



# Designer's Garden Center 'Blossoming' With Colorful Mother's Day Gift Ideas

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD  
*News & Journal Editor*  
Although of late, Mother Nature hasn't appeared to be completely sure what kind of weather to send us, it truly IS Spring! And after agonizing through the long winter months of harboring at home due to continued COVID precautions plus cold weather, who isn't eager to get outside and enjoy warmer temperatures and a breath of fresh air? According to Robert Bell, owner of the Designer's Garden Center located on Meadowbrook Road,

people are getting an enthusiastic early start! Now in his sixth year at the garden center, Bell says he is busier than ever. "We have more than just local customers anxious to get their outdoor spaces prepared for Spring/Summer weather; we have people coming from several other states in search of Poly-Wood outdoor furniture," Bell stated. "I had \$90,000 worth of poly furniture sitting here in March, sold it all and had to order more! People are genuinely ready to start porch and patio living this year!" The most widespread



An abundant selection of colorful flower baskets are on display outdoors and under roof ... gifts any mom will appreciate throughout the summer months.



Both potted flowers and hanging baskets with flowers that complement one another add visual interest to any outdoor space ... and if you're visiting the Designer's Garden Center, be sure to take a look at the maintenance-free polywood furniture!

# Great News For Fairmont State

*President Martin Chooses To Keep Fairmont State Her 'Home'*



MIRTA M. MARTIN

Having concluded her visit at Colorado Mesa University, Dr. Mirta M. Martin is pleased to announce she has removed herself from that school's presidential search and will remain at Fairmont State University. "I am deeply grateful for the overwhelming support of the

community, and those who have wished me their best," said Mirta M. Martin, Fairmont State University President. "I am happy to be staying home - at Fairmont State University - with our Falcon Family. I am very much looking forward to continuing to work together, as a family, with our Board

of Governors, faculty, staff and students." As the third-largest institution in the state, Fairmont State's mission has been solidified throughout President Martin's tenure, and the Board of Governors is pleased to learn she will continue to lead the University. "We are happy that

Dr. Martin has made the decision to continue her presidency at Fairmont State," said David Goldberg, Fairmont State University Board of Governors Chairman. "We look forward to continued growth under her leadership as we move forward, together." Fairmont State is a stronger institution now than three years ago when Dr. Martin began her tenure at the University, a testament

to her work alongside faculty, staff and students. This year, Fairmont State University has recorded increases in enrollment and revenues with decreases in expenses. In addition, Fairmont State recorded the highest Composite Financial Index in the state among four-year state institutions. The University has successfully navigated COVID-19 campuses

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# Snowshoe Resort – Not Just A Winter Destination, But A Summer Escape Too



Shavers Lake at Snowshoe offers an inviting beachfront with chairs and umbrellas, a dock offering access to the swimming area, paddleboats, canoes, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards, lawn games, snack shop, plus shady areas with picnic tables and hammocks.

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With COVID restrictions being somewhat less stringent now, The News & Journal recently highlighted a trip option in West Virginia, suggesting a drive north to the Wheeling area to take in the beauty of Oglebay Park. This week, we'll offer

another West Virginia getaway option to consider - this time travelling southwest to Pocahontas County, where you'll find Snowshoe, West Virginia, home of Snowshoe Resort. One part of Snowshoe is the second highest point in the state, reaching an elevation of nearly 5,000 feet above sea level.

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# Breakfast Hangouts



Building Amazing Cities

By JIM HUNT  
*author, speaker, consultant*

One of the unusual things about me is that I rarely eat breakfast at home. I don't remember when this first started, but I enjoy getting a paper and reading it with a good cup of coffee as I begin my day. I generally do this alone unless one of my grandkids is in town and or my wife gets up early and we venture out. When I am traveling, I especially enjoy having breakfast at a nice hotel restaurant with tablecloths and nice silverware. Over the years, I have found a few favorite places in town and when I'm on the road, I will go back to the same restaurant several times if the service is good.

My favorite breakfast place for the past several years has been Eat'nPark at the intersection of Interstate 79 and Route 50. I go there several times a week and have always found the service and food to be excellent. I usually sit in the same booth and when I walk in, they greet me with a smile and put my order in without me saying a word. Either Laura and Mindy will wait on me and they seem to know just when my coffee is running low. Laura has been there the longest and we kid each other

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# WV Secretary Of State Visits Local High Schools Celebrating Young Voter Registration Day



Pictured here, WV Secretary of State Mac Warner speaks to students at Lincoln High School during his visit on Young Voter Registration Day last Wednesday.

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD  
*News & Journal Editor*  
Last Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, was declared the first-ever 'WV Young Voter Registration Day' by WV Secretary of State Mac Warner, and that particular day also marked the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of West Virginia's ratification of the 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment that reduced the voting age from 21 to 18 years of age. Former U.S. Senator, the late Jennings Randolph

of West Virginia, was largely responsible for this amendment, having introduced the legislation nearly a dozen times over a 29-year period until it received the approval of the 38 states required for its ratification. Turn back the clock to 1942 when President Franklin Roosevelt and the U.S. Congress reduced the military draft age for young men from 21 to 18 in an effort to boost the nation's troop support during World War II. It was at that time that Randolph

began his quest to also reduce the voting age, stating, "If you're old enough to fight and die for your country, then you're old enough to vote"! WV Secretary of State Mac Warner is still in complete agreement with Randolph's statement and since he first took office in January of 2017, he has placed a great deal of emphasis on registering young voters. Since that time, an impressive number of young people (2,384) in Harrison

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## Food For Thought

By Leigh Currey Merrifield  
Editor

# Choosing The Right Path

We are approaching the time of year when some very unique months of schooling will come to a conclusion. Some students will be graduating and moving toward a new goal that will lead to a career path. Others, as they continue through high school, will at least begin to think about what their future may hold. What will help them determine the right path?

One of the first things a student should do is to learn about him/herself. Ask yourself some important questions: What are your values? What are your interests? What are your strengths? What are your aptitudes? Since you will spend a great deal of time in your work environment, be sure to choose something you truly love, and don't settle for a path that you don't believe will be a satisfying one. How do you KNOW your choice will be the right one? Nothing is guaranteed, but you might consider volunteering in your field of choice and getting some hands-on experience first ... or questioning someone in that field and getting their input.

One thing is certain – consider money last. Although earning a living is necessary and that spells '\$\$\$\$' money should not be your only determining factor. Know that some folks who are in very well-paid positions find that they have to work a 70-hour work week with high levels of stress involved! So devote your attention to all other factors as well before making a decision because you hope it will bring you long-lasting satisfaction.

I may be a poor example. I thought from the time I was in first grade that I wanted to become a teacher, and I never wavered from that. I earned my teaching degree (specialization – English) and was fortunate to

get a teaching job immediately after graduation. I loved it for many reasons – probably the most gratifying was working closely with students who just 'didn't get it', and then after helping them, seeing the light dawn (!) ... seeing them 'get it' ... and seeing their confidence rise. However, unbeknownst to me, the unexpected happened and I moved out of the area and substituted for a while but wanted to have a more predictable work schedule, so I worked in another field as an office manager for several years and enjoyed balancing all the figures. Oddly, I loved that too. Later, I worked in the interior design business for many years ... yes, I loved that too! I always loved making my house a 'home' and thoroughly enjoyed helping others do just that!

THEN – I returned to the local area and got into the newspaper business – first in advertising and then writing. It has been 25+ years now, and obviously I still love it (most of the time!) or I wouldn't be here. My education wasn't wasted, though, because in nearly everything I write, there is an opportunity to still 'teach' something.

I have worked nearly my entire lifetime, and I've been so blessed to have always loved what I've done. But I can tell you that money never entered into any of my choices. Yet they made me happy. I was fortunate in that respect.

Money doesn't buy happiness, but if that is your main objective, I did some research and here are the TOP annual salary earners – at the top of the salary ladder are healthcare workers – doctors, surgeons, dentists; followed by the law field – attorneys, judges, law professors; followed by architects and engineers. And in today's world, computer and information systems experts are sought after and may earn big bucks.

But that's if high-level money is your only goal. Those jobs don't always bring respect or happiness! Here's just one example ... I read recently where one physician's career went down the tubes when he was found guilty of overbilling patients to make an extra buck. And in the #2 slot (lawyers) are often popular as the brunt of jokes. Think carefully and choose what you believe will ultimately bring you joy!

A career choice should be a thoughtful one ... but to change the flow of things, I'll share just one lawyer story that I happened to receive today ... it's always good to end with something to make you smile!

One afternoon, a lawyer was riding in his limousine when he saw two men along the road eating grass. This disturbed him and he ordered his driver to stop so he could investigate. Asking why they were eating grass, they told him they didn't have money for food so this was what they ate.

"Well, come home with me and I'll feed you," the lawyer said. "But sir," one man answered, "I have a wife and two children who are over there eating grass under that tree." "Bring them along," the lawyer replied. Then he turned to the other man and invited him too. The second man said, "But sir, I have a wife and SIX children over there eating grass as well!" The lawyer invited them all and they all crowded into the limo.

On the way, both men thanked the lawyer profusely for his kindness. The lawyer replied, "I'm glad to do it. You'll really love my place; the grass is almost a foot high!"

This week's dessert: "Money, if it does not bring you happiness, can at least help you be miserable in comfort." ~ Helen Gurley Brown

# 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).

**May 6, 1812:** Activist and physician Martin Robison Delany was born in Charles Town. In February 1865, he was commissioned as a major in the U.S. Colored Troops. He was the only African-American Civil War officer to be given a field command.

