

Opposition To Paving Rail Trail In Shinnston Expressed At Council Meeting



According to Rails to Trails Conservancy, user satisfaction with a trail surface is important. Crushed and compacted trail surfaces are quite popular because not only are they friendlier to users' joints but they hold up well under heavy use and complement the aesthetic of the natural landscape.

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

News & Journal Editor
Shinnston City Council met at the Woman's Club and via zoom at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1st for its regularly scheduled Work Session.

Petitions of Citizens were first heard. Those speaking included two individuals who stated their opposition to The Harrison County Commission's desire to pave the Rail Trail in Shinnston. David Ferrell of Bridgeport stated that for exercise he specifically uses Shinnston's Rail Trail not only for its shady and luxurious landscape but because of its softer surface and noted that he is not the only out-of-towner

who travels here to the local trail for the same reason. He encouraged Council to speak to the Commissioners and ask them to leave the local trail as it is.

Rudy Durci of Shinnston agreed and presented a list of more than 30 signatures from others opposed to the trail paving. Durci noted that not only is the packed, crushed limestone surface easier on the body's joints, it is also not as hot, which most people prefer. He added that it is better for animals as well and some people do walk their pets and ride horses on the trail. Not opposed to improvements being made, Durci suggested that the money proposed to be spent on paving could perhaps be put to better use by doing

some ditching and maintaining culverts for better drainage ... or even adding some benches for rest areas.

Mayor Kovalck said the opposition as well as the suggestions and the petition would be forwarded to the County Commission.

Dave Crawford of Water Street spoke in favor of keeping Main Street a two-way street. Crawford, a bus driver, said that making turns there are much easier and offer a clearer view of oncoming traffic. Mayor Kovalck said that this would be taken into consideration along with complaints from a couple of businesses who also have noted that making Main St. one-way would make it more difficult for those who deliver to them.

Amanda George of Clark Street spoke in favor of lowering the speed limit in residential neighborhoods due to child safety concerns. She said her neighborhood has a lot of 'children at play' and she constantly shouts at those going by too fast but without much success.

Councilperson Mary Ann Ferris commented, "I believe the City needs to take responsibility here and reduce the speed limit; if it saves just one child from harm, it is worth it," she said. "I think we should also be consistent and make the speed limit 15 mph in all residential areas."

City Manager Chad Edwards gave his report which included:

A list of items needed
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Upcoming United Way Golf Marathon To Feature One Golfer With One Goal

... To Play 304 Consecutive Holes Of Golf In One Day ...



Christian Marsh is a dynamic and spirited member of the local United Way team, and his upcoming 'Golf for Charity Marathon' has given him a fruitful way to combine the sport he loves with United Way fundraising. Here, he celebrates his completion of 288 holes of golf at last year's marathon ... a number he hopes to surpass this year!

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

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Just this past year, Aimee Comer was named the Fundraising & Community Development Director of the United Way of Harrison & Doddridge Counties. Now reflecting on that year, she calls it a 'wild ride' that dealt with trying to meet a hefty fundraising goal during a pandemic! Thanks to a great deal of support, amazingly, that goal was reached; however, she says it caused them to re-evaluate how they do things.

"This organization is like no other," she said. "We have so many networks and so many contacts who make such a difference in our local communities ... and money is needed to fund the agencies that help those who need help. But we'd like to focus as well on having more 'fun' in our fundraisers. We don't want people's first thought to be money; we want to emphasize that what we do is for community betterment and empowering people to help one another. We want to be a lot more intentional with donor dollars."

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Community Garden Receives Support From Local Businesses

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

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Thanks to some community businesses being gracious with their support, townspeople will soon begin to witness some progress at the Community Garden, located in the lot next to Brennan Auto on South Pike Street in Shinnston.

While warmth, sunshine and rainfall help a garden flourish, it still requires some hands-on attention and TLC to maintain it. Currently, there are only a few who have taken the initiative to get the garden started, but the hope is that as its growth becomes more visible, perhaps more will show an interest in getting involved.

Shinnston's VISTA Volunteer Jon Olson has held some planning meetings and now that

the actual physical work has begun at the site, he has not stepped back from his involvement!

"In addition to myself, Kathleen Panek has been deeply involved and took the lead in making some contacts for soil, plants, seeds, etc. We had funding available to pay for this, but several she spoke with graciously offered to donate some things so that our money could be spent elsewhere if needed. Bethany Nuzum and Sabrina Baker have also been very committed in giving of their time and efforts," Olson stated. "We are hoping that once the garden begins to offer noticeable development, some more people will offer to become involved. The one thing we don't want is for people to think that this garden is the product of just a certain

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Jon Olson is pictured here planting beans as the Community Garden begins to take shape once again.

Broadband Now!



Building Amazing Cities

By JIM HUNT

author, speaker, consultant

When I first heard the term "Broadband", I had no idea what it meant other than it was supposed to be faster than the slow, dial-up internet that I had become accustomed to. I figured that it was something that businesses would use and probably would have limited impact on my needs at my home. How wrong I was! My home has become a hub of wireless devices that provide me with streaming movies, smart lightbulbs and security cameras to name a few. On days that my broadband connection is down, I feel like a pioneer, crossing the country in a covered wagon.

The term broadband refers to high speed internet access. Broadband provides access to the highest quality internet services, such as video conferencing and telehealth. It is critical to businesses and drives credit card processing and access to inventory controls and financial records. Many businesses are forced to close operations if the broadband connection is interrupted or is slower than needed. During the COVID-19 pandemic, millions of workers used broadband to connect to their workplaces as they quarantined

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Hats Off To Lincoln Graduates



Following what can be termed a quite challenging year+, Lincoln High School's Class of 2021 enjoyed a fair-weather evening for their outdoor Commencement that was held on Thursday,

May 27th. Captured here, the 117 graduates tossed their caps in the air at the conclusion of the ceremonies to celebrate this milestone achievement that marks the beginning of a new chapter in their lives.

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Food For Thought

By Leigh Currey Merrifield
Editor

Leaving An Impression

A reader recently sent me a touching story supposedly shared by Katharine Hepburn in which she described an early recollection of the kind of man her father was. I printed it off to share, but it seems to have disappeared (the dog ate it?), so I'll have to go by memory as best I can! I may not retell it as eloquently as Hepburn (supposedly) wrote it, but at least you'll get the point of the story.

Hepburn recalls that her father had taken her to the circus as a young child, and as they waited in a long line, they both observed a large family also waiting in line immediately in front of them. There was a father and mother holding hands, and behind them were six children, also standing two by two and holding hands. All were ecstatic about seeing a circus for the first time. Apparently, as this family reached the front of the line, the father asked how much money he needed to give for two adults and six children's tickets. When told the amount, he didn't have enough money and both he and his wife exchanged a tearful look, knowing that their children would be so disappointed.

Hepburn's father, also noticing their disheartenment, felt sorry for them and purposely dropped a

\$20 bill on the ground, then reached down, picked it up and handed it to the gentleman, saying, "I believe this fell out of your pocket, sir." The gentleman knew of course that he had no \$20 bill in his pocket, but quietly and gratefully accepted her father's kindness. However, this kind gesture left Hepburn and her father without the means to see the circus themselves. She explained that through her father's gesture, she realized the true meaning of it being so rewarding to give to others. Her father's actions left an impression on her that she had never forgotten during her entire lifetime ... and from that moment on, she had always respected her father for his kindness and generosity.

FYI – I checked out this story on SNOPE.com, which noted that the story had been posted numerous times accrediting Hepburn as the writer, but that claim is false. It was a good "learning" story written by someone else that appeared in the book *Chicken Soup for the Soul*. Nevertheless, it does show the effectiveness of being a good role model and how much of an impression our actions can leave. You never know who might be watching you

and 'learning' from the way you conduct yourself!

Parents are offered so many opportunities to leave good impressions on their children. It begins right away; after all, parents are the first ones a child learns to trust. Taking their first steps may be wobbly; yet they are not afraid to go forward into the outstretched arms of their parents, knowing they will catch them and protect them from harm. They learn tolerance through their parents' reactions; they learn attitude ... positivity ... work ethic ... manners ... gratitude ... loyalty ... integrity ... and so much more that helps to shape their character. Parents are truly their child's very first teacher and they continue to learn from them throughout their lives – maybe not fully appreciating all they have learned until they become adults and parents themselves!

