

Shinnston's Independence Day 'Concert In The Park' Returns!



Shinnston Community Band rehearsals brought back a "full house" of devoted musicians to practice for the upcoming Concert in the Park on July 1st. It is worthy of noting that not all of the band members are local; some cross several county boundaries to attend the weekly rehearsals, and they promise to deliver a show-stopping performance!

By **LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD**

News & Journal Editor

Celebrating Independence Day this year will bring double the merriment since it will once again offer residents of the area the opportunity to visit Ferguson Memorial Park in Shinnston for its 'Concert in the Park', one of many events that was forced to say "Canceled Due To COVID" in 2020!

Shinnston's

Community Development Coordinator Anthony Tate, commented, "We are really excited to regain some normalcy this summer and be able to allow folks to gather at the park for this special evening as in years past. It will also give those people who haven't visited our park recently the opportunity to see just how much volunteers have done there to enhance its appearance. Our park play areas

have been freshly mulched, pavilions have been painted, and our amphitheater has been newly stained and looks outstanding. We're hoping for good weather and invite everyone to bring their lawn chairs or blankets to set up on the grass for an evening of entertainment."

The opening act will feature the 'Sound of Soldiers', a band from the Elkins area comprised of veterans who will offer music for about an hour beginning at 7 p.m. Be sure to bring the entire family because there will be activities for the kids to enjoy as well. Cartoon Headquarters will have games and inflatables on the premises beginning at 4 p.m., and a \$10 wristband will allow them unlimited playtime for the remainder of the evening!

Tate added that he wanted to provide a nice variety of food vendors and something maybe a little different this year. Scheduled to be set up are Heavenly Hoagies, Lizzie's Shaved Ice, Gold & Blue Mini

Donuts, Rollie Pollie Egg Roll Factory, and ice cream from Super Sweet Sundaes. Several of these vendors are from the Morgantown area, and many will also offer soft drinks and bottled water. The pool's concession stand will also remain open with snacks such as candy bars, chips, nachos & cheese, and beverages, etc.

"We are even considering keeping the pool open later that evening for those who might want to swim a little later prior to the celebration's activities," he continued. "The Shinnston Community Band will of course be back with us, and they are always a tremendous drawing card; their performance will begin probably around 8:30 p.m. A spectacular fireworks display, sponsored by CEC and handled by Larry Gregory, will conclude the evening at dusk."

Russ McIntyre, acting president of the Shinnston Community Band (SCB), said the

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VACATION NOTICE

The News & Journal will NOT publish a paper next week (7-1-21) so the staff can enjoy a week's vacation. News submissions, however, can still be sent via fax to 304-592-0603 or via e-mail to newsandjournal@yahoo.com.

Have a Safe & Happy 4th of July!

Local Dentist – A Leader & Active Rotarian

The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal has named Kelley Heal-Ortiz as June's Citizen of the Month, a program sponsored by Dorsey Funeral Home in Shinnston – locally owned & operated.



Kelley Heal-Ortiz

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

A resident of Bridgeport, a dental practice in Clarksburg, and one with roots in Shinnston, Kelley Heal-Ortiz, DDS can almost always be found

keeping busy with Rotary or other civic activities.

Dr. Heal-Ortiz will be glad to tell you about her roots in Harrison County and how her mother, the late Elaine (Rector) Heal, grew up in Shinnston and her

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Council Accepts Bid For GIS System

Digitizing Water/Sewer Line Locations More Efficient

By **LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD**

News & Journal Editor

Shinnston City Council met on Monday, June 14th at the Woman's Club (and via Zoom) for its regular meeting.

One person had signed in to speak before Council; that was SVFD Fire Chief Dylan Oliveto. Now six months into the fire fee being charged to those outside the City limits, he began by giving an account of the value of the department's

firefighting vehicles and equipment, the cost of training and outfitting its 30 active volunteer firefighters, its necessary expenditures, the amount of government funding they receive, etc., and then added the department's gratitude that Council had approved the fire fee being charged to those in their first due service area that are outside the City limits.

"In order for us to maintain the quality service that we provide and to be progressive,

this fee has meant a lot to us," Oliveto stated. "The government funding we receive is minimal when you consider all the expenses and upkeep we have, and without this fire fee funding, our doors would have to close."

After detailing these specific numbers and noting that the fire fee was lower than what could have been charged, Oliveto added, "We are disheartened that some are unhappy with the fire fee and

threatening to report us to the Public Service Commission."

Shinnston resident Cindy Scott spoke up, saying that she was not opposed to paying the fire fee but thought it should be done more fairly because she knew there were people in Wyatt, Bethlehem, Pine Bluff and Owings, for example, who were not yet being charged while others were.

Oliveto responded that charging the fire fee had to be done in

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A Beautiful Drive



Building Amazing Cities

By **JIM HUNT**

author, speaker, consultant

As the world opens up from the pandemic, I had the opportunity to drive around North Central West Virginia with one of my work colleagues and it was quite an adventure. While I have visited every place we went many times, it was Amazing how much changes in just a few months. I also noticed how the trees and grass along the highways are a rich, green color and have flourished during the rainy Spring in West Virginia. So many times, we overlook the obvious and think that we need to travel to distant places to appreciate the beauty of the world.

I started this week's travel by meeting my colleague in Philippi for a meeting at the Barbour County Courthouse. The Barbour County Courthouse is one of the prettiest in West Virginia. It sits on a well-kept lawn with benches and flowers and is surrounded with parking. The history of this area is well documented, and the historic covered bridge is unique in cities in West Virginia. The Main Street area is clean and very few of the storefronts are empty. As you drive out of town, you pass a mixture of historic houses with landscaped lawns

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International Percussion Sensation To 'Stomp' In Clarksburg Nov. 13



As this photo depicts, STOMP is not the typical percussion ensemble! Shown here using trash can lids (among other innovative things) to "drum" out a rhythm, they deliver an exuberant, comedic, and entertaining show!

It's time to FEEL THE BEAT! The Cultural Foundation of Harrison County and The Robinson Grand Performing Arts

Center are proud to present STOMP, an international percussion sensation as the group makes its premiere in Clarksburg, West

Virginia, on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. This event is made possible by the Barbara B. Highland Fund for the Arts.

From their beginnings as street performers in the UK, STOMP has grown into an international sensation over the past 20 years, having performed in more than 50 countries and in front of more than 24 million people.

What is STOMP, you might ask? The performers "make a rhythm out of anything we can get our hands on that makes a sound," says co-founder/director Luke Cresswell. A

unique combination of percussion, movement and visual comedy, STOMP has created its own contemporary form of rhythmic expression: both household and industrial objects find new life as musical instruments in the hands of an idiosyncratic band of body percussionists. It is a journey through sound, a celebration of the everyday and a comic interplay of characters wordlessly

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Food For Thought

By Leigh Currey Merrifield
Editor

Make It A SAFE Summer!

Sunday was “officially” the first day of Summer, which is commonly known as “fun time”. While last year, summer travel was reportedly DOWN due to the pandemic, this year it is predicted to rebound tremendously with many folks eager to quit curtailing their activities and get out on the road! You may still be remaining cautious, but if some travel is part of your summer plans, it is wise to remember that the time period between Memorial Day and Labor Day are referred to as the “100 Deadliest Days” because statistics reveal that more than seven people a day lose their lives in fatal vehicle crashes!

These summer holidays are even ranked ... with the Fourth of July taking the top spot for fatal crashes, followed by Labor Day, and Memorial Day coming in third. And, sorry to say, West Virginia is considered one of the most dangerous states for holiday travel – not in the top spot, but nevertheless hazardous. So if you plan to travel, take notice of these precautions to keep you and your family safe.

SLOW DOWN and remember that speeding gives you less time to react if something occurs in front of you.

TAKE CARE WHEN DRIVING AT NIGHT when you are more likely to encounter impaired drivers ... so be extra cautious and stop for the day when you feel yourself getting tired.

DRIVE DEFENSIVELY, keeping extra distance from other drivers and always anticipate having to make sudden maneuvers. Let more aggressive drivers pass

you and don't closely tail slow drivers.

WEAR A SEATBELT whether you're driving or a passenger ... and it goes without saying to not drink and drive OR text and drive.

Now let's get back to driving in West Virginia being so dangerous. While negligent drivers contribute to the high number of fatal accidents in the Mountain State, they can't take ALL the blame. West Virginia roadways are a culprit too, posing risks due to the fact that they have been constructed around the state's topography. Some people enjoy taking rural routes instead of highways so they can appreciate the scenery, but rural roads are typically narrow, poorly lit and the state's mountainous geography warrants extra caution. From what I read, there are two stretches of highway that have a higher incidence of car accidents. Law enforcement in Pendleton County claims that U.S. 33 is one of the most dangerous stretches of road in the entire state; and I-81 is another hazardous highway that is expected to become even more congested in the years to come due to predicted growth in passenger and freight-related traffic.

No matter where you plan to go or when you schedule a vacation, don't be so anxious to “Get out of Dodge” that you forget to drive with caution. Be sure to have your car checked thoroughly before leaving home, and be prepared with a first aid kit. And, one final tip - - if you're heading to the beach, save your flip flops for the beach. Driving while wearing flip flops can

be dangerous as they can get caught under brake and gas pedals and could cause loss of control.

Even if you plan a holiday ‘staycation’ and celebrate a summer holiday at home, watch the heat; if you celebrate with outdoor activities, start early in the day or later in the day after the heat subsides somewhat. Extreme heat can be especially hard on infants, seniors and anyone with a medical condition. While it is important to drink plenty of water when it's hot, if you become overheated outdoors, don't drink ice cold water as it can shock the body and make you sick. It is also a good idea to avoid drinking caffeine or alcoholic beverages in the extreme heat! If you plan to grill, don't leave the grill unattended and keep it at least three feet from siding, deck rails and eaves.

One final word of caution ... Don't let your summer celebration turn into a tragedy! Some summer events include fireworks displays, and while they are a part of our tradition, the Consumer Product Safety Commission says that each year, 10,000 people are injured due to fireworks. Leave it to the professionals; amateurs attempting to use professional-grade or illegal fireworks have accounted for over 1,000 of these injuries.

Fix up the porch; stock up on popsicles; and take time to chill a little. Have a safe summer – whether it is a vacation or a staycation!

This week's dessert: “*Summer afternoon – to me, those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.*” ~ Henry James

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 24, 1842: Author Ambrose Bierce was born. Bierce found the setting for some of his famous short stories in the mountains of Civil War-era West Virginia.

June 25, 1811: Bridge builder Lemuel Chenoweth was born near Beverly, Randolph County. His many bridges also included the earliest covered bridge at Beverly and the famous Philippi covered bridge.

June 26, 1887: Sheriff Don Chafin was born in Logan County. Chafin was a bitter foe of union organizers and, with

financial support from coal companies, used his many deputies to keep labor organizers out of Logan County.

June 26, 1892: Pearl Buck was born in Hillsboro in the home of her maternal grandparents. She received the Nobel Prize for Literature for *The Good Earth*.

