

## Shinnston Native Named U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief



**FLEET MASTER CHIEF JAMES R. TOCARZIC**

By **LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD**

*News & Journal Editor*

A former Lincoln High School graduate has certainly earned a lot of respect since joining the U.S. Navy. It was recently announced that Force Master Chief James R. Tocarzic has been selected as the 19<sup>th</sup> Fleet Master Chief for the U.S. Pacific Fleet. He will relieve Fleet Master Chief James Honea who has served as the Pacific Fleet

senior enlisted leader since January 2018.

In his new assignment, Tocarzic will be the senior enlisted leader for the world's largest naval command with more than 130,000 active duty and reserve Sailors who operate approximately 200 ships and submarines as well as 1,200 aircraft.

“Master Chief Tocarzic was selected from the Navy’s most dedicated and highly qualified senior enlisted leaders,”

said Adm. Samuel Paparo, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet. “With his extensive operational experience, operational acumen and inspiring leadership, he is precisely the leader we need on our winning team. His energy and unwavering commitment to our Sailors and their families is infectious. It will be my absolute honor to serve alongside him as the 19<sup>th</sup> U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief.” Tocarzic was selected

into the Command Master Chief Program in 2009 and served as the final Command Master Chief onboard USS John L. Hall (FFG32), which decommissioned in March of 2012.

Some of Tocarzic’s additional Command Master Chief tours have included: Strike Fighter Squadron 213 (VFA-213), Carrier Air Wing 1 (CVW 1), USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), and USS George Washington (CVN 73). He recently was a Force Master Chief for Commander, Naval Air Forces in San Diego, CA and has served as the Deputy Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy since July of 2020.

He is also a graduate of the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy, Command Leadership School, Keystone and NSLS. His personal awards are

numerous – the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Air/Strike Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (five awards), and various other unit awards. Master Chief Tocarzic is authorized to wear the Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist, Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist, Naval Aircrewman and Enlisted Information Warfare Specialist breast insignias and is also a designated Master Training Specialist.

Tocarzic is a Shinnston native and a 1989 graduate of Lincoln High School. He entered the Navy through the Delayed Entry Program and arrived for basic training at Recruit Training

Command, Great Lakes in December 1989.

He said that he turned to the military following high school because he felt the structure would be good for him and lead him to make good life choices; however, the Navy was not his original intention.

“I actually had an appointment to meet with a Marine Corps recruiter that day, and he didn’t show up. While I was waiting, there was a Navy recruiter there and our conversation led me to sign up. I left for boot camp within days!” he explained. “Looking back, I’m glad now that the Marine recruiter didn’t show because being in the Navy has been a blessing for me. It has offered me many opportunities and allowed me to see the world. And that’s how I met my wife who also served in the Navy for

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## Shinnston Resident Qualifies For The 125<sup>th</sup> Boston Marathon To Be Held In October



Coulter is pictured here (center) at the Rail Trail trailhead in Shinnston surrounded by his supporters wearing Boston Marathon t-shirts. He learned that he would be among the Marathon runners after his qualifying race in Erie, PA. Many in this group are members of his boxing class who were celebrating his entry into the 125<sup>th</sup> Boston Marathon.

By **LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD**

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EVERYONE has heard of the Boston Marathon, but for Shinnston resident James Coulter, it has been his lifelong goal to be a participant in that race ... and this year he qualified!

James is originally from the eastern panhandle of West Virginia (Berkeley County) where he grew up in Hedgesville. He started running in the eighth grade, ran

track all four years at Hedgesville High School, along with two years of cross country. He continued running cross country at Fairmont State University, where he graduated with a degree in Finance as well as an associate’s degree in Architecture. It was while attending Fairmont State that he met his wife, the former Kelley Burnett, a Shinnston native.

Since becoming a Shinnstonian, James has become active in the community; he served

six years on Shinnston City Council, several years as Treasurer of the First Baptist Church of Shinnston, and is an 11-year board member of the Shinnston Development Authority. Coulter is also an FBI Citizens Academy alumni and a graduate of Leadership Harrison. He is currently the Assistant Vice President of Commercial Lending at Fairmont Federal Credit Union.

Despite his career responsibilities and community involvements, James still finds the time to run; in fact, it is more or less a part of his everyday routine.

“I run at least 50 miles a week as well as do boxing and weightlifting and anywhere from 15 to 18 workouts each week,” Coulter said. “It is an important part of my runner’s training. I

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## Lincoln High School Prom’s Outdoor Venue Offers A Genuine “Bella Notte”



Pictured here, moonlight cast faint lighting through the canopy that sheltered the opulent seating area for couples attending Lincoln’s Senior Prom.

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Proms have always been a major social event for high school students and there was much disappointment last year when, due to COVID-19 restrictions, 2020 became a non-prom year. However, this year the situation was a little different. Although the planning

stages may have called for some creative thinking, for the most part, schools were allowed to hold proms – although it was suggested that an outdoor venue would better allow for safety considerations.

A noticeable change was made at Lincoln High School. Arrangements for prom events have typically always been



The Lincoln High School Prom’s outdoor setting at Ferguson Memorial Park was nothing short of a spectacular “Bella Notte” for those who attended, offering an enchanting evening that offset a most perplexing couple of years.

handled by the Junior Class with high school juniors making up the Prom Court. However, since last year’s Junior Class at Lincoln had funding raised and plans made only to have the pandemic shut down their celebration, students decided (with administrators’ approval) that since members of that class are now seniors, they still deserved to put their plans into motion.

It is expected that from this point forward, the LHS Prom will be coordinated by the Senior Class.

Payton Hawkins, President of the 2021 Senior Class, stated, “We had all worked very hard and had raised \$12,000 for our prom celebration last year. We had a theme and colors chosen and all the planning details were in place. We appreciated

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## A Good Kid



Building Amazing Cities

By **JIM HUNT**

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If you listen to any group of adults talking about today’s youth, you will probably hear many of them lamenting how today’s youth are not like those from the “good old days”. The days of “Leave it to Beaver”, the popular television show from the 1950’s, where kids said yes ma’am and yes sir, seem lost on these modern kids. I’ve always smiled when I hear people talking like this and know that they probably have not sat down and talked at any length to some of the incredible young people that make up this “modern” group of young people. Kids who have dealt with issues like school shootings, social media bullying, pandemics, drug proliferation, climate change and countless other issues have grown up in a world their parents and grandparents could hardly imagine. It is with this in mind that I highlight one of these young people who I believe is an example of the quality and character of a new generation of youth in our country.

About a dozen years ago, our granddaughter Ali would often come to our house after school and one of her young classmates would be staying with his

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# Food For Thought

By Leigh Currey Merrifield  
Editor

## The Value Of True Friendship

Many young people in our area have been celebrating or are preparing to celebrate their high school graduation. It is a time of mixed emotions for most of them. Some may breathe a sigh of relief and some may be dealing with some regrets. Some may be joyful and excited about moving on to the next phase of their lives, while others may feel anxiety about the future. And nearly all will be somewhat nostalgic, already wondering if their friends moving in different directions may bring an end to their closely connected lives. Hey, we were all there once; we know how it feels! That's why this week I feel compelled to write about the value of friendships.

These young people will find that there are all kinds of friends – there are new friends, old friends, good friends, best friends, common interest friends, e-mail friends, Facebook friends, fair weather friends, dependent friends, inspiring friends, supportive friends, and I could go on and on. Friends will come in all shapes and sizes, accompanied by different personalities and talents; they will have distinctive strong points, and they all will have faults as well. But the most wonderful part of friendship is that the relationship remains intact despite everyone's weaknesses and faults. A friend is someone who thinks you're a 'good egg', even though you may be slightly cracked and sometimes a little scrambled!

If you find one of

those rare people who asks how you are and actually wants to hear your answer, you've found a real friend. He or she will listen attentively even when you say nothing at all and will "hear" that something is wrong without you saying a word! Friendship is a little mathematical too; it adds to and multiplies your joys and subtracts from and divides your sorrows. Friends may not be able to make your problems disappear, but they are the ones who won't disappear when you're facing problems. They stand beside you and if nothing else, that trusted friend will allow you to just vent.

Friendships give people a sense of belonging, of self-worth, and a feeling of security. A positive network of people is helpful when it comes to dealing with the stress of tough times. And there is no one better with whom to celebrate your triumphs! A good friend will be just as happy to share in your successes as he or she is to understand your disappointments, and they will never get in your way UNLESS you happen to be going down!

There is so much emphasis placed today on having a long list of Facebook friends, but that is really not what is important. Let me just say this – I can't stress enough about having at least one friend, a TRUE friend, who can read your 'face' like a 'book' and ask, "What's wrong and what can I do to help you?" THAT, my friend, is a FRIEND!

I was an only child, and I think I would

best describe my really GOOD, CLOSE friends (both male and female) as the "siblings" that I chose to become a part of my family. And, now at age 70, those old friends are still there for me, just as I am for them. I've been blessed! Even my mother, now in her 90's, still has a couple of old high school buddies still living; they continue to stay in contact, sharing both the ups and the down, and always seem to make one another laugh even on a bad day. These young grads will learn that they will have friends during each stage of their lives, but only the lucky ones will have a few of those old friends who will remain in their lives for a lifetime! As the saying goes ... make new friends but keep the old.

Here is a great analogy. Compare the relationship between friends to the relationship between your two eyes. Your eyes blink together; they cry together; they see things together; and they close and sleep together. They work best as a pair, and yet they never see each other. So even during the times when busy schedules can't be coordinated to permit in-person social interaction, make every effort to stay in touch whether by phone, text, e-mail, or sending a card. You can't underestimate the value of true friendship! Just some 'food for thought' .....

This week's dessert: "Time doesn't take away from friendship, nor does separation." ~ Tennessee Williams

## 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).

**June 3, 1856:** Harriet B. Jones was born in Pennsylvania. After attending Wheeling Female College and graduating from the Women's Medical College of Baltimore, she opened a private practice in Wheeling, becoming the first woman licensed to practice medicine in West Virginia.

**June 3, 1861:** The first land battle of the Civil War took place in Philippi. About 3,000 federal troops drove about 800 Confederates from the town.