If you are a parent, remember that their eyes are always watching you and your actions and reactions may be leaving a lifelong impression. Be sure to make it a good one!

This week's dessert: *"Children learn more from WHAT YOU ARE than from what you try to teach them."* ~ W.E.B. DuBois

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.

June 10, 1775: The Berkeley County Riflemen were organized by Capt. Hugh Stephenson of Shepherdstown, in response to a call for Revolutionary War soldiers by Gen. George Washington.

June 10, 1921: Labor leader Daniel Vincent Maroney was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. Maroney served as the international president of the Amalgamated Transit Union from 1973 to 1981.

June 11, 1866: Architect Elmer Forrest Jacobs was born in Preston County. His work is seen particularly in downtown Morgantown, in residential South Park, and on the West Virginia University campus. Most of his Morgantown buildings are now on the National Register of Historic Places.

June 11, 1782: Frontiersman William Crawford was tortured and burned at the stake. Crawford had been captured by the Delaware, who mistakenly blamed

him for the treacherous murder of about 100 Moravian Christian Indians.

June 12, 2006: Robert C. Byrd became the longest-serving United States senator in history. He served in the Senate from his election in 1958 until his death in 2010. This record was broken on June 7, 2013, by Congressman John Dingell, a Democrat from Michigan.

June 13, 1861: The Second Wheeling Convention began in the federal courtroom of the Wheeling Custom House. This convention declared the Confederate state government in Richmond illegal; created a Reorganized Government of Virginia loyal to the United States; elected Francis Harrison Pierpont governor of Virginia; and called for the western counties to be formed into a new state.

June 13, 1928: Mathematician John Forbes Nash Jr. was born in Bluefield. In 1994, Nash was honored with the Nobel Prize in Economics. He was the subject of a best-selling biography, *"A Beautiful Mind,"* which was later made into a movie.

June 14, 1912:

Botanist Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Bartholomew was born in Wheeling. Bartholomew was instrumental in building the dried plant collection at West Virginia University from 30,000 to 140,000 specimens, and she initiated a 2,000-plant seed collection.

June 15, 1880: Musician Blind Alfred Reed was born in Floyd County, Virginia, though he spent most of his life in West Virginia. He composed and recorded some of the most creative topical country songs on Victor Records between 1927 and 1929.

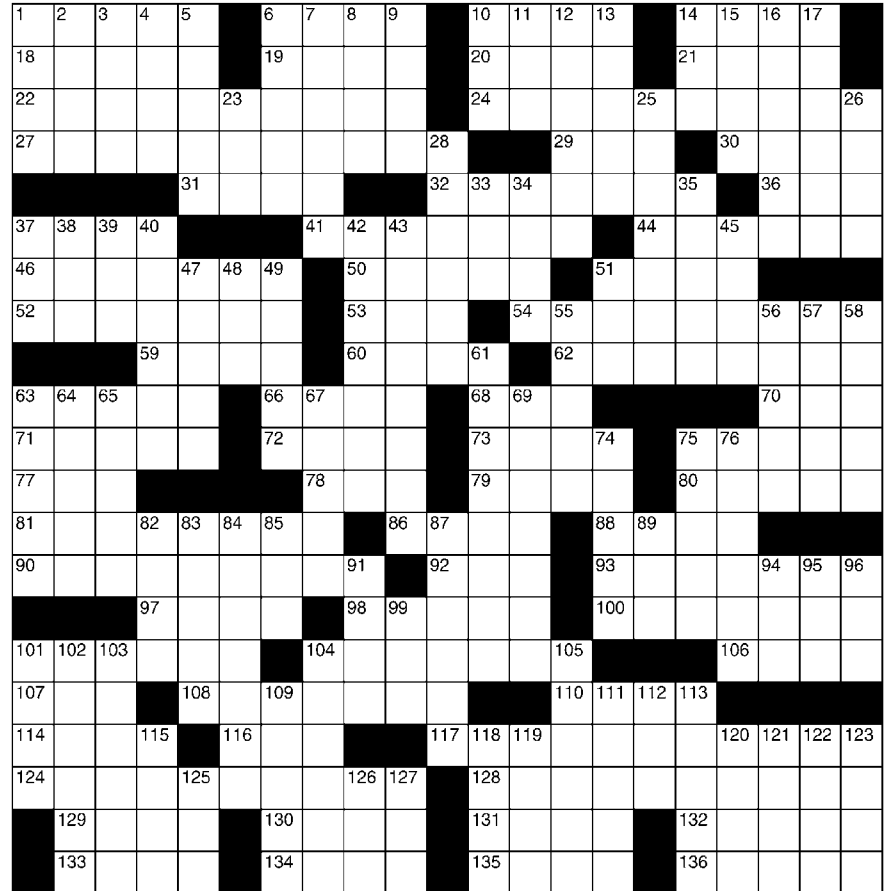
June 15, 1963: The Cass Scenic Railroad took its first passenger trip during the state's Centennial celebration.

June 16, 1842: Margaret Agnew Blennerhassett, wife of Harman Blennerhassett, died in poverty in New York City. She lived from 1800 to 1806 in a grand 16-room mansion she and her husband had constructed on an Ohio River island near present Parkersburg. She and her son, Harman Jr., were reburied on Blennerhassett Island in 1996.

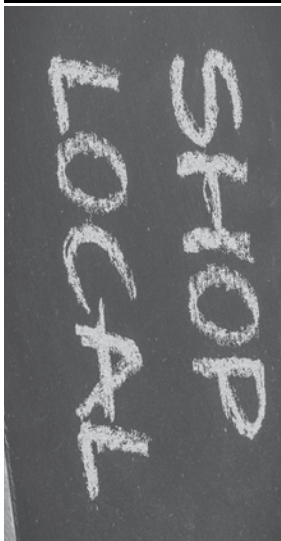
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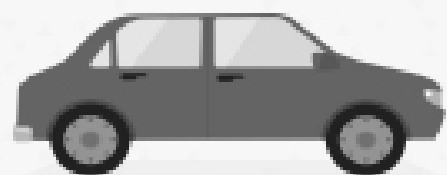
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BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

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

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).

REGION VI WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING

The Region VI Workforce Development Full Board will meet Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 10:30 am at the Marion County Convention & Visitors Bureau located in Pleasant Valley, WV. For more information about the meeting, contact Maria Larry at 304-368-9530. *Region VI is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. If you have a hearing impairment and need assistance, please call WV Relay 7-1-1.*

MONONGALIA COUNTY BEEKEEPERS MEETING

The Monongalia County Beekeepers have a meeting at Mylan Park in the new Monongalia County Extension Service and 4-H Center on the first Tuesday of every month; however, meetings have been cancelled until further notice due to COVID-19. Please contact Debbie Martin for more information at 304-367-9488 or debbiez7@yahoo.com We look forward to helping you start your beekeeping journey and will help you every step of the way!

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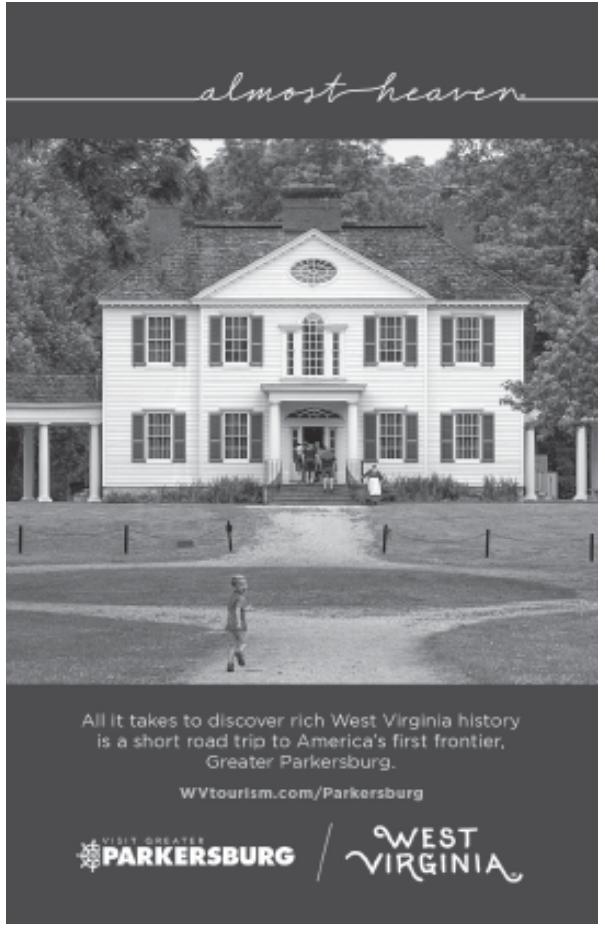
Hope, Inc., a task force - support group on growing free from domestic violence, will meet on Thursdays at noon at Koupal Towers, 916 West Pike Street in Clarksburg. For more information, call 304-624-9835 or email asniderhope@yahoo.com.