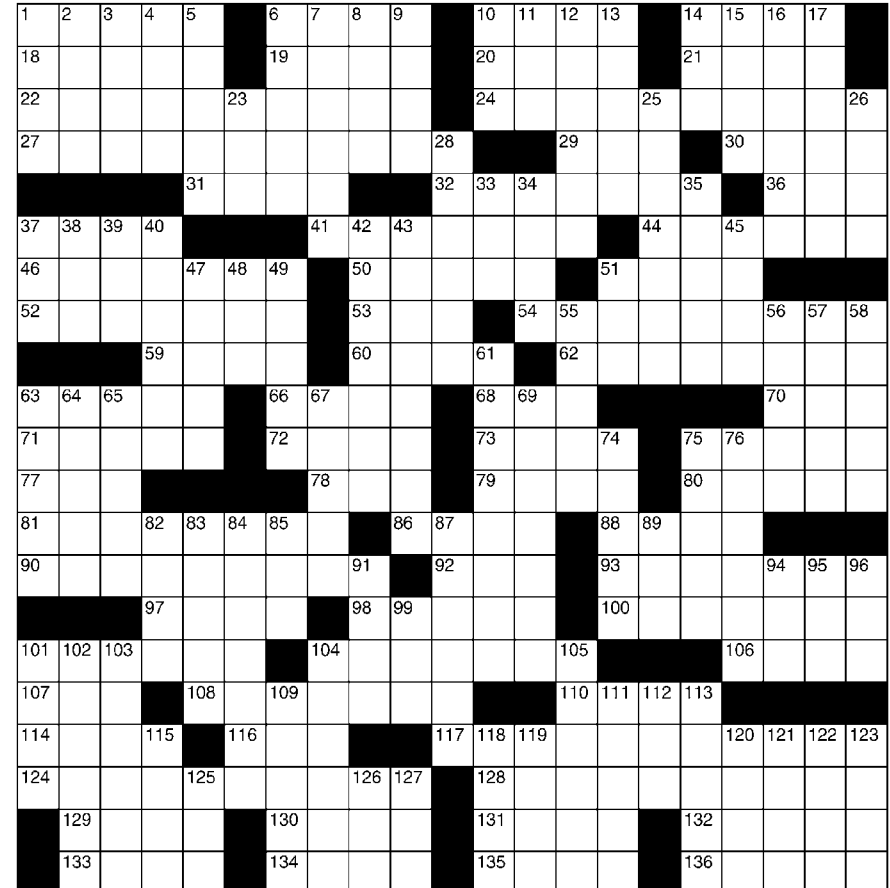
June 26, 1936: Basketball star Harold Everett “Hal” Greer was born in Huntington. Greer was the first African-American athlete to play at Marshall College (now University). During his three-year college career, Greer scored 1,377 points and averaged 19.4 points per game.

June 27, 1897: Musician Maceo Pinkard was born in Bluefield.

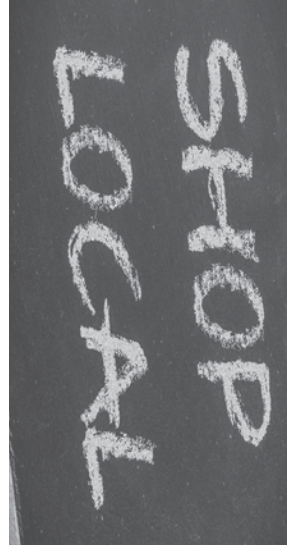
Super Crossword

HANGING FRUIT

- 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
 - 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 Contends
 - 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 Desksops 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
 - 28 See
 - 27-Across
 - 33 “Speechless” aifer
 - 34 Set up, for short
 - 35 Actress Susan
 - 37 Scot’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 Sipping 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 knowledge
 - 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 adpeak
 - 123 See
 - 117-Across
 - 125 Praiseful poem
 - 126 “Raggedy” plaything
 - 127 See
 - 124-Across



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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).

SHINNSTON SENIOR SATELLITE MEETING

The Shinnston Senior Satellite will resume meetings (still to be held) at their regular meeting location - the American Legion building at 76 Bridge Street in Shinnston. Governor Justice will allow both Senior Centers and their satellites to reopen on June 23rd, so the first meeting of the Shinnston Satellite will be on Friday, June 25th from 10 a.m. until noon.

WV HERITAGE CRAFTS CLASS SCHEDULE

The following events will be held at West Virginia Heritage Crafts exit 115 I79 in the Quiet Dell Grade School: June 25th Hand Quilting Class 11am-2pm \$17.00 Call LouAnn to register 304-931-8701; June 30th Hand Quilting Class 5:15pm-8:15pm \$17.00 Call LouAnn to register 304-931-8701; June 12-June 30 Used Book Sale and Craft Supply Sale daily Monday thru Saturday, Closed Sundays. 304-622-3304

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 debbbee7@yahoo.com We look forward to helping you start your beekeeping journey and will help you every step of the way!

HOPE, INC. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP

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

KIDDING AROUND YOGA

Kidding Around Yoga is being held every Thursday at 6p.m. at the Progressive Women's Association/Uptown Event Center, 305 Washington Ave., Clarksburg. These yoga classes are free. So, bring your kids ages 2 to 12 to Kidding Around Yoga every Thursday. For more information, please call 304-624-6881. Certified instructor Erica Perry.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

A Christ-centered 12-step program for any hurt, habit or hang-up meets every Friday at 6:00 p.m. at Horizons Church in Lost Creek with COVID capacity. Offers childcare (birth to 4 yrs.) and The Landing for older teens. For more information, call 304-745-5090.

Rebekah Lodge Presents Flags To Community Police/Fire Depts.



Deborah Starkey, shown center holding a few of the care bags she is assembling, is surrounded by other members of Rebekah Lodge No. 47. Members attending were: Wanda F. Ashcraft, Rebecca Long, Dot Sandy, Charlotte Ross, Melissa Rowan, Marjorie Jackson, Peggy Martin, Barbara Carder, and Chad Edwards.



Pictured here with members of Rebekah Lodge No. 47, Mayor Patrick Kovalck and Rodney Strait of the Shinnston VFD hold one of the large flags donated to the City by that organization.

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD
News & Journal Editor

The Rebekah Lodge No. 47 in Shinnston, chartered in 1894, is the third oldest Rebekah Lodge in the state of West Virginia. Devoted to 'making a difference', they can boast of winning consecutive "Community Service" awards and plaques

in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. These awards were presented by the Sovereign Grand Lodge that governs 50 states and 26 countries. Lodge members are hopeful that when awards are given for 2020 and 2021, they will again be recognized for their good deeds. Last Tuesday evening as the group met at the Woman's Club

clubhouse in Shinnston, they presented two large 4' by 6' American flags to the City – one to be flown at the Police Department, and another to be flown at the Fire Department. Shinnston Mayor Pat Kovalck and City Manager Chad Edwards accepted with gratitude the flag for the Police Department; Rodney Strait graciously accepted on behalf of the Shinnston Volunteer Fire Department.

Lodge members also wished to recognize the efforts of one its members, Deborah Starkey, who has taken it upon herself to participate in a project through the DHHR called "The Carry-On Campaign". This initiative accepts donations of new luggage and various essential items to give to children when they are being removed from their home and placed

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“Stomp’ In Clarksburg”

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communicating through dance and drum. Synchronized stiff-bristle brooms become a sweeping orchestra, eight Zippo lighters flip open and closed to create a fiery fugue; wooden poles thump and clack in a rhythmic explosion. STOMP uses everything but conventional percussion instruments - dustbins, tea chests, radiator hoses, boots, hub caps - to fill the stage with a compelling and unique act that is often imitated but never duplicated. STOMP, an

overwhelming success marked by rave reviews, numerous awards, and sell-out engagements, is the winner of an Olivier Award for Best Choreography (London's Tony Award), a New York Obie Award, an Academy Award nomination, four Emmy nominations and one Emmy Award for their acclaimed HBO special Stomp Out Loud, noteworthy TV appearances including The London 2012 Olympic Games Closing Ceremony, The Academy Awards

(produced by Quincy Jones), and Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. "We are very excited to present the internationally-renowned STOMP at the Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center through the generosity of the Barbara B. Highland Fund for the Arts," said Andy Walker, president of The Cultural Foundation of Harrison County. "It has been a challenging year and a half due to the pandemic, and so many have missed live arts events, so it is an honor to once again partner with the RGPAC

to bring a world-class performance to Harrison County at a venue that is second to none." Tickets went on sale for the public on Friday, June 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. EST. Tickets are priced in three tiers and range from \$39, \$55, and \$69 in respect to proximity to the stage. There are two ways to get your tickets. Go online anytime at tickets.therobinsongrand.com or purchase tickets over the phone by calling (855)-773-6283 on Monday through Friday, 10a.m. – 11p.m.

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A Happy Belated Father's Day To All Fathers



GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

With all that is going on in my life, I neglected to write a column on Father's Day. So, first, I extend a belated Happy Father's Day to all you fathers out there. I know that most of you were treated to your favorite meal, either out or at home prepared by your family. Perhaps most of you received a gift and many of you were surrounded by your family. As we get older that circle increases from those two or three kids we had, to the spouses, the grandchildren and even a few great grandchildren. It is hard for us to make them understand how much they mean to us and the best gift of all is just sharing the day with them. Time and a hug mean more than the most expensive gift you can receive.

I want to share a little story with you about my sons, Mike and Marty, who are fathers; they took the time this past week to take care of their mother. Lisa and Leslie were on lengthy vacations, and of course were not realizing what was happening at home. It was not a lifesaving

incident but it was going to require care from a second or third party. These two boys, realizing they were in charge and their sisters were not here, took charge and executed the tasks at hand to get me to surgery, back and forth to the hospital, another surgery and care at home. It is not over yet but part of my recovery will be attributed to their care. I thought about taking over and getting family and friends involved but I just let them take over and it made me so proud. I am sure that there is much more to be done down this road but I feel safe and proud of my sons' care. On this Father's Day, I am so thankful for two loving, caring sons. Happy Father's Day boys and to all you fathers out there.

An update on the eye surgery - I had it done for the second time and I'm hoping it will take. Prayers will be appreciated from all my readers.

West Virginia Day came and went - I hope you observed it in some way. Soon the Fourth of July will be here and I truly hope we will have fireworks...that is the kid in me. We have a lot to celebrate this year.

The state is planning a lot of celebrations this year and all the campgrounds are open. Treat yourself to a state vacation.

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

I Spent Last Weekend In Lawrenceville, Indiana



Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny

There hasn't been much happening in Pine Bluff this week. About all of the farmers in the area are making their first cut of hay. There are a bunch of tractors with hay balers, tedders, and hay rakes running up and down the holler.

One morning, Lee stopped by to check on the old man. He has a bad place on the bottom of his foot and he's been scheduled to have surgery on it next month. Before he left, Bernadine stopped in while out and about... she's doing ok.

Last weekend, I accompanied my good friend, Bruce Hoffman of Kilarm Road, to a National Muzzle Loader Rifle Association gathering in Friendship, Indiana. It was also a gathering of the 1840s Rendezvous people from around the country. It was out in the boondocks (no cell phone service) and covered umpteen acres. It's a weeklong event with hordes of vendors from all over the country. He attends about every year to pick up a variety of specialty items dealing with both.

We left Friday morning for the five-hour drive and stayed at a hotel in Lawrenceville, Indiana. The weather was very hot and the cicadas were out in full force. There was a lot of walking involved which did me in very quickly. After a few hours of walking on Saturday, I burned up a half tank of fuel in his Dodge Eco-Diesel pick-up from enjoying the air conditioning and radio while he did his shopping in the afternoon.

As we were driving back Sunday, we ran into a

bad thunderstorm around the Salem area on Rt. 50 and almost had to come to a complete stop due to the heavy rain. I noticed the wiper blades weren't holding up their end of the bargain and mentioned it to Bruce. He smiled and said the blades were the original ones that came on the truck...it's a 2015. I think he has gotten his money's worth.

I've mentioned in the column before that he is an ordained minister and a spiritual leader of the Metis Indian Tribe. So, I try to watch my language when I'm around him...I swear sometimes! I enjoyed the trip and spending time with my good friend and it was nice to get away for a while.

Bruce (Marine Vet) is a Rendezvous-er and also builds muzzle loaders from scratch. He has a shed built in his garage for that purpose. His craftsmanship in building the rifles and the art work are awesome. I don't know how he has the patience in doing all of the intricate inlay work on the stocks. Personally, I'd be hacking away with an old hawk-billed knife.