**June 3, 1861:** A company of Confederate soldiers

known as the Logan Wildcats was created at the Logan Courthouse. The company, consisting of about 85 men, first saw action at the Battle of Scary Creek.

**June 3, 1936:** The first Strawberry Festival was held in Buckhannon. More than 6,000 spectators attended the festivities, which also included a parade of 30 princesses down Main Street.

**June 4, 1975:** Clark Kessinger died in St. Albans, Kanawha County. Kessinger was among the most prolific and influential fiddlers of the 20th century, and one of West Virginia's most important traditional musicians.

**June 5, 1859:** A great frost killed crops in the Preston County fields. The

fields were replanted with hardy buckwheat, which was successful and became a staple crop, celebrated in the annual Buckwheat Festival in Kingwood.

**June 6, 1919:** Historian Otis Rice was born in Hugheston, Kanawha County. Rice was named West Virginia's first Historian Laureate in 2003.

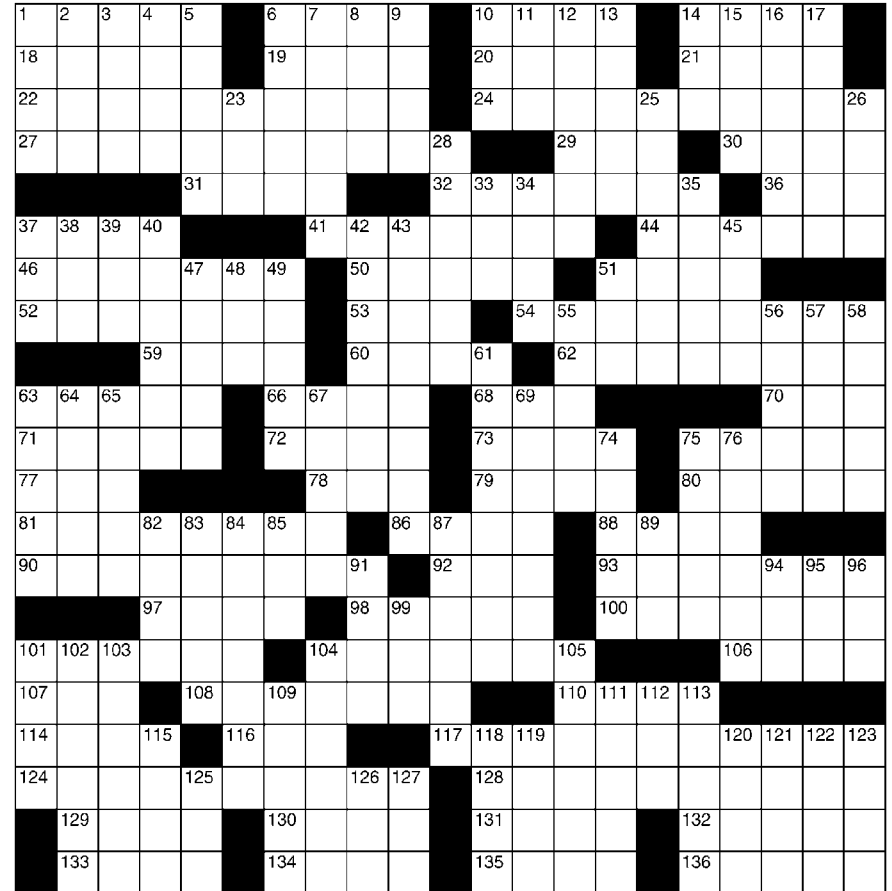
**June 6, 1989:** During the Pittston strike, about 60 miners embarked on a four-day march from Logan County to Charleston, retracing the path of the 1921 Armed March on Logan.

**June 7, 1899:** Congresswoman Elizabeth Kee was born in Radford, Virginia. She became West Virginia's first female member of Congress in 1951.

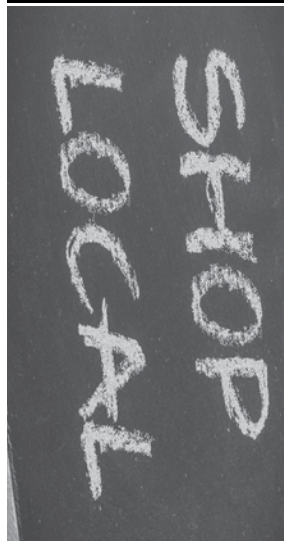
**June 7, 1926:** An

## Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Muscat dweller
  - 6 Imitate Daffy Duck
  - 10 Chest muscles, informally
  - 14 Coalition
  - 18 Billiards shot
  - 19 Not duped by
  - 20 Folk legend Guthrie
  - 21 Not-yet-final software
  - 22 Involving three parties
  - 24 One of the Clue suspects
  - 27 1971 Stanley Kubrick film
  - 29 "Shop — you drop!"
  - 30 Sully
  - 31 Middling
  - 32 Old Italian painter
  - 36 Singer Rawls
  - 37 Honcho
  - 41 Gruesome
  - 44 Louvre, e.g.
  - 46 False names
  - 50 Explorer — de León
  - 51 Shakers or Quakers
  - 52 Most malicious
  - 53 Tiny fraction of a joule
  - 54 Heroine in Nintendo's Mario games
  - 59 State boldly
  - 60 Lisa of pop
  - 62 More than friendly
  - 63 Rock
  - 66 Dictator Idi
  - 68 Have control over
  - 70 Hawaii's Mauna —
  - 71 Lindsay of "Mean Girls"
  - 72 Come to
  - 73 New York City is said to be one
  - 75 "Beetle Bailey," e.g.
  - 77 Stuck — rut
  - 78 Attain
  - 79 "Quit it!"
  - 80 Home pest
  - 81 Mexican folk musician
  - 86 WWII-era British gun
  - 88 Collins of rock and pop
  - 90 Fluorescent green Crayola color
  - 92 Period
  - 93 Slaved away
  - 97 Some Korean cars
  - 98 The Antilles, e.g.
  - 100 Tangle up
  - 101 Some shiny plastics
  - 104 Private college in the Bay State
  - 106 Chew like a rodent
  - 107 Ending for acetyl
  - 108 Legendary hero of Athens
  - 110 Regatta gear
  - 114 "In case it's true ..."
  - 116 Hotel phone abbr.
  - 117 It may follow "Use by" on a label
  - 124 Of no value
  - 128 Irvine locale
  - 129 Swamp grass
  - 130 Prefix with present
  - 131 Contents
  - 132 Singer Bonnie
  - 133 Concocted
  - 134 "Auld — Syne"
  - 135 Apropos of
  - 136 Lauder of perfume
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Nona- minus one
  - 2 Painter Chagall
  - 3 Edible pomegranate part
  - 4 Court plea, in brief
  - 5 Desks top since 1998
  - 6 Bygone theater chain
  - 7 Like some hotel dining
  - 8 Antares, e.g.
  - 9 Tyler's successor
  - 10 Infant food
  - 11 Transgress
  - 12 Attire
  - 13 Capital of Bulgaria
  - 14 Small pellets of shot
  - 15 Not including
  - 16 Peter of "Masada"
  - 17 Len of stage and screen
  - 23 Ref's ring decision
  - 25 Krypton, e.g.
  - 26 See
  - 24-Across
  - 27-Across
  - 33 "Speechless" ailer
  - 34 Set up, for short
  - 35 Actress Susan
  - 37 Scoot's cap
  - 38 Bullring shout
  - 39 Zadora of "Hairspray"
  - 40 See
  - 37-Across
  - 42 Resembling a gorilla
  - 43 Crowns for nobles
  - 45 Spring (from)
  - 47 Fourth prime
  - 48 Suffix of languages
  - 49 Snipping aid
  - 51 Transgress
  - 55 Fab Four drummer
  - 56 Actress Hayek
  - 57 Impassive
  - 58 See
  - 54-Across
  - 61 "Against the Wind" singer
  - 63 Gunky stuff
  - 64 Pitch-related
  - 65 United Airlines hub
  - 67 Houdini's skill
  - 69 Looker-on
  - 74 See
  - 53-Across
  - 75 Tots' beds
  - 76 Dark Chinese tea
  - 82 Gunky
  - 83 Stanted
  - 84 Uninvited partygoer
  - 85 That fellow's
  - 87 "Thy Neighbor's Wife" author
  - 89 Solo of "Solo"
  - 91 See
  - 90-Across
  - 94 Flew on foot
  - 95 Period
  - 96 Glistening grass stuff
  - 99 Mu — chicken
  - 101 Blood carrier
  - 102 Give
  - 103 Lipton rival
  - 104 Respiratory woe
  - 105 One slaving away
  - 109 Laud
  - 111 Spring (from)
  - 112 U.K. mil. branch
  - 113 Grocery, e.g.
  - 115 Due, as money
  - 118 96, in old Rome
  - 119 Ache
  - 120 Nest eggs for srs.
  - 121 Doing the job
  - 122 Evening, in adspeak
  - 123 See
  - 117-Across
  - 125 Praiseful poem
  - 126 "Raggedy" plaything
  - 127 See
  - 124-Across



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explosion at a sand mining operation in Morgan County killed six men. Their deaths were the inspiration for the ballad "The Miner's Doom."

**June 8, 1893:** Entrepreneur Donald F. Duncan was born. Duncan was the founder of the Duncan Yo-Yo Company and the Duncan Parking Meter Corporation.

**June 9, 1927:** Karl Dewey Myers was named the state's first poet laureate by Governor Howard Mason Gore. Myers held the post for 10 years.

**June 9, 1957:** T.D. Jakes was born in South Charleston. As a boy, he preached to imaginary congregations and carried a Bible to school, which earned him the nickname "Bible Boy." He is the senior pastor at the Potter's House, a nondenominational church in Dallas, Texas.

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### 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).

### MONONGALIA COUNTY BEEKEEPERS MEETING

The Monongalia County Beekeepers have a meeting at Mylan Park in the new Monongalia County Extension Service and 4-H Center on the first Tuesday of every month; however, meetings have been cancelled until further notice due to COVID-19. Please contact Debbie Martin for more information at 304-367-9488 or [debbee7@yahoo.com](mailto:debbee7@yahoo.com) We look forward to helping you start your beekeeping journey and will help you every step of the way!