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.



Fairmont State University is offering incoming freshmen and transfer students enrolled in the 2021-2022 academic year three opportunities to participate in Welcome Wednesday on-campus orientation sessions.

The in-person sessions will afford new students the ability to see campus, eat lunch with Freddie the Falcon, tour residence halls, obtain ID cards and meet with advisors and build fall semester schedules. Current students as well as staff will also be on hand to answer questions.

"Welcome Wednesday sessions are the opportunity to do what we've been waiting for a year to do, and that is begin

to get back to normal," said Chris Sharps, Fairmont State Senior Director of Recruitment. "Students really want that traditional, first-time freshman experience. They want that opportunity to come to campus, schedule their courses and really see themselves here."

Welcome Wednesdays will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following dates:

- June 16
- June 23
- June 30

Register by going to www.fairmontstate.edu/welcomewednesday21. Family members are also invited to attend. Students who are unable

to attend the in-person sessions can complete orientation online by following the instructions at www.fairmontstate.edu/orientation.

"I am so thrilled we are reopening campus, because it allows us to do what we do best," Mirta M. Martin, president of Fairmont State University," said. "And that's meeting face-to-face with students and their families, and helping them take the first, important steps toward achieving their dreams. Their educational journeys are just starting, but they will leave Welcome Wednesday knowing in their hearts that Fairmont State will be with them every step of the way, through graduation and beyond."

"United Way Golf Marathon"

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She explained that United Way's Community Investment Committee looks over all of the organization's finances and the outcomes very closely when it comes to where their dollars go.

"We want to concentrate more on what makes the most impact and where the greatest needs are that must be met ... what programs are the most effective," she added. "And this year we are making a few changes and starting some of our campaign programs early – especially since last year so many of our planned events had to either be scaled down or cancelled. And our events begin soon!"

In less than two weeks, the United Way of Harrison & Doddridge Counties will host its Golf Marathon for Charity at Bridgeport Country Club on June 22nd. This entire event seems to center on the commitment of the organization's Board President Christian Marsh, who has been a part of the United Way family for years.

Aimee says, "He has done so much through the years and all it takes is a phone call and he's on board to help with what is needed. He goes out all by himself with his golf clubs and golf balls and this will be his third year to try to beat his own record. He's an avid golfer and the course at Bridgeport Country Club will be 'all his' on that day as he does something he truly enjoys to raise money for United Way."

Christian initiated this charity golf marathon in 2019 as a way to follow in the footsteps of another United Way devotee who did something similar as a runner.

"I'm not a runner, but I do love the sport of golf so I sought supporters to sponsor me for each hole of golf I played in a day's

time. That first year I played 13 rounds of golf – or 234 holes – and raised about \$25,000 for United Way," he stated. "The following year, in 2020, I played 16 rounds of golf – or 288 holes – and raised about \$30,000 that year. I will be retiring from my United Way position in February of 2022 so this will be my last time at this marathon, but I've upped my goal to 304 holes, which is just two holes short of 17 rounds of golf."

Why did he choose 304 holes as his goal this year? He says it is because 304 is West Virginia's area code! Simple as that.

"I'm 36 years old and have old football injuries, bad knees and back issues, so it's not easy on my body and takes me a while to recover after these marathons. It's probably a good thing that this will be my last one," he added.

Christian says it takes him about an hour to play a round of golf during these events, so he plans to start at 3 a.m. The golf course will be shining spotlights on him and he'll use glow-in-the-dark golf balls until the sun comes up! He will also have several drivers at different intervals through the day driving his cart. But that doesn't mean he won't be hustling!

"Last year, the golf cart travelled 70 miles during my marathon day and I clocked 15 miles on foot," he continued. I have calculated it and I'm figuring I should finish up between 8 and 8:30 p.m. if I start at 3 a.m. at this year's marathon."

He also kept a count of his swings through the day at last year's event. He swung the club 1,202 times that day, which explains why he went to physical therapy for several weeks to get his shoulder back in shape. These marathons test his body, and he says

he pays the price for a while following them. But raising funding for the United Way is worth the pain to him; that's how dedicated he is.

Marsh made it into the West Virginia Amateur golf tourney last year that is played at the Greenbrier. He says that was a thrill for him and he feels that these marathons have perhaps made him a better golfer and certainly improved his stamina!

This year, Christian wants to beat last year's pledge amount. He has solicited his friends, business associates, and many golfers to support this charity marathon and noted that many Bridgeport Country Club golfers have been new faces in his support group ... all of which lends more funding into the United Way's coffers.

Some folks offer a pledge of 50 cents per hole and some pledge a dollar per hole. This year someone pledged \$5 per hole, which he says encourages him even more to do this.

"I'm really proud to do this. There is no other organization where all the funding goes to charity allocations and not for administrative funding. One hundred percent goes to the agencies to help better the community and the people who need served." So if it causes him a little pain, to him, it's worth it.

Anyone who would like to back Marsh as he challenges himself to beat his own record at this year's Golf for Charity Marathon can

make a donation of support online at the United Way's website – unitedwayhdc.org.

Following this June 22nd golf marathon, his supporters, family, friends, and invited guests will enjoy a reception on the country club's patio when he finishes that night, which will include a fireworks show! It will be somewhat of a summer party, thus depositing some FUN in this United Way fundraiser!

Then, on July 31st, Paddle for a Cause returns as a summer event instead of being held in October. Aimee Comer encourages everyone to put on their thinking caps and begin preparing their cardboard boats or decorating the watercraft of their choice – basically anything that floats!

"Participating in the United Way's Paddle for a Cause will help get them in shape and whet their appetites for the annual Hot Wings Eating Contest coming up on August 18th, an event once again to be sponsored by Antero," Comer concluded. "We are building this up a bit this year and hope to hold it outdoors and have music as well. It promises to be another FUN fundraiser, so we hope everyone will make room for lots of wings and even more FUN this year!"

These are a few of the warm weather events the United Way of Harrison & Doddridge Counties will be hosting this summer. Mark your calendars!

STAY FOCUSED on Your Goals



It's Time To Break Out Our Zucchini Recipes



GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

The month of June has arrived in all its glory. It is so beautiful to see the trees laden heavy with the green foliage, the green grass that keeps all the home owners busy mowing, all the beautiful trees with their colorful buds and the flowers blooming in all their glory. Everyone should appreciate the works of God's hand in the beauty of the season.

So, as I enjoy all the beauty of the season from my seat on my patio, I look at my little garden Cathy and Dan Fisher got for me and I see the little zucchini getting ready for some of my favorite dishes. For most of us, zucchini means teal; the season makes me yearn for that first dish. Yes, I know we can just about get a zucchini any time at the local market, but that is not the same as using one that has come from the West Virginia soil. Here is a short refresher on making teal:

Slice about two medium zucchinis in half inch slices. Peel four or five medium potatoes and slice them, circle wise and slice two onions and slice four or five peppers (sweet, hot or mixed). Use a large can of tomato sauce. Prepare four or five cloves of garlic and chop a fourth of a cup of fresh basil. Place a couple tablespoons of oil in a dutch oven and layer ingredients starting with potatoes and continuing until all ingredients are used, ending with a top layer of zucchini. Place several tablespoons of sauce between layers and top with seasonings. End with sauce on top layer. Bake at 350 degrees covered for one hour. Remove from oven and add Parmesan cheese to the top, return to oven and bake for about another hour. Serve from pan with salad and plenty of bread. It's a great vegetarian meal.

Another great zucchini dish is zucchini boats. Get three medium size zucchini and slice in half

lengthwise. Spoon out center of zucchini, remove seeds and chop meat of zucchini. Mix one box of Stove Top Stuffing with zucchini meat, chopped peppers, and onions. Place back in shell. Top with cheese and bake for about 50 minutes, remove from oven and serve hot with your favorite meat and salad.