Although, I've always been interested with both groups, it was never my bag...especially the Rendezvous-ers...everything they use has to be pre-1840. I was raised using an outhouse (supplied with Sears, Roebuck, and Co and Montgomery Wards catalogs for reading...or for emergencies). Also, I had to hand pump water from an outside well. In the winter time, we always kept a steaming kettle on the stove to pour over the occasionally iced over pump. So why would I want to relive that part of my life again...? Besides, I've taken a liking to flush toilets, Charmin (Ultra soft), and running water.

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

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and modern buildings that house the fire station and drug stores. As we headed to Elkins for our next meeting, we passed through Belington and Junior. Both of these towns have some unique buildings, and you can see the remnants of a vibrant economy during the booming lumber industry in this area.

Driving into Randolph County on Route 33 is certainly different than the winding road that used to take you to Elkins. I can remember the long bus rides going to the Forest Festival when I was in the Notre Dame High School band. Elkins has had quite a rebirth during the last several years. The city looks great as you enter, and the old railroad station has been renovated and has great restaurants and other shops within walking distance. Elkins is one of the few cities in West Virginia that sits on level land and the wide streets give it the appearance of a much larger city.

Our next stop was a visit to the Sheriff in Marion County. Once again, for those who have not driven into Fairmont on the new connector from Interstate 79, you will think you are in a huge metropolis as you descend onto the "Friendly City". I've always liked to visit Fairmont and admire the architecture and the beautiful bridges. The new "Feast of the Seven Fishes" mural in the downtown is worth a visit and is one of the largest murals in the city. Fairmont is poised for growth and the Downtown district is showing signs of life with several new businesses and governmental buildings.

On to Doddridge County and a visit to the historic courthouse that sits on a hill, overlooking the town of West Union. Doddridge County has been blessed by being in the center of the oil and gas operations in West Virginia. New schools, athletic facilities and proposed additions to the courthouse are just a few of the great things happening in the county. We spent some time talking with Doddridge County Sheriff Clinton Boring in his office at the old Elementary School along Route 33. Sheriff Boring is in his first term as Sheriff and is working hard to improve the services to the citizens of the county.

The last stop on our journey was a quick visit to Gilmer County. We drove over an hour on Route 18 and encountered several deer wandering in the road. They slowly moved out of the way and were hardly bothered by our car bearing down on them. We passed by my good friend Ike Morris's beautiful house as we entered the city of Glenville. If you haven't seen the Morris house, it is a mixture of the Greenbrier and the White House, with manicured lawns and a beautiful fountain in front of the stately home. We met with some of the helpful staff at the Gilmer County Courthouse before heading home.

As we put the pandemic in the rear-view mirror, don't forget to spend a little time exploring our beautiful state and seeing the wonderful history and culture that is spread around in each and every county in the state. Have an Amazing day!



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phases, and they first worked on those with Shinnston addresses that were Shinnston water customers.

"We knew this would take time to incorporate the outlying areas and that there would be gaps. It is a process to accurately gather the correct addresses from the various PSDs who supply water and to ensure they are in our service area. We are still in the process of collecting all of that. We would be happy to speak with anyone who has questions on this and we invite them to pay us a visit so we can address any of their concerns," he stressed.

Council then approved the minutes of the May 10th and June 1st meetings as amended and moved on to Executive Reports.

City Manager Chad Edwards offered all departmental reports, noted the cost that would be incurred

for camera repairs, and said nine days had been spent at the pool tending to details in preparation for its opening and also thanked the Shinnston Lions Club for providing lunch. He also reiterated that the American Rescue funding would be split, with the City receiving half now and half later.

Edwards suggested looking in to doing bookings for park pavilions differently next year as there had been some incidents of double booking by doing it online.

He also announced that the City will be promoting available Shinnston properties for sale on WBOY-TV. Mayor Kovalck requested that a meeting of the Water & Sanitary boards be held soon.

Community Development Coordinator Anthony

Tate gave details on the Cultural Arts Festival to be held at the park on June 19th. He has met with Harrison County Commissioner Patsy Trecoast and representatives of Thrasher to discuss the access ramp for the river, and is applying for a grant for the Community Garden.

Representatives of Stantec discussed the bids for the AMRs, Phase 3 of the water project, and they will also meet with the City Manager and the Water Committee on the Lincoln Apartments project.

Action items on the agenda were addressed as follows:

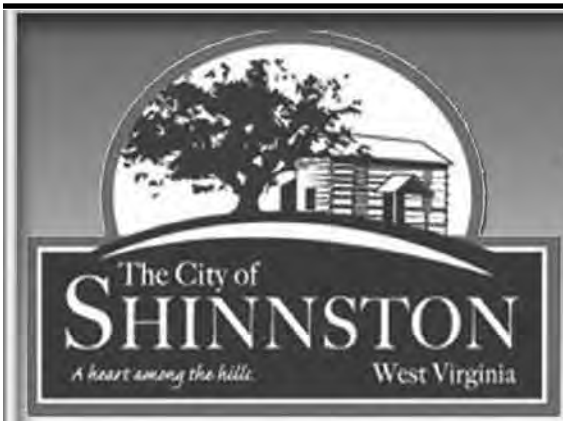
The ordinance for revising the speed limits for all kinds of motor vehicles within the City limits was tabled.

Council voted to accept Thrasher's bid for the purchase of the GIS System.

An ordinance relating to maintenance of properties (cutting grass, weeds or other vegetation) within the City limits will be forwarded to City Attorney Trey Simmerman for review.

Council approved paying \$25,000 to LYM Sound who will take care of providing the sound system for Frontier Days and the July 1st Concert in the Park for the next three years, pending a signed contract to be drawn up by City Attorney Trey Simmerman. This money will come out of leftover budgeted funds in Fairs & Festivals since nearly all events last year were cancelled due to COVID.

Prior to adjourning, Council went over with the City Manager the various items to be further looked into as the new fiscal year begins.



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US Congressmen & Others Visit Shinnston



Pictured left to right are: Congressman Paul Tonko, City Manager Chad Edwards, Vice-Mayor Andrew Kisamore, former mayor Wanda F. Ashcraft, Congressman David McKinley, and City Recorder Kathleen Panek.

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

News & Journal Editor

On the 21st of May, there were several visitors in Shinnston to meet with City

officials. They asked about difficulties the immediate area was facing with the decline of the coal industry and regulations that are hurting the industry and therefore also hurting

people living here. The meeting, held at the Woman's Club, was not political in nature, but focused more on climate change.

Among the visitors were Congressman David McKinley (R-WV), the ranking Republican on the Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Environment & Climate Change, and Congressman Paul Tonko (D-NY), the Chair of the Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Environment & Climate Change. Also attending were representatives of the UMW.

Shinnston City

Manager Chad Edwards noted that Congressman McKinley also mentioned his concerns about opioid abuse and noted that one of the UMW guests suggested that because of fear of job losses due to lack of support for the coal industry, it was perhaps contributing to people turning to drugs and alcohol – particularly if they were among those who were going to become unemployed.

McKinley said he was hoping to find some way that miners' livelihoods would not be so adversely affected. He said people in Washington don't consider just how

many 'people' depend on the coal industry and that was one reason he invited Mr. Tonka to join him at the meeting.

UMW representatives commented that it is not a matter of miners not caring about the environment, but, for instance, a 55-year old man who has been working in the mines all his life can't be expected to relish the thought of starting over in another job. When the suggestion is made that they should move and find work elsewhere, miners would like Washington to see and understand why they don't want to move and how profoundly

the decline of the coal industry affects them.

One of the UMW representatives said, "Start manufacturing solar panels here in West Virginia instead of China. Maybe that would help."

Former Shinnston Mayor Wanda Ashcraft, also present at the meeting, was around when the former Shinnston High School was looked at as a possible site for a call center. When they came to check the site, they were brought in via Saltwell Road and immediately weren't interested because that was the road the

SPD Submits Report Of May Activities

Shinnston Police Chief Jon Harbert shares his monthly report of the Department's detailed activity during the month of May, 2021.

CITATIONS:

Hazardous	30
Non-Hazardous	67
Accident	1
Warning	122
Parking	2

ARRESTS:

Felony	1
Misdemeanor	36
Shoplifting	0
DUI	0
Domestic	2

REPORTS:

SPD 101	39
Accident	2
Juvenile Petition	3

OTHER:

Alarm Response	43
Premise Exams	851
Investigations	86
K-9 Deployments	24
Calls for Service	177

Total Calls for Service numbered 1,457.

Many New Selections Available At Lowe Public Library

By DEBORAH STARKEY

Lowe Library Director

In 'The Woman With The Blue Star' by Pam Jenoff, it is 1942. Sadie Gault is eighteen and living with her parents

amid the horrors of the Krakow Ghetto during World War II. When the Nazis take over the ghetto, Sadie and her pregnant mother seek refuge in the sewers beneath the city. One

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Pillo Family Of Shinnston, WV



MARGARET (PILLO) CHAPMAN

By MAXINE WESER
Museum Board Member

Margaret was the daughter of John and Lucy (Ferraccio) Pillo of Shinnston. She was born in 1919 and died in 2019. She graduated from Shinnston High School in 1938. Maggie had started high school when it was called Clay District High School

and by the time she graduated, the school was called Shinnston High School. It was at this time also that the official name for the athletic teams became the Spartans. Margaret furthered her education at Fairmont State

Teacher's College.

After Margaret graduated from Fairmont College, her next stop was serving as a private secretary in Charleston, WV. Soon she would become secretary to

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SVFD Details Its May Response Log

Shinnston Volunteer Fire Department Chief Dylan Oliveto reports the breakdown of calls answered by SVFD volunteers during the month of May. They answered 63 alarms, including:

- 36 Medical Emergencies
- 7 Service calls
- 3 Vehicular accidents
- 6 Fire Other
- 7 Fire Alarm Activations
- 4 Structure Fires

Ten House volunteers perform with pride and are dedicated to serving the residents of Shinnston and those within their service area. Their objective is to preserve life and property and promote public safety in a professional manner.

SVFD's monthly call log is offered to keep the public informed of their monthly activities.

Garden Club Reports On Luncheon Meeting

The Shinnston Garden Club met May 27th at Jimmy's Diner for a luncheon meeting. President Dorothy Rota

opened the meeting and welcomed those present. Secretary Letha Stutler read the minutes

from the last meeting. Treasurer Debra Herndon reviewed the group's finances.

Those ill and in need of prayer were remembered. Kathleen Panek gave a report

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Community Garden Growth Has Begun!

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

News & Journal Editor

The Community Garden in downtown Shinnston is taking shape ... and beans are already growing there – even though this strictly volunteer effort

got somewhat of a late start! The intention is to plant more beans as the season progresses.

Kathleen Panek, one of the volunteers deeply involved in the garden project, noted that since the former garden space at the corner of Pike &

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Shown here are samples of the bagged garden plantings, one of several types of gardening methods that Community Garden volunteers are testing this year.

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Harrison County Softball And Baseball Updates!



The Bottom Line
By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

This past week saw a trio of Harrison County teams move into regional action, all of which had aspirations of advancing to state tournament play this week. On the diamond, Bridgeport and South Harrison did battle while Lincoln's softball team was eyeing a trip to the state capital. When the dust settled, just Bridgeport would move on and the Cougars and Hawks saw their respective seasons come to an end.

Lincoln's softball team had an impressive campaign and a 24-1 mark heading into the best of three series with Herbert Hoover last week. The Cougars went on the road to Falling Rock for game one and veteran mentor Yancy Weaver had super sophomore Delaney Haller in the circle. Haller pitched a clean game recording four strikeouts without a walk in Husky territory. However, uncharacteristically it was Lincoln's defense

that faltered. The Cougars committed seven errors that led to all four Herbert Hoover runs in the 4-1 setback. Haller tried to help her own cause from the plate going 1 for 3 and scoring the Cougar run on an RBI hit from Destiny Cunningham. Alexis Williams and Alaina Rice picked up the two other hits for the visitors.