**May 6, 1968:** A

continuous miner machine at the Gauley Coal & Coke Saxsewell No. 8 mine cut into an adjacent mine, which was filled with water. The resulting flood drowned four miners and trapped 21 others.

**May 6, 1968:** Newspaper publisher John S. Knight received the Pulitzer Prize for his long record of service and his series of columns opposing the Vietnam War.

**May 7, 1824:** Logan County was created by the Virginia General Assembly from parts

of Giles, Tazewell, Cabell, and Kanawha counties. The county seat was first known as Lawnsville, then Aracoma, and finally Logan.

**May 7, 1857:** William Alexander MacCorkle was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, on his father's plantation. He served as West Virginia's ninth governor.

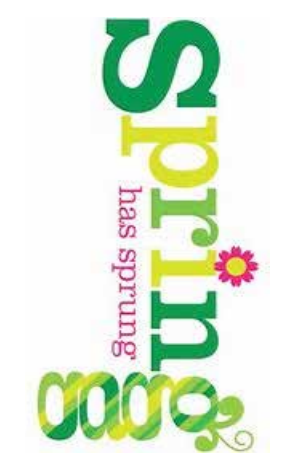
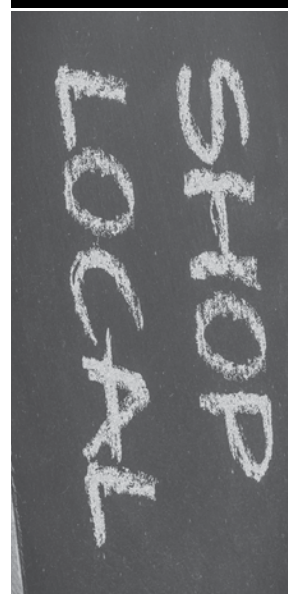
**May 7, 1928:** The Keith-Albee Theater opened in Huntington. The opening program featured a comedy called "Good Morning,

## Super Crossword

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23 Start of a riddle	7 Hosp. section	98 Got close to
25 Starts a PC session	8 Bruins' org.	99 Doughnut-shaped figure
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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.yousemore.com/bridgeport](http://www.yousemore.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).

### ST. JAMES SPAGHETTI DINNER

St. James Parish will be having a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, May 16, 2021 from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. \$10 Adults & \$5 Children – TAKE-OUT ONLY. Please call 304-623-4085 or 304-622-3385 to place your pre-order. You may also call the gym on day of dinner at 304-624-5811.

### WEST VIRGINIA HERITAGE CLASSES/ EVENTS

The following classes/events will be taking place at West Virginia Heritage Crafts at the Historic Quiet Dell School: **Rug Braiding Class** - May 22, Call Becky for details 304-363-6315; **Basket Making Class** - May 27, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM, \$52.00 - call Martha 304-483-0858 Limit 5; **Book and Craft Supply Sale** – May 1 through May 31, cookbooks, fiction, childrens books, & crafts (priced to sell) plus an assortment of craft supplies. Call 304-622-3304 for additional information.

### 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 [debbiez7@yahoo.com](mailto:debbiez7@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](mailto: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.

# WV Symphony Orchestra Announces A Season Of Live Performances For 21-22 Season



The WV Symphony Orchestra (WVSO) plans a return to full concerts for its 2021-22 season and announces the departure of its 10<sup>th</sup> Music Director, Larry Loh, at the end of the next season.

"We are so excited and energized by the phenomenal series of concerts, composers, and guest artists that we have assembled for the 21-22 season," said Joe Tackett, President of the WVSO. "The theme of this season is *Embracing Harmony* which will focus on diverse composers and performers, and at the end of the season we

will say a fond farewell to our beloved Music Director of five seasons, Maestro Lawrence Loh."

The 21-22 season will complete Loh's term with the WVSO. During his tenure, Loh made strides in expanding the WVSO's repertoire and programming music of contemporary and diverse composers.

"I look forward to celebrating the highly anticipated return to live performances with the wonderful musicians of the WVSO. We have missed the audience so much! We need live music now more than ever, and I know that this very special season will

have an impact on lives all over West Virginia. I'm so proud of all that the musicians and I have accomplished together and am confident that exciting things are in store for the WVSO's future," said Loh.

"After a challenging year due to the global pandemic, we want to thank our many supporters, our musicians, and, of course, Larry Loh for his leadership," said WVSO Board President Cindy McGhee. "We celebrate his successful tenure as we return to live performances."

"Opening Night" at the Clay Center on October 16, 2021 kicks off the Elliot Foundation Symphonic Series. The evening's concert will showcase the premiere of local composer

Matt Jackfert's "Social Dissonance" which focuses on the current atmosphere in the country. Cellist Sterling Elliott, a winner of the 2019 Sphinx Competition which champions young Black and Latinx performers, joins the Symphony for a performance of Haydn's Concerto in D Major, and the concert wraps up with Rimsky-Korsakov's Sheherazade.

The Nov. 13 concert brings a "Celebration of Keys" to the Clay Center. Fan-favorite pianist Jon Nakamatsu returns to perform Rachmaninoff's Concerto No. 2 in C minor. Also featured is modern composer Adolphus Hailstork's work, "An American

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reasons it is so popular is its carefree maintenance, durability and lasting lifespan – in addition to its comfort. Bell noted that customers can order in the colors they prefer, and even custom orders typically have only a four-week wait time until the arrival of these Amish-made products. Tables, chairs, benches, swings, gliders, planter boxes, and even poly firepits – you name it; it's available!

Now, with Mother's Day approaching, the Designer's Garden Center is saturated with vibrant color – hanging baskets, up to large 24-inch mixed basket containers, flowering baskets lodged in decorative sprinkling cans, flats of annuals that you can plant yourself, and more!

This year, Bell says he doubled his order on tropicals because they were so well-liked last year ... these include palm trees, Boston ferns, mandevillas,

etc. He also carries trees and fruit trees as well as nursery items such as arborvitae, rhododendrons, azaleas, and hydrangeas.

"After six years in this business, I've learned to place my inventory orders early – for Spring flowers, shrubs, bushes, trees, and everything else – or I might not be able to get it in time. People making purchases for Mother's Day make that one of my biggest selling days of the season, and I am not the only one getting an early start. Even my customers seem to be shopping early this year for fear of only finding leftovers," Bell continued. "Even though many folks are already shopping for moms and for Spring flowers in general, I have even more ordered from a nursery in Ohio that I deal with annually and I should have 2,000 baskets here in stock for Mother's Day ... along with special pricing on Mother's Day too.

There will be great deals on cash sales and we'll be expecting a lot of traffic during those days leading up to Mother's Day."

Inside, customers can find some seasonal outdoor flags and lots of farmhouse primitives on display as well. In addition to all this, the Designer's Garden Center also offers three varieties of mulch and five different sizes of river stone, making it one-stop shopping for getting ready for outdoor living this Spring and Summer.

Beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, Bell began staying open seven days a week and this will continue until the first of July when produce season will begin. Hours now are 9

a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

"My days start pretty early," Bell concluded. "With the cold spells that followed temperatures in the 80's, I was here before the sun came up to ensure that frost didn't harm my early arrival of inventory. I was pretty fortunate and didn't lose much, but that's one reason why I'm planning to build my own greenhouse before next year rolls around."

Whether it's for your own property or for a Mother's Day gift that mom can enjoy throughout the coming months, be sure to make a trip to the Designer's Garden Center. The selections are phenomenal!

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without furloughing employees under Martin's leadership and has continued to provide face-to-face instruction since August.

When the community needs Fairmont State, the University is there to be a partner and beacon for promise and success within the Mountain State. The future of Fairmont State is strong and will continue to soar to new and greater heights.

# "Voter Registration Day"

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County alone have done so.

Warner said, "We want young voters to know that their participation in our election process is welcomed here in West Virginia. If we can encourage our young people to register now, they are more likely to become active voters the rest of their lives."

Mike Queen, Deputy Chief of Staff & Director of Communications for Secretary Warner's office, added, "Some folks may be unaware that Secretary Warner is a West Point graduate as are his four brothers, and four of Secretary Warner's children are in military service as well. Many members of his family know very well the meaning of 'service before self', and I think that helps explain his strong support of the

late Senator Randolph's steadfast push to change the voting age years ago. It also justifies his presentation of the Jennings Randolph Award that is given annually to high schools that register at least 85% of their eligible students to vote and instruct students on ways to participate in government. It is Warner's way of honoring the late Senator Randolph's legacy."

Since Randolph was a Harrison County, WV native, it also clarifies why Secretary Warner and several members of his delegation made visits to Harrison County schools on the 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last Wednesday. Personal visits were made to Bridgeport, Liberty, Robert C. Byrd, and

Lincoln High Schools to discuss with students the importance of voter registration so they can have a voice in government. Young voters also account for half the voting population, so they can be a powerful political force.

Also accompanying Secretary Warner as he visited with students was actor Lee Dean, who portrayed the late Senator Jennings Randolph.

Although time did not allow for visits to all Harrison County high schools, all six – including South Harrison and Notre Dame – hosted voter registration drives that day. Other WV counties also held young voter registration drives during the week.

Since taking office as West Virginia's

Secretary of State four years ago, 65,145 new young voters have been registered in the state of West Virginia. No doubt, the late Senator Jennings Randolph would be proud of this support in his home state!

Any eligible citizen can now register to vote or update their current registration 24 hours a day online or download a Voter Registration Form at [www.GoVoteWV.com](http://www.GoVoteWV.com).