Nothing beats fried zucchini as an appetizer. With the new air fryers, they are a cinch to make crispy. Slice either length wise or as french fries. Use a beaten egg and flour, add a little garlic salt and fry until brown on both sides. Serve with ranch dressing for dipping.

I was so proud to attend the signing of Ben Queen to announce his candidacy for State Senate. I am very proud of him and pledge my support. As I ponder about this, I try to count the years that I have been actively involved in campaigns, and it appears to be continually since about 1960. We talk about what we inherit from our genes and it appears the Queens have an inheritance for public office. Good luck Ben, you make the Queen family proud.

Congratulations to all the graduates, it looks like life is returning to normal. It is time to enter into the next step of your life.

I feel like this column is some type of medical journal, but due to all the calls I get, I will update you on my condition. I had detached retina surgery and it appears that everything is going to be okay. I still have floaters and sometimes I see two of you. This can be good and a little scary. The doctors and staff at Ruby were wonderful. If you are going to be sick, it is great to have nice people around you.

I have said that this was scarier than the "C" diagnosis but you know that man upstairs is still taking care of me. Thanks to all my friends and especially my angel, Ruby Oldaker, and my neighbor Judy Ritz. I will be trying to drive a little this week, so be sure to watch for me.

Take care, be healthy and until next week, "Now You Have Heard It Through the Grapevine."

I'm Getting The Hang Of The Zero-Turn Mower



Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny

Last Saturday afternoon, Patty, #3 Shane, and great-granddaughter Miss Aubrey stopped by for a nice visit. Shane played some new tunes on his guitar. Aubrey is growing like a weed and getting sharper; she starts Kindergarten this year.

Tuesday morning, sister-in-law Bernie showed up and spent most of the day cleaning the house... it definitely needed it. When I checked the mail, I ran into Postal and Kevin doing the same. It was nice getting caught up on the local happenings. However, most of the conversation pertained to our maladies along with the co-payment costs they generate. Postal hasn't been up to much lately, he has been slowed down with a bum ankle. Kevin is cancer free following recent chemotherapy treatments. Me, I was whining about the wrists.

In the afternoon, I cranked up the riding mower and cut the grass in my area of Pine Bluff. I'm getting the hang of the zero-turn mower and it sure makes it easier mowing around things.

Later, I drove over to Jimmy's Diner and picked up take-out dinners for Bernie and myself. While there, it was nice talking with Barbara (Wright) Efaw of Mannington. I went all the way through school with her older sister, Sandy. Their late parents, Squire and Mary Wright, were the nicest people you'd ever want to meet; also, they both always looked like they had just stepped out of a fashion magazine.

After returning home and eating, I decided it

was time to replace the break-in oil in the new mower. The manufacturer ran a six-inch drain hose from the crankcase with a plug in the end for easy access. But they must have put Loctite on the plug threads before using an impact wrench to install the plug, because I couldn't get it loose...bum wrist didn't help.

While wrestling with the plug, Bryan Smith stopped by. His parents are Tracy and Carolyn of Worthington. At one time, my late brother Jack was married to Carolyn's sister, Bea Kay (Satterfield). So, all of our kids grew up together. A few years ago, Bryan retired from the Army after 26 years of service. He was living in Michigan and decided to relocate back here. His older brother, Jeff, also recently retired from the Army as a CSM (Command Sergeant Major).

Since there was an able body available, I asked Bryan if he could break the oil plug loose for me. He said, "Sure", but he had a very hard time (I would have never gotten it). I had an empty gallon milk jug to catch the used oil in and the hose would just reach the top. After the hose was centered, we sat down on the breezeway to chat while the oil drained out. Apparently, our centering skills are lacking because a few minutes later I noticed about a quart of oil had dribbled on the breezeway's concrete floor. However, a roll of paper towels took care of that.

Also, Jeff replaced the mower's oil filter and poured in the required two quarts of new oil...good man! After he cleaned the oil off of his hands, I asked him if he could stop in for a visit around April 1st of next year...I'll be changing the oil again.

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

Ace

WV State Farm Museum To Host An Antique Gas Engine Show In July

The West Virginia State Farm Museum will host another Antique Gas Engine Show on Saturday, July 3 at 5 p.m. The event will feature an antique and farm tractor pulls. The Country Kitchen and Country Store will be open both days.

"This is a great event to start your summer in the Mountain State. Bring the kids down to the State Farm Museum, so they can experience

antiques of the past and learn about West Virginia's rich agricultural history," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt.

The State Farm Museum also hosts the Christopher H. Bauer Wildlife Museum, which contains a large collection of mounted

wildlife hunting trophies. Other attractions include authentic log cabins, an early farmhouse, an operational 19th

century blacksmith shop, turn-of-the-century doctor and newspaper offices, a display room that contains an extensive collection of firearms, knives and other hunting accessories, and a mounted body of "General," the third-largest horse ever recorded.

For more information, call the Farm Museum office at 304-675-5737 or email at wvsm@suddenlinkmail.com, or visit www.wvfarmmuseum.org. The museum grounds are located just north of Point Pleasant.



STRENGTHEN YOUR COMMUNITY!
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"Broadband Now"

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in their homes. Meetings held over ZOOM and other video conferencing services depended on fast internet access to function.

The lack of broadband access is quickly becoming the separation between the "haves" and the "have nots". Rural schools that could not connect their students to the online instruction suffered as their urban counterparts held classes as usual. There were countless stories of students being driven to the parking lot at a local fast-food outlet in order to access their Wi-Fi. Small businesses in rural areas have had a continual problem with slow internet speeds and have seen their growth stunted when they could not satisfy their customer base.

The American Rescue Plan is hopefully going to address some of the needs of rural America and install additional broadband throughout the country. While much of the talk about infrastructure has been about roads and bridges, broadband is getting a good deal of attention as Americans realize how valuable being connected to the internet is to their daily lives. While much of the broadband network is comprised of fiber and wire, there is a good bit of innovation being done in order to reach citizens in remote areas of the country. Satellites and wireless nodes are just two of the ways that companies are working on to reduce the cost while increasing the speeds of rural broadband.

These solutions can't come fast enough. Homes and businesses are filling up with new technologies that will require a massive amount of data capacity. Cities and school districts are working on smart parking lots, mapping systems, security cameras and hundreds of other innovations that will depend on the access to broadband. Sadly, if this technology is not accessible by everyone, it will place many rural and poor areas at a distinct disadvantage. What was once thought of as a way of delivering entertainment to the home is now becoming as important as water, sewer, gas and electric.

The return on investment for installing high quality broadband throughout the country should be high and will allow all citizens to experience the quality of life that is possible through this high-tech innovation. The time is now and we should be a loud voice for this investment.

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HCSCC SPOTLIGHT

Featuring news from the Harrison County Senior Citizen Center

Harrison County Senior Center Plans For Reopening June 22nd



The Health, Nutrition & Wellness Committee is pictured here (l-rt) meeting to plan month menus, themed luncheons and health & wellness activities: Janet Dotson, Bill O'Field, Fern Oset, Ruth Jeffries, Beth Fitzgerald, Donna Stuart, and Harley Jeffries.

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD
News & Journal Editor

It has been a long, dry spell since senior citizens have been able to enjoy socialization and activities at the Harrison County Senior Citizens Center due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, that will soon change. West Virginia Governor Jim Justice announced on May 20th that senior centers would be allowed to reopen with certain guidelines in place to be followed for continued precautionary reasons. HCSCC Executive Director Beth Fitzgerald was immediately engaged in developing a plan based on current CDC guidelines that was subject to HCSCC Board approval. The doors of the Center will reopen on Tuesday, June 22nd, much to the delight of seniors as well as the HCSCC staff!

Fitzgerald noted, however, that her reopening plan is an "initial" plan, and as more restrictions are lifted, the Center's guidelines may be amended as well to reflect even more reduced restrictions. She composed, along with input

from the Center's Health, Nutrition and Wellness Committee, a four-page, in-depth reopening plan that was submitted and gained board approval. For at least a while, though, there will still be rules in place as well as lots of sanitizing taking place ... all to ensure that their senior patrons remain safe.

