



## Sunset-Ellis Restaurant Undergoes Phase 2 Remodeling; Hopes To Reopen July 13<sup>th</sup>

*Sunset Drive-In To Host Double Feature Honoring Law Enforcement & Military*



The Sunset-Ellis Restaurant completed a major interior remodeling project in the Spring of 2020 and is following up with another this summer. Pictured here, another area of the restaurant is shown during the demolition process. The Ellis family hopes to have the work finalized and be ready to reopen on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD  
News & Journal Editor

Longevity is something to be proud of, and along Rt.19 near Shinnston, the Ellis family owns

and operates a prime example of such longevity – the Sunset-Ellis Restaurant and the Sunset Drive-In Theater. This generational family endeavor began when the late John

Ellis, father of Anthony and John Paul Ellis, purchased the drive-in and street car concession stand from a Spanish family in the 1950's. With more customers wanting the food the

Ellis family was famous for, the street car was eventually removed and a restaurant was built in 1960, using half of it for drive-in concessions and the other half for dining.

Through the years, as generations of the Ellis family have gotten involved, they still have the desire to keep this entity from seeing the 'sunset' of its life, and have in the past year or so made some major improvements to the main dining room. That was just Phase 1; currently, Phase 2 of further enhancements is underway.

Typically, the restaurant is closed during the first week of July for vacation ... but now, for the first time in its existence, the restaurant is closed for TWO weeks in hopes that these latest enhancements can be completed before re-opening on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

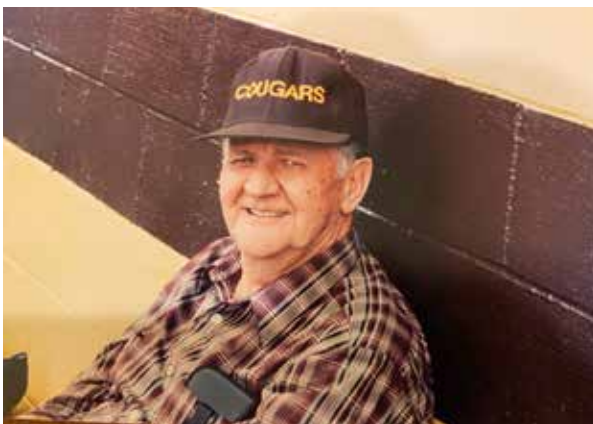
"In 1970, extra dining space was added, but since that time, nothing had been touched until we did Phase 1," Anthony stated. "Now we are working on the space in the area as soon as you enter through our front door. All of the cabinetry and carpeting has been torn out; we will be installing waterproof laminated wood flooring in that area and the cabinetry as well as the countertops will all be new. We'll also be updating the restrooms, tidying them up with a different arrangement, new lighting, sinks, toilets, flooring, etc."

Anthony noted that customers seemed to

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## Fundraising Project In Motion For New Lincoln Field House Furnishings

*First Donation Made In Memory Of Avid Cougar Supporter Junior Nuzum*



The first contribution to the LHS Locker Room Project was made by Lincoln alumni Kevin and Kent Nuzum in loving memory of their father Junior Nuzum (pictured here), who was a devoted Cougar fan.

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD  
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Excitement is mounting! The new addition to the Lincoln Field House is nearing its completion and right on schedule. At least Phase I of this project will be finished – as promised – in time for the Cougars' 2021 football season to begin. However, this stage includes only the construction of the field house addition and the

new roof. The good news is that it is paid for. Now, it is time to move forward to Phase II, which will provide for interior accommodations such as new lockers, flooring and furnishings. Funding help will be needed for this phase, and thus a fundraising campaign is underway.

Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Holly Hawkins stated, "This has been an enormous

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## Council Hears Complaints On Park's Bocce Court Maintenance

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD  
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Shinnston City Council met on June 28<sup>th</sup> at the Woman's Club (and via Zoom); in the absence of both

the Mayor and Vice-Mayor, the meeting was conducted by Councilman Rodney Strait. Mayor Kovalck was however in attendance via Zoom.

Petitioning to speak before Council was

Orchard St. resident Willard West who addressed various complaints about the condition of the very popular Bocce Court at Ferguson Memorial Park. Among his criticisms were: mildew

all over the bleachers, courts in poor condition, hose reel burst due to not being drained, many lights not in service, no key to restrooms being available, and scheduling for court

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## Independence Day Event At The Park Rescheduled For July 9<sup>th</sup>

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD  
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It is unfortunate that we can't place an order for flawless summer weather to ensure that our plans can be perfectly executed on a certain date. But the weather is unpredictable, particularly when arrangements must be made well in advance!

rain and concerns for possible flash flooding were headlining the local weather reports mid-week last week and forced the City of Shinnston to postpone its Independence Day Celebration at Ferguson-Memorial Park that was scheduled for Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. It took City officials the better part of a day to make phone calls and communicate



Come & celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Ferguson-Memorial Park in Shinnston this Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. Predicted heavy rainfall threatened the event's original date of July 1<sup>st</sup> and everyone is hopeful that Mother Nature will be much more considerate this Friday!

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## Sunny Beaches



Building Amazing Cities

By JIM HUNT  
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When I was growing up, we didn't go to the beach on vacation and I often wondered what the big deal was to drive several hours to sit on a beach towel and stare at the sun. My first real trip to the beach was when I was in my twenties and we went to Virginia Beach. We hadn't planned to go and thought we could find a hotel when we arrived. After stopping at a dozen beach hotels, we finally found one that had a vacancy.