*The late U.S. Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia is considered the "Father of the 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment" that lowered the voting age from 21 to 18. President Richard Nixon officially signed the amendment at a White House ceremony on July 5, 1971.*

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## May Is Finally Here...It's Time To Prepare For Summer!



### GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

I have some additional thoughts on last week's column about the subject of addiction. I want to go one step further and discuss the drug of choice in our area. It seems that "FENTANYL" has hit our market and is being taken by addicts looking for a bigger and better high. It is a powerful synthetic opioid similar to morphine and is 50 to 100 times more potent.

Legally, it can be prescribed for pain by your doctor, but the painful part is that it is also made illegally. It is said that it is one of the most common drugs involved in overdose deaths. It is used in a powder form, a nasal spray or made into pills. It works on the body by binding to the opioid receptors. Its effects include extreme happiness, drowsiness, respiratory depression, unconsciousness, coma and death.

It is reported that there are dealers right here in our area. A full-blown addict will spend as much as one thousand dollars a week for their habit. Recently, on the news it was reported that many of the immigrants entering the USA from the southern border are drug dealers and they are the carriers of Fentanyl.

Detoxing from fentanyl is one of the hardest things an addict will ever face. It is very painful with nausea, painful joints and a sick feeling as though you have the flu. After taking the prescribed

medication for detox, sleep is the best way to get through it. It will take several weeks to get the body back to some type of normal state. Support (and prayers) from family is prescribed along with the detox medication. Help someone you may know get through this; it is not easy. It may be the hardest thing, but also, the best thing you can do.

On a lighter note, May is here. The weather is certainly giving us a taste of what is to come with the high temperatures for summer. Did you plan a "Cinque de Mayo" party? Celebrate our Mexican friends' heritage.

My brother, Bill, came in and it certainly was great to have dinner once again at Julios. As usual, the food was delicious.

I want to share with you a nice summer recipe to use as a dessert after a nice meal. Get a watermelon and dice it into small cubes. Place it into a large bowl and marinate it with Ammareto. Keep it chilled for about one hour and then serve it. Ammareto is basically an Italian liquor and just gives the watermelon a unique taste. This will be one of your favorite summer go-to-desserts... goodbye to ice cream.

Condolences to my dear friend, Shirleen Isabella, on the passing of Sam. What a wonderful life they made. I was also saddened to learn of the death of Emory Lehosit. He was an East View boy and we attended school together from the first through the twelfth grade ... I have many great memories.

Attend to your outside projects; get them done now so you can sit back and enjoy a leisurely summer. Take care, stay healthy and until next week, "Now You Have Heard It Through the Grapevine."

## Support The PB Treasured Memories Club ... Order Your Pizzas Today



### Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny

The Pine Bluff Treasured Memories Club is going to have a pizza sale. They are taking orders until May 16<sup>th</sup> and the pizzas can be 'curbside' picked up on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The unbaked pizzas are priced at 1 for \$7 or 2 for \$12. I still haven't found out what 3 or more would cost. Phone 681-443-1122 to place your orders.

Last Friday, I had supper (Dinner) with my dear friend, Bruce Hoffman of Kilarm. He called the night before and invited me to supper at the Cracker Barrel in Fairmont. He had some gift certificates to use up, plus his wife was going out of town. Since meetings at the Vet Center in Morgantown have been cancelled, we don't see much of each other. I met him at his house and we took his diesel Dodge pick-up. I was impressed that the diesel engine ran quieter than my Explorer ... no diesel fumes, very peppy, and it gets 25 mpg.

After eating, Bruce got the check and with me being the last of the big-time spenders, I said, "I'll pick up the tip". Well, guess what, I didn't have my wallet on me! So, I stiffed him on the tip too. I bet the next time he invites me out to eat, it will either be at McDonalds or Burger King.

I noticed Bruce is like me, he tipped the waitress/waiter personally. That way you know they get it; I could never understand the sharing of tips. You can have a courteous waitress on top of her game that will make more on tips than a coworker who just goes through the motions and then they have to share. That's where I and equality part ways...I

## Fraudulent Activity Scam Warning

West Virginia General's Consumer Attorney General Protection Division Patrick Morrissey urged the public to be wary of robocalls that seek to deceive consumers into believing that fraudulent activity exists on their checking, savings or purchasing account.

Con artists engaging in the scheme frequently pose as the consumer's bank or the representative of a familiar online purchasing platform, such as Amazon, Apple or others. The caller then requests account information to confirm and fix the situation; however, compliance opens the consumer to actual fraud. The Attorney

General's Consumer Protection Division has recently learned of such thieves swiping consumer bank accounts of \$1,600 to \$5,000. In another instance, quick action allowed the bank to stop a pending withdrawal of \$5,000. "Scam artists are despicable," Attorney General Morrissey said. "The fraudsters prey upon the consumer's fear. Everyone should stay calm and take a deep breath. A couple seconds of reason can save months of financial headache." The ploy often begins with a recorded message and the claim of potential fraud. It then urges the consumer to speak with

always wanted to go on my own merits.

Monday afternoon, Lee took me to the eye clinic at the Clarksburg VA Hospital. I have bleeders in the back of my right eye and I'm starting to lose sight. They stuck a needle in the EYEBALL to inject something. Since they told me what they were going to do a week before, I had plenty of time to think about the procedure and none of that thinkin' was good! However, it went quite well. I'll have two more monthly shots and then they will re-evaluate.

Wednesday morning, I had an appointment set up by the VA to see a local civilian Urologist, Dr. Viacheslav Iremashvili (Good old Irish name) at White Oaks. On the way home, I stopped at Price Cutters in town to pick up the essentials - milk, bread, pop, bologna, and a beaucoup of junk food. It was nice running into Buzzy Book (Former Police Chief) four times - parking lot, two aisles, and at checkout. At the latter, I asked him if he bought anything good to eat and he said yeah and invited me home to share. I told him I can bring the junk food and the cashier said, "Yes he can, I can attest to that".

Here's an update on the new riding mower's tire that I punctured last week. I purchased a new tire online and Denver changed it for me. I received an email from Home Depot stating they received a new tire they had ordered for the mower and it was free of charge and to just pick it up. One afternoon, I stopped in to pick the tire up but I insisted on paying for it. I explained the situation about how I messed the tire up myself. The nice lady said, "Mr. Matheny, to do that I'll have to get the manager and then fill out all kinds of forms. Please, just take the tire". So, I did.

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

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a live representative by pressing a specific number or utilizing a specified callback number.

The Attorney General urges those receiving such calls to follow these tips:

End the call. Don't panic. Stay calm and do not feel pressured to provide information.

Never share personally identifiable, financial and otherwise sensitive information without verifying the legitimacy of the recipient.

Call the company's verified phone number. Find such information on a recent statement or the company's legitimate website.

Beware of call spoofing. Scammers can mimic a legitimate phone number to lure consumers to believe the incoming call comes from a recognizable business.

Never agree to send cash, wire money or provide numbers associated with a credit/debit card or bank account.

Anyone who believes they have been the victim of such a scam should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-368-8808, the Eastern Panhandle Consumer Protection Office in Martinsburg at 304-267-0239 or visit the office online at [www.wvago.gov](http://www.wvago.gov).

## "Breakfast Hangouts"

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relentlessly. When my grandkids are with me, they get pancakes and milk shakes and a large Smiley cookie, which always puts a smile on their face.

On days that I don't go to Eat'nPark, I get a biscuit and coffee at the McDonalds in Nutter Fort. I go through the Drive Thru and as soon as I begin my order, they say, "Just drive around". They give me the Senior Discount and are very courteous and always have my order correct. I've gotten to know several of the young people who work there, and I am so impressed at their customer service. On days that I have my dog Jack with me, they will get him a small ice cream cone and he now expects a treat at every drive thru.

One of my favorite places to eat when I'm traveling has been the restaurant at the Wardman Park Marriott in Washington, DC. I've had breakfast there dozens of times over the years and it is always top shelf. They have a wonderful breakfast buffet, but I generally like to order off the menu. I get a Washington Post and spend over an hour just enjoying the atmosphere and people-watching. The coffee is especially good and the waitstaff is very attentive and don't mind if you linger for a while.

When my wife and I are on the road, we enjoy stopping at Waffle House. They are usually crowded, and the noise level is a little above normal, but the staff is friendly and efficient. The food is good, and I often get grits, which is always a treat. When we go to South Carolina to visit my daughter, it is always easy to find a Waffle House at just about every exit.

On my foreign travel, one of my favorite things is to eat coffee and croissants at an outdoor café. It is such a good way to start your day of sightseeing and feeling like a local. Sitting for an hour or so and just watching people on their way to work is an enjoyable start to any day. When we took our granddaughter Ali to Austria and Slovakia a few years ago, I was so happy that she shared my love of breakfast and we enjoyed getting started each day with a long visit to the local hangouts.

While I don't know how my early morning habit started, it has been an enjoyable part of my life and one that I doubt I will be changing in the future. It makes me hungry just thinking about it!

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# BUSINESS MATTERS

## Philanthropy Is In The Blood & Bones Of Antero



Team Antero volunteers are pictured here taking part in the American Heart Walk.



Members of Team Antero exhibit their spirit of giving by sprucing up a community park.

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

When many hear the name Antero, they immediately conjure thoughts of oil and gas development and

Marcellus shale in West Virginia. Antero arrived on the West Virginia scene in 2008 when it purchased 115,000 acres from Dominion Energy. In the past dozen years, the company has

drilled more than 1,000 Marcellus wells and has become the largest natural gas producer in the state and the third largest natural gas producer in the country. The oil and gas group opened its Bridgeport office in White Oaks in 2013.