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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.



## "Lincoln High School Prom" cont. from p. 1

that all of our work was not just cast aside, and we were able to carry out those plans this year. The only thing that really changed was the location. Instead of holding our prom in the Commons Area at our school, we moved it to Ferguson-Memorial Park, and it worked out just fine."

Members of the Prom Court were also seniors this year rather than from the Junior Class. This, too, seemed to be doubly advantageous, giving this year's Junior Class an extra year to raise funding for their prom in 2022.

The park, having been recently given an impressive facelift, was in beautiful condition, and although the amphitheater area is under roof, to add more protected space in case of rainy weather, an additional canopy was installed and decorated with miniature white

lights. The prom theme was "Bella Notte", meaning 'beautiful night' in Italian. The colors chosen were purple, green and gold. Fortunately, the school had white chair covers and gold sashes in storage, and purple table covers were added to adorn the tables, which by the way, Hawkins said class members spent months prior to the prom ironing!

A ramp was also built and a long archway was added that was complemented by barrels of grapes and wine bottles filled with more miniature white lights. Even benches and a fountain were placed on the premises for photo opportunities. The focal point of the amphitheater was a four-foot round chandelier suspended from the ceiling that featured cascading lavender and white wisteria.

Light refreshments were available and a DJ provided music for what turned out to be a magical evening! Even the weather cooperated and an early, light shower was all that threatened the students' "beautiful night".

Hawkins stressed that the event was a team effort with each class officer heading a variety of committees and working under the direction of a faculty advisor. Even the sophomore class volunteered their help with cleanup following the prom.

"The pandemic really affected our final couple of years of high school, but everyone felt that being able to hold our prom before graduating this year compensated for it. Any remaining prom funds will be used for our graduation exercises, and we're hoping the weather will again be favorable for

us since they are to be held outdoors as well," Hawkins concluded. "We offer our thanks to all who helped us ... and to everyone who supported us through the challenging times we dealt with during the pandemic."

Members of Lincoln's 2021 Senior Prom Court included: Emily Akers and Ashton Hursey; Abbie Ash and David Tate; Hayley Brown and Zak Cain; Kaylea Cook and Sam Gianettino; Emily Duffy and Payton Hawkins; Hanna Ferris (Maid of Honor) and Zach Bittinger (Knight); Emily Jett (Maid of Honor) and Logan Hostuttler (Knight); Alison Proffitt and Luke Wentz; Natalie Proffitt and Zach Snyder; Courtney Ramage and Bobby Bart; Ryleigh Richards and Ethan Shaver; and Avery Riley (Queen) and Corey Prunty (King).

## "Shinnston Resident Qualifies For The Boston Marathon" cont. from p. 1

am 41 years old and have always wanted to be in the best shape of my life in my 40's. For a runner, the Boston Marathon is the biggest race in the entire world, and since it has always been my ambition, I have spent as much time as I can preparing for it."

If the Boston Marathon has not been your dream, you need to know that a runner doesn't just send in his or her name and entry fee and show up on the day of the race! Boston Marathon entrants must meet certified qualifying requirements, and this year, more than any other year, it was a good thing that Coulter remained so dedicated to training ... and here's why ...

Last year's race was the first time in the Boston Marathon's history that it had to be cancelled, and this year, although it will be held, the number of runners has been reduced significantly. Only 14,609 runners in the entire world will be taking part, which is less than

half the number that typically participates. Coulter noted that in order to reduce runner numbers, qualifying was made even more difficult. Runners in each age group were expected to be much faster – by at least 7 minutes and 47 seconds! So only a select percentage met this qualification. Coulter was in the top 2% of runners that will run the Boston Marathon, but he says he is still not a lead runner.

"Me winning the marathon is not even in the equation, I don't think. I'm just thrilled to be a part of it," he continued.

While not only celebrating the fact that he himself qualified, James is also ecstatic that Brian Reider of Bridgeport, with whom he has been training, also qualified. AND, perhaps making this race an even bigger delight is that his father will be in the race too!

"My dad still lives in the eastern panhandle of our state and, at 61 years of age, he has been training for it

just like I have. This will be the first time running in the Boston Marathon for both of us, and to be able to do that during the same year when qualifying was so tough, is really a triumph for both of us ... and even more special because we can share this experience," he concluded.

The Boston Marathon is usually held on Patriot's Day, a state holiday in Massachusetts (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in April). Along with limiting the field of runners, this year's date was moved to October 11<sup>th</sup> so that hopefully

more progress could be made in containing the COVID-19 risks.

The course runs 26 miles and 385 yards of winding roads and city streets in eight Massachusetts cities and towns in the greater Boston area. It is considered one of the most difficult marathon courses because in addition to the length of the race, several hills along the course are quite challenging. This event attracts approximately 500,000 spectators each year, making it New England's most widely viewed sporting event!

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By Rosalyn Queen

This poem, written by John McCrae in 1915, is carved into many of our brains as we remember Memorial Day -

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses row on row  
That mark our place.....

Memorial Day is celebrated the last Monday in May. It is to honor the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives in defending our country. In Europe, the poppy was one of the first flowers to reappear on the surface of the ground where the battles were fought. This is how the poppy became the symbol of Memorial Day and it is worn in honor of the dead. Memorial Day is not celebrated as much as it once was, but we can still honor those who have given their lives to protect our freedom.

My father, who was an Italian immigrant, came to the United States about 1911. He became a citizen and about 1925 he enlisted into the Marine Corps. He trained in Quantico and then served in Nicaragua. He never talked much to us about this

phase of his life, but when he was ready to retire, we discovered that he said he was a year older in able to join the Marines. We found several pictures that he had taken but never really knew just exactly what his duties were. We only knew that he was proud to have been able to serve our country and that he felt that only the best could make it as a Marine.

I have been able to secure the address of the Marine Library and I'm hopeful that in the very near future I will be able to secure information about his service and maybe even secure a photo.

Although our family was fortunate enough not to have lost a member in the service, many of them served. My father, my uncles Rocky, Ted and Pete, my children's father, Fray Queen and my brothers-in-law, Virgil Smith and Dan Fisher all considered it an honor to serve their country.

As Memorial Day sort of marks the beginning of summer and now that the pandemic has calmed down, some things will return to normal. Perhaps we will be planning vacations, going on picnics, swimming and even traveling to visit friends and relatives. However, we may not be out of the dark with COVID and we should still be cautious with our plans and activities.

Take care, enjoy a great summer, stay healthy, and until next week, "Now You Have Heard It Through the Grapevine."

## A Tribute In Honor Of My Friend Thomas Baca



### Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny

I should have written this column last week, but like I've said before, I'm always a week behind. I would like to pay tribute to a friend and great American, Thomas Baca of Albuquerque, NM. He passed away from cancer last year on August 30, 2020.

I first met Tom in 2011 at a 145<sup>th</sup> CAB Reunion in Ft. Rucker, AL. Tom served in the same aviation company that I did in Vietnam, but he arrived two months after I had left. There was an instant connection. He started out as a helicopter Crew Chief (like me) in the Army and then went through Warrant Officer School to become a Pilot.

Tom spent two tours in Vietnam ... one year flying UH-1 Hueys and one year flying fixed wing reconnaissance aircraft. On his second tour, he was given a direct commission to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. For his heroic efforts during his tours, he was awarded the Soldiers Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, and 38 Air Medals. His exploits about earning the DFC are depicted in a one-hour documentary produced by a British film company for the National Geographic and Smithsonian Channels called, "Helicopter Wars: Vietnam Firefight".

Retiring after 20 years of service as a Major, he flew commercial and private aircraft for several years doing what he always loved. He served as Aviation Director for the New Mexico Department of Transportation from July 2004 until his retirement in October 2009.

Tom and Jack Swickard were instrumental in encouraging me, along with several other Veterans, to return to Vietnam on a 14-day tour with them in 2015. I'm forever grateful to both for the experience which helped to lay some demons to rest.

The following are remarks from the group:

Ed Knighten: "He was to me a man that would go out of his way to help anyone in trouble. A little set in his ways and beliefs, but good at heart. Meeting him and going back to Vietnam allowed me some closure on things I needed to let go. I will always cherish and be thankful for that."

Marc Cullison: "Tom was one of those rare individuals who believed people are better than they actually are. I will always aspire to be the man he believed me to be."

Ken Bartholomew: "Tom and I met at Ft. Benning, then again at Ft. Carson. We were both assigned to D 1/10 Cavalry. Our families became friends. Our children played together. Tom would do anything to help a friend. I will be eternally grateful for his friendship and for giving us the opportunity to go back to Vietnam. As Ed said, that return trip helped to fix some things. It also gave me some new great friends!"

Dinh Ngoc Truc: "He was a great friend of mine and Vietnam. From former enemy, to good friend."

Dennis Gulich: "Tom was a man who didn't hesitate to let you know how he felt about things and yet he was a very kind and thoughtful man. He was a guy you wanted for a friend. And he was a very gracious host any time I saw him in Albuquerque."

Tom was just a nice guy. He is buried at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Angel Fire, NM.

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

Ace

## Bridgeport Native Claire Ramsey Selected As Fulbright Scholar

Six Ohio University students, five alumni and a professor have been selected as recipients for the Fulbright Program, through which they will work to promote international, educational, and cultural exchange in host countries across South America, Europe, Africa, and North America.

The scholars include students Ryanne Morr, Hannah Posedel and Claire Ramsey and alumni Abby Hearne, Sue Ryu, Andrew Steinke and Dakota Tackett, who were selected for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program; students Rhea Lanier, Maya Meade, Kennedy Rasberry and alum Nile Harris, who were selected for Fulbright Canada's post-

COVID-19 Challenge; and professor of political science Myra Waterbury, who will spend four months in Budapest at the Minority Studies Institute at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

"These truly exceptional students will be working toward building relationships on an international level, while they are learning more in their areas of study through new, cultural experiences as part of the Fulbright Program," Ohio University President M. Duane Nellis said. "We are very proud to have so many students, as well as alumni and a professor, able to participate in such a prestigious and important program that elevates both their and

OHIO's global reach." Claire Ramsey, an educational administration doctoral candidate specializing in comparative and international educational leadership, from Bridgeport is the first OHIO student to receive a grant to travel to Finland through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. She will research rural teacher self-perceptions as global citizens.