Tuesday brought a return to Shinnston and a return of the Lincoln bats. Ten hits produced nine runs but it wasn't enough as the Huskies squeaked out an 11-9 win.

The fourth inning was the difference maker with Herbert Hoover plating four runs to break open a tie game. They would add four more in the top of the seventh inning to extend their lead to 11-3. With their backs to the wall, the Cougars mounted a major comeback scoring six runs in their final at bat to pull to within a pair of runs.

Hannah Ferris led

Lincoln going 3 of 4 with an RBI and one run scored. Rice was 2 for 3 with two runs scored and a pair of RBIs. Alexis Williams was 2 for 4 with a run scored and an RBI. Haller was 1 for 3 with a double and an RBI while scoring a pair of runs. Candence Lambert was 1 for 4 with a run driven in and one run scored. Rounding out the offensive charge was Emily Robey. Robey was 1 for 4 with an RBI and one run scored.

South Harrison lost 3-1 Wednesday and 17-1 on Thursday to Moorefield to end their season. In the opener, Justin Herrod collected a pair of hits to lead the Hawks. In game two, Dylan Richards was 2 for 2 and he scored the lone South Harrison run. Head Coach Frank Tate guided this year's edition to a 24-11 mark. Tate and company set a record for wins in school history.

Bridgeport, playing regional baseball without homefield advantage, looked to have a chip on its shoulder. It's been a long time since the Indians were not favored to make the field of four on the most important weekend of the year. The Tribe made the trip

up I-79 for a clash with Morgantown on Monday. Weather proved to be the only thing to slow down the Tribe as it forced a suspension of play. Chris Harbert started on Monday and was under the pitch limit, allowing him to resume mound work on Tuesday. Harbert picked up where he left off, going the distance in a 7-3 win. Nate Paulen, Aiden Paulsen, and Ben McDougal each collected two hits and a double apiece in the victory.

Game two went extra innings and Bridgeport managed to claim a 4-3 win to advance. Cam Cole, Anthony Dixon, and Drew Hogue each had a hit to pace the Tribe. Cole had the game winning RBI in the bottom of the 8th inning. Austin Mann went the final 6 and 1/3 on the bump for the win. The Indians are looking for their seventh consecutive state title. The last six were in Class AA and this year they are competing on the Class AAA level.

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 Alaina Rice and Bridgeport's Austin Mann.

Cougar softball player, Alaina Rice had three hits in two games this past week in regional play. Rice tied for the most in the series with Herbert Hoover and she was one of just two players to have a hit in both lock-ups. Rice was 1 for 3 in the opener on Monday and she was 2 for 3 on Tuesday. Rice was the only Lincoln player to drive in multiple runs in either game vs the Huskies.

Indian baseball player, Austin Mann came in relief and pitched 6 and 1/3 innings to claim a win and earn the regional title for the Tribe. Mann allowed one run in his first full inning of work and held the Mohigans scoreless in the last five innings of the affair. Mann fanned five batters while allowing just one base on balls.

Congratulations to Lincoln's Alaina Rice and Bridgeport's Austin Mann for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week!

Park's Registration Reaches

400 Kids For Summer Program



From The World Of Parks & Recreation
By Doug Comer

Online registration for the Harrison County Summer Parks Program eclipsed the 400 mark this past week, which is well beyond the expectations that Director Mike Book anticipated. With just six sites located throughout the county, it shows there is heavy demand for parents finding things for their kids to do this summer.

"Numbers were slowly coming in once we released the registration link to the public, but once all other programs being offered like the summer program with the Board of Education, our numbers began to soar," said Book. "We encourage as many kids to register as possible as we provide a safe and fun environment for the children during the summer school break."

Two locations, Ferguson Park in Shinnston and Compton Park in Bridgeport, have increased in numbers over previous years simply because of the collaborative with the school system. Kids who attend their program are transported to our locations afterwards in order to achieve all the requirements necessary to receive the grant. The process has been a little shaky to start, but Book feels good about the direction it is heading.

"Needless to say, we did face some challenges at the beginning. We opened our parks a week earlier than planned in order to help stay consistent with the programs offered at the schools. While parents registered their child at the school, they had to register with ours as well. It is definitely all about the record keeping and we were able to work through that without a whole lot of friction. After that, the bus schedules were a little nerving, but now that everyone is on the same page, it seems that we are all on the right track."

The free program has been offering food service for decades and the work with the nutrition specialist Chris Derico is another reason for the program's success. Derico and all the staff under him do a tremendous job providing the meals for the kids. You can honestly tell the staff cares for the kids; they see many of them during the school year and they worry about providing meals when school is finished.

"All the folks that help get meals prepared for the kids deserves a tip of the cap," said Book. "With the free and reduced lunch percentages tipping the 90th percentile, you often wonder how kids are being fed during the summer. Their help and our working relationship is a big part of the program and we now know that almost the entire attendance of an elementary school will be fed."

The beauty of the program is that we never stop or cut off registration. Even during the last week of the program, we have had kids come and register. Word of mouth is our biggest advertiser and growing the numbers is what we are trying to

Lincoln's 2021 Softball Team



The Lincoln Softball Team saw their impressive 2021 campaign come to an end last weekend in Shinnston as they were defeated 11-9 by Herbert Hoover. Congratulations to the all the team members and coaches on a great season.

Snowshoe GNCC To Be Held This Weekend

This weekend the Snowshoe GNCC will be taking place and the following are a few updates and reminders for this year's event:

Admission for Snowshoe is \$30 Adult (12+) and \$15 Kids (6-11) includes Ski Lift Ticket (Sales Tax Included).

Due to no Micro (50cc) Racing at Snowshoe, next weekend's

GNCC will return to a **traditional schedule on Saturday** of the following:

8:00 am: Youth ATV Racing (1hr event)

10:00 am: AM ATV Race (2hr event)

1:00 pm: Pro ATV Race (2hr event)

4:30 pm: eMTB Race

Camping at Snowshoe is in limited supply and is on a first-come-first-serve basis at

the following locations: Silver Creek Parking Area, Silver Creek Slope Side, Top of the World, Skidder Slope.

Room is still available in the **GNCC University by Yamaha Racing**. Held on June 23-25, 2021, non-lodging packages are still available for \$300 per student. To reserve a spot, visit the [Snowshoe website](#) or call

Snowshoe Reservations at 1-877-441-4386.

USA ISDE Trophy Team Fundraiser Golf Tournament will take place on Friday @ June 26th at 9 a.m. located at the Raven Golf Club Course. The cost is \$120 per person, which includes lunch at the end of the tournament sponsored by Moose Racing. Event t-shirts

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GSU Announces Angel Rizor Joins Lady Pioneer Basketball Program



Glenville State Head Women's Basketball Coach Kim Stephens is pleased to announce the hiring of Angel Rizor as the new assistant for the Lady Pioneer Basketball program.

Rizor comes to

Glenville State College after playing one year of professional basketball in Cesme-Izmir, Turkey for the Cesme Basketbol Kulubu. Her team made the TKBL Playoffs in 2021.

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R. DUANE GUMP



R. Duane Gump, 61, of Shinnston passed away on Friday, June 18, 2021. He was born on August 5, 1959, to Nancy Fluharty Gump and the late Ronald Gump of Shinnston.

Duane is survived by his daughter Tiffany Plachta (Malachi) of Morgantown, his son Ryan Gump of Shinnston, his brother Fred Gump (Jill) of St. Louis, Missouri, his niece and nephew Ian and Heather Gump of St. Louis, Missouri, his mother Nancy Gump of Shinnston, and one grandson, Oliver Plachta of Morgantown.

Duane was preceded in death by his father, Ronald Gump of Shinnston.

Duane was the owner of Shinnston Plumbing Company - a family-owned and operated business in Shinnston, WV. He started working at the company under his father in 1982 - fully taking over the business in 1997. It was his passion and life's work that he learned from his father and then shared with his own son.

For many years, Duane served as an administrative officer and Captain of the Shinnston Fire Department. He was honored to serve his community and took great pride in his service. In his spare time, he served on the Shinnston Park Board and was an instrumental part in opening the Shinnston City Park and Pool. He loved coaching the Lincoln Cougars soccer teams with his son Ryan. He also enjoyed spending time at any racetrack from Shinnston to Indianapolis.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at Harmer Funeral Home with Pastor Kevin Nuzum officiating. Online memories and condolences may be shared at Harmerfuneralhome.com

ROGER L. DENNISON

Roger L. (Rod) Dennison, 86, of Big Elk Road, Wallace, passed away at his residence with his family by his side on Sunday, June 13, 2021. He was born May 19, 1935 in Haywood, WV, the youngest son of the late Worthy Mark and Ruth Fletcher Dennison.

He is survived by

his wife of 64 years, Ruth Ann Richards Dennison; his children, Richard Eugene (Rick) Dennison of Salem Ohio, Danny Allen Dennison of Bridgeport, WV, Fredrick Lee Dennison Big Flint, WV, Joyce Kay Dennison (Shelosky) and husband Gregory, of Monongah WV, John Ray Dennison and wife Teresa of Wallace, Jean Dennison (Harold) and husband Craig of Hot Springs, VA., James Alan Dennison and wife Donna of Wallace WV; grandchildren, Ricky, Justin, James and wife Jennifer, Michael and wife Karli, Rachel and fiancé James, Danielle and fiancé Cody, Caitlyn, Rachel Wilson, Kurtis, Craig and wife Jordyn, Dustin, Joshua, Laurin, Ryan and wife Becca, Matthew, Bobby, Timmy and wife Arie; several great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and their families and one step-sister, JoAnn Warren and husband John of Carson City, NV.

Preceding him in death were brothers, Richard Paul, Robert Gordon, Charles Walter (Chuck), Harry Dale, and Ralph Leroy Dennison, two sisters, Neva Maxine Kuiesza and Reva Janice Mollohan, and daughter-in-law Doris (DJ).

Rod served in the US Marine Corp during the Korean War. He retired from the Harrison County Board of Education Maintenance Department. He was an avid hunter, farmer, and sports fan.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at Harmer Funeral Home with Pastor Tom Brown officiating. Interment followed at Ten Mile Cemetery, Wallace. Online memories and condolences may be shared at Harmerfuneralhome.com

ADAM GENE BUCK



Adam Gene Buck, 44, of Hepzibah passed away on June 16, 2021 at United Hospital Center. Adam was born in Baltimore, MD on January 28, 1977 to Jacob H. Buck Sr. of California and Mary Strother of Hepzibah.

Adam was an accomplished computer programmer and enjoyed posting online in his forums. He enjoyed Irish punk and punk music including Flogging Molly, the Pogues, and NOFX. He idolized Henry Rollins.

Adam was an active member of "The Goon Squad."

Adam is preceded in death by his older brother, Jacob H Buck Jr.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his children, step children, grandchildren, and many close friends.

Adam struggled with bipolar disorder for most of his life. I can only hope he has found the peace that he so desperately searched for.

"I hate me, I always get in my way. When I want to go out, I always want to stay. When I want to smile, I always want to cry. When I love my life, its then that I want to die. I get confused with myself, for we never do agree. I wish I knew which one of us was really truly me." - SMO

"Love is a word of light, written by a hand of light, upon a page of light." - Khalil Gibran

"Life will not break your heart; it will crush it!" -Henry Rollins

Dorsey Funeral Home is handling the cremation and honored to serve the Buck family. Online condolences can be made on Dorsey funeralhome.com.