According to Kevin Ellis, Antero's Regional Vice President, "It's a pretty remarkable American energy story. Thanks to advancement in shale gas drilling in 2008, West Virginia is now on the global energy stage. From the hundreds of millions of dollars paid to royalty owners in West Virginia over the years, to the jobs we have provided, to the energy independence we have secured, it's a story all of us in North Central West

Virginia can be proud of."

Antero's focus will continue to be on West Virginia's Marcellus shale and the Utica shale in Ohio. Since the pandemic began in the spring of 2020, Antero employees have been working from home with few exceptions, but as vaccinations become more readily available, employees will be brought back in to the office setting. Although headquartered in Denver, many leaders live and work in West Virginia, including Kevin Ellis, Regional Vice President, and Al Schopp, Chief Administrative Officer and Regional Senior Vice President, who splits his time between Bridgeport and Denver. Additionally,

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## SBA's WV District Office Can Help Small Businesses Navigate COVID Relief Options



KAREN FRIEL

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to make its impact known on small businesses, employees, and Mountain State residents as a whole. There are many financial relief options available to help businesses remain open and employees to continue to receive their paychecks. The Paycheck Protection

Program (PPP) remains by far the largest financial relief program ever endeavored by the United States. And there is still time to apply.

"For the average business owner, trying to understand the program and eligibility requirements can seem daunting," stated Karen Friel, SBA WV District Director. "But our team at the U.S. Small Business Administration's West Virginia District Office is here to help. We are West Virginians with a total of more than 150 years of federal and financial experience ready to help the Mountain States' small businesses navigate and

understand the different financial relief options available. The following will explain what is available through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)."

PPP offers loans for small businesses to pay operating expenses and to keep employees on payroll. The loan can be forgiven, meaning you won't have to pay it back, if at least 60 percent is used for payroll and the remaining 40 percent for allowable business expenses: mortgage interest, rent, utilities, COVID worker protection (gloves, masks, screens), uninsured property damage costs caused by looting or vandalism

in 2020, and certain supplier costs and expenses for operations. If not used correctly the loan has a one percent interest rate and a two-year maturity date if received before June 5, 2020, and a five-year maturity date if issued after June 5, 2020. The maturity date is simply the date when the loan is due.

There are two types of

PPP loans: first draw and second draw. Businesses that haven't received a PPP loan before will apply for a first draw loan. Certain businesses that previously received a PPP loan are now eligible to apply for the Second Draw.

For First Draw, you may qualify as a sole proprietor, independent contractor, or self-employed; a small

business according to SBA's size standards; certain 501(c) non-profit organizations, 501(c)(19) veterans' organizations, or tribal business concerns; or any business with a North American Industry Classification (NAICS) beginning with "72" (Accommodations and Food Services) with more than one

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## Clarksburg Hires John Whitmore As Director Of Economic Development



JOHN WHITMORE

City Manager Harry R. Faulk has appointed John Whitmore as Director of Economic Development effective June 1, 2021. Mr. Whitmore comes to Clarksburg from the role of City Planner with the City of Morgantown. He previously served with the City of Parkersburg as the City Planner. Mr. Whitmore's strengths include land

reuse and preservation and downtown design, along with administration and assistance of transportation, housing, and infrastructure development grants.

"I am confident that John Whitmore – with his knowledge of planning and policy practices – is the ideal person to grow our City for future development and financial stability by retaining current businesses and attracting developers," said City Manager Harry Faulk. "This continues our practice of moving the City forward by bringing in well qualified professionals that are willing to dedicate their time to serve

the residents of Clarksburg."

Mr. Whitmore brings with him nearly 16 years of planning experience. He has a B.A. in Public and Urban Affairs and a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning.

"I am excited to be joining the City of Clarksburg team and look forward to meeting and working with everyone. My goal within six months is to assess the City of Clarksburg and the region to begin exploring creative ways to market the City for developers and retain current business," said John Whitmore.

His start date will be June 1, 2021.

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## POWERHOME SOLAR Expands Into West Virginia

Hiring Up to 80 Employees in Coming Months



West Virginia homeowners and businesses soon will have an additional option when it comes to their source of electricity, as POWERHOME SOLAR is announcing its expansion into the Mountain State. West Virginia becomes the fourth new state

for POWERHOME SOLAR in 2021, and it is in 14 states overall.

Customers in West Virginia will be served by the company's offices in the adjoining states of Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania. POWERHOME SOLAR will be hiring 10-20 additional

installation crew members in each neighboring state to keep up with demand. The company also is actively hiring 15-20 new sales associates.

A report from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, predicts that solar installer is projected to be the third fastest-growing occupation in the United States through 2029. According to the Solar Energy

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## New Business Opening In City Of Clarksburg

The City of Clarksburg is pleased to have welcomed the recent openings of three new business to the local area.

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, Michaels Arts & Crafts opened

its doors at 204 Emily Drive, occupying the facility that was formerly AC Moore.

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, Hair Way to Beauty Salon & Barbershop was greeted by City officials as it

opened for business at 431 Clark Street in Clarksburg.

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, Beak & Snout Deli and Catering welcomed customers at 240 Park Boulevard in Clarksburg.

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## The Worst Ending Possible For Lincoln!



### The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor  
Sports Editor

The Lincoln boys basketball team finished their season in the worst way possible. The Cougars were prepared to challenge for a sectional title and then move forward to regional play with a state tournament berth on the line. Head Coach, Jordan Toth and his assistant, Andy Sorine had prepared his squad for battle and all of the hard work leading up to the postseason was just about to pay off. However, COVID-19 had a different idea and by the time it ran through Shinnston, it took with it all hopes of a deep playoff run.

It has been the same old story for a second consecutive season for Toth and company. A year ago, the coronavirus shut down play for everyone. This year, it forced several players

to quarantine, leaving not enough eligible players to suit up for play. Two Fridays ago, the Cougars were scheduled to play Robert C. Byrd for a third time this season with the sectional title on the line. A couple days prior, they had defeated Elkins which ensured an opportunity to play for a berth to Charleston. The lock-up for the title was declared a no-contest which meant that Lincoln would have to travel to Fairmont Senior for the regional final. That would have been just fine with cougar Nation as their team had momentum riding after the convincing 15-point clubbing of Elkins.

Sure, Fairmont Senior would be a formidable foe but at least they would be able to “lace em up” and lay all that the

season had brought on the line, with the chance to advance. That right was taken away from them, bringing an end to their campaign without any closure. It happened just like a movie that had no ending or a book that was missing its last chapter...the empty feeling that accompanies this pseudo ending.

This particular team will never play together again, which is the real travesty here. The bulk of the roster will return for at least another year of basketball. The ones that you really have to feel for are the three seniors that had their season highjacked by the pandemic. Payton Hawkins, Zach Snyder, and Kodi Shingleton will never be able to put the Lincoln jersey on again. Players, regardless of the sport, know when their last game in uniform will be. Once you are in a position of a win or go home situation, the reality sets in and the stakes are understood.

These players were heading into a game where the pressure was off and they were playing with house money. In other words, once they defeated the Tigers, they knew that the game against the Flying Eagles would not be the last contest. It would not be win or go home until the regional lock-up. The Cougars had won the game that they had to win to secure at least two more games. Those two match-ups would have meant the world to the coaches and the entire team, especially Payton Hawkins, Zach Snyder, and Kodi Shingleton and, unfortunately, they cannot get them back.

Congratulations to these three seniors on great careers, and hopefully, the memories that they share will overcome the ending of their time in the Cougar program.

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

## Shinnston Little League Having A “Homerun Of A Season”



BRYCEN MOORE



COLTON EDWARDS

Shinnston Little League is having a “homerun” season so far this year. Talent abounds in the league this year and many players are excelling in their skill levels. Two players in particular showcased their growth this past week...Brycen Moore and Colton Edwards.

Brycen Moore added to his home run streak of five consecutive games with a total of 7

homeruns (4 in his last four games) in this young season, as the Hammers Market Yankees beat Clarksburg 12-8 in the major division.

Also, last week, Colton Edwards added to his accomplishments this week pitching a no hitter against Fairmont’s Joe Cars with a win of 13-1. Topping off the night he ended the game with a Grand Slam.

## Governor Signs Save Girls Sports Act Into Law

The Family Policy Council of West Virginia is thrilled that Governor Jim Justice did his duty to our girls and young women by signing the Save Girls Sports Act into West Virginia law. The [West Virginia Save Girls Sports Act](#) protects high school AND college female competitors from being forced to compete against biological males who are confused about their sex.

President Biden enacted an executive order on his first day in office that put our West Virginia female athletes in peril by forcing them to compete against much bigger, stronger males if those males simply identified as

female or gender fluid. Family Policy Council President Allen Whitt said, “The new law prevents any biological male from falsely claiming he is female simply to gain the opportunity to dominate athletic competitions against our middle, high school and college female athletes. The governor did the common-sense thing here and signed a law that is wildly popular with both conservative Republicans and traditional Democrats.”

The Family Policy Council worked very hard behind the scenes with the House sponsors and with the State Senate sponsors. Senators Amy Grady and Patricia

Rucker worked together to make the final version much stronger with our model bill.

The NCAA has feigned threats against any states, (West Virginia makes the seventh to pass similar legislation,) that put protections like the Save Girls Sports Act into law.

Whitt said, “It’s politically and financially-motivated LGBTQAI activists groups like the NCAA that are part of the problem.”

“They care far more about profit than the safety and fair playing conditions for West Virginia’s female competitors. The NCAA should be ignored, they are not a law-making

body. It’s the West Virginia Legislature’s responsibility to protect our citizens from harm. They did that by passing the Save Girls Sports Act and today is a tremendous legislative victory for all female athletes in West Virginia and a victory for sport itself.”