"I am honored to be selected for this prestigious award and eager for the opportunity to conduct research in the Finnish education system through the perception of its rural educators," she said. "I would like to specifically thank Dr. Chris Lewis, director of Ohio University's

Office of Nationally Competitive Awards; Dr. Emmanuel Jean-Francois, associate professor of Comparative and International Education at OHIO; and my husband, family, friends, and colleagues for their ongoing support and encouragement through this process."

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is one of the most competitive academic exchange programs globally. The program fully funds U.S. students as they research, develop creative projects, and/or teach English abroad, all while dedicating part of their time to building greater understanding between the United States and host countries.

## "A Good Kid"

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grandparents just up the street. I can remember the first time I met young Timothy Murphy. He barely came up to my knee and had a smile that lit up the room. For several years, Ali and Timothy were inseparable, and it was not unusual for them to be at our house for several hours at a time. Our sidewalk was decorated with chalk drawings and we always had to be on the lookout for bicycles and scooters lying on the driveway. As they progressed through school, I would see Timothy at band concerts and other school events, and he was always ready with a big smile and a wave. I made it a point to ask him about school and what was going on in his life. He was always polite and seemed genuinely interested to be sharing a little about his soccer games or playing drums in the band.

Around the time that Ali and Timothy entered Robert C. Byrd High School, I would see his parents post things about their kids on Facebook and it allowed me to see some of the things that Timothy was doing as a young high school student. In addition to playing soccer and tennis, Timothy was very active with his church and I saw some videos of him sharing about his faith and working on projects that the church did in the community. I can remember telling my wife how proud I was of Timothy and what a good kid he was.

I saw Timothy at a tennis tournament recently and he told me that he had decided to attend Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia and pursue a religious degree. It has been a pleasure watching this amazing young man grow into a leader and person of faith. His growth within his church and within his community has been impressive. The reassuring thing about this is that Timothy Murphy is just one example of the many young people in our community who will soon take our place, as teachers, lawyers, doctors, nurses, ministers and a thousand other professions.

So, to those who may doubt the quality and character of today's young people, please rest assured that they are up to the challenge and are ready and able to help build a better society for all of us. And to my young friend, Timothy Murphy, as you and Ali go off to explore your futures, please continue being that "good kid" that I have been privileged to know for so many years!

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# BUSINESS MATTERS

## WorkAble Industries – Employing Veterans & Persons With Disabilities

The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal, in conjunction with North Central West Virginia Airport, has named WorkAble Industries as June's Business of the Month.



Surveyor stakes are one of the top requested items prepared by participants at WorkAble Industries, Inc. in Stonewood.

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

Whether you are in the mood for a delectable salad, sandwich or wrap, a screened T-shirt, need documents shredded or stakes for right-of-ways or other uses, look no further than WorkAble Industries (pronounced Work Able) in Stonewood. If the name does not sound familiar, think back to previous names such as the Harrison County Sheltered Workshop, The Sheltered Workshop or Empowerment Through Employment. No matter what name you know this agency by, you will still get quality products or a delicious lunch at a reasonable cost.

WorkAble Industries, Inc. began as the Harrison County Sheltered Workshop, Inc. in 1964 in the basement of Christ Episcopal Church in Clarksburg. The Sheltered Workshop became an independent non-profit corporation in 1969 when it moved from the basement of the church. One of the first contracts received was for surveyor stakes for the West Virginia Department of Highways. As word spread throughout the community, other contracts followed for other services. Client-workers or participants also refinished furniture, operated a woodworking shop and screen-printing shop,

caned chairs, and did document destruction and mailing services. From July 2013 until 2019, the Sheltered Workshop was known as Empowerment Through Employment, and then the name changed again to its current name - WorkAble Industries, Inc. At present, all participant employees make at least minimum wage and the organization is a job training and readiness center for veterans and persons with disabilities. Brenda Oliverio has served as WorkAble's general manager since 2012. She said the youngest employee, called a participant, is 24 with the oldest being 73. She then corrected

herself and said, "We have one gentleman who comes a couple of times a week in a wheelchair from the VA Nursing Home. He is 85 and is good at anything he touches." Oliverio also noted that WorkAble has a waitlist for participants to enter their program. The group's goal is to provide services to veterans and persons with disabilities through actual work, age appropriate and self-improvement activities so that they may attain their optimum level of social and vocational functioning. Greg Morris serves as the CEO of WorkAble. Oliverio is eager to tout the programs and

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## Fairmont State University To Expand Student Program Offerings



In mid-April, the Fairmont State Board of Governors approved curriculum proposals from the Academic Affairs Committee to establish five additional areas of study for students.

receiving support from the Board will transition into the next stages of approval from the Higher Education Policy Commission, including a Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care and Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science with

concentrations including Exercise Physiology and Kinesiology. Upon approval, Health Information Technology and Administer in Training concentrations will be available to students pursuing a Master of Science in Healthcare Management. A Police Academy concentration, minor and certificate to be offered through the College of Liberal Arts were also among the curricula presented.

has introduced 10 new programs within the past three years. As Pierpont Community and Technical College continues efforts to vacate Fairmont State campuses, a result from a Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions, it is the hope the separation will lead to opportunities for partnerships and the creation of new academic programs in the future.

"The mutual agreement to separate Fairmont State and Pierpont will provide positive outcomes as we move forward. We'll now be able to utilize more of our spaces on campus to increase instruction capabilities," said Rusty Hutson Jr., Fairmont State University Board of Governors Vice Chair. "This will afford us opportunities to improve existing programs. As Pierpont vacates Fairmont State's campus, we will also look to President Mirta M. Martin's leadership to expand our academic programs and the one-of-a-kind opportunities offered to Fairmont State students."

The Memorandum of Understanding written and signed by representatives from both Fairmont State and Pierpont was established with full support of West Virginia Governor Jim Justice and the HEPC. The document outlines plans for the transfer of assets from Fairmont State to Pierpont, along with an agreement upon an exit of Pierpont from all Locust Avenue Campus spaces by June 30, 2022. The document also details the transfer of ownership of the Gaston Caperton

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## SBA Funds 16,000 Restaurant Revitalization Fund Awards



The U.S. Small Business Administration is already delivering economic relief to more than 16,000 approved applicants to the Restaurant Revitalization Fund

(RRF), established by the American Rescue Plan and signed into law by President Joe Biden. This first round of funding represents over \$2 billion of relief

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Public Service Commission Chairman Charlotte Lane directed Suddenlink

Communications to file with the Commission by June 7, 2021, a plan to correct insufficiencies in customer service.

Chairman Lane held a recent meeting with Suddenlink representatives and Commission Staff to discuss a long list of complaints customers are experiencing. At the conclusion of the meeting Chairman Lane directed Suddenlink to file a plan that includes (1) how and when the company will open a call center in West Virginia; (2) how and when the company will hire technicians and various other employees in West Virginia to service West Virginia

customers; (3) how the company will fix problems with incorrect 911 fees being billed to customers; (4) how the company will accurately and timely process payments and credits to customer accounts; (5) how the company will fix billing errors; (6) how the company

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## Water/Sewer Project Funding Announced By WV IJDC

The West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (IJDC) announced funding for water and sewer line improvements and service extensions in towns and public service districts around the state at its meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

of water service to 31 customers. The project is estimated to cost \$799,000.

The WV IJDC was created by the WV Legislature in 1994 to serve as a funding clearinghouse for water and wastewater projects around the state. Gov. Jim Justice serves as council chairman, with Deputy Chief of Staff Ann Urling serving as his designate.

Effective at midnight June 19, 2021, West Virginia will end its participation in all federally funded pandemic unemployment compensation programs.

unemployment programs set to end on June 19<sup>th</sup> include the following:  
**Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC),** which provides for an additional \$300 weekly payment to recipients of unemployment compensation.

**Unemployment Pandemic Assistance (PUA),** which provides benefits for those who would not usually qualify, such as the self-employed, gig workers and part-time workers.

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# Homecoming And Big Wins!

## The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor  
Sports Editor



Shinnston native hardwood time on the Brett Vincent has made next level with stops at his way back to the West Virginia, Robert Mountain State landing in Buckhannon where he will lead the West Virginia Wesleyan women's basketball program. It doesn't seem that long ago that Vincent was lighting up North Central West Virginia en route to becoming the player of the year in 1986. Vincent's love for the game was apparent then and even though years have passed, nothing has changed. Most recently, Vincent has spent one season shy of a decade at Chowan University (located in Murfreesboro, NC) as the head men's basketball coach. Vincent had unprecedented success during his time running the Hawk program. Vincent has seen the game from every imaginable view. After his standout high school career, he extended his

milestone recently. Starkey garnered his 500<sup>th</sup> career win when the Cougars edged Notre Dame. The come from behind victory over the Fighting Irish put Starkey into elite diamond status in North Central West Virginia. Ironically, Starkey started his coaching career at Notre Dame spending 20 years at the helm of the Fighting Irish program. Starkey has done a magnificent job in Shinnston and his team has had an impressive 2021. Starkey is an old school coach that runs his program the right way. Starkey doesn't take shortcuts, instead he builds teams and more importantly, his players the right way. Starkey is a player's coach and is quick to give all of the praise to them. Congratulations to one of the classiest coaches you will ever find.

Phil Mickelson is coming off of the biggest win of his golfing career. Mickelson's win at the PGA championship made him the oldest major championship

winner in history. Heading into the event, many thought he was closer to obtaining his AARP card than he was to claiming another major but Lefty showed that a golfer's life doesn't end at 50. Mickelson refused to get caught up in the moment which led to a series of events, all of which went in his favor.

Mickelson slowed everything down to a crawl on Sunday. He used lengthy delays through visualization and deep breathing tactics that seemed to infuriate his playing partner, Brooks Koepka. Even though Mickelson looked to be a half breath away from a siesta, his methods served the madness on the way to the victory. It goes to show that in sports it doesn't really matter what anyone thinks, it's the results that matter. The outcome is far more important than the style points that so many athletes desire.