"We will still be frequently using electrostatic sprayers to disinfect all areas of the Senior Center including handrails, lobby seating, bathroom areas, common touch areas, café tables and chairs, etc. Our staff will be using hand sanitizer after handling cash or member credit cards during a transaction, meal tokens, etc., and our members will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer as well – whether in the cafe area, the fitness room, TV/ puzzle room, or any of our communal areas," she emphasized. "We are pretty certain they won't have a problem with this as they are so overjoyed just to be able to have the Center reopened and be able to share once again in some social activities."

Because the mask-

wearing mandate is scheduled to be lifted on June 20th, HCSCC will leave it to the individual members to choose whether or not to continue wearing their masks. The Kinley Café will be open again as well for food service, and self-service items will be allowed. The Café will begin with lunch only for a couple of weeks and plans to start limited item breakfast service on July 6th. Members will be urged to continue to use hand sanitizer before touching self-service items such as salt, pepper, coffee service, and condiment dispensers. Tables and chairs in the café will be arranged for both group seating in addition to individual, socially distanced seating options.

"The WV Bureau of Senior Services and the Health Department are requesting that we provide contactless check-in as much as possible and we will be getting a card scanner system that will use the bar codes on the back of membership cards that will allow us to 'check them in' for activities," Fitzgerald added. "We will be keeping track of who is in the building each

day in the event there is an issue."

As for group activities, the groups that have confirmed to begin meeting the first week of reopening are: Tai Chi, Bingo Fun Club, Bingocize, Ceramics (daytime only at this time), and Friday Lunch Bingo. Other groups are currently considering when their meetings will resume. Call the Center for more information at 304-623-6795.

Anyone needing transportation will at this time be required to wear a mask and drivers will continue to sanitize seating between trips and at the Center Ballroom.

The HCSCC Board of Directors called a Special Meeting on June 1, 2021 via Zoom and/or in-person to address the re-opening plan as required by the West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services. The following actions

HCSCC Board approved the HCSCC Re-opening Plan for June 22, 2021, allowing the Executive Committee to approve changes as needed.

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HCSCC Board Actions At June 1st Special Meeting

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Updated Mask Policy

This is the latest mask policy that will be in effect 6-1-21 through 6-20-21. Unvaccinated persons are still required to wear a mask in HCSCC buildings. Vaccinated persons, as defined by the CDC, will not be required to wear a mask in HCSCC buildings. Fully vaccinated individuals, as defined by the CDC, are those individuals who are two weeks past the date of their last vaccination shot OR two weeks past the date of their one-shot vaccination.

COVID-19 Testing Continues On Tuesdays & Thursdays

The Harrison County Senior Citizens Center, Inc. (HCSCC) will continue to offer free (drive-in) testing for all ages in their parking lot on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. at 500 W. Main Street in Clarksburg. No appointment is required. Individuals who want to be tested should go into one of the marked spaces set aside for testing in the Center's parking lot and follow the instructions posted there. For more information, call 304-623-6795.

CAREGIVERS NEEDED For HCSCC In-Home Services Program

HCSCC is looking for in-home caregivers to assist Harrison County seniors to remain in their homes with light assistance. Caregivers assist with personal care, light housekeeping, meal preparation, grocery/errand shopping and laundry. Caregivers do not provide medical care. Caregivers must have reliable transportation and from clients. Training provided. Call the Center for more information at 304-623-6795.

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Mountaineer Sports Around The Horn!



The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

Starting with West Virginia baseball, which ended the season with a 25-27 record, Mountaineer Manager Randy Mazey had high hopes for this year's edition but things didn't turn out as planned. Big 12 baseball is a beast and wins are hard to come by but if you are going to make the post season push that Eer fans are clamoring for, they are a must.

WVU finished 8-16 in conference play and they only picked up one series win. They took two of three from Kansas in late March and that was all she wrote from there until the Big 12 Tournament. The Mountaineers picked up a pair of nice wins to open up play. An 8-7 win over the Jayhawks in the opener gave Mazey and company a little confidence in the double elimination tournament. A day

later, they dominated national power Texas 5-1, a victory that pushed the confidence meter to the top.

A day off usually is a good thing in the sports world, but it was the beginning of the end for the Eers. A ten-run loss to Oklahoma State put WVU in the loser's bracket. The set back was over early as the Cowboys corralled eight runs in the first two innings and cruised from there. Later that day, a vengeful Longhorn squad eliminated the Mountaineers, 3-2. WVU fell behind 1-0 in the bottom of the third but in true Mountaineer fashion, Mazey's team rallied to take a 2-1 lead in the top of the fifth. Texas would retaliate with a pair of runs in the bottom of the sixth en route to the win, ending WVU's campaign.

On a positive note, former Mountaineer

Alek Manoah, was victorious in his major league debut. Mafoah, who was selected 11th overall in 2019 by the Toronto Blue Jays, put the clamps on the New York Yankees to garner the win. Manoah threw six innings of scoreless baseball with seven strikeouts.

On the hardwood, veteran mentor Bob Huggins received some good news. Mountaineer guard, Taz Sherman announced that he would be coming back to the program next season. Sherman was one of three WVU guards that decided to test the professional waters. Deuce McBride (the most complete backcourt player on last year's team) and Sean McNeil (a deep ball specialist in 2020) are still up in the air. Sherman averaged just south of 14 points and was named an honorable mention selection on the All-Big 12 squad. Hopefully for Huggins, Sherman's move will influence McBride and McNeil to stay in the program.

On the gridiron,

excitement is building following the announcement of the details for Neal Brown's football team. The Mountaineers head to border rival, Maryland on September 4th to kick off the season. The lock-up with the Terps will start at 3:30 PM and can be seen on ESPN.

The next Saturday, WVU will entertain Long Island at Milan Puskar Stadium. Fans better bring their iced tea for this high noon kick. It's bound to be a hot one with a packed house on the horizon which can be viewed on ESPN+.

There is no rest for the weary and none for Brown's bunch either. They square off the very next Saturday against Virginia Tech. The winner gets the coveted Black Diamond Trophy and if that isn't enough incentive to play hard against the Hokies I don't know what is.

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



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

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

This past week's winners are Lincoln's Destiny Cunningham and Bridgeport's Ryan Goff.

Cougar softball player, Destiny Cunningham helped her team to a 3-1 record this past week. With Lincoln facing elimination in sectional play, Cunningham went 2 for 3 with a home run and four RBIs in a win over Elkins. The next evening, Cunningham kept the Cougar's season alive, with an RBI single that proved to be the game winner in a victory over Robert C. Byrd.

Indian baseball player, Ryan Goff helped his squad to a 3-0 week and a sectional championship. Goff produced multi-hit efforts in every lock-up. Goff was 7 of 10 with a pair of doubles. He also drove in seven runs and scored five times propelling the Tribe into regional play.

Congratulations to Lincoln's Destiny Cunningham and Bridgeport's Ryan Goff for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week!

Shinnston Little League Wraps Up 2021 Season



The Shinnston Little League wrapped up their 2021 season with closing ceremonies at the Shinnston Little League Field last Saturday, June 5, 2021. Pictured along with players and coaches is Shinnston Little League President Derek McIntyre as he recognizes each participant who made this another successful season of play.

Hatfield-McCoy Trails Offering Free Passes During West Virginia Day



Saddle up, ride free and celebrate West Virginia Day on the Hatfield-McCoy Trails on West Virginia Day.

West Virginia's state slogan proudly proclaims: "Mountaineers Are Always Free." This West Virginia Day Weekend, those words take on a new meaning for riders on the Hatfield-McCoy Trails.

West Virginia state residents can ride for free during the West Virginia Day holiday weekend, June 18 through June 21.

West Virginia Day Trail Passes will be available to state residents who present a valid West Virginia driver's license or WV state-issued I.D. at HMT trailheads and facilities.

"We want all Mountaineers to discover the best ATV trails in the U.S.A.," said Hatfield-McCoy Trails Executive Director,

Jeffrey Lusk. "So, saddle up, ride free and celebrate West Virginia Day with us."

Lusk cautions all riders that Hatfield-McCoy Trails regulations apply to all riders and noted that West Virginia Department of Natural Resources Police Officers will be out on the trails checking for

rider permits.

West Virginia Day permits are not available online or at local retailers and are only valid from June 18 through June 21. Residents can visit trailsheaven.com for complete listing of all Hatfield-McCoy Trails permit pickup locations and trail regulations.