The much-needed bill passed 80-20 in a bipartisan vote in the West Virginia State House. But we are bewildered that five Republican state senators voted against common sense protections for our girls and young women.

Whitt said, “The bizarre vote by those state senators will be an issue during their next Republican primaries.”

## West Virginia Angler Breaks 31-Year-Old Record Catching Wrong Fish



Gibson with his record-breaking catch. *West Virginia Division Of Natural Resources Photo.*

John Gibson of Poca, West Virginia, broke a 31-year-old state record when he reeled in a 27.88-pound, 35.59-inch freshwater drum on the Kanawha River recently, according to the WV Division of Natural Resources. That is a full pound heavier than the record set in

1989.

Gibson was fishing for catfish and was surprised when he reeled in the drum. “Well, I was fishing for catfish, but I guess the new WV state record drum isn’t too bad”, he said on Facebook on April 24.

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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.

In a shortened award week, this past week’s winners are Lincoln’s Delaney Haller and Robert C. Byrd’s Jeremiah King.

Cougar softball player, Delaney Haller had a strong start to the season. On Monday, Haller struck out 17 batters in 12 innings, earning a pair of wins over Liberty. On Tuesday, Haller struck out 17 batters and had a home run and a pair of doubles in a win over Fairmont Senior.

Flying Eagle basketball player, Jeremiah King led his team to a regional win over Grafton this past Tuesday. King scored a game high 27 points and grabbed five rebounds in the win over the Bearcats.

Congratulations to Lincoln’s Delaney Haller and Robert C. Byrd’s Jeremiah King for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal’s Athletes of the Week!

## Energy Express Recruitment Process Begins



### From The World Of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

Harrison County Parks and Recreation was first introduced to Energy Express when Advisory Board member Joe Oliverio and his wife brought the opportunity to Director Mike Book. And, 25 years later, Book still represents Harrison County as the coordinator and loves every minute of it.

“We have been doing this for so long now that it is almost second nature to the process, which begins in April and completes around the end of July,” said Book. “The idea of helping kids maintain or exceed their reading level and providing necessary nutrition is what drives me to come back every year and do my part.”

Those familiar to Energy Express and has had their kids go through the program understands the importance of it. It allows kids to be in an arena unlike what they experience in school. While our two sites in Harrison County resides at North View and West Milford Elementary schools, the atmosphere is far from a classroom setting. There are themed designed rooms for the kids and besides reading, other topics are practiced as Book explains.

“We definitely want to expose the kids to the wonderment of reading, but they also do arts and crafts, theater and other various forms of activities. Reading is definitely a focal with our program, but it is more with group, one-on-one and alone reading. Also, with the county nearing 95% free or reduced lunch, we provide the kids with two meals – a breakfast and a lunch before the program ends in the afternoon.”

The biggest obstacle is finding the staff to work with the kids during the session. It is a big commitment as many families vacation during the summer when the program is in full force. But, the opportunities for college tuition and other incentives makes this a prime program for kids who may need help with the costs of college.

The groups are small, no more than eight kids per mentor, and those seeking a career in education would be prime candidates, but that is not all true as Book tells about some of the professors at various colleges and what their impression of the program is all about.

“We have had professors at Penn State Law tell their students to find a program that will make their resume stand out compared to others. Besides making great grades, you need something to show that you are willing to do something to separate you from the others. With Energy Express, we have had mentors who major in engineering transfer out and go into teaching because of the impression and importance they felt as a mentor. It is a very rewarding and eye-opening experience to the kids just getting out of high school.”

The easiest form of recruitment is going to the schools and colleges and seeking students who meet the initial requirements, but with the

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**NORA JANE VINCENT**

Nora Jane Vincent, 94, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on April 24, 2021. She was born on November 28, 1926, to Earl and Maggie Lee Verna Satterfield.

She graduated from Monongah High School, class of 1945, retired from Westinghouse Corporation, Fairmont, WV after 35 years of employment where she had many friends and they all were quite fond of her.

Along with her parents, Nora was also preceded in death by her ex-husband, James William Edgar Vincent; brothers, Paul Satterfield and Jesse Tetric; sisters, Kathleen McIntire and Nevas Parrish. Nora was the last surviving member of her family.

She is survived by a cousin, Cora Sue Vandersluis of Morgantown, WV and by Janet S. Ransbottom a very special friend that was like a daughter to her. Janet and Nora were best friends for 50 years and their motto was "Best Friends Forever".

Nora will be deeply missed and etched in the heart of her Best Friend and all that knew her.

Her request was to be cremated. Online memories and condolences may be shared at [www.harmerfuneralhome.com](http://www.harmerfuneralhome.com)

**BERNICE PENNINGTON**



On Saturday, April 24, 2021, Bernice Pennington, beloved mother, passed away at the age of 94. Bernice was born on July 18, 1926 in Wyatt, WV to Fray Ratliff and Ivy Lamm Ratliff.

On April 9, 1949 she married Alvie Lawrence Pennington and together they raised 6 children: Sherry Sabo (Jay) of Quiet Dell; Tawn Watkins of Scottsdale, AZ; Kim Pennington of Bridgeport; Micha Moore (Mark) of Leesburg, VA; Candy Pennington (Rhonda Nottingham) of Durham, NC; Shawn Pennington (Renee) of Pittsburgh, PA. Bernice has six grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Bernice was a member of the Shinnston Baptist Church and a 25-year member of Shinnston Chapter of Eastern Star.

Bernice was a force of nature. As an Army wife she was called on several occasions to gather their growing brood of children and

travel to foreign places on a moment's notice. She was always ready to give advice on any problem in the form of one short sentence, "If I were you...."

She had a passion for life and met it head-on, living life to the fullest.

Memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

A funeral service was held at Harmer Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 with Pastor Bryan Lamm officiating. Interment will be at the WV National Cemetery.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at [www.harmerfuneralhome.com](http://www.harmerfuneralhome.com)

**ROBERT MICHAEL ROGERS**



Robert Michael "Mike" Rogers, 62, of Spelter, WV went to be with our Lord and Savior on April 24th, 2021 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Mike was born on September 17th, 1958 to Robert Burton Rogers of Webster Springs and Carol Sue (Jordan) Fittro of Shinnston. Mike was raised by his loving mother Carol and his father, the late Dorsey Thomas Fittro of Shinnston.

He is also preceded in death by his grandparents, Ancil and Freda Jordan, along with his nephew, Ethan Fittro.

Mike is survived by his two sons, Derek Rogers and wife Courtney, and Cody Rogers, along with his two grandchildren who were his favorite "medicine", Kennedy Adair Linville and Laine "Lainey" Elizabeth Rogers, all of Spelter; his mother Carol Sue Fittro of Shinnston; his sister, Kathi Anderson, and brother-in-law, David Anderson, of Salem and his brother, Jason Fittro, and sister-in-law, April Fittro, of Mannington. Mike is also survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Anyone that knew Mike, you knew his love for his family and his friends. You could not escape his infectious smile. He was always willing to help anyone regardless of the circumstances. He was known for going above and beyond to accommodate anyone in need. Everyone knew his door was always open whether it be his home or garage. At any time, you could find some of the neighborhood kids giving him a hand or an old friend stopping by to catch up. Mike was always willing to share his testimony to anyone battling cancer.

His inspiration, hope, and resiliency will live on forever.

He was very involved with youth sports in Shinnston. He loved to coach baseball and be around children. He coached many teams to championships throughout the years including Lincoln High School to a State Championship in 2009.

After he took an early retirement from Suddenlink Communications in 2007, you could always find him under a car in his garage. Mike's passion his entire life was anything on wheels. You knew throughout the summer you would see him at a dirt track somewhere in the country with his two boys racing. If they were not, he would be on his Harley Davidson enjoying time with his family and friends. He loved gatherings and loved to dance. His favorite past-time was being "Pappy Mike". He loved to spend time with his granddaughters riding bikes, passing ball, taking golf cart rides to the park, and laughing. He was involved with the Bikers for Christ Ministry along with the Shinnston Moose Lodge.

Throughout Mike's journey, his testimony was heard by many pastors and churches including Family Life Fellowship, Shinnston United Methodist Church, and Jewel City Church.

Our family would like to give special thanks to Dr. Osman and the entire staff at the UHC Cancer Center for 14 years of excellent care, compassion, and kindness. We would also like to extend our gratitude to the staff of the James Cancer Center at Ohio State University as well. Mike's fight was long and hard, but now he can rest and rejoice in Heaven with his loved ones.

There was a Celebration of Life on Sunday, May 2nd at the Shinnston City Park upper pavilion.

Memorial donations may be made to Wings of Hope, ATTN: Maggie Lowther, 327 Medical Park Drive Bridgeport, WV 26330.