BARBARA ANN GOLDSMITH



Barbara Ann Goldsmith, 74, of Jane Lew, passed away at 5:20pm, Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at the United Hospital Center in Bridgeport. She was born in Herrin, IL, November 13, 1946, a daughter of the late John and Mabel Wagner Cherne.

Surviving are three children, Stanley Goldsmith, Jr. and his wife Jaime, Morgantown, Debra Goldsmith Cullen, Clarksburg, and Michael Goldsmith, Clarksburg; six grandchildren, Dakota, Isabella, and Cassidy Goldsmith, and John, Michael, and Caroline Cullen; and one brother, Jess Quarrels and his wife Karen, of Mississippi.

In addition to her parents, Barbara was preceded in death by one sister, Donna Woolard.

Barbara was employed by the WV Unemployment department for many years. She was a literacy volunteer in Harrison County and a member of Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarksburg. Barbara enjoyed watching movies and loved her children and grandchildren dearly.

A Mass of Christian

Burial will be held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Casey Mahone officiating on Saturday, June 19, 2021. In keeping with her wishes, cremation followed the Mass.

Memorial donations may be made in her honor to Hope Inc., P.O. Box 626, Fairmont, WV 26554. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com.

MONICA SUZETTE GUZZI

Monica Suzette Guzzi, 64, of Clarksburg, passed away on Friday, June 11, 2021 at her residence. Monica was born April 12, 1957, in Clarksburg, daughter of the late Louis "Buddy" Paul and Ruth Violet Campbell Wilmoth.

Monica is survived by two children, Nikki Guzzi and Travis Guzzi; grandson, Joe Lockett; seven siblings; and several nieces and nephews.

Online condolences may be sent to www.davisfuneralhomesalemwv.com. Davis Funeral home and Crematory is honored to serve and handling the cremation for the Guzzi family.

JAMES PORTER ADAMS

James "Jim" Porter Adams, 87 of Folsom, WV passed away on Friday, June 11, 2021 at his residence. Jim was born May 4, 1934 in Folsom, son of the late James "Jake" Adams and Rosalie Martin Adams.

Jim owned and operated Jim's Automatic Transmission Outlet for thirty plus years. He was a golden glove boxer. Jim enjoyed boating, fishing, riding his side by side, working on cars, and collecting guns. He enjoyed life to the fullest.

Jim is survived by his daughter, Lisa Adams, Folsom; four grandchildren, Courtney Drake, Skye Adams, Brian Wodkins, and James Gordy; five great grandchildren, Blaze, Myah, Roselynn, Leilanni, and Lucas; like a son, Jim Smallwood and April; like a granddaughter, Allison Stevens; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Jean Gordon Adams in 2004, and whom he married on April 7, 1954; two sons, Richard Neil Adams and Victor Ray Adams II; two siblings, Sidney Johnson and Victor Ray Adams I.

Davis Funeral Home and Onsite Crematory is handling the cremation and honored to serve the Adams family. A Celebration of his life will be held at his residence on Saturday,

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The Lowe Brothers on Rebecca Street in Shinnston around 1908. Pictured left to right is Merland Lowe, John Moore Lowe, and Robert Paul Lowe, children of Seymour and Estelle Moore Lowe. Photo courtesy of Estelle Lowe Dana and Diane Lowe

July 17, 2021 at 3:00PM. Online condolences can be made at Davisfuneralhome.com.

GARY OWEN PERDUE

Gary Owen Perdue, 67, of Clarksburg, passed away on Friday, June 11, 2021 at his daughter's residence in Good Hope with family by his side. He was born June 9, 1954 in Frankford, WV, son of Kenneth Hope and Veda Ruth Vaughn Perdue of Clarksburg.

Gary graduated from Washington Irving High School. He retired from Quality Hydraulics and was a hydraulic mechanic with over forty years of service. He enjoyed fishing, especially the annual fishing trip to Canada with his brothers and grandsons. He also enjoyed hunting, collecting coins, studying history (especially the WWII era) and his cars.

In addition to his parents, Gary is survived by his four children, Jennifer Lucille Downward and David, Good Hope, Marcie Ann Perdue and Brian Snyder, Harley Marie Bailey and Ashley Paige Perdue all of Clarksburg; ten grandchildren, Terance and Alyssa, Kaleb, Abigail, Myiah, Kolbee, Adrianna, Clayden, Kaylee, Kinsley and Jared; one great grandson, Joel; five brothers, Kenny Perdue and Dusty, Mount Clare, Steve Perdue, Clarksburg; Jeff Perdue and Cindy, Morgantown, Dave Perdue, Bel Air, MD, Kevin Perdue and Bobbie Jo, Morgantown; several nieces and nephews; and his four legged companions, Mowgli and Toby.

Gary was preceded in death by his fiancée, Bonita "Michelle" Hitt on December 15, 2006; and one brother, Paul Perdue.

A Funeral Service was held on Monday, June 14, 2021, at Davis Funeral Home with Pastor Jon Hayes officiating. Interment followed at Broad Run Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to DavisFuneralHomeWV.com.

ROBERT LEE MESSENGER

Robert "Bob" Lee Messenger, Sr., 90 of Clarksburg passed away on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at United Hospital Center with family by his side. Bob was born October 22, 1930 in Columbus, OH, son of the late Dorris Berle and Mary Lucille Frazier Messenger.

Bob owned and operated Bob's Body Shop. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, trapping, working in his garden and watching car races.

Bob is survived by his wife, Ruth Ann Powell Messenger whom he married on April 12, 1971; four children, Donna Peasley and Robert, Cambridge, MD, Mary Jo Rogers, Martinsburg, WV, Linda Ramos and Michael, Lusby, MD; Carol Willems and Harry, Silver Spring, MD; fifteen grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren; one brother, John "Jack" Messenger, Glen Falls; two sisters, Jane Given and Jean Shaver both of Rockford; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by one son, Robert Lee Messenger, Jr and one brother, William B. Messenger Sr.

A Celebration of Life and inurnment at Seventh Day Baptist Church Cemetery, Lost Creek will take place at a later date. Online condolences can be made at Davisfuneralhome.com.

MARY LOU TRACEY

Mary Lou Tracey, 76, of Clarksburg went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at the United Hospital Center. She was born in Clarksburg on April 26, 1945, a daughter of the late Earl and Opal Mason Sanders.

She was married to Lloyd Lee Tracey, Sr., who preceded her in death on November 5, 2018.

Surviving are two sons, Lloyd Lee Tracey, Jr. and his wife Elizabeth of Clarksburg, Forrest Tracey and his wife Samantha of

“Angel Rizor Joins Lady Pioneer Program”

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Before playing professionally, she was an outstanding women’s basketball player for the University of Cincinnati Bearcats from 2016 until 2020. She was a four-year starter and served as the captain for two years.

During her career with the Bearcats, she scored over 1,000 points while averaging 8.4 points per game in her career. She also

had several outstanding achievements throughout her career; in 2018-19 she was named to the American Conference All-Academic Honor Roll, in 2019-20 she was named to the Legion of Excellence (University of Cincinnati), also in 2019-20 she was named to the American Athletic Conference All-Conference Third Team, as well as the American

Athletic Conference All-Tournament Team, and was named the American Athletic Conference Most Improved Player.

While in college, she also maintained a 3.45 GPA and graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a B.S. in Health Promotion and Education: Exercise and Fitness.

In 2019, she completed an internship with Redline Athletics

in West Chester, Ohio. With Redline, she developed a schedule to assess training needs, consulted with other trainers, managers, and leadership concerning workout plans, prepared and led clients through dynamic stretches, footwork, agility, and activation routines, held specialized focus training in basketball and volleyball, and ensured clients adhered

to proper weightlifting techniques.

She was also a Tournament Director at the Kingdom Sports Center in Franklin, Ohio in 2018.

“We are very excited to welcome Angel to the Pioneer Family. She is a very accomplished athlete. She just finished playing in Turkey and was one of the best players at the University of Cincinnati. She

was named the most improved player in the AAC and I can’t wait for her to get in the gym with our girls and make them better. All of her former coaches had nothing but great things to say about her, and I think she will help make our program better,” stated GSC Head Women’s Basketball Coach Kim Stephens.

Rizor resides in Glenville.

“Snowshoe GNCC To Be Held This Weekend”

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for the 7th Annual ISDE Golf Tournament are also available to purchase on the registration page.

Graduation Ceremony will be held on Saturday @ 6:30 p.m. at the podium. Round Six of the 2021 Specialized

Turbo eMTB GNCC National Championship Series will take place on Saturday at 4:30 PM ET.

ePeeWee Racing will take place on Saturday @ 7:30 p.m. near the finish.

Ballhooter Lift on the Basin side of the

mountain will be running during the GNCC race events to transport spectators back to the top of the mountain. Access to

the ski lift is part of the spectator admission price.

No dogs allowed in the village during evening activities.

“US Congressmen Visit Shinnston”

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employees would have to utilize. Perhaps better access to and from Shinnston might have helped.

City Manager Chad Edwards, when asked about direct effects on the local community, said, “If the mining industry folds, it would hurt many people in our area, and if the power plant nearby would close, it, too, is a big employer. Many people here even travel to Morgantown to work at Mylan, and their looming closure will also affect some of our residents.

Representative Tonko asked what they could do to help. The suggestion was again made to directly bring West Virginians in on the progress of solar use, employ them and let the state reap some of the profit ... and maybe people might soften

somewhat on changes to the energy situation.

Edwards also stressed the lack of access to Shinnston and brought up a project slated in the 90’s that might have linked Enterprise to Meadowbrook. The engineering design was supposedly done but nothing ever transpired.

“If there is money to be spent on infrastructure, why not bring this back? Put a four-lane in and give us a quicker commute access to and from the interstate and make this area more attractive for business sites,” Edwards stated.

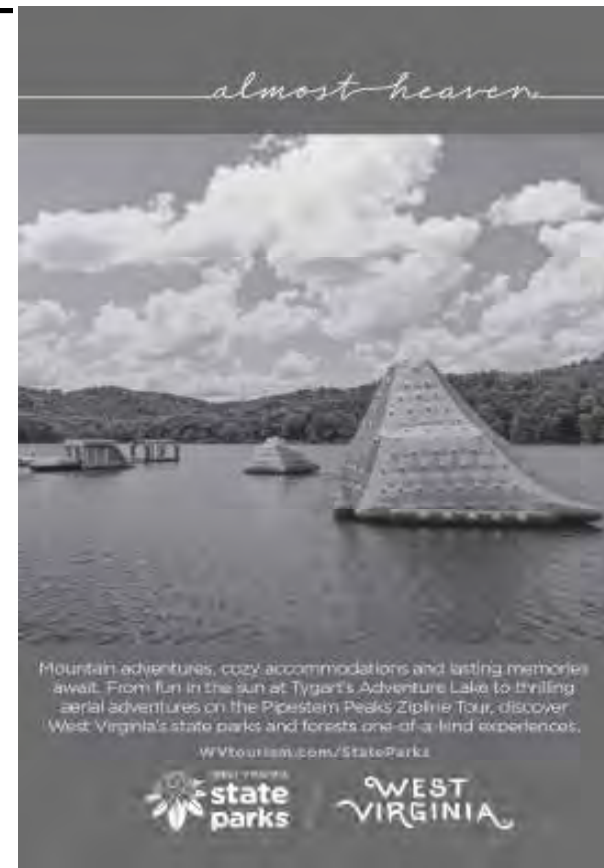
Several said there had been announcements in the past about plants coming to WV that would offer work, but most never got past the talking stages. The comment was made that people need to SEE something happening to believe it is going to

occur. Edwards concluded, “I believe the meeting was a good idea in that it showed Congressmen from opposing parties working together to try to understand how their decisions will affect people.”