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



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

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

This past week's winners are Bridgeport's Lyda Sandy and Cam Cole.

Indian softball player, Lyda Sandy helped her team to a win over North Marion this past week. Sandy was 2 for 3 with a home run and a double against the Huskies. Sandy also scored three runs and drove in three runs in the victory.

Indian baseball player, Cam Cole had an exceptional week. Cole came into last Monday's game against University in relief in the first inning. Cole went the rest of the way on the mound for the come from behind win. Cole was also 5 of 7 in two additional Tribe wins this past week over Morgantown and Robert C. Byrd. In those outings, Cole scored five runs and stole four bases.

Congratulations to Bridgeport's Lyda Sandy and Cam Cole for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week!

## Recreation Complex Open For Rentals Once Again



### From The World Of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

The County Commission gave the thumbs up for rental opportunities at the Recreation Complex and all other owned properties during its weekly meeting, thus lifting a 15-month stoppage from opening the building or other properties to the public for events or special occasions. Director Mike Book says this will open more opportunities for seasonal rentals at the pavilions as well as the main room.

"We lost a ton of revenue when COVID-19 hit," said Director Book. "Weddings, showers, birthdays and even the fundraisers can bring income into our department and that helps the county as a whole. The purpose of the building is to have a place to showcase events like that and make money in the process. It is a great building and having it open back up will be good for the community."

For those who have not been to the rec complex, the main room holds as many as 240 people at one time, it has a patio overlooking a golf course across the street, as well as a full kitchen for catering companies to use to keep food warm as well as a freezer and fridge. Ice is provided by an automated machine and there is a food warming station. All in all, you will have all the amenities needed for your event.

Scheduling the place is easy as calling the office and setting a date. Due to COVID this year, those who were on the calendar will get first option to keep their date (only a year later), but then it is open to anyone who would like to rent the building or the pavilions. Book hopes for a full calendar this year.

"Our summer months are consistent with events and we should get back up and running with a full book this year. It is a great place to host and many in the county will be pleased with the setting once they book a tour of the place."

If the indoors are not your thing, then you can rent one of the pavilions towards the back end of the property or at one of our other outlying properties. There are areas for cooking as well as picnic tables to sit and celebrate. And having the playground as part of the package makes things all more enticing for the family wanting to celebrate a birthday or event.

"The playground pavilions are always busy once summer hits and it's a perfect place to celebrate kid's birthdays," said Book. "There are plenty of activities to do at the playground and the seating is accommodating for everyone. We have picnic tables that meet ADA requirements and grills for those who want to grill hot dogs and hamburgers. All-in-all, it is a great venue for the price."

As many have noticed, the rates for many facilities have changed and the Recreation Complex has adjusted its pricing as well to cover

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## Ride For Life Fundraising Event At Snowshoe GNCC Set For June 26



Rory Mead, a former XC1 Pro Bike Racer who himself suffered a catastrophic crash back in 2014, will be riding his hand bike up the six-mile steep, curvy mountain road up Snowshoe Mountain as a fundraising event for Lucas Grounds.

The Grand National Cross Country (GNCC) Ride For Life fundraising Series presented by event with former XC1 Specialized, an AMA Pro bike racer, Rory National Championship, Mead, at this year's

Snowshoe GNCC on Saturday, June 26.

Rory Mead, who himself suffered a catastrophic crash back in 2014 and became paralyzed from the waist down, came up with the idea to take on Snowshoe Mountain by riding his hand bike up the six-mile steep, curvy mountain road as a fundraising event for Lucas Grounds.

"I've been wanting to ride up Snowshoe Mountain for a few years now, as I have some great memories from that place," said Rory. "After taking part in a benefit bicycle ride for Lucas at the Hoosier GNCC, it

had me thinking that I'd love to give my support in a way that people would get behind, but also shine some light and inspiration for Lucas, proving what can be done from a wheelchair."

Lucas Grounds was injured in December while out riding when he crossed a wooden covered bridge. The front end washed out and he was tossed into one of the side pillars. Grounds continues to make amazing strides in physical rehab, but still has a long way to go in his recovery process.

"It's going to be a challenge, it's a six-mile

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## Shinnston Native Named Head Coach Of WVWC Women's Basketball Program



BRETT VINCENT

Shinnston Native, head coach of the West Virginia Wesleyan women's basketball

program.

Vincent takes over a Bobcat women's basketball program that finished 6-11 overall in 2021 including a Mountain East Conference Tournament quarterfinal appearance.

In high school, Vincent was the 1986 Morgantown Touchdown Club West Virginia Boys

Basketball Player of the Year at South Harrison in 1986. He went on to play two seasons for the Mountaineers at West Virginia before transferring to Robert Morris. Vincent finished his collegiate career at Marshall where his 43.6 percent shooting clip from beyond the arc still stands as the highest all-time career 3-point shooting percentage in program history. He earned a bachelor's degree in sports management from Marshall in 1991 and a master's degree in education from Salem-Teikyo in 2000.

Vincent is coming off a nine-year stint (2012-21) as the head men's basketball coach at Chowan University in Murfreesboro, N.C. He turned around a Chowan

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Former Mountaineer Rifle Team Member Patrick Sunderman is heading to Tokyo. Sunderman, who competed for WVU from 2012-16, finished first at the Olympic Trials with a score of 4706. Nick Mowrer will be the other male representative for the U.S. in the smallbore in this summer's XXXII Olympiad, which is slated to run from July 23 to Aug. 8 in Japan.

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**MARY VIRGINIA (OLIVERIO) FAZALARE**



Mary Virginia (Oliverio) Fazalare, 95, passed away on Friday, May 21, 2021 at Weirton Medical Center in Weirton, WV. She had recently moved to Serra Manor Assisted Living facility in Weirton.

She was born on March 30, 1926 in Viropa, WV, the daughter of Antonio and Teresa Oliverio.

She graduated from Shinnston High School in 1944. Mary worked for J.C. Penney Company in downtown Clarksburg for many years, and finished her working career at WesBanco in Shinnston.

Mary was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and its Altar Rosary Society in Shinnston. Mary worked with a group of church women and men who cooked and baked for spaghetti dinners and events held at the church social hall. Mary volunteered to deliver Meals-On-Wheels and with other charities in her community for many years.

Mary is survived by her son, Jim Fazalare and his wife, Marie of Weirton, WV, and her daughter Carolyn Kite and her husband, Dr. Carl, of Wheeling, WV; grandchildren Amy Miller, Dr. Joseph Fazalare (Krysta), Cara Hawkins (Jeremiah), Christopher Kite and Catherine Kite; and seven great-grandchildren. Mary is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, James F. Fazalare, brother Sam Oliverio, sisters Josephine Selario and Victoria Fratto. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Father Chris Turner as Celebrant on May 25, 2021 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Interment followed at the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery in Shinnston, WV. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Ann's Catholic Church, 610 Pike Street, Shinnston, WV 26431.

**JANET LEA SAVINA NUTTER**  
Janet Lea Savina Nutter, 69, of Stonewood passed away on Thursday, May 20, 2021. She was born in Clarksburg on April 9, 1952, a daughter of the late Paul Clifford Savina and Frances Madeline Savina Walls. She is survived by

her husband, Edward Nutter, whom she married on June 8, 1974.

Also surviving are two children, Edward Paul Nutter and his wife Kristy of Clarksburg and Sara Lea Arbogast and her husband Gary of Clarksburg; three grandchildren, Nolan Arbogast, Kilee Williams and John Arbogast; one sister, Paula Elder of Clarksburg; four nieces and nephews, Jordan Elder and his wife Alyssa of Morgantown, Rhea Hamric and her husband Lee of Clarksburg, Leeandra Sabatelli and her husband Tony of Clarksburg, and Stacey Oxley and her husband Trevor of Clarksburg; three great nieces and great nephews, Jacob Elder, Audrey Hamric and Henry Hamric; as well as her dog, Milo and cat, Odie.

Mrs. Nutter was a 1970 graduate of Washington Irving High School, was formerly employed at Weber's Flowers and was a member of the Congregational Missionary Church. She loved filling her home with flowers and enjoyed long drives through the country and mountains. Janet was a gracious and Godly woman, as well as a dedicated and loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt.

Funeral services were held on Monday, May 24, 2021 at Amos Carvelli Funeral Home with Reverend Sherman Goodwin officiating. Interment was in the Sunset Memorial Park.

Expressions of sympathy may be extended to the family at [www.amoscarvelli.com](http://www.amoscarvelli.com).

**DEARL GENE MAYFIELD**



Dearl Gene Mayfield, 85, of Wallace, WV passed away on Sunday, May 23, 2021 at Pleasant Acres Christian Haven Nursing Home.

Dearl was born in Idamay, WV on May 8, 1936, the son of the late Gleedis Mayfield and Freda (Malson) Mayfield.

Surviving Dearl is his wife, Joan Frances (Ogden) Mayfield whom he married on May 29, 1954; two daughters, Connie Mayle of Wallace, WV and Cindy Davis and husband Monty of Wallace, WV. One son, Jerry Mayfield and wife Tracy of Wallace, WV; one granddaughter, Nica Blocker and

husband Jeff; six grandsons, Brandon Davis, Corey Lockhart, Cody Lockhart, Caleb Swiger, Randyn Collins and Lakota Mayfield; one sister-in-law, Pat Mayfield of Canton, OH; three great-granddaughters, Hunter Collins, Brayli Kay Lockhart and Millee Davis; five great-grandsons, Gabe Lockhart, Gadrian Lockhart, Grady Davis, Brady Swiger and Krew Swiger; two sisters-in-law, Hedy Belknap of Huntington, WV and Barbara Berry of Sneeds Ferry, NC. Also, several nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

In addition to his parents, Dearl was preceded in death by one daughter, Debbie Swiger; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Naomi and Tom Cunningham and Peggy and Gene Hess; one brother, David Mayfield; two brothers-in-law, Fred Belknap and Fred Berry; three nephews and one great niece.

Dearl worked at the Spelter Zinc Plant from 1958-1973. He then worked as an electrician for Dominion Gas from 1973-1994, from which he retired. Dearl was a US Veteran, having served in the Air Force. Dearl enjoyed time with his family. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, travelling, boating and camping.