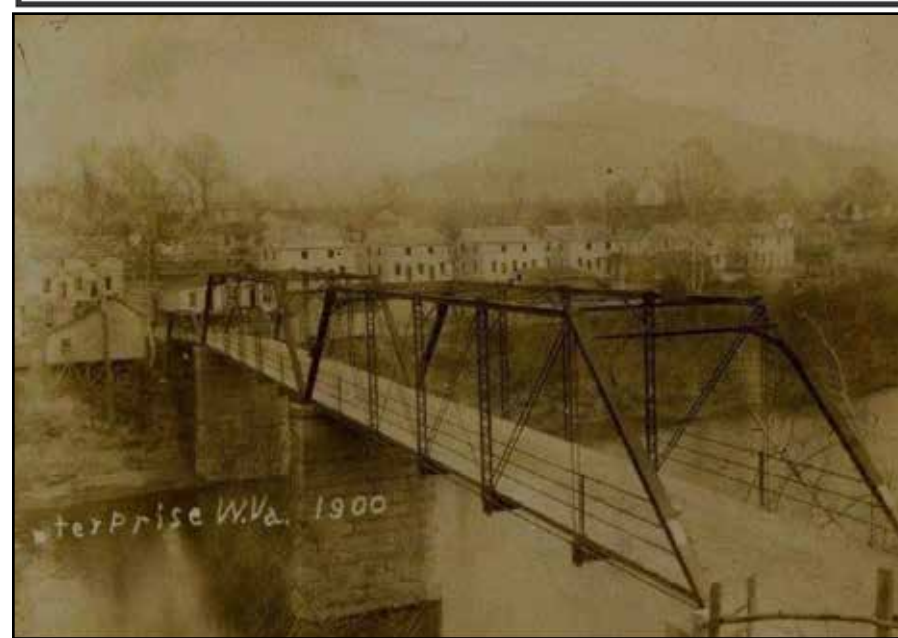
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**MAJOR RICHARD A. HIMES**



One of our faithful, a member of The Evangelists Session, Major Richard A. Himes, was promoted to Glory on, April 25, 2021. Major Himes is now reunited for eternity with his dear wife,

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The old Enterprise Bridge, 1900. Photo-office copy.

Judith, and together with all the saints they rejoice in the presence of their Lord and Savior.

Major Himes was commissioned as a Salvation Army Officer (minister) with his wife in 1969. Richard, with Judy and their three children, first met at The Salvation Army in Holyoke, MA where he served in the US Air Force. The Major faithfully served in retirement as the Corps Sergeant Major of The Salvation Army in Clarksburg, WV until his Promotion to Glory.

Major Himes graduated from Shinnston, WV High School in 1952 and immediately enlisted in the US Navy, serving aboard the USS Onslow (AVP-48) and transferred to the USS Princeton (CVA-37) during the Korean War. In 1959 Richard enlisted in the US Air Force serving at Westover Field in Chicopee, MA. He was the recipient of several medals including the National Defense, Korean War, United Nations, Good Conduct (Navy and Air Force).

In active officership, Richard served as Chaplain for the Bristol, CT Police and Fire Departments and President of Kiwanis Clubs in New Castle and Latrobe, PA and New London, CT. In retirement he served two terms as President of the West Milford, WV Lions Club. He was elected three terms to the West Milford, WV City Council and was elected for a two-year term as Mayor of West Milford, WV. Richard and Judy were inducted into the Shinnston High School Hall of Fame in 2011.

Major Richard Himes was preceded in death by his wife Judy (August 2009), two brothers and five sisters.

He is survived by daughter, Lt. Colonel Ruth Ann Stoneburner, Major R. Michael (Cathy) Himes and Major Mark A. (Sharon) Himes; seven

grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at the Salvation Army Church, 1010 South Chestnut Street, Clarksburg, WV. Entombment will be at the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery Mausoleum.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at [www.harmerfuneralhome.com](http://www.harmerfuneralhome.com)

**JAMES F. TUCKER, SR**

James F. Tucker, Sr., 75, of Swisher Hill, went to be with the Lord on Monday, April 27, 2021 at his residence following a seven-year battle with cancer. He was born in Shinnston, April 27, 1946, a son of the late Harold James and Madeline Deloris Robinson Tucker.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon Diane Satterfield Tucker on May 3, 2020.

Surviving are three sons, James Tucker, Jr. and his wife Tammy, Shinnston, Donald Satterfield, Fairmont, David Satterfield and his wife Dolly, Goose Creek, SC; two daughters, Wendy Jean Tucker Leverton, Shinnston, Deanna Yanero and her husband Jeff, Kings Mountain, NC; one grandson, Jonathan James Lamar; eight granddaughters: Stacia White, Megan Martin, Whitney Castellano, Isabella Johnson, Tori

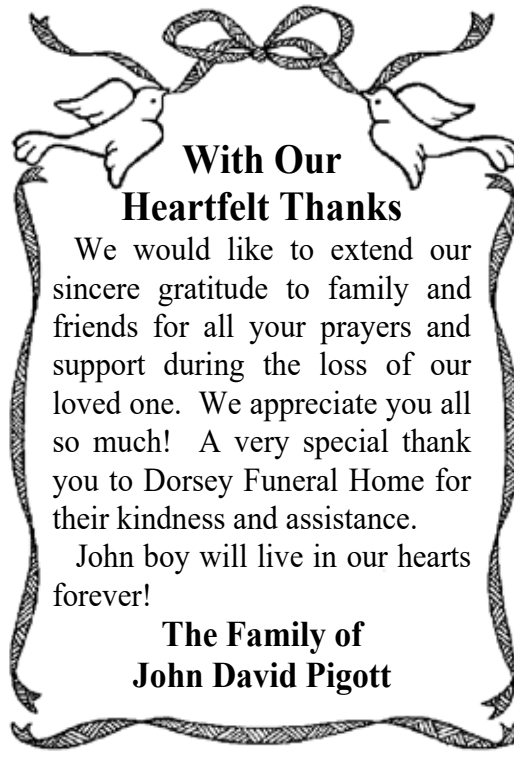
Hall, Ashley Alicea, Amber Satterfield, Annalisa Yanero; 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters: India Tucker Bates Waddy, Shinnston, Ruzella Douglas, Clarksburg; one brother, Lee Jr. Tucker, Fairmont; his former wife and mother of his children, Norma Feathers Tucker, Shinnston; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Tucker was a Vietnam Veteran having served with the United States Marines. He worked as a coal miner who had been employed at Williams Mines and Robinson Run Mines from which he retired. Jim was a member of the UMWA, the American Legion, and a former member of the Worthington Fire Department. He enjoyed racing cars at Brennan's Race Track in his younger days, hunting and fishing. He loved his dog and cat. Jim was surrounded by his family that he loved at the time of his passing. They sang "Happy Birthday" to him at midnight and at 3:00am he went on to his next journey as they held his hand. He will be missed by many.

A funeral service was held at Perine Funeral Home on Monday, May 3, with Pastor Robert Tennant officiating. Interment will in the WV National Cemetery in Pruntytown where full military rites will be

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**With Our Heartfelt Thanks**  
We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to family and friends for all your prayers and support during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate you all so much! A very special thank you to Dorsey Funeral Home for their kindness and assistance.  
John boy will live in our hearts forever!  
**The Family of John David Pigott**



# “WV Symphony Orchestra”

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Port of Call.” Rounding out the evening will be Shostakovich’s Symphony No. 5 in D Major.

On Jan. 15, 2022, along with the Happy New Year, comes a collaboration with the West Virginia Youth Symphony which will join members of the orchestra on stage for a beloved side-by-side of Beethoven’s Overture to Fidelio. Astral Artist and flute player, Annie Wu will make her Charleston, WV debut to perform Kevin Puts’ Flute Concerto. The program will conclude with a performance of Schumann’s Symphony No. 2 in C Major.

The WVSO’s fourth symphonic concert on Feb. 12, 2022, begins with the West Virginia premiere of Reena Esmail’s Black Iris (#metoo), a modern, emotional piece surrounding the #metoo movement. Guest artist Timothy Chooi, violin,

joins the orchestra for Korngold’s Concerto in D Major, while the concert closes with the Enigma Variations by Elgar.

April 2, 2022 welcomes the return of the WV Symphony Chorus for an epic performance of Mozart’s Requiem. Also included in the program is Joseph Bologne, Chevalier de Saint-Georges’ Symphony No. 2 in D Major and Brahms’ Variations on a Theme of Haydn.

The 2021-2022 Elliot Foundation Symphonic series comes to a close and we say our farewell to Maestro Loh on April 30 with a performance of up-and-coming Dallas composer Quinn Mason’s “Toast of the Town” and Rachmanioff’s Concerto No. 3 in D minor for piano featuring Natasha Paremski. The program concludes with a presentation of the

romantic era classic, Tchaikovsky’s Symphony No. 5.

The ZMM Architects & Engineers Pops Series begins with a return of a celebrated holiday tradition, Sounds of the Season. The Dec. 4 show will offer a selection of fun, holiday favorites, and, of course, a visit by Jolly Old Saint Nick.

The hits of Broadway come to Charleston on February 26, 2022, with *Blockbuster Broadway!* Celebrate show-stopping tunes from the biggest Broadway blockbusters of all time! Spend an evening with songs you love from “Wicked”, “Jersey Boys”, “The Lion King”, “Cabaret” and more performed by a trio of New York’s top vocalists. It is the ultimate show tune extravaganza

and a musical night you’ll never forget!

On March 19, 2022, an epic battle will take place between Harry Potter and Star Wars. This concert features music from all nine “Star Wars” and all eight “Harry Potter” films! With music by John Williams, along with Patrick Doyle, Nicholas Hooper, and Alexander Desplat, this concert will take you on a fantastic journey through the wizarding world of Harry Potter and to a galaxy far, far away. The audience is encouraged to wear their favorite wizard robes or Star Wars costumes. Please note: this concert will be presented without films.

The ZMM Pops Series concludes with Michael Bolton and the WV Symphony on Tuesday, May 3, 2022,

co-presented with the Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences. Bolton will take the stage to perform classics like “When a Man Loves a Woman”, “Said I Love You...But I Lied”, and more!