USA ISDE Trophy Teams Announce 7th Annual Golf Tournament At Snowshoe GNCC



The USA ISDE Trophy Teams are excited to present the [7th Annual Golf Tournament Team Fundraiser at Snowshoe Mountain Resort's Raven Golf Club](#). The fundraiser will be held in conjunction with round 9 of the 2021 Grand National Cross Country (GNCC) Series presented by Specialized, an AMA National Championship, on Friday June 25.

The golf tournament will assist the ISDE Trophy riders in their efforts to represent USA

at the 2021 running of the International Six Days Enduro (ISDE) in Lombardy-Piedmont, Italy on August 30th through September 4th, 2021.

The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. on Friday morning, and will run until approximately 3:30 p.m. Participants will get to play 18 holes of golf on a championship-caliber golf course, ranked the No. 5 public golf course in the state of West Virginia by *GolfWeek Magazine*.

Many of the soon-to-be announced USA Trophy Team riders will be participating in this event, which will provide a unique opportunity to spend time with some of the world's most talented off-road racers.

Each team is made up of four players and space is limited, be sure to get your team registered by completing the online registration form. You must have a team name in order to start registration, and additional team members can join a

team after the team has been created. Individual participants and participants outside of the motorcycle industry are welcome and will be assigned to a team at random. The cost is \$120 per person, which includes lunch at the end of the tournament sponsored by Moose Racing. Event t-shirts for the 7th Annual ISDE Golf Tournament are also available to purchase on the registration page. Special activities will take place throughout

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IDA MARIE SAVORITO



Ida Marie Saporito, 83, of Shinnston, died as she lived - surrounded by love, prayers, laughter, pets, and long-winded tales that cannot be shared in polite company. Of course, her children, Mary Catherine and Frankie, were with her to encourage this activity and, on May 31, 2021, Ida left them to their own devices and reunited with her rascally husband, Joe, and many loved ones who have been patiently awaiting her arrival.

She was born in Wheeling on January 28, 1938, the daughter of the late Herman Schneider and Mary Louise Curran Schneider. Technically, an only child, Ida did have five women she considered sisters: her best friend of more than forty years, Martie Hayhurst, of Nutter Fort, WV; cousin Cindy Hedrick of Miamisburg, OH; and her three sisters-in-law, the deceased and much-missed Mary Frances Pulice, Angeline Spino of Miami, FL, and Loretta Ann Saporito of Moundsville, WV. They cried together, prayed for each other, fought occasionally, and laughed like hyenas in each other's company.

Ida is survived by her fiercely protective and motor-mouthy daughter Mary Catherine Saporito, angel-on-earth fiancé (and Ida's favorite caregiver) Harold, and cat Ellie of Shinnston, WV and her devoted and delightfully mischievous son, Frankie Saporito and loving fiancée Christi of Somerset, MA. Ida's five ornery, kind, and hilarious grandchildren Amanda, Avery, Dominic, Jimmy, and William already miss her terribly, as does her massage therapist, kitty-cat Shadow.

Ida was extremely proud of her nieces and nephews and enjoyed close relationships with each one. She spent nearly every holiday and birthday with nephew Chris Pulice, his wife Mitzi, and their children Marissa, Delaney Rose, and Ben of Fairmont, as well as with niece Cathy Secreto and son Nicholas of Clarksburg. Nephews Tony and Michael Saporito of Moundsville always made her giggle for hours on end, and she looked forward to every visit with "the boys" and their

parents. In addition to her beloved mother and father, Ida was preceded in death by her treasured brothers-in-law Ron Pulice, Guy Saporito and Jim Saporito and sister-in-law Christina Saporito. She is survived by Ron's wife Linda Pulice. Ida's deceased relatives - her cherished uncles Bill and Chic Curran and aunt Kate Dierkes, and the force of nature known as aunt Lucille Cole - greeted her with open arms and hearts.

Passionate about educating and bettering the lives of children, Ida obtained her degree in education from St. John College of Cleveland. She was selected to lead a revolutionary education pilot program in Marshall County and later worked for several years at Mother Goose Land in Nutter Fort, where she was a favorite of co-workers and kids alike. Ida was especially thrilled that Cathy, Marissa, and Amanda also chose to enter the teaching profession.

She quickly became a highly respected educator and mentor in WV and taught K-12 students throughout the state for more than two decades. Ida spent the later portion of her career with Even Start - Family Connections in Lost Creek, where she directed the early childhood education program and coordinated the interactive parent and child activities.

Ida was an advocate for animal adoption and rescuer of those who wandered onto the properties at which she worked or lived, and the following preceded her in death: Brownie, Apricot, Seven, Pippin, Boots, Whiskers, Miss Kitty, Pretty Momma, and Callie. The family's longtime doggie companion Pebbles, also known as Joe's other wife, is adjusting to Ida's presence in Heaven and resents having to share Joe's attention again.

Ida was a voracious reader whose library card was one of her most cherished possessions. She was also an avid viewer of most game shows, programs featuring kids, The Golden Girls and Murder She Wrote. Ida strongly supported National Public Radio and PBS, and her two children can still sing the Reading Rainbow theme song on demand. She enjoyed using her Kindle to Skype with loved ones, do jigsaw puzzles, and play card games.

The Saporito family would like to express gratitude to the staff

of Amedisys Hospice Care. They would also like to acknowledge Robin Righter, Tina and Terry Collins, and Mary Jo Elder for being good friends and looking out for Ida, Mary Catherine and Harold throughout the years. Additionally, they would like to thank the Amaral and Hutchison families for their love and support, as well as their willingness to literally travel thousands of miles across the country to visit.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Ann's Catholic Church on Friday, June 4th with Father Chris Turner officiating. Interment will be held at a later date.

If you would like to honor Ida and support two of her favorite local organizations, please donate to Lowe Public Library or the Humane Society of Harrison County. Online condolences and memories can be shared on the Tribute Wall. A service of Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston.

SHELIA IRENE STIRE ICE



Sheila Irene Stire Ice, 82, of Lumberport passed away Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at United Hospital Center. She was born March 13, 1939 in Wallace, a daughter of the late Henry F. Stire and Margaret McKenna Stire. She is survived by her husband, James Gary Ice, whom she married August 25, 1957.

Also surviving are her children, James (Jamie) Ice and his wife, Maxine, Lumberport, Dawn Ovies and her husband, Anthony, Mt Clare, and Kris Wagner and Scott Swiger Clarksburg; her brother, Gary Stire and wife Carol, Marietta, GA; sister-in-law Brenda Stire, Bridgeport; grandchildren, Todd Haddix and wife Darby, Wallace, Adam Walker and wife Ali, Bridgeport, Derek Walker and wife Matrasa, Bridgeport, Dr. Kassie Kime and husband Dr. Matt Kime, Fairmont, Kyle Simpsonville, KY; great-grandchildren, Creed Haddix, Landen Walker, Hayden Walker, Camden Walker, Mayson Walker, Rowan Walker, Emory

Haddix, Eva Kime, and Kate Kime.

Sheila was preceded in death by her son, Cary Ice, her brother, Neil Stire, her sister Shirley Kane and husband Chuck, and her In-laws, Herb and Charlotte Ice.

Mrs. Ice retired on December 3, 1999 from the Lumberport post office as Postmaster after 26 years of service. She was a member and Lay Speaker of Lumberport United Methodist Church, where she served as Sunday School Superintendent and trustee. She was formerly secretary of United Methodist Women.

She loved to travel and being with grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Service was held at the Lumberport United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 5, 2021 with Rev. Sam Cale officiating. Interment followed at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to harmerfuneralhome.com

THELMA ISABELLE SOUTHERN

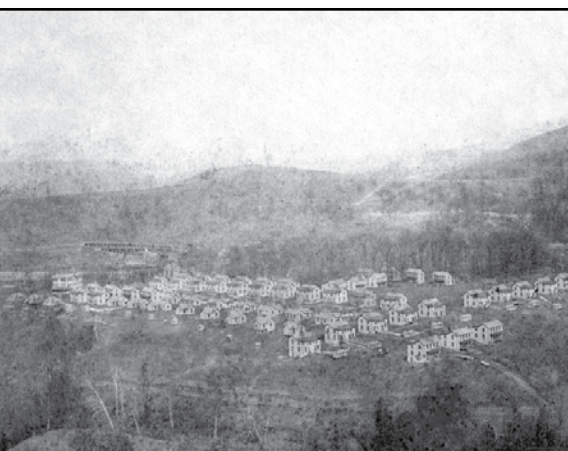
Thelma Isabelle Southern, also known as "Grandmother", passed away at age 84. She was born on August 26, 1936 to the late William Adrian McConnell and Thelma Lorenna Coffman McConnell. On Wednesday, June 2, 2021, Thelma passed away unexpectedly at United Hospital Center, Bridgeport, WV.