At the request of the family, private graveside services will be held at the Robinson Cemetery in Wallace, WV with Martha Holbert officiating. Dorsey Funeral Home is honored to be handling the arrangements for the Mayfield family.

**J. "CAROLYN" SMITH SEXTON**

J. "Carolyn" Smith Sexton, 86, of Clarksburg passed away at Stonerise Rehabilitation in Morgantown on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. She was born March 27, 1935 in Hogansville, GA, the daughter of the late James Marvin and Opal Ruth Lowery Wallace.

Carolyn attended Christian Assembly in Clarksburg for several years. She spent forty-five years doing ministry volunteering. She was a homemaker and enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren as often as she could.

Carolyn is survived by four sons, Donald Earl Smith Jr and Deborah of Virginia Beach, Douglas E. Smith of Fountain Inn, SC, Dwayne E. Smith and Leslie of Tarentun, PA, and Daryle E. Smith of Senecaville, OH; two daughters, Deborah E. Smith Patchell and Harold of Moravia, NY and Darlene E. Smith Lynch and Roger of Buckhannon; step-children, Terry Lee Sexton, NY, and

Joyce Ann Villalobes and Eduardo of Simpsonville, SC; five grandsons, Harold Patchell, IV of Maryland, Daniel Coen, Justin Lynch, and Joshua Lynch, all of Lost Creek, and Zachary Smith of Tarentun, PA; eight granddaughters, Jennifer Blakely of Virginia Beach, Melissa Goss of Etawah, TN, Elizabeth Gearhart of Virginia Beach, Cassandra Coen of Buckhannon, Heather Lynch of Lost Creek, Brooke and Kelly Smith, both of Tarentun, PA, and Kaylee Smith of Ohio; as well as thirteen great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Carolyn was preceded in death by two husbands, Donald Earl Smith and Alvin V. Sexton; two stepdaughters, Wilma Jean Sexton Richie and Pamela Mae Morris; and one grandson, Matthew John Smith.

A Funeral Service was held on May 28, 2021 Davis Funeral Home with Pastor Fred Aves officiating. Interment was at the West Virginia National Cemetery on May 29, 2021. Online condolences can be made on Carolyn's memorial tribute page on our website at [www.davisfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome.com)

**MARGARET "JAUNICE" WOMACK JENKINS**

Margaret "Jaunice" Womack Jenkins, 75, of Good Hope passed away on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at United Hospital Center. She was born November 18, 1945 in San Diego, CA the daughter of the late Glenn William and Margaret Courtney Persinger Womack.

She married James Stanley Jenkins on December 2, 1967 and he preceded her in death on June 12, 2012 after forty-five years of marriage.

She graduated from San Diego High School, Class of 1963 and got her Nursing Degree from Salem University and worked on her Masters at WVU. She retired from the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center as a Nurse with over twenty-five years of service. Her hobbies were collecting dolls, shopping, sewing, quilting and crocheting. She was a member of the United Methodist Temple.

In addition to her husband and parents, Margaret was preceded in death by one son, James Glen (JJ) Jenkins and several brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her twin daughters, Patricia Jaylene Bunnell and David Lee, Good Hope and Catherine Jaunice Webber and Ronald Vincent, Boyton Beach, FL; six grandsons, David Michael Bunnell and Erin, Samson Lee Bunnell, Ronald Vincent

**Out Of The Past**  
Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



Pictured is the old WWII Honor Roll for Hepzibah servicemen and servicewomen. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

Webber, Jr., Alasdair Griffin Webber, Gordan Persinger Webber and Jameson Glen Jenkins; two granddaughters, Tania Dawn Bunnell and Rebecca Irene Jenkins; daughter-in-law, Frances I. Frame Jenkins, West Milford; four great-grandchildren: Americus Sierra Bunnell, Liberty Dawn Bunnell, Chloe Ann Bunnell, Cody Ryan Bunnell, one great great-grandson, Colson Lee Bunnell; one brother, Everett Perry Siehe, Poway, CA and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Service was held at Davis Funeral on June 1, 2021 with Pastor Michael Burge officiating. Interment followed in the WV National Cemetery. Condolences may be sent at [www.davisfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome.com).

**LINDA SUE "SUSIE" DODD**

Linda Sue "Susie" Dodd, 71, of West Milford, passed away on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, with her family by her side. She was born March 20, 1950, in Clarksburg, a daughter of the late Joseph and Rose (Nemes) Surock.

Linda is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 55 years, Charles Dodd.

Also surviving are her beloved daughter Sherri; grandson, Charles Sharpe; and great-grandchildren Emma and Eian Sharpe; her sisters, Sandra Flint and Patricia Fox; her brothers, Johnny and Billy Surock, and many nieces and nephews complete her family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandson, Bryan Sharpe; and five siblings, Tommy, Bobby and Jimmy Surock, Martha

Elliott, and Nancy George.

Linda was a loving wife, mother, and sister. She will always be remembered as having the gentlest soul that anyone has ever known. She worked for 31 years at United Hospital Center as the head cook.

Like her full heart she made sure that everyone left her home with a full stomach; she is well known for her famous cabbage rolls, Hungarian rice, potato salad, nut rolls, and so much more.

Linda was a proud member of the Lighthouse Chapel Church.

Condolences to the Dodd Family may be left at [burnsidefuneralhome.com](http://burnsidefuneralhome.com)

On Saturday, May 29, 2021, a Celebration of Life was held at Burnside Funeral Home with Pastor Harley Jeffries presiding.

**FRANK ANDREW "ANDY" DENNISON JR.**

Frank Andrew "Andy" Dennison Jr., 52, of Fairview, WV, passed away on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. He was born in Clarksburg, WV on September 25, 1968 a son of Frank Andrew Dennison Sr. of Bristol, WV and the late Judith K. Myers Dennison.

Andy is survived by his wife of 17 years, LeeAnn Cutrone Dennison whom he married on July 12, 2003. She resides at their home in Fairview.

In addition to his father and wife, Andy is survived by two children, Noah Lee Dennison and Jesslyn Faith Dennison of Fairview; one brother, Cecil Dennison of Clarksburg; one sister, Sheila Nelson of Clarksburg; and his mother-in-law, Ruth Ann Cutrone of Fairview.

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climb, straight up,” Rory added. “I’ve raced my hand bike all over the world, at multiple world championship events, but have never attempted anything like this. It’s going to be tough, but I’ll be fighting for Lucas the whole climb.”

The Ride For Life event will start at the bottom of the mountain, with Rory beginning his journey up the mountain around 10 a.m. with intentions of making his way into Snowshoe Village for the start of the afternoon ATV race. Riders, families and fans are asked to line the starting area to cheer on Rory as he makes his way to the top. This event was also made possible with the help of

Tely Energy and K Wolfe Media. Rory continued, “It is amazing how far Lucas has come, and I know from experience how important the physical rehab aspect of this injury is, especially early on. Aggressive rehab is essential during the acute stages post spinal cord injury, but it’s also very expensive. The more we can help Lucas and his family get through this, the better the outcome for Lucas and his quality of life moving forward.”

A GoFundMe page has been created, with all proceeds going to the Grounds family. Also, keep up-to-date with Rory’s efforts on his Instagram - @

rorymead.

For more information on the GNCC series, visit the official website at www.gnccracing.com or call (304) 284-0084. Join the conversation on the series Facebook page, follow us

on Twitter and Instagram, and be sure to always hashtag #GNCC.

Facebook: @gnccracing Instagram: @gncc\_racing Twitter: @gnccracing YouTube: @racertv

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Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), which provides for an extension of benefits once regular benefits have been exhausted. Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC), which provides an additional \$100 benefit to certain people with mixed earnings.

“Workforce West Virginia stands ready to help West Virginians return to the workforce,”

said acting WorkForce WV commissioner Scott Adkins. “We know last year was incredibly difficult for many workers in West Virginia and we want to remind folks we are here for them.”

Any weeks filed before June 19th that are eligible under federal program requirements will continue to be processed.

Career specialists are available to help job seekers match with new employment. Job seekers can schedule a

live call with someone from Workforce WV by visiting www.workforcewv.org. The service offers the opportunity to schedule callback appointments from a mobile device or computer.

Career specialists will work to identify possible training programs that may help an individual change their career pathway or enter an apprenticeship program so they can earn a competitive wage while they learn a new trade.

“U.S. Pacific Fleet Master Chief” cont. from p. 1

three years.” Tocorzic stated that his intention at the time was to give the Navy four years and then look into entering the Police Academy, but that didn’t happen. Now, at nearly 50 years of age, he has given the Navy 31 years and with no regrets.

Known to his friends in high school as ‘Smitty’, he says he remains in contact with some of his friends like Jerry Miles of Haywood and Aaron Parsons of Enterprise. And he is still remembered and spoken of well. Parsons, for example, said he was always loved by everyone who knew him. Local resident David Harbert coached him in Little League as a youngster and recalls bringing him home after practice to share dinner the Harbert family until his mother was able to pick him up after work.

Two local Navy veterans, David Minor and Bruce Grimes, neither of whom knew Tocorzic personally, commented that they were nevertheless proud of this Shinnston native and his naval accomplishments. Minor said Tocorzic being named the head of the Pacific Fleet is “a big deal” and that this honor would never have been bestowed upon him had he not been genuinely worthy.

Grimes, who was himself a Master Chief in the Navy prior to his retirement, stated, “He will be the top and most senior ranking enlisted person of the Pacific Fleet and this is a huge honor. He will answer only to the Admiral and something

like this happens to only the most deserving; it is something to be proud of.”

Jerry Toth, who was Principal at Lincoln High School when Tocorzic was a student there, commented, “He was a good student and I remember him as being highly disciplined and very respectful as a student, and he was respected in return. He served as a good role model for other students. I could have nothing but the most positive remarks to offer about him. What he has accomplished is evidence that another Lincoln High School alum has done well.”

Tocorzic says he also has some former teachers who are Facebook friends and often messages back and forth with the former LHS secretary Carol Gainer.