The WVSO also will present two additional concerts in 2021. In collaboration with the Charleston Ballet, the WVSO will present The Nutcracker on Dec. 11 at 2:00 & 7:30 p.m. The West Virginia Symphony Chorus will present Handel’s Messiah on Dec. 18. Both the Nutcracker and Handel’s Messiah will be performed on stage at the Clay Center.

Series subscription sales, which range from \$116 to \$561, will be available Monday, May 10. Single ticket sales

will begin in early fall. For more information, please visit [wvsymphony.org](http://wvsymphony.org), contact Marketing Director Amanda McDonald, [amcdonald@wvsymphony.org](mailto:amcdonald@wvsymphony.org), or call the Clay Center box office at 304.561.3570.

The West Virginia Symphony Orchestra is West Virginia’s premier performing arts organization, presenting classical, pops, and chamber-music concerts annually throughout the Mountain State. Currently entering its 83rd season, the WVSO is a proud member of the community and enriches the region by providing affordable, high-quality concerts, collaborations with West Virginia arts organizations and a nationally award-winning education program.

### ANSWERS

Grid of crossword puzzle answers including: TOTEMS, INTEARS, FORAGE, AORTIC, CHANCELLER, ABUSER, WHATSHOULDTHEYLOGSIN, MEOWS, ARI, FAIRUSE, APPACID, AERIE, SACHS, CALLABAKED, PRODUCTTHAT, TREES, REAR, LOD, SEDATE, CABAL, DANISH, DOESNOTEVENBEGINTO, AMPREIN, NODAL, EXCEL, DOE, LOGO, NNW, MATS, UND, ATSEA, ABBIE, SEMI, EROS, GETSTALE, UNTIL, SEVEN, ELOPES, NOTRE, OLD, PAL, ENTIRE, DAY, SHA, VELA, PSED, LEONA, GESTE, ETTU, SOS, PARTITE, RAH, TRACK, AROUSE, WHOLE, WE, EKB, READ, SEINES, WAVED, ELAYNE, ODEST, WHERETO, DENSER

## “Business of the Month” cont. from p.5

many of Antero’s Denver based leaders have roots in West Virginia and Ohio, notably Diana Hoff, Senior Vice President for Operations who is a Parkersburg native. Shinnston native Ben Hardesty is the lead director on Antero Resources’ board of directors, joining the board in October 2013.

“Ben’s roots in the WV gas patch run deep,” says Kevin Ellis. “He was president of Dominion E&P and served other companies in executive roles, but it’s his lifelong service to our state that has made him so influential in building the Antero culture of philanthropy.”

The 314 direct employees in West Virginia and approximately 2,000 contract employees work toward the common goal of safe and responsible shale development. For the company’s leaders, the Antero Foundation is the logical outcome of the company’s success. They abide by the words, “For those to whom much has been given, much is required”. Having found success in Appalachia, it only seemed logical for

this group of oil and gas leaders to give back to the local communities.

“Philanthropy is in the blood and bones of the company,” stated Al Schopp. “It’s just who we are.”

Antero has touched the lives of tens of thousands of West Virginians between its gifts to Mountaineer Food Bank, Harrison County CASA and the Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center. In 2019 alone, Antero employees donated more than 3,200 hours of time on various projects in our communities from working on projects in local parks to the American Heart Association Heart Walk.

A group of Antero employees participated in a team building project in support of the charitable organization Sleep in Heavenly Peace. This group’s mission is to fight child bedlessness one bunk at a time, while Project Firewood is a compelling example of Antero employees seeing a need and taking action. Project Firewood helps families that are not able to heat their homes and Antero and its vendors acquire wood that has been processed and left behind and donate it to families and schools in need.

In May 2020, Antero provided ANSI-certified face shields and hand sanitizer to United Hospital Center, Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center, Camden Clark Medical Center and Marietta Memorial Hospital. Additionally, Antero was able to provide Tyvek suits to protect workers with the Doddridge County Emergency Management Agency.

Antero again saw a need during the pandemic in the loss of work, income and food among many residents. Antero rose to the occasion and donated a large monetary gift to Mountaineer Food Bank to help alleviate food insecurity throughout the region. The company, through its Foundation,

pledged to match community donations up to \$150,000. \$300,000 was raised when the match was met and the campaign’s infusion of cash to the food bank helped to bolster mobile food pantries and school backpack programs.

Other well-known projects Antero has participated in include the wing-eating contest for the United Way of Harrison County, the Kentucky Derby Gala and the annual Dodgeball tournament. Antero has raised more than \$160,000 in fundraising dollars through the wing-eating contest since 2015 and hopes to continue with this event after the pandemic. During a four-year period, the Kentucky Derby Gala raised \$204,000 and the Oil and Gas Dodgeball tournament raised \$415,000. These funds go directly to nonprofit organizations facing the greatest needs in our communities including Children’s Home Society of WV, HOPE, Inc., the Harrison County CASA program, Genesis Youth Center, the American Heart Walk and Patrons of the Park.

Antero’s Foundation is still in its early stages with a goal to ensure the Foundation is well-positioned to leave lasting change for the better in West Virginia. To date, the Foundation has donated more than \$470,000 to worthwhile causes and focuses on five areas of giving including education, environment, community development, health and human services and arts and culture.

For more than five years, Antero Resources has partnered with a local television station, WDTV, to present Jefferson Awards to individuals committed to improving their communities through volunteer and community service. The Jefferson Awards are presented at both the national and local level and they honor ordinary people who accomplish extraordinary things.

“Volunteerism and the spirit of giving back is engrained in our people,” said Al Schopp, “That’s why this program has become so important to us.” He added, “Recognizing volunteers in our communities empowers them to do more and multiply the good, leaving a lasting, positive impact across West Virginia and beyond.”

Schopp, who is often seen sporting what many refer to as his trademark hat, said he has worn glasses since third grade and when he moved to Australia to work for a two-year period in 1988 with KPMG, “the sun was brutal”. He noted that he purchased prescription sunglasses but was always losing them or sitting on them. “They had a brand of hat called Akubra that I fell in love with,” he said, “So I traded in the sunglasses for the hat more than 30 years ago.”

“The North Central West Virginia Marcellus will continue to be our predominate play in Appalachia, now and in the near future,” noted Schopp. “As I’ve always said, West Virginia brings the ‘Big Three’ into play including great rocks, the people and a strong legislative environment,” he added.

When asked what the next chapter will bring, Schopp said that is a question he and his wife Joanne struggle with daily. He said that professionally, new Regional Vice President Kevin Ellis has taken over many of Schopp’s daily responsibilities in Appalachia. “It just made sense with the pandemic to have someone in West Virginia full time,” stated Schopp. He added, “I love my job and as long as I am at Antero I will be intimately involved in West Virginia. I started splitting my time between Colorado and West Virginia in 2013 and I have come to love everything about the Mountain State.”

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## “SBA’s WV District Office Can Help Navigate COVID Relief” cont. from p.6

physical location and employing fewer than 500 per location. A borrower is generally eligible for a Second Draw PPP loan, if the borrower previously received a First Draw and will or has used the full amount for only authorized uses; has no more than 300

employees; and can demonstrate at least a 25% reduction in gross receipts (all revenue in any form received or accrued) between comparable quarters in 2019 and 2020.

While the SBA oversees the program, decisions on whom to lend to and when

to submit paperwork is in the hands of approved PPP lenders as prescribed by Congress. The Paycheck Protection Program ends May 31, 2021 or until funds have been exhausted, whichever comes first.

You can first reach out to the lender you

do business with to see if they are a guaranteed SBA lender making PPP loans. If they aren't, don't worry, SBA [Lender Match](#) can help connect you with a lender. You can also [view all lenders near you on a map](#).

“This information hopefully cleared up many of your questions, but remember you're not alone in this journey. The SBA and the SBA resource partners are here to help.” Friel added. Sign up for the SBA

email updates at [www.sba.gov/updates](http://www.sba.gov/updates). These emails will give subscribers helpful information and access to SBA West Virginia's free training webinars and the latest SBA information as it is released. Visit [www.sba.gov/wv](http://www.sba.gov/wv) for a full list of the trainings including detailed training on applying for a PPP loan and apply for PPP forgiveness. You can contact our office at [wvinfo@sba.gov](mailto:wvinfo@sba.gov).

If you need one-

on-one counseling the SBA resource partners are ready to assist. Their business coaching services are free and confidential. Visit [sba.gov/localassistance](http://sba.gov/localassistance), enter your zip code and find the resource partner nearest you. You can also contact the WV Small Business Development Center directly at 888-WVA-SBDC, WV Women's Business Center at 304-825-5000, and SCORE at 304-347-5463.

## “New Business Registrations” cont. from p. 6

13,906 new businesses in the previous 12-month period from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021. Harrison County is reported to have 390 new businesses registered between February 1, 2020 to January 21, 2021.

All West Virginia

Secretary of State offices are currently open by appointment for in-person services. Appointments can also be made online or by phone to visit their Capitol office, OneStop Business Center and their remote offices in Clarksburg and

Martinsburg.

Nearly all business filings may be completed online through the business portal at [Business4WV.gov](http://Business4WV.gov). For immediate assistance, contact the Business & Licensing Division at 304-558-8000.

## “Angler Breaks Record” cont. from p.5

“He hit like a Mack Truck,” Gibson told McClatchy News. “Just about pulled my rod out of the rod holder. Once I got the rod in my hands,

I told Terry Legg, my fishing partner: ‘Man, this is a big one.’ At that time, I still thought it was a catfish. But when I saw it, I immediately

asked what the state record was.”

After weighing the drum, Gibson released the fish back into the Kanawha River.

## “POWERHOME SOLAR” cont. from p.6

Industries Association, the equivalent of one in eight American homes are projected to have solar panels installed by 2030.