The main point made was that West Virginia’s mining industry has for years supported so many families, and if it becomes extinct, all of those people will suffer. It is not that West Virginians are opposed to having cleaner air ... or even alternative energy possibilities; but government needs to be aware of how many lives and livelihoods will be toppled by the outcome.

Attending the meeting were: Congressman David McKinley; Congressman Paul Tonko; Jason Grumet,

Bipartisan Policy Center President; Jonathan Perman, Bipartisan Policy Center; John Richter, Bipartisan Policy Center; Brendan Larkin, Tonko’s Deputy Chief of Staff; Mike Hamilton, McKinley’s Chief of Staff; Libby Reasbeck, McKinley’s District Director; Rick Altman, VP of United Mine Workers District #31; Shinnston City Manager Chad Edwards; Shinnston Vice-Mayor Andrew Kisamore; former Shinnston Mayor Wanda F. Ashcraft, and City Recorder Kathleen Panek.



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Good Health Guide

Be Content Just Being Yourself



Words of Wellness
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Have you ever felt like you weren't doing enough with your life? Have you thought you should be doing more with your life or following a purpose that you haven't yet figured out? It's not uncommon to feel like you are on this planet to accomplish something big and if you haven't, you are left with a feeling of longing or even emptiness. Life is made up of small miraculous moments. Stop feeling

like you have to do something "big" and savor the amazing moments that each day brings. You are enough just as you are. You are an amazing creation of the universe and that is all you have to be in this world.

When I was on vacation last week, I was able to slow down, relax, and see beauty in my surroundings. In addition to beautiful

works of nature, I saw so many acts of human nature that made me renew hope in our ability to love one another. I saw people going out of their way to help others. I saw people in businesses happily serve their customers. Everywhere I went, I saw small acts of kindness. It was such a great feeling that I wanted to pay it forward as much as possible, so I did.

As we live our lives, we share with others our energy and spirit in many ways. By impacting the lives of others in a positive way, we indirectly touch many others. When we seek to be all that we can be, we are fulfilling an important purpose and bringing greater good to our communities and our world. There is no need to feel that we need to be famous or save the

world to validate our existence.

By being true to ourselves and giving ourselves to others through love and selfless deeds, we naturally find meaning in life and give back to the world in which we live. We can let go of pressure to do more and be more.

Mother Theresa said, "Spread Love Wherever You Go". That's all we really need to do.

Conquering Childhood Cancer With Walking Miracles

Battling childhood cancer can be traumatizing for children, their families, and caregivers. The challenges brought on by the disease itself and the medicines required to treat it can take a considerable toll. But there are other

challenges that can stand in the way of getting the best treatment available. The logistics involved in getting to treatment facilities and paying for traveling expenses can be daunting. Many families don't realize what a complex journey lays before them

until they're forced to navigate it. Thanks to Walking Miracles, they no longer have to travel this difficult journey alone.

The Walking Miracles Family Foundation, a West Virginia-based 501c3 non-profit organization,


was created to support caregivers, families and survivors impacted by childhood, adolescent and young adult cancer. Patient Navigators connect childhood cancer patients and their families to helpful resources and referral networks.

How Walking Miracles came to be is a story of desperation, courage, and ultimately, triumph. Brett Wilson, the founder of Walking Miracles, twice survived childhood cancer. In 1974, at only two years old, he was diagnosed with

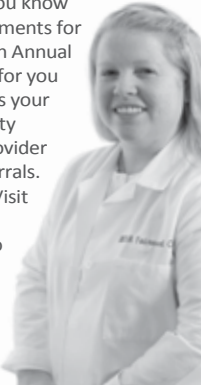
Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia.

Brett underwent five years of chemotherapy and radiation treatment. A year and a half later, he relapsed with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Years after his treatment, when long-term side

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Are you 65 years of age or older? Do you have Medicare insurance benefits? If so, did you know that Medicare has specific yearly requirements for its members? One such requirement is an Annual Wellness Visit. This visit serves as a time for you and your primary care provider to discuss your non-medical concerns, such as community assistance programs, and allows your provider the chance to help with appropriate referrals. If you have not had an Annual Wellness Visit in the last 12 months, then contact our MVA Health Center in Shinnston today to see if you qualify and to schedule an appointment.



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with a foster care agency or a family in a residential setting that is foreign to them. Recognizing that this alone is a very traumatic circumstance for a child, it is often made even more distressing when they must use a trash bag to transport their belongings!

Mrs. Starkey is

helping to fulfill a child's needs by filling colorful vinyl bags with necessary items such as a comb and hairbrush, toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, shampoo, a flashlight, coloring books, crayons, and even comforting items like a blanket or stuffed animal.

Rebekah Lodge No. 47 appreciated the kindness she is extending and offered to contribute a financial donation to support her efforts.

While the Rebekah Lodge participates in global projects, they are also free to lend their help to projects that are unique to their own

communities. Part of their mission is to make the burdens of others lighter, to promote

friendship, faith, and hope, to take an active role in making their communities a better

place to live, and to improve the character of mankind by setting an example.

"Obituaries" cont. from p. 7

Clarksburg; four granddaughters, Sarah Tracey and her fiancé Logan Mikes, Linsey Tracey, Mary Ellen Tracey and Mandy Lee Tracey; two great granddaughters Riley and Amelia Mikes; and one sister, Sue Weaver and her husband Eddie of MA.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters, Martha Quinn, Betty Talkington and Francis Dunbar.

Mrs. Tracey was a 1963 graduate of Lumberport High School and was a retired car wash manager at Harry Green. She enjoyed playing bingo and the machines and loved her grandchildren, great grandchildren and her dog, Angel.

Funeral services were held on Monday,

June 21, 2021 at Amos Carvelli Funeral Home with Pastor Robert Marino officiating. Interment was in the Floral Hills Memorial Gardens.

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

GEORGIA ELAINE TALARICO

Georgia Elaine Talarico, 70, of Clarksburg passed away on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 in the United Hospital Center following an extended illness.

She was born in Clarksburg on April 2, 1951, a daughter of the late Gerald and Martha Ellen Facemire Martin.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Talarico,

whom she married on November 14, 1971.

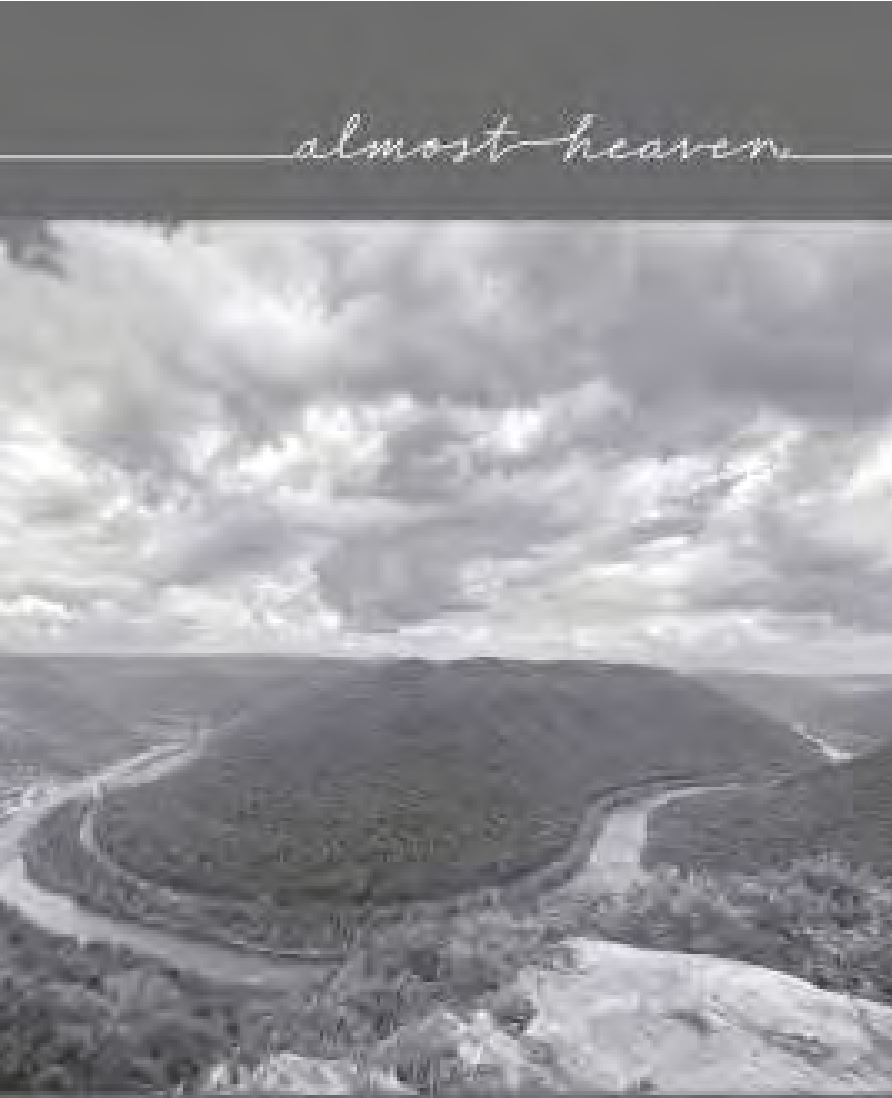
Also surviving are one son, Gary W. Talarico; three grandchildren, Michael, Sophia and Gianna Talarico; and one brother, Guy Martin.

She was also preceded in death by her step-mother, Mary Martin.

Mrs. Talarico worked as a L.P.N. for United Hospital Center and Dr. Mendoza. She loved camping and working crossword puzzles.

In keeping with her wishes, Mrs. Talarico will be cremated. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

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“Pillo Family Of Shinnston” cont. from p. 5

the WV State Health Commissioner. This was a newly created department of the United States Public Health Department in 1944. It was here that she met Dr. Albert Lyon Chapman. In 1945 they were married and began their lives in further service to this country.

The United States Public Health Department was a uniformed service of the United States Government. Just like the military, their mission was to protect, promote and advance the health and safety of our nation.

Margaret held

executive level positions in the Veterans Administration and the FAA. Alfred held positions in the Department of Health in Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. The couple hosted and attended many social functions in the Washington, DC area and knew and were known in the political and social circles of that time.

Her father, John Pillo, was born in Santa Croce del Sannio, Italy in 1879. He first came to the Clinton District of Monongalia Co, WV. He signed the Declaration of

Intention to become a citizen of the United States in 1910 when they lived in Enterprise. Five years later he became a naturalized citizen.

By 1920 the family lived at Owings. He was married to Lucy (Ferraccio). This name was later adapted to Feltz. John worked in the coal mines to support his family and died in 1957. Lucy was a housewife and died in 1969. Both are buried in the Shinnston Masonic Cemetery. The following children were born to them:

Elizabeth 1907-1992, married Nazareno

Zecco Antonio Carl 1909-1982, married Ethel Sayre Mary 1911-1990, married Tony Castranova

Paul 1914-1954, married Josephine Veltri Joseph Franklin 1916-2011, married Katherine Cerillo

Margaret Marie 1919-2019, married Dr. Albert Chapman

Amaline Carmello 1921-2003, married Demora Wright

Bardine 1923-1991, married Irene Jackson Anna 1925-

1989, married John Melenick10.

Rachel 1927- 2020, married Oliver Parrot Chester James 1930-2014, married Wilma Sargent

Eulanda Dolly 1932-1985, married Ronald Blatter

The Pillo family is another example of an Italian immigrant family where all the male members of the family served our country in World War II. The family would have been eligible to fly a service flag with five blue stars because sons Tony, Paul, Frank, Bardine and Jim served. Does anyone

remember the Blue Star flags being flown in the Pleasant Hill section of Shinnston? There should have been several of them flying. I hope that no home had a Gold Star flag because it denoted a family who had lost one of its members during a time of conflict.