Thelma was preceded in death by her husband, Franklin D. Southern; son, Richard K. Southern; daughter-in-law, Debra K. Southern; grandson, Kevin M. Southern, along with many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, parents, in-laws and all siblings.

Thelma is survived by her sons; William E. Southern (Becky Wick, girlfriend) and James M. Southern (Melissa L., wife); Daughter, Lorenna E. Freeland; Grandkids Misti L. Southern Patterson (Matthew, husband), Niketta M. Wilmoth (Bennie L. Wilson, boyfriend), Nicholas M. Southern (Tabitha, wife), Emily A. Swiger, Zachary L. Southern and Rachel M. Southern (William Seigman, boyfriend); Daughter-in-law, Penny B. Southern; Brother-in-law, Bill Hebb, as well as eight total great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Upon her wishes, Thelma will be cremated with no services.

Out Of The Past
Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



A rare image of Gypsy, looking northeast, about 1900. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

Dorsey Funeral Home is honored to be handling the arrangements for the Southern family.

ROBERT "BOB" E. EDGE, JR.

Robert "Bob" E. Edge Jr, 64, of Bridgeport, passed away at Ruby Memorial Hospital on May 29, 2021 surrounded by his daughters and long-term girlfriend after a furious six-year battle with cancer. He was born June 20, 1956 in Lumberport, son of the late Robert E Edge Sr. and beloved mother Joann Edge.

Bob is survived by his daughters Elizabeth and Patricia Edge. Bob is also survived by his girlfriend, Sandy McKay, his Uncle Joseph Crutch and wife Maria, his brother William "Billy" Edge and wife Rebecca "Becky", and an extremely large list of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Bob devoted his life to his two daughters. Each action he took was intended to leave them with a piece of him and the love he has for them. Always by his side was his loving partner, Sandy, who displayed unconditional love and support to help him flourish.

Bob had an extensive list of accomplishments working at American Wire Group, and in starting his own business 30 years ago, which he continued to work for alongside his daughters until a day before his passing. He often stated that he never worked a day in his life because he loved his job.

Apart from working Bob did enjoy a bottle of Budweiser or a glass of cognac, watching John Wayne, worldwide traveling and smoking a good dark Cigar.

Bob was a member and 32nd Degree Mason with Hermon Lodge #6 in Clarksburg. He was a friend to everyone and never met a person he couldn't strike up a conversation with. He would also be

considered a mentor to many people. He never wanted to see those less fortunate go without a meal, and would always go above and beyond to help a friend in need.

Although he had a vicious battle with a horrible disease, he never let that change his positive outlook or views on life. He never stopped trying new things and he never stopped fighting. He will be greatly missed and unconditionally loved.

A funeral service was held on June 1, 2021 at Perine Funeral Home with Pastor Chad Hutson officiating. Interment followed at the Lions Club Cemetery in Lumberport.

Online condolences and memories can be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com

BARBARA ELLEN "SUE" BROWN

Barbara Ellen "Sue" Brown, 75, of Fairmont, formerly of Lumberport, passed away on Sunday, May 30, 2021 at Manchin Assisted Living in Bridgeport. She was born January 29, 1946 in Flemington a daughter of the late Hollie and Blanche Smith Stewart. On October 2, 2011 she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Robert Lynn Brown.

Sue is survived by her sister, Ann Hancock of Baltimore; as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her parents and husband, Sue was preceded in death by her sister, Shirley Nutt and her brother, Jim Stewart.

Sue loved dancing and listening to music from the 60's and 70's.

A funeral service was held at the Perine Funeral Home on Friday, June 4th. Interment followed at the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. Online condolences and memories can be shared with the family at www.perinefunerals.com

Marshall University Announces Spring President's & Dean's Lists

The names of Marshall University students who made the president's and dean's lists for the spring 2021 semester are available on the Marshall website for use by the media.

The president's list reflects students with a 4.0 grade point average for 12 graded hours

or more. To make the traditional dean's list, students must have a 3.3 or above grade point average for a minimum of 12 graded hours.

Marshall has 865 students on the president's list and 1,861 on the dean's list, for a total of 2,726 students included on

the website for spring. Students who requested their names not be published are excluded from the lists.

Many students and their parents have requested that Marshall make the president's and dean's lists available to publications that cover their hometowns. Each student's name,

hometown, county (for West Virginia) and state are included on the website at <http://www.marshall.edu/ucomm/deans-and-presidents-lists>.

The following Harrison County students who made the President's List were: Maggie Lane-Bridgeport; Emilee

Pugh-Bridgeport; Sophie Banko-Clarksburg and Brandi Mines-Clarksburg.

The following Harrison County students were on the Dean's List: Shay Freeman-Bridgeport; Julia Muller-Bridgeport; Jack Ray-Bridgeport; Wyatt Ray-Bridgeport; Jackson Smart-Bridgeport;

Rheannon Freeman-Clarksburg; Madison Hankins-Clarksburg; Ashley Haskell-Clarksburg; Alexandyr Hummel-Clarksburg; Sophia McMillion-Clarksburg; Andrew Rogers-Clarksburg; Samuel Bolyard-Lost Creek; Tamara Cook-Shinnston and Skylaar Mease-Shinnston.

“Community Garden” cont. from p.1

few; we welcome the suggestions, ideas, and effort of more people in the community. That is the meaning of a ‘community’ garden; it is a shared effort to better our community with its produce benefitting our Lord’s Pantry.”

Kathleen Panek added, “We had several ideas presented at our initial meetings, so we are trying various methods of gardening – in ground, in bags, even aeroponic tower gardening. Our goal is to see what is most effective and we’ll base our plans for future gardens on what produces the best during this first trial run.”

She added the garden planners’ gratitude to local businesses who have been eager to help – such as Bice’s Greenhouse, Nuzum Trucking and Ace Hardware.

Bobby Bice commented, “Although we are technically outside the city limits of Shinnston, we have always considered Shinnston to be our ‘home’ and have always tried to offer our support to our community. We were very happy to donate some vegetable plants to help the Community Garden get re-established this year.”

Roger Nuzum of Nuzum Trucking donated and delivered

ten tons of dirt to the Community Garden recently. He said, “We worked closely with the late Lee Reger when he initiated the Community Garden and then continued to oversee it for years. I was thrilled to death to contribute once again as they try to rebuild this year. There is no reason at all why we shouldn’t do something like this for free to get this worthy project off the ground again. In fact, I’ll be delivering about five more tons of dirt for their use very soon. It will help a lot of people through The Lord’s Pantry.”

Ace Hardware owner Adam Southern donated bags of top soil. He noted that once he learned one thing volunteers would be trying this year was planting some things in bagged soil, he wanted to contribute to it.

“I’m real happy to see that an effort is being made to bring the Community Garden to life again. It’s in a good location and hopefully people will pay attention to its progress during the summer. Shinnston has supported us and we were happy to reciprocate by contributing to this project,” Adam commented.

Olson added, “Amanda Hannon, a VoAg teacher at

Lincoln High School, reached out to me as well and kindly offered to donate some seeds for planting. This kind of spirited support is one of the many things that makes Shinnston such a wonderful community. Our goal is to create sustainability and make this a lasting project that will continue in the years to come and help those who depend on The Lord’s Pantry to help feed their families. At some point, we would even like to create an educational component and reach out to local schools to get children involved in planting some seeds and creating an interest not just in gardening but in cultivating an interest in giving to the community.”

Plans are to grow potatoes, cabbage, peppers, tomatoes, beans, and perhaps some herbs in the garden, with more to be added in the years to come.

As the garden begins to thrive, there will be more specific tasks for volunteers to take part in. Anyone who is interested in volunteering a little time to its growth is invited to reach out to garden leaders with suggestions as to how they might help. Call the City Office Building at 304-592-6058.

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for the water plant has been submitted to be purchased with ARP funding; however, Edwards wants to ensure that none are included with Phase 3 of the water project prior to purchase.