He has never forgotten his roots. Tocorzic has fond memories of growing up in Shinnston. He remembers many evenings and weekends being spent on the grassy lot beside what at that time was Erwin Supply.

“It was a gathering place where kids played ball, listened to music and just hung out,” he recalled. “I think that is a good thing about growing up in a small town – everyone knew everyone and it was like a huge family. While some people dream of heading off to a big city and bright lights, I am still proud to have grown up there where people worked hard and had values... something that is diminishing in today’s world.”

‘Smitty’ currently resides in the D.C. area with his wife and two daughters; his oldest daughter is continuing her education at the University of Alabama, and his youngest daughter is a junior in high school. The family will be moving soon and relocating once again to Hawaii.

“Moving is sometimes hard,” he noted. “For example, this will be the third high school my youngest daughter has attended! We have lived in seven different locations – California, Virginia, D.C., Florida, Hawaii, Chicago and in Maine – always near the water of course. And I have lost track of the many countries I’ve seen while serving in the Navy. It has been a good life though. This tour will station me once again in Hawaii for three years. Then I will decide to either retire or compete for Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy.”

Smitty’s father is deceased, but his mother – Bobbie Tocorzik, who once worked for the City of Shinnston – resides in Fairmont now with his older sister. He noted that fortunately, COVID risks had reduced enough to allow him to pay her a surprise visit for Mother’s Day this year!

He seemed touched to be thought of so fondly and supported by people in his hometown. He concluded, saying, “If folks there think of me as a nice person, I have to give all the credit to my parents that I turned out that way. That is how I was taught to live.”

LEGAL NOTICES

(Cont. No. 178404 Levi S. Elm) To: CITY OF CLARKSBURG, ESTATE OF MICHAEL JOSEPH SHAHAN, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, executors, assignees, all known heirs, personal representatives, successors, successors-in-interest, beneficiaries, administrators, executors, other parties, having an unperfected interest in the abovesaid property, and other parties that may have an interest in the abovesaid property.

You are hereby notified that Levi S. Elm, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 178404, located in CLARK COUNTY District, 1 LOT 149 S H L CO, which was returned delinquent or surrendered in the name of SHAHAN MICHAEL JOSEPH, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and surrendered lands of Harrison County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on 03/22/2021, Levi S. Elm requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 07/13/2021, as provided by law, unless before that day you make such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 07/13/2021 will be as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description of payment and Amount. Includes interest to 07/13/2021, amount of taxes paid, amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the deed, and Total Amount Payable to Sheriff.

You may redeem any time before 07/13/2021 by paying the above total less any unaccrued interest. Given under my hand 5/18/2021

G. Russell Sullivan Jr. Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Surrendered Lands of Harrison County, State of West Virginia

Please return this notice and payment to the West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collection Division, 1000 Kanawha Blvd East, Building J, Room W-110 Charleston, West Virginia 25305

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Do you want government taking more control? Elected officials are looking to make big changes. The West Virginia Legislature is considering taking Greenbrier County legal ads and public notices out of the Mountain Messenger and onto a state government-controlled website in Charleston. Contact your legislator today and tell them you want your legal ads and public notices in the Mountain Messenger. Stephen Baldwin, Jack Woodrum, Barry Bruce, Todd Longanacre.



# FSU To Serve As Host Site For Youth STEM Camp

As a kid, Todd Ensign's propensity and curiosity for science earned him the nickname "Space Cadet" from his classmates.

"I would sit at my desk and draw pictures of rockets," said Ensign.

Today, Ensign's imagination and ingenuity have taken shape as a livelihood focused on fostering an interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields among elementary, middle and high school students through his role as Program Manager of the NASA IV&V Education Resource Center.

This summer, Ensign and the ERC will be bringing STEM education to Fairmont through an event

called Destination SPACE – Satellite Week, a satellite technology camp hosted in coordination with Global Science & Technology Inc., Destination SPACE and Fairmont State University.

The University's residence halls will house high school students attending the five-day residential camp as they learn about everything from remote sensing and 3D printing to model rocketry and robotics from prominent NASA scientists as well as professional engineers, educators and former Satellite Week campers.

"What a special week this will be," said Mirta M. Martin, Fairmont State University President. "The campus will be

positively humming with youthful energy, as these young students explore the exciting world of STEM. Fairmont State is committed to educating and preparing young people not just for the jobs of today, but also for STEM-related careers that haven't yet been invented. I can't think of a better place for these bright, young minds to start than Destination SPACE."

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, last year's Destination SPACE event was held virtually. This year, Ensign is looking forward to having in-person interaction with the students. Campers will participate in team-building activities, complete hands-on projects and take field trips

to locations like the West Virginia Robotic Technology Center at the I-79 Technology Park.

"Our mission is to engage, inspire and educate our youth so they can pursue STEM degrees and career pathways," said Ensign, who is also a member of the faculty at Fairmont State. "We place an emphasis and focus on recruiting underrepresented populations and making opportunities available to students so they can learn about things like remote sensing, computer-aided design,

soldering, coding and other skill sets that will hopefully gear them toward a career in one of the areas of STEM."

Satellite Week runs Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 16, but students are expected to arrive on campus on Sunday, July 11. A limited number of students are accepted to the camp, and those who are interested must submit an application by Sunday, May 30 to be considered. The cost to attend is a \$200 donation. For more information or to apply, visit [www.destinationspace-stem.org/summer-programs](http://www.destinationspace-stem.org/summer-programs).

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The ERC will also host a variety of other programs throughout the summer, including: Virtual Coding Camp from June 14 through July 2 as well as July 12 - 30

Robotic Day Camps in Morgantown (June 7 - 11), Charleston (June 14 - 18), Fairmont (June 2 - 25), Martinsburg (June 28 - July 2) and Huntington (July 19 - 23)

World Robot Olympiad Boot Camp at Fairmont State University from July 26 - 30

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the costs of overhead and normal wear and tear of the building. We feel that we are consistent with many of the other businesses

in the area and our rates have not changed in over 10 years.

For those wishing to rent any of the property at the recreation

complex or any other property owned by the County Commission, they can contact the Parks Department for more information.

## "FSU To Expand Offerings"

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Center in Clarksburg and all adjacent land, along with the Braxton Campus from Fairmont State to Pierpont.

In addition to Fairmont State's Locust Avenue Campus facilities, Pierpont will vacate the Robert C. Byrd National Aerospace Education Center to construct a new hangar with 2.5 million dollars in funds provided by the state for its Aviation Maintenance Program ... therefore, allowing Fairmont State to grow student program offerings through its Aviation Center of Excellence (ACE), the only program within the state to earn the Federal Aviation Administration Approved Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 141 pilot training center accreditation. The separation enables Fairmont State to further broaden aviation training opportunities as the ACE prepares to welcome its inaugural class of cadets to the

summer 2021 U.S. Air Force Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps Flight Academy. Fairmont State is one of 25 universities throughout the nation that has partnered with the U.S. Air Force to provide opportunities to JROTC cadets, while also expediting flight training for future airmen.

"We are sharply focused on providing quality, transformative educational opportunities at Fairmont State University, and continuously seeking ways to ensure we are best serving our students," said David Goldberg, Fairmont State University Board of Governors Chairman. "As Pierpont vacates our campuses and develops their programs in their own facilities as a sovereign academic organization, we look forward to increased capacities for instruction and the expansion of programs, further enhancing the high-

touch Fairmont State experience. We look forward to ongoing collaboration with Pierpont to find ways to enhance the workforce and grow talent right here in our community to benefit our growth and viability for the region we serve."

This year, Fairmont State University has recorded increases in enrollment and revenues and 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 the COVID-19 pandemic on campus without furloughing any employees and has continued providing face-to-face instruction since August. The future of Fairmont State is sound, and the University is strongly positioned financially and academically to continue to soar to new and greater heights.

## "Business Of The Month" cont. from p.5

projects available at WorkAble Industries. "The Beehive Café is WorkAble's newest venture and features a lunch menu from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday," she said, adding, "The menu features a variety of sandwich box lunches and wraps with such names as The Norwood, The Glen Elk, The Fort New Salem and The Robinson Grand, and salads known as The Benedum or The Nathan Goff and the list goes on."

Visitors can stop in and eat at the Beehive, pick up box lunches, or they can be delivered to businesses throughout Harrison County, with participants often riding along on the deliveries.

Participants at WorkAble Industries do more than earn a wage for a particular job. They develop skills they can rely on for the rest of their lives and learn that they are able to pay their own way. Many participants learn for the first time that they are valuable and contributing members of society.

"The wood shop has been standard for many years," said Oliverio. "Kindling wood is

bundled and stakes are pointed for use by the oil and gas industry and other businesses in our area."

Participants at WorkAble also work on a shredding task. "They separate clean from dirty documents and remove staples and manila envelopes," Oliverio added. "The documents are then sent to PACE Industries in Morgantown for the actual shredding."

The screen-printing shop has been very popular over the years and various groups throughout the area have utilized this unique shop for T-shirts, sweatshirts and sweat pants. "The participants will remove strings from sweat pants and box pants when removed from the heat," said Oliverio.

Participants also work in the area providing janitorial services in state buildings, office buildings and United Way, locally and in Buckhannon, Bridgeport and Charleston. In addition, participants work in temporary services, providing clerical services in Preston

and Taylor counties and in Charleston and Morgantown for the Department of Health and Human Resources, WV Rehabilitation Services and Mining and Safety. WorkAble has 22 onsite participants and another 22 participants working offsite.

WorkAble also dispatches persons to monitor trucks crossing bridges for appropriate axles, permits, licenses and weight limit. Diana Cross supervises this program statewide from the Stonewood location.

"Some participants work two days a week and they are slowly returning to work since the COVID pandemic," Oliverio continued. "Four to six participants work daily in our Stonewood facility. Survey stakes and screen printing are our two big money makers locally. We are getting ready to go 'live' on eBay and will take orders and ship our wooden stakes."

In addition to various grants, WorkAble Industries receives funding from the WV Department of Rehabilitation Services and the United Way of Harrison County to cover general expenses.

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will ensure late fees are accurately assessed; and (7) identify who is doing the billing for the company.

"The recurring problems with Suddenlink's telephone and cable television service have gone on long enough,"

said Chairman Lane. "Customers deserve to receive the service they are paying for."