West Virginia residents have the 16th-highest average electric bill in the U.S., per 2019 figures from the U.S. Energy Information Administration, giving consumers in the state good reason to consider adding solar. Solar panels can be financed (in some cases, for roughly the same cost as your electric bill), and unlike a reoccurring utility bill, once the financing ends, so does the payment for solar.

“This is an exciting time to offer West Virginians an alternative to grid energy,” said P O W E R H O M E SOLAR CEO Jayson Waller. “We are at a time and place when

homeowners and business owners want to own their power. Expanding into West Virginia means offering consumers a way to potentially cut costs on their electric bill, as well as reducing their carbon footprint through renewable energy.”

Not only can investing in solar energy potentially increase residential property value, current tax credits reinforce that solar energy is a sound decision. Congress recently extended a federal solar tax credit of up to 26 percent on newly-installed solar systems through 2021 and 2022.

Those interested in joining the West Virginia P O W E R H O M E SOLAR team can apply for jobs at: <http://powerhome.com/solar-jobs>, or they can send

an email to [careers@powerhome.com](mailto:careers@powerhome.com).

P O W E R H O M E SOLAR is an energy efficiency company that provides high-quality American-made solar panels as part of a complete energy-savings package for residential customers. The company launched in 2014 in Mooresville, N.C., and today has more than 1,700 employees, including a commercial division. Operating in 14 states, it is ranked No. 255 on the 2020 Inc. 5000 list of the fastest-growing private companies in America – the third time in four years that the company has made the top 300 of this prestigious list. For more information, visit <http://www.powerhome.com> or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn.

## “Parks & Rec” cont. from p. 6

pandemic and a ton of kids staying home and learning virtually, this has been a tough task to tame. Word of mouth and friends of friends have been our primary means of recruiting kids, but we still are looking for those who have not heard about the program yet.

“We will tackle the

high school counselors and administrators in hopes of getting some literature out to the kids about Energy Express,” said Book. “We just have to get word out about the advantages of being a part of this program and the difference they can make in a kid's life. Anyone can pretty much

work in retail or service, but Energy Express will be a challenging yet rewarding summer job that could factor in that career job to which you are applying.”

If interested in learning more about the program, please contact the office at the Recreation Complex.

## “Obituaries” cont. from p. 7

accorded. Condolences may be extended to the family at [www.perinefunerals.com](http://www.perinefunerals.com).

### LINDA LOU LAKE MARTIN

Linda Lou Lake Martin, 67, of Worthington, passed away on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at United Hospital Center surrounded by her family. She was born on January 4, 1954 to the late Thomas K. Lake and Victoria Price Lake.

She is survived by her loving husband, John Martin of twenty years

of marriage; daughters, Lisa Darden and her husband Michael, Sarah Spadafore and her husband Josh; step-daughter, Penny Drennen and her husband Scotty; step-son, John Boy and his wife Melinda; grandchildren, Logan Siburt, Ethan Darden, Saige Sprouse, Adele Sprouse, Ruby Spadafore, Kimberly Martin, Anthony Riley and Kelsey Riley; sister, Carol Ann Ash and her husband Frank along with several nieces and nephews.

Linda loved gardening in the summer and sitting on the porch enjoying conversations with her family and friends. She had a loving heart for her animals, especially Piggy and Sassy.

A funeral service was held at Harmer Funeral Home on Monday, May 3, 2021 with Rev. Stephanie Bennett officiating. Interment was at Enterprise I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at [www.harmerfuneralhome.com](http://www.harmerfuneralhome.com)

## Horseshoe Announces Summer Youth Programs

Teenagers and children looking for a special summer week will want to check out Camp Horseshoe's summer schedule. This is a great opportunity for summer enrichment and social-emotional engagement in a beautiful outdoor setting.

Teen camps include the high school Teen Entrepreneurship Summit, June 13 -

19, Teen Leadership Summit on June 20 - 26. Be ready for days full of great times in active learning sessions with plenty of time for recreation, the great outdoors, campfires, talent show, swimming and much more!

Adventure Camps for boys and girls ages 7 - 12 have four weeks to choose from, July 4 - 10, July 11 - 17,

July 18 - 24 and July 25 - 31. Horseshoe is a special place to grow in the mountains of West Virginia. For more information about any of these programs, check out our web page at [www.yla-youthleadership.org](http://www.yla-youthleadership.org) /Camp Horseshoe,

contact Sharon at Horseshoe Leadership Center, (304) 478-2481 or e-mail [horseshoe@yla-youthleadership.org](mailto:horseshoe@yla-youthleadership.org)

## Area Student Receives D&E College Academic Award

Davis & Elkins College students were recognized for academic achievements during the annual Honors Convocation. Ceremonies were conducted by department throughout campus.

Michael Utt of Clarksburg received the Academic Achievement Award in Criminology.

Related to the

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Davis & Elkins College is located in Elkins, 2 hours east of Charleston, 3 hours south of Pittsburgh

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# “Snowshoe”

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With breathtaking views like this, it is easy to see how Snowshoe Resort has developed the moniker “Island in the Sky”!

Typically receiving an average of 180 inches of natural snow per season, Snowshoe Resort is one of the best and most popular ski and snowboarding destinations in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic, offering 244 acres of skiable terrain with 60 slopes for all skill levels. But don't let that fool you; the resort doesn't fold up when the snow melts!

There are numerous reasons why it is just as popular during the warmer seasons. The resort also offers extensive activities during the spring and summer months – such as hiking and biking trails, horseback riding, a prestigious golf course designed by Gary Player, scenic

lift rides, swimming in indoor/outdoor pools, playgrounds, horseshoe pits and shuffleboarding, a beach area lined with umbrellas (and no sharks!), lake activities like pedal boating and kayaking, spas, and retail shopping that even includes a WV market featuring an array of products handmade by Mountain State artisans ... not to mention the dining and cultural opportunities!

Another advantage to Snowshoe's elevation is that it provides lower temperatures and less humidity even during the hot, hot months of summer! The Snowshoe Resort is located on Cheat Mountain and the

resort makes up 244 acres in total. There, vacationers can find accommodations for all budgets and all family sizes, including 1,400 condominiums and lodge hotel units. AND it's driveable, which is another perk for those who are still cautious about making vacation plans that would require airline travel.

The area – once a wooded mountain – was logged from 1905 to 1960, leaving it barren and abandoned until Thomas Brigham discovered it and thought it would be the perfect location to build a ski resort. Snowshoe Mountain opened for skiing in mid-December, 1974. Since that time, its

facilities and well as its reputation have grown, and it is now a year-round destination where visitors can find activities to suit their unique seasonal tastes.

If you're considering a summer getaway, it doesn't have to take you outside the borders of your own state. Why not experience some of 'Almost Heaven's' scenic beauty and discover why it has been called so 'wild & wonderful'? There truly are worthy destinations to embrace right in your own backyard!

Snowshoe continues to implement policies and procedures in line with state and industry guidelines throughout all facets of the resort for guests' safety.



Nothing says hello to Spring and Summer better, than mouth watering, sweet strawberries! Not only are they delicious, but also, strawberries are loaded with antioxidants and fiber. They promote weight loss and help burn stored fat. A must have addition for a healthy diet, either alone or prepared in special recipes such as this light, moist cake, which is sure to please your family and friends. Hope you enjoy!

Please remember to visit your local Price Cutter for all your cooking and baking needs.

If you have a favorite recipe to share, mail it to us at The Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal, P.O. Box 187, Shinnston, WV 26431 or send it via email to [newsandjournal@yahoo.com](mailto:newsandjournal@yahoo.com).

## FRESH STRAWBERRY CAKE

*Submitted By Debra Smith*

This is a lovely light cake with fresh strawberries baked into the batter. The batter is scented with lemon zest, vanilla and almond extract which compliment the strawberries. Since the cake is so flavorful, we love serving it simply. Try a dusting of powdered sugar on top or next to a bowl of whipped cream, or ice cream.

Makes one (8-inch) cake or 8 slices

### Ingredients

8 tablespoons (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened  
1 cup granulated sugar plus 1 teaspoon for strawberries

2 large eggs, separated

2 teaspoons lemon zest

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/4 teaspoon almond extract

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

2 teaspoons baking powder

1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 cup sour cream or plain yogurt

8 ounces fresh strawberries, hulled and halved (about 1 1/2 cups)

Powdered sugar, whipped cream or vanilla bean ice cream for serving, (optional)

### DIRECTIONS

Position an oven rack in the lower third of the oven and heat oven to 350 degrees F. Butter and flour an 8-inch by 2-inch round pan. Place the pan on an insulated baking sheet or on two regular baking sheets stacked on top of the other (this helps even baking).

In a large bowl, beat the butter and granulated sugar with an electric mixer on high speed until light and fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes.

Add the egg yolks, lemon zest, vanilla and almond extract. Beat until smooth and blended. Scrape the sides and bottom of the bowl then beat in the cinnamon, baking powder and salt.

Mix in a third of the flour until only a few streaks of flour remain then mix in the remaining flour. Add the egg whites and sour cream and mix on medium low speed just until smooth.

Spread the cake batter into an even layer in the baking pan. Gently press strawberries into the top of the batter in a circular pattern so that the strawberries are covering most of the top of the cake. Sprinkle 1 teaspoon of granulated sugar over the strawberries.

Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean, 35 to 45 minutes.

Cool cake in the pan for 5 minutes then run a knife around the edges and remove from the pan. Place strawberry-side-up on the cooling rack and allow to cool. Serve warm or at room temperature with powdered sugar sprinkled on top.



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