The Bice-Ferguson Museum has a Veterans section where we honor those Shinnstonians who have served and fought for our freedoms! Please stop in and see it. The Museum is now open from 9 am to 1 pm Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

“Citizen of the Month” cont. from p.1

maternal grandfather, Burlyn Rector, was principal at the former Lumberport High School. Her mother also served as Miss Centennial Queen for the Shinnston Foundation Celebration (predecessor to Frontier Days). In addition, Dr. Heal-Ortiz's parents, the late Dr. Richard and Elaine Heal established the Rector-Heal Scholarship, a scholarship with the Shinnston-Lincoln Scholarship Foundation.

“My parents and grandparents were always very involved in their church and with community, civic, professional and charitable organizations, and they involved me with these projects from an early age,” she said.

A graduate of Washington Irving High School in Clarksburg, Dr. Heal-Ortiz graduated with a degree in dental hygiene in 1984 and entered WVU School of Dentistry in 1985. She, along with her dentist husband, Mark

Ortiz, DDS, came to Clarksburg in 1989 and shared practice space with her father, Dr. Richard Heal, in the Professional Building in Clarksburg before expanding their practices to their current location, the site of the former Clarksburg Water Board on Main Street in downtown Clarksburg.

For the past 30 years, Dr. Heal-Ortiz has served the Clarksburg Rotary Club in various capacities.

“I'm normally the one behind the camera,” she said, “but I will be going in as vice president of our club in July.”

At present, she serves as her club's social media director. Over the years, she has worked the annual Clarksburg Rotary swim meet at the YMCA.

“The Clarksburg Rotary has sponsored this invitational for 20 plus years,” she noted. “This has always been the first swim meet of the season. The meet was not held in 2020 due to Covid but we are hopeful

that we will be able to continue with the swim meet this year.”

It is more than obvious that Heal-Ortiz is the epitome of the Rotary motto, “Service Above Self”.

The Clarksburg Rotary has sponsored several children's sports teams and has also purchased equipment for the pool. “Our club also donated to Sleep in Heavenly Peace to help them purchase a new trailer,” she added. “Each year our club sponsors students to Boys and Girls State and to the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) camp that the Harrison County clubs started for ninth grade students.”

The Clarksburg Rotary has also sponsored a dance line competition for several years, and again, the event was canceled in 2021 due to the pandemic. “We are hopeful that all of our events will be able to restart soon,” she continued. “This is an event that is open to teens all over the state and includes Hip Hop, Line dancing and Pom Pom among other dance forms.”

“The most fulfilling activity I have participated in with Rotary is the Day in the Park event because I had a chance to interact with people more,” she said. “I would like to see this program brought back although it is very time consuming in preparing for this youth fishing activity at Hinkle/Deegan lakes.”

“Over the years, especially when our son Spencer was young, he even helped to ring the bells for Salvation Army as a member of his Cub Scout pack,” she said. “That was always a time to reconnect with those persons you have not seen in a while. We are also involved with Celebrate the Arts in the month of March and I have helped to bring each of the high school theatrical groups to our meetings to give our members a preview of upcoming plays and musicals.”

“I followed my parents' footsteps and have tried to continue being involved in community and

professional activities since returning to Harrison County after dental school,” said Heal-Ortiz.

She recalls her mother taking her to the Mother and Baby Clinics when she assisted with the program for the League for Service and also taking her with her when she played the piano for choir practices at church. Her father was a Kiwanian and she often helped him DJ for the Clarksburg Kiwanis Club's Radiothons.

It was only natural for Dr. Heal-Ortiz to continue serving her community as an adult. In years past, she served as treasurer, vice-president and later president of the Clarksburg Business and Professional Women's Club. She is also a member of the Monongahela Valley Dental Society and served as its secretary for 23 years and treasurer for 20 years.

“My dad served on

the Harrison County Board of Education and I served on the board for Heritage Christian School,” she noted. “Dad got me involved with Sacred Heart Children's Charities and I have been on and off their board several times. I enjoy seeing their donations benefit the children of Harrison County.”

“When our son was in school, I could be found assisting with school programs and fundraisers or chaperoning band trips,” she concluded. “I became an assistant Den Leader for Bridgeport Pack 39 and Scout Leader from Troop 40.”

Spencer is currently a junior at West Virginia University majoring in energy and land management, and perhaps he too will have learned by example as his mother did about the importance of involvement and contributing service to community.

“Independence Day” cont. from p. 1

band's last concert was during the Christmas season in 2019. “After being shut down for 18 months, our members missed it and everyone is so glad to be back to rehearsing and offering concerts again. We've been rehearsing for about three months now and are easing back into it. We've been practicing as we always did at Lincoln High School and we are still observing safety precautions, distancing our seats and wearing masks unless we're playing,” he stated.

McIntyre also noted that the band was made aware of a discussion about why the concert is always on July 1st when perhaps a weekend evening would be better. He commented, “We have always held it on July 1st - not that that couldn't be changed, but our original idea was to perform the first Independence Day concert in Harrison County each year and try to avoid conflicts with

any events that might be scheduled to be held in Clarksburg or Bridgeport. We've always drawn successful crowds no matter what day of the week July 1st falls on.”

SCB Director Mike Cale admitted that he was a little worried that band members might lose interest after being away from it for such a long period of time.

“I worried for no reason; everyone is back and overjoyed to get back at it. In fact, we even have a few new members who have joined us. If everyone who has been rehearsing with us is able to show up on July 1st, we should have about 71 musicians. We've got a few talented middle school and high school students, and the rest are adults who range in age up to the 80-90 year age bracket. That is the wonderful thing about music; if it's something you really love doing, you can enjoy it for a lifetime! Many things

have been taken away from us during the past challenging year and a half, but finally we can bring people music again ... and we're excited to do that,” Cale said.

Cale concluded by giving an account of what attendees will hear on July 1st. They have even been rehearsing some new music, but it will be a nice mixture ... from patriotic marches and Americana type music, to some jazz, and perhaps even a little rock music!

The entertainment is free and Ferguson-Memorial Park beckons everyone to take this opportunity to gather with neighbors and friends in a beautiful outdoor setting and celebrate Independence Day on July 1st!

All those involved are maintaining a positive attitude that the weather will produce a lovely evening, but in the event of a downpour, a rain date of July 2nd is scheduled.

“Garden Growth” cont. from p. 5

Rebecca St. had been sold, the volunteers are very grateful to have a ‘backup’ space for it. She explained that FEMA had purchased the property where the current garden is located and deeded it to the City. Fortunately, it is large enough to accommodate the Community Garden so that it can continue for years to come.

“The growing season had already begun as we got organized, but we were so gratified to have donations of dirt, plants, and seedlings

to get us started,” Panek stated. “We are trying several different gardening methods this year, including a method suggested to us by Brenda Seidenberg of Leaky, Texas whose soil was hard and rocky, and she has found this method productive.”

Seidenberg put down cardboard, straw, and a bag of soil which she slit open and punctured drainage holes into prior to placing plants on them. This method rewarded her with a large and productive vegetable garden; she hopes that if she spills those bags of soil at the end of each season, in a few years it will be a tillable garden.

More recently, Shinnston Public Works donated, delivered and set up two 55-gallon barrels

to catch rainwater and the Fire Department filled them to get the watering process started. Frequent rainfall recently has ensured that they have remained filled.

All produce from the Community Garden will be weighed and logged in to track how productive the garden is this year. All produce will go to the Lord's Pantry, giving fresh vegetables to those served there.

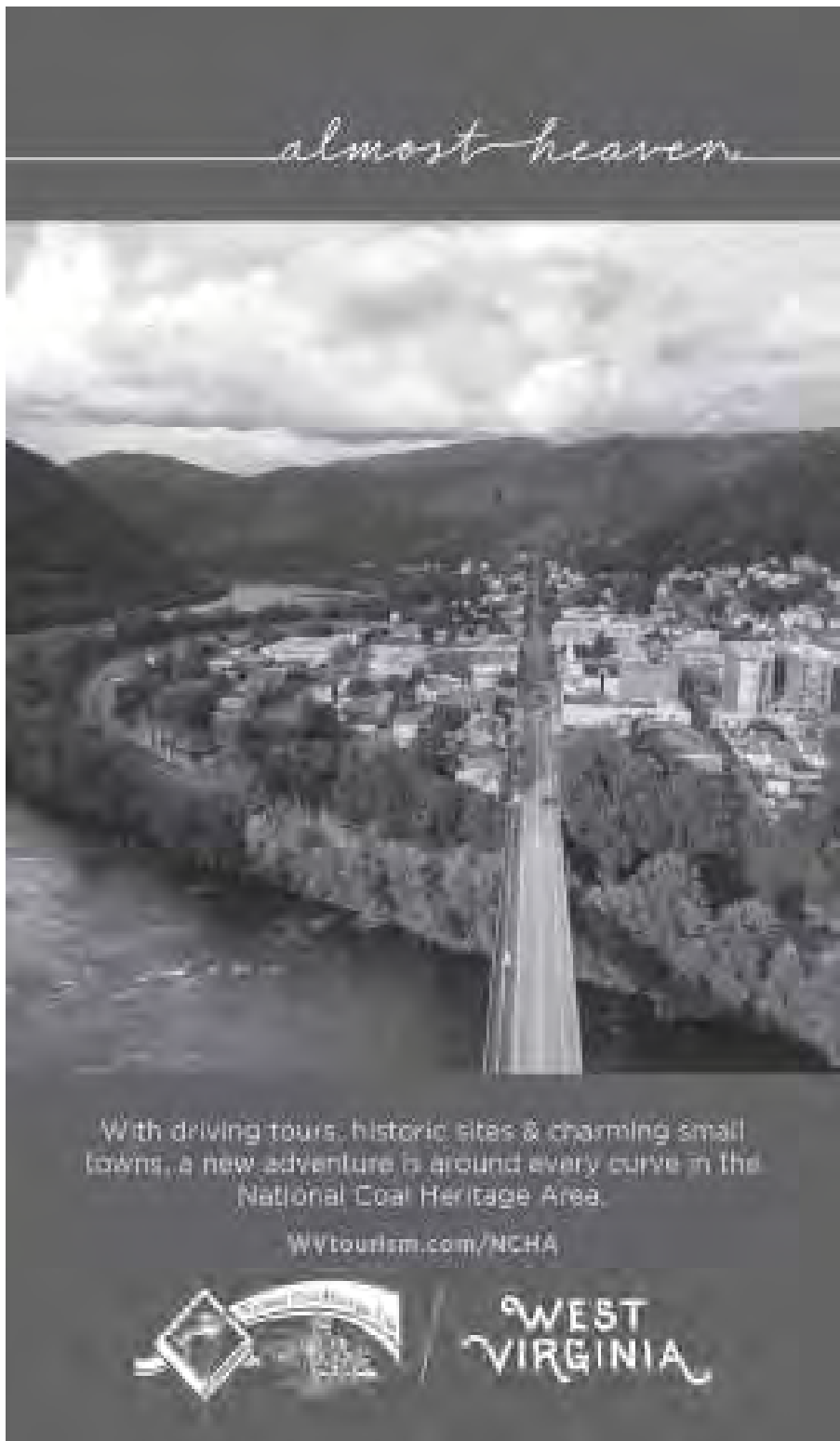
Those who have been working on the Community Garden thus far have included Jon Olson, Sabrina Baker, Bethany Nuzum, Anthony Tate, and Kathleen Panek. As the garden continues to develop, they hope to see some new faces to assist with watering, weeding and caring for the garden.