The Commission has received nearly 1,900 complaints from West Virginia customers regarding Suddenlink's telephone and cable television service since

2019.

Suddenlink is the second largest telephone provider and one of the five largest cable television companies in the state, serving up to 350,000 customers in 31 counties in West Virginia.

## "SBA Funds 6,000 Restaurant Revitalization Fund Awards" cont. from p.5

awarded since last Monday's successful program launch. Restaurants and other food and beverage businesses across the nation could see funds in their bank accounts as early as Tuesday, May 11.

"Just one week after launching the \$28.6 billion Restaurant Revitalization Fund, I am pleased to officially report that the SBA has begun to fund applications and

that more than 16,000 restaurants and other food and beverage business owners will get much-needed relief in their hands," said SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman. "We know that this help is urgently needed by so many who have suffered disproportionately from this pandemic and have often been unable to access relief. Restaurants are the core of our

neighborhoods and propel economic activity on Main Streets across the nation."

Under RRF, restaurants are eligible for funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue losses, capped at \$10 million per business and \$5 million per location. The SBA will continue to fund approved applications until all funds have been exhausted. SBA has prioritized a customer-

centric approach to the delivery of economic aid, eliminating cumbersome application requirements, streamlining the application process, and by partnering with point-of-sale vendors to provide seamless ways to apply to the Restaurant Revitalization Fund.

Following the 21-day priority period, all eligible applications will be funded in the order in which they

have been received. While the SBA will continue accepting applications from any eligible establishment until funds are exhausted, the number of applications received so far could exhaust the

funds authorized to fund the RRF. Interested onsite food establishments may still apply through SBA-recognized POS vendors or directly via the SBA online application portal: <https://restaurants.sba.gov>.

If you advertised with us, your ad would be **HERE!**

# Marion County Student Wins Statewide 'Kids Kick Opioids' Contest Winner



Wright's winning design features a drawing of a woman crying with a thought bubble depicting prescription pills above her head.

Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced a north central West Virginia student as the statewide winner of this year's Kids Kick Opioids contest, a public service announcement partnership with elementary and middle schools that encourages students to raise awareness of prescription painkiller

abuse. Judges selected Liliona McKenzie Wright, 14, of Rivesville Elementary/Middle School in Marion County as the statewide winner. They chose the eighth grader's artwork from entries submitted by students across West Virginia.

Wright's winning design features a drawing of a woman crying with a thought bubble depicting prescription pills above her head. "She was beautiful like a porcelain doll until she picked up the bottle, beauty began to fade as the doll cracked and shattered..." the illustration reads.

"Liliona's design shows the grim reality of the opioid epidemic and how opioid abuse can destroy lives," Attorney

General Morrisey said. "My congratulations to Liliona, our runner-up and all of our regional winners for their hard work in promoting awareness of opioid abuse. We must do everything possible to attack the root causes of addiction and teach our youth the serious consequences of drug abuse."

Liliona's design will soon appear in newspapers across West Virginia as the Attorney General's next public service announcement.

Judges recognized winning entries from 67 students overall. Liliona and each of the regional winners will have their work displayed at the State Capitol in the fall. Kids Kick Opioids represents one of many initiatives through which the Attorney

General has sought to combat West Virginia's drug overdose death rate, including a lawsuit against the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration that achieved sweeping reforms to the nation's drug quota system.

The Attorney General also has combated the opioid crisis with civil litigation, multistate initiatives, funding to target opioid abuse, criminal prosecutions, new technology, engagement with the faith-based community and education.

The West Virginia Board of Pharmacy, West Virginia Association of School Nurses and the Capitol Police assisted the Attorney General in judging the public service announcement contest.

# Attorney General Morrisey's June Mobile Office Stops

Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced a representative from his office will meet with north central West Virginia residents in June to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.

"These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with our consumer representatives," Attorney General Morrisey said. "Residents can easily

get questions answered, learn what is going on in their area and how to keep personal information safe and secure." Pam Krushansky, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will

host the local events as scheduled below:

- June 1: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Taylor County Senior Citizens Center front porch, 52 Trap Springs Road, Grafton
- June 3: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. –

- Mannington Senior Center pavilion, 1 Senior Drive, Mannington
- June 8: 11:00 to Noon – Harrison County Senior Center parking lot, 500 W. Main St., Clarksburg
- June 8: 1:00 p.m. to

- 2:00 p.m. – Shinnston Public Library, 40 Bridge St., Shinnston
- For information on additional requirements specific to any location, attendees are encouraged to contact Pam Krushansky at 304-741-5834.

# Smart529 'When I Grow Up' Essay Contest Winners Announced

State Treasurer Riley Moore this week announced the 15 regional student winners and statewide teacher winner of this year's SMART529 "When I Grow Up" essay contest.

The winners were unveiled during a Facebook event last week just ahead of national 529 Day, an annual celebration on May 29 (5/29) that raises awareness for 529 college savings plans around the country.

Parents, students and educators from around the state tuned in to hear the winners announced and learn more about the SMART529 program and 529 Day.

"This contest is a great way for parents to work with their children to prepare for the future," Treasurer Moore said. "It also inspires our kids to dream of who they might be when they grow up."

In its fourteenth year, the

SMART529 "When I Grow Up" essay contest asked students in kindergarten through fifth grades to write an essay about what they want to be when they grow up. The teacher portion of the contest asked elementary school teachers to submit an essay about how they would use the contest in the classroom.

More than 2,300 students around the state participated in the contest. Essays from three age groups (grades K-1, 2-3, and 4-5) were judged in each of the five geographic regions, for a total of 15 regional winners.

Each regional winner will receive \$500 invested into a SMART529 WV Direct account. An additional \$4,500 will be awarded to a grand prize winner, who will be randomly selected in the fall. Each regional winner's school will also be awarded a \$500 cash prize to

support school programs.

"Each of these winners have a bright future ahead of them," Treasurer Moore said. "Due to pandemic and classroom shutdowns, it was a challenging year to enter. I am so proud of every student who submitted an essay."

The winners, their schools and their dream professions are:

### 2021 "When I Grow Up" Contest Student Winners

- Region One:** Brack McClung, 1st Grader at Lewisburg Elementary – Architect
- Landon Tilley, 3rd Grader at Mullens Elementary – Environmental Scientist
- Grayson Plumley, 4th Grader at Berlin McKinney Elementary – Orthodontist

### Region Two:

- Jameson Sibold, 1st Grader at Richmond Elementary – Disney Imagineer
- Alivia Williams, 2nd Grader at Point Harmony Elementary – OBGYN
- Addyson Gallion, 5th Grader at Spring Hill Elementary – Criminal Psychologist.

### Region Three:

- Finnian Chavoustie, 1st Grader at Johnson Elementary – Archeologist
- Adeline Horne, 3rd Grader at Simpson Elementary – Translator
- Stella Gigliotti, 5th Grader at St. Mary's Elementary – Fiction Author

### Region Four:

- Benjamin Crowder, 1st Grader at Marlowe

### Elementary – Engineer

- McKinsey Coon, 3rd Grader at C.W. Shipley Elementary – Child Therapist
- Nathan Crites, 4th Grader at Moorefield Intermediate – Anesthesiologist

### In Region Five:

- Aurora Kibble, Kindergarten at Parkersburg Catholic Elementary – Surgeon
- Jacob Whisler, 2nd Grader at Steenrod Elementary – Astronaut Engineer
- Lainee Hersey, 5th Grader at Wheeling Country Day School – Forensic Pathologist

### 2021 "When I Grow Up" Contest Statewide Teacher Winner

- Kishia Stapleton, 4th Grade teacher at Chapmanville Intermediate

# Local Students Earn Degrees From University Of Maryland Global Campus

The following local students have earned degrees from University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC).

- Lindsay Woodhouse of Bridgeport earned a Bachelor of Arts in

- Communication Studies. Chelsea Minutelli of Clarksburg earned a Master of Science in Environmental Management.

The university held a virtual stateside

commencement on May 15 for more than 5,500 graduates of the Class of 2021. Worldwide, more than 13,000 students from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as 32 countries and territories, earned

UMGC degrees during the 2020-21 academic year. UMGC also conducts graduation ceremonies in Europe and Asia for military servicemembers and their families serving overseas.

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program that won just five games the season before he arrived. Before that, he was a longtime assistant coach & 1-year interim head man at Fairmont State. He also served as head coach of Lewis County boys basketball and Alderson Broaddus men.

He replaces five-year head coach Vicky Bullett who resigned in March. The Bobcats went 6-11 in 2021 and has not had a winning season since 2011-12.

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In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his brother, Pat Dennison and his father-in-law, Samuel F. Cutrone Jr.

Andy was a graduate of Liberty High School. He formerly worked at the Louis A. Johnson VA Hospital and Consol (Murray) Mines, and was a Veteran of the United States Army. He attended Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Fairmont and was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

In keeping with his wishes, Andy will be cremated and a graveside

service will be held at the West Virginia National Cemetery and will be announced at a later date.

Expression of sympathy may be extended to the family at [www.amoscarvelli.com](http://www.amoscarvelli.com). A service of Amos Carvelli Funeral Home.

### MARY VIRGINIA POE ROBEY

Mary Virginia Poe Robey, 87, of Lost Creek passed away on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at her residence. She was born in Clarksburg on April 15, 1934, a daughter of the late James W. and Olive Kookan Poe.

She was married to David Frederick Robey on January 16, 1954, who preceded her in death on January 27, 2016.

Surviving are three daughters, Dianna Dudley and her husband David of Pataskala, OH, Carolyn Myers and her husband Jimmie of Lost Creek and Lou Ann Carpenter and her husband Will of Pickerington, OH; seven grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; one brother, James Poe and his wife Vickie of Salem; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by one sister,

Delores Bennet.

Mary was a graduate of Victory High School and was employed in Quality Control with Accuray Technologies. She loved going to garage sales, thrift stores and arts and crafts shows. Mary was also an avid reader and enjoyed camping at Silver Lake.

A graveside service was held on June 1, 2021 at the Sardis Cemetery with Reverend Richard Wilson officiating.

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