One sewer worker is out, quarantined with COVID.

Clement St. needs paved, but the original plans did not meet DOH standards. Drainage issues caused by the eight layers of state paving in the past will remain a problem that needs addressed so flooding won't continue to occur in some residences. Chad has been in touch with the governor's office to discuss this situation.

Police are still working with the Governor's Highway Safety Grant. Police Dept. parking lot has been paved.

Speed limit signs are ordered.

Bid opening for AMRs is on Thursday, June 10th at 2 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

Street sweeping has been done thanks to help from the City of Bridgeport.

Pool opened on May 29th; it was a cool, rainy day with not many patrons, but it gave the pool manager time to

get set up and run some simulations with the lifeguards.

Cultural Festival at the Park will be held on June 19th with art displays, vendors and entertainment by Byron Cooper and Aristotle (Appalachian Soul genre); corn hole will also be set up. Free pool admission after 3 p.m. that day is being considered to increase attendance.

Sponsors for September 11th/Frontier Days fireworks show are being sought. Larry Gregory will match the amount of any donations that are made.

Pool manager and lifeguards will provide swimming lessons this summer.

City Attorney has given NAJ ten days to do something with the burned down house on Charles Street. If no action is taken, the City will have to demo the house as if asbestos was present since it burned and it will increase the demo cost significantly. The City would have 30 days to demo the property.

Flowers have been planted in downtown urns; the City will take care of plant maintenance.

Safety classes have been held for employees to learn

about how to operate AEDs, do CPR, and triage treatments in the event of an emergency situation.

Chad and Vice-Mayor Kisamore attended a meeting with Senator Manchin and WV Auditor J.B. McCuskey on appropriate spending of American Rescue funding.

Economic Development Coordinator Anthony Tate noted that the Independence Day celebration at the Park will be held this year on July 1st as it has been in the past. Live music will begin at 3 p.m.; there will also be an opportunity for Karaoke; vendors with shaved ice, hoagies and donuts will be on the premises; fireworks will conclude the evening following the annual concert by the Shinnston Community Band.

In his report, Mayor Kovalck noted that he and the City Manager had attended the County Commission meeting to hear the Frontier presentation on

broadband/fiberoptics. He said most of the conversation centered on Clarksburg. When pressing them about Shinnston broadband expansion, they were told it would be engineered in 2021 and completed in 2022 with a reasonable price for the service.

The mayor also noted he had stopped at the pool during the Memorial Day weekend and had spoken with lifeguards, recalling the drowning that previously occurred there and tried to impress upon them the need to be vigilant in their duties.

Jacob Darrah from Thrasher spoke to Council about converting geographic maps of all water and sewer lines in Shinnston to the GIS system, and he emphasized that going from paper mapping to digital would create better efficiency. He said there is no subscription fee and the City's information would be hosted for its lifetime.

DISCUSSION ITEMS were:

Decreasing the speed limit in residential areas to 15 mph was again discussed and it was suggested that making the speed limit 5 mph inside the Park, on Monroe Street and Aragona Alley as well as for special events would allow for greater safety. Chad will have the ordinance ready at the next meeting.

Councilman Rodney Strait suggested that a change be made to the ordinance in which residents are given 30 days to comply with rules on property maintenance; he would like to see it changed to five days instead of 30 days. Police Chief Jon Harbert noted that Judge Julian has imposed a lot of fines recently for property maintenance.

Changing the date of the Independence Day celebration to having it on a weekend was a suggestion offered by Councilman Kevin Wiles. His thought was that more people might attend since July 1st this year is a Thursday. Arrangements have already been made for this year's event with

band members, sound people, and fireworks in place for July 1st. In both 2022 and 2023, July 1st will fall on Friday and Saturday (respectively), so it didn't need to be addressed at this point.

6-month projects were updated, noting that several tasks at the park and pool have been completed, along with railings at the school, and that paving is in progress with the next streets to be taken care of being VanRufus Drive, Factory, Ferguson and Stewart streets. That would complete the current list to which additional streets may be considered in the fall. The City Manager is in the process of working on the power source at the Trailhead, the split rail fence fixes, and broadband issues. Stantec, as a community service project, will be painting the wall on South Pike Street an earthy tone on June 23rd/24th.

Prior to adjourning, Council went into executive session to discuss legal matters.

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JOHN SKELLEY, JR.

John Skelley, Jr., of Lumberport, went to his heavenly home on May 31, 2021. He was born, May 16, 1954, a son of the late John and Hazel Quinn Skelley.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 33 years, Rhonda Swiger Skelley, his two brothers, Joe and Tom Skelley.

He was retired from the Boilermakers Union Local 667 where he worked for many years on power plants throughout the state.

John is survived by his two children, Anna Lucas, of Clarksburg, Michael Skelley and his companion Brittany Drummond, of Lumberport; his grandchildren, Madison Lucas, of Buckhannon, Mason Shreves, of Clarksburg, and Avery, Aiden, and Adalynn Skelley, all of Lumberport.

He enjoyed his retirement by tinkering around his house and hanging on the porch with his friends.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 5, with Pastor Tim Sandy officiating. Interment was in the Lumberport Lions Club Cemetery. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com.

“Golf Tournament”

cont. from p.6

the day, with even more opportunities for friendly competition. Each player is able to purchase four “Mulligans” for \$25. There will be hole-in-one prizes along with FMF Power Drive and closest to the pin for both men and women. Also, as players make their way from the 18th hole to the 1st hole there will be different fun putting contests with great prizes for players to take part in for \$25.

Mid-State Chevrolet will be giving away a truck as a hole-in-one prize, as well as WP giving away a set of forks. For the FMF Power Drive, the man and woman with the longest drive will win an FMF muffler or pipe.

All golf fees include lunch, green fees, cart and clubhouse amenities. All players must wear the appropriate golf attire. Golfers must bring their own club, if you need to rent clubs, they will be available for a \$20 rental fee at registration.

Proceeds from the event go directly to the USA ISDE Team to help in funding their transportation to this prestigious event. If you have questions about this event or would like to learn how to donate to the team, please contact Jammi Robertson at jammi.robertson@ktm.com.

Ken and Carolyn Cross from Harpers Ferry will receive one hundred dollars from the Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum for their winning entry in the “What's This?” campaign for May. Mr. Cross coaches baseball and the couple were in the area for a competition and decided to see local attractions when they had some downtime.

Entering the drawing involved identifying five objects in the windows of the Museum; the winner was drawn randomly from all entries. The contest continues

in June with 5 new (old) items. Shown above are the five items exhibited in May. The washboard in the back was used before washing machines came to be. Clothes were placed in a tub of water and rubbed with soap against the ribbed surface of the board to get out tough dirt. The coffee grinder has a hand crank and broke up the coffee beans for the morning java. The glass bottle is a milk bottle that would have arrived at the door when milk delivery was common. The white

metal object inscribed ‘Muta Swiger's Jeweler’, held a large box of matches. It would have originally had a rough surface on the face of the right side to strike the match and a tray to discard burnt matches. This would have been on the wall near your stove (before pilot lights). The final object is an ice cream scoop that made slices of ice cream.

Come by the Museum during the month of June and see if you can guess the artifacts displayed.



“Senior Center Re-Opening” cont. from p. 6



Health, Nutrition & Wellness Committee Co-Chairs Donna Stuart and Harley Jeffries discuss sound reopening procedures to ensure that seniors' return to the facility is a safe one.

the end of the day. Those interested in renting the Ballroom/Facility for indoor group gatherings and/or fundraisers will follow whatever the current guidelines are (including food service requirements), and the Director will inform renters of the current guidelines prior to their rental event. Senior Satellites will also be permitted to resume their meetings;

their initial meeting date will be left up to each Satellite President. Similar precautions are suggested for those meetings as well. “Yes, there are still some hoops to jump through as we reopen as far as disinfecting and being cautious is concerned, but we are prepared to do whatever is necessary so that we can welcome everyone back safely,” Fitzgerald concluded.

“We will continue to keep all of our members informed of our current and updated regulations. Until the pandemic is totally under control, the well-being of our senior members will remain a top priority for us. But we are truly so eager to see their smiling faces again. June 22, 2021 will be a very cheerful day for all of us here at the Senior Center!”



With plans set to reopen HCSCC on June 22nd, Board members Bill O'Field and Janet Dotson discuss the layout of tables and chairs in the café.

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