Shinnston American Legion Post 31 Welcomes Visitors



Richard A. Heigert, National Vice Commander of the American Legion, visited Shinnston’s American Legion Post 31 on June 14th. Heigert, from Missouri, had been traveling the state of West Virginia visiting different posts. After visiting Post 31 in Shinnston, the National Vice Commander’s final stop was Wheeling’s Post 1. Pictured top, l-rt are: American Legion of WV Department Commander John Powell, National Vice Commander of the American Legion Richard A. Heigert, and Post 31 Commander Bruce Grimes. Pictured bottom, Post 31 Commander Bruce Grimes presents Heigert with gifts – a plate to be displayed at his home post 283 in Missouri and WV pepperoni rolls.



“Parks & Rec” cont. from p. 6

achieve. In recent years, we have had upwards of 800 kids at the various sites. Book hopes that one day we can reach those same numbers. “The County Commission has always been a big supporter of this program simply because it is better for Harrison County. It has been a staple for over four decades and now we are seeing former park kids bring their kids, and even grandkids, to the park now. A lot of memories happen here with our program and if we can reach more and more kids each day, all the hard work and long hours is well worth it.”

“Lowe Public Library” cont. from p.5

day Sadie looks up and sees a girl buying flowers. Ella Stepanek is a Polish girl living a relative life of leisure with her stepmother, who is very close to the occupying German alliances. Ella, scorned by her friends and longing for her fiancé, who has gone off to war, wanders recklessly around the city. Ella begins to help Sadie and the two become close, but as the dangers of the war worsen, their lives are set on a collision course that will test their friendship. ‘The Woman with the Blue Star’ is a testament to the power of friendship and the powerful strength of a human to survive. Best-sellers available for check-out at this time include: “Golden Girl” (LP) by Elin Hilderbrand; “The Last Thing He Told Me” by Laura Dave; “Sooley” by John Grisham; “Four Winds” by Kristen Hannah; and “21st Birthday” by James Patterson. Harper Sloan; “His Pretend Amish Bride” by Rachel Goode; “Gentleman Jim” by Mimi Williams; “Gold Mine Massacre” by William Johnstone; and “The Artist” by Jackson Lowry. The Summer Reading Program – “Tails and Tales” – began on Wednesday, June 23rd and will be held every Wednesday, ending on July 28th. The program is for children ages 2-8 and 9-12. Please watch our Facebook page for program information.



Harrison County Senior Citizens' Center Reopened Its Doors On Tuesday

The Harrison County Senior Citizens' Center (HCSCC) reopened on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. and will resume activities and programs on a staggered schedule.

HCSC will be using a contactless check-in/sign-in system for all activities. Members are reminded to bring their 2020 membership card which has a scannable

bar code printed on the back. The HCSC Board of Directors extended the 2020 memberships through September 30, 2021.

"Lunch service resumed in the Kinley Café beginning on June 22; however, reservations are still required," stated HCSCC Executive Director Beth Fitzgerald. "Breakfast service will begin at a later date."

On opening day, Tai Chi Class was held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.; lunch was served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.; the Bingo Fun Club held Bingo from 12:30 to 2:45 p.m.; and card and board games were played in the Kinley Café and can be played at any time during the day, which also includes Monday through Friday.

"We are still in the

process of receiving information about the first meeting dates and times from the leaders of the 12 senior satellites," Fitzgerald said. "The Center's other groups are also in the process of establishing initial meeting dates. Members should call the Center for information about a particular group's meeting dates."

During the Center's

pandemic closure over the last 15 months, the staff was busy with remodeling, painting, and cleaning.

"The Center is as clean and shiny as a freshly minted penny," said HCSCC Board Member Bill O'Field. "The Board is pleased with the work and effort that the staff and the Director have put into the building during the closure. I believe

seniors will find the Center more welcoming in its appearance and will especially appreciate the new tables and chairs designed for seniors' comfort and safety in the café."

For more information, call the Center at (304) 623-6795 or visit us at <http://hscswv.org> or at www.facebook.com/HarrisonCountySeniorCitizensCenter.

Free Dental Day For Kids At Wilson Martino Dental

Wilson Martino Dental, TLC Dental and The Smile Defenders are providing a **FREE DENTAL DAY** for **KIDS** during the month of August!

As part of the event, the dental teams will be providing **FREE DENTAL CARE** for all area children ages 12 and under. The **FREE DENTAL CARE** includes: routine hygiene exam and cleaning, x-rays, fluoride, and any dental work that can be done that day such as fillings, stainless steel crowns,

resins, and more. Parents of children with appointments will also be able to have any necessary exam forms signed for school registrations and/or requirements during the event.

To participate, parents or guardians are encouraged to reserve their child's appointment by calling the offices directly. The schedule fills up quickly, it's best to call ASAP.

Wilson Martino Dental – Bridgeport: 304-842-7568

Thursday, August 5, 2021

Wilson Martino Dental – Buckhannon: 304-472-4954

Thursday, August 5, 2021

Wilson Martino Dental – Elkins: 304-636-2009

Thursday, August 5, 2021

Wilson Martino Dental – Fairmont: 304-366-3910

Thursday, August 5, 2021

Wilson Martino Dental – Morgantown: 304-599-6550

Thursday, August 5, 2021

TLC Dental & Smile Defenders of Morgantown – 304-292-4412

Thursday, August 5, 2021

Smile Defenders of Clarksburg – 304-305-HERO (4376)

Thursday, August 26, 2021

Plus! Kids can meet one of the original Smile Defender Characters, like Scrubby the Dog, trusty side-kick of Captain Super Smiles! We will also have information on children's health insurance available and families will have

the opportunity to obtain information about the West Virginia Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), a state funded program which provides dental and health insurance to families based on income levels. For more information on CHIP, visit their website at www.wvchip.org.

West Virginia has many programs available which help families obtain health benefits for their children, and yet so

many of our kids are going without important exams and immunizations. It is our goal to raise awareness of the programs available and help make sure every child in West Virginia is a **HEALTHY CHILD!** This event will help families explore the various programs offered by our state and obtain coverage for their children. Join the Smile Defenders to help protect your tots & teens teeth and remember – a healthy child is a happy child!

NEH Announces ARP Funding For State Humanities Councils

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has announced it has distributed \$51.6 million in funding to the 56 state and jurisdictional humanities councils and interim partners, the agency's first awards under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021. These funds will support humanities organizations, programs, and professionals at the local level, advancing economic recovery within a cultural sector devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic. From this funding, the West Virginia Humanities Council in Charleston, WV will receive

\$675,470.

"With so many of our nation's cultural and educational institutions reeling from the economic fallout of the pandemic, NEH's state and jurisdictional humanities partners are on the front lines of the crisis, adapting and responding to urgent needs within their states and communities to shore up the humanities organizations and resources that enrich the lives of so many citizens," said NEH Acting Chairman Adam Wolfson. "NEH is grateful to our state and jurisdictional partners for joining us in this effort to quickly distribute American Rescue Plan

relief funding to where it is most needed."

This new funding, which represents approximately 40 percent of the American Rescue Plan program funds allocated to NEH by the American Rescue Plan, will be regranted by NEH's 56 state and jurisdictional partners to support cultural groups and public and educational humanities programming across the country. Each council will determine their own process and timing for awarding these funds.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, NEH's state partners have responded quickly to the unprecedented

needs of humanities organizations suffering from the impact of COVID-related program closures, lost revenue, and budget shortfalls. With funding from NEH provided by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020, the councils distributed \$30 million in emergency funding to more than 4,500 humanities groups, programs, and

organizations in all 50 states and U.S. territories, resulting in the retention of approximately 12,000 at-risk jobs and the creation of an additional 1,200 new jobs in the humanities. These awards have proved vital in sustaining the country's humanities infrastructure, providing much-needed support to the nation's libraries, historical societies, museums, colleges, heritage sites,

preservation groups, humanities centers and festivals, and other small cultural non-profits at the heart of vibrant communities and local economies.

In addition, during a year of social distancing, humanities councils created virtual programs to connect people online and alleviate isolation within their communities through discussion of the humanities.

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on the progress of the Community Garden. Wanda Ashcraft led devotions which pertained to both Memorial Day and Mother's Day. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Chad Edwards gave the blessing for the food.

Debra Herndon reported that she had

seen the National Honor Society's landscaping project at Lincoln High School which the Garden Club had financed and found the project to be done well. The group discussed the flower urns and steps were taken to get them planted for the summer.

Chad Edwards introduced Administrative Assistant

Sabrina Baker. Sabrina described her role with the City and highlighted several of the community development projects she is working with. The Garden Club welcomed new member Ann Davis.

Present, but not previously mentioned, were: Beth Linn, Paula Harrison, Juanita Pumphrey and Joyce Miker.

"Walking Miracles" cont. from p. 9

effects usually occur, Brett and his family had virtually no support. He created Walking Miracles in 2012 so other families could have the support he and his family did not have.

Brett, an MA Counselor and certified patient navigator, along with Kacie Owens, a Nurse Navigator, are Patient Navigators at Walking Miracles. They guide cancer patients and their families and caregivers from initial diagnosis all the way through the continuum of care. This ensures caregivers and survivors have access to their referral networks of mental health and state programs, which can also provide financial assistance and support, access to school counselors and psychologists, and travel services including discounted lodging, restaurant gift cards and more.

In 2021 Walking Miracles was awarded a subrecipient state block grant by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Bureau

for Public Health through the Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health in conjunction with the Children with Special Health Care Needs Program to provide patient navigation services from the time of diagnosis through the continuum of care.

The cost of travel is the primary barrier to care in West Virginia, so Walking Miracles implemented the "Country Roads Travel Assistance Program". More than 250 families in 33 of West Virginia's 55 counties have been helped by Country Roads, a program developed by Walking Miracles in 2013. The program also supports families living in bordering counties of West Virginia in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, North Carolina, Maryland, and Ohio who are traveling to West Virginia hospitals and cancer centers for treatment and out of state when referred by a physician. The Walking Miracles travel card helps pay for gas, food and lodging. To date, they have given families

over \$250,000 in travel assistance over the last eight years.

Walking Miracles believes it is vital for all childhood and adolescent cancer patients in West Virginia to receive a survivorship plan and be connected to a survivorship clinic for proper follow-up. This includes education on relevant treatment areas and on the long-term side effects that can be expected. In order to accomplish the follow-up needed, Walking Miracles is supported by Anytime Telehealth, a convenient and cost-effective way to connect with healthcare providers and E Care 21 helps our navigators monitor and document the patients' and survivors' needs while undergoing and after treatment.

To learn more about the Walking Miracles Family Foundation, to apply for assistance, or to donate, visit www.walkingmiracles.org.

Post your Legals in the News & Journal

AG Morrissey Warns About Grandparent Scam

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey urges residents to be wary of calls claiming grandchildren need help.

Scammers have been known to call senior citizens pretending to be their grandchild. Others claim to be law enforcement with news about a loved one. They often indicate the grandchild in question is in another state or country and in dire need of money due to an emergency.

"Most grandparents would do anything to help a grandchild in trouble because they are incredibly generous to family members in need," Attorney General Morrissey said. "That's why it's so important to exercise caution when receiving such calls. Think carefully before handing over money in this situation."

The Attorney General's Consumer

Protection Division recently received reports of the scam circulating in the state. Word of the scam often surfaces during vacation season and as students head off to college.

Scammers rely on the goodwill of grandparents to shield grandchildren from potential punishment. This may result in those receiving such calls deciding not to check with the child's parents.

Consumers can follow these tips to avoid becoming a victim:

- Stay calm and don't react out of immediacy.
- Get a call back number.
- Call the grandchild's known number or other family members to see if there really is an emergency.
- Ask a question that only the grandchild

would know the answer to such as a pet's name, the child's nickname or where they attended school.

- Never give bank routing numbers or credit card numbers to anyone via phone.

- Be skeptical of any request for a wire transfer or to use a pre-paid debit card, regardless of who the requestor says they are.

- Do not wire money until a third party verifies the alleged child really is in trouble. Check local jails and/or hospitals.

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