I should have noticed the big sign in the registration area that said, "You have a right to inspect your room before paying. NO REFUNDS!" I thought, "How bad could it be?" As we entered the room, the moldy smell was overwhelming, and the mattress had an indentation that looked as if it could swallow you up. The carpet was worn, and it looked like there was more sand than carpet. While I was upset at the condition of the room, I realized that they did warn the guests to inspect the room before paying. We grabbed our bags and threw the key on the bed and headed out to search for another hotel. Finally, around midnight, we found a Howard Johnson's that had a room.

Over the years, we would occasionally go to Myrtle Beach and rent a beach house. While it was nice, it

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# Food For Thought

By Leigh Currey Merrifield  
Editor

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MASSIVE MIDDLE

## Super Crossword

# Make It A Habit To SMILE

I have always heard that the older you get, you realize how quickly time passes. Well, I guess I must be in that “older” age bracket now because I notice it more and more all the time. For instance, our staff just had a week off and it seems like I went to sleep one night and BINGO (!), when I awoke, the week off was a thing of the past! Each “day off” was so full, I feel like I need another week off!

However, I must admit that I did manage to get some things done that had been put off WAY too long because there are never enough hours in my days. It was a “work-cation” of sorts ... my own fault, I’m afraid. Perhaps it was COVID-related. Being cooped up in my house so much, I began to look around and decided it was time for a change. When I had trouble falling asleep, the bright idea came to me that maybe what I needed was a bedroom that was more ‘restful’. Would a color change do the trick? My search began for a new bedding ensemble, and after looking for a couple of months, I narrowed my choices down to two. One, I ultimately decided, was still too bright plus it had to be dry-cleaned, so option two was elected. Wouldn’t you know it got lost in the mail, and after a month of unanswered pleas for customer support, I finally spoke to a “PERSON” (as opposed to a recording), who placed my order a second time! Hallelujah! I’m thoroughly happy with it. It makes me smile,

which I’ve discovered is quite important.

Changing the bedroom meant changing the adjoining bathroom as well, and that’s where I started, because with wallpaper on every wall, I knew it would be the toughest job to tackle. THAT is how I spent my time off and thus have termed it a “work-cation”. Mark Twain has been quoted as saying that if you eat a live frog first thing in the morning, you can go through the rest of the day knowing the worst is behind you. That “frog” is your worst task, the one you would typically procrastinate doing. So that’s where I began. And, trying to keep a positive attitude while I struggled “chewing up that frog”, I kept a picture in my mind of the finished product. Focusing on that picture was a great help! It may take a while to get there – yes, the floor covering has to go too! – but the end result will be a smile moment for me.

Speaking of “smile moments” ..... Although I can’t say that I will miss the strict COVID regulations now that many have been lifted, I am curious to learn if Dino Colombo’s “Smile Break” commercials on TV will come to an end along with the pandemic. They have been running throughout this challenging period and those in my household have thoroughly enjoyed them – whether they capture kids or animals frolicking, they have never failed to produce a smile. And who hasn’t needed a reason to smile during the past year and a half?

In fact, it’s rather nice to have a reason to smile every day!

No matter how much the frustrations in your world may try to force you to frown, it’s important to show the world there are also LOTS of reasons to smile. They’re free, can boost your productivity, create positive thinking patterns, reduce stress, improve your mood as well as those around you, and hey, smiling can even make you look younger! A friend of mine sends me things to smile about several times a week, and truthfully, it’s a good way to start a day. Here are a few of them:

My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffered from mental illness. I said, “No, we all seem to enjoy it.”

Camping is where you spend a small fortune to live like the homeless.

I’m a multi-tasker. I can listen, ignore and forget all at the same time!

I’d grow my own food if I could just find chocolate seeds!

Losing weight isn’t working for me, so from now on, I’m concentrating on getting taller.

A guy stands in the parking lot holding a cardboard sign that reads: ‘No, I’m not homeless but my wife has been in Target for more than two hours, so I might need some help!’

Smile! It’s good for you! 😊

*This week’s dessert: “If you’re not using your smile, you’re like a man with a million dollars in the bank and no checkbook.” ~ Les Giblin*

## This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to *e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia* at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

**July 8, 1894:** Walter Aegerter was born in Helvetia. An amateur photographer, Aegerter built both a studio and darkroom on his farm and photographed portraits, families, celebrations and everyday scenes of the German Swiss settlement. The glass plate negatives survive today in several archived collections.

**July 8, 1924:** Rock ‘n’ roll pioneer Johnnie Johnson was born in Fairmont. Johnson collaborated with Chuck Berry on songs such as “Roll Over, Beethoven.” Berry’s hit “Johnny B. Goode” was written as a tribute to Johnson.

**July 8, 1961:** Sutton Dam was dedicated by Governor Wally Barron. The Army Corps of

Engineers operates the dam for purposes of flood control, low-flow augmentation, and recreation.

**July 9, 1942:** An explosion at the Pursglove No. 2 Mine at Scotts Run near Morgantown killed 20 men. It was one of three fatal accidents at the mining operation in an eight-month period.

**July 9, 1989:** Treasurer A. James Manchin resigned after being impeached. With a stock market downturn in 1987, Manchin bore much of the blame when the state lost nearly \$300 million in investments for which he was responsible.

**July 10, 1769:** Physician Jesse Bennet was born. He performed the first successful caesarian

section in America in 1794, on his own wife and without proper equipment and with

no antiseptics. He later established a large practice in Mason County and served as an Army surgeon in the War of 1812.

**July 10, 1936:** The temperature in Martinsburg reached 112 degrees. It tied the record for hottest temperature on record, which had been set August 4, 1930, at Moorefield.

**July 11, 1861:** The Battle of Rich Mountain was fought in Randolph County. Union troops under the command of General George McClellan defeated Confederate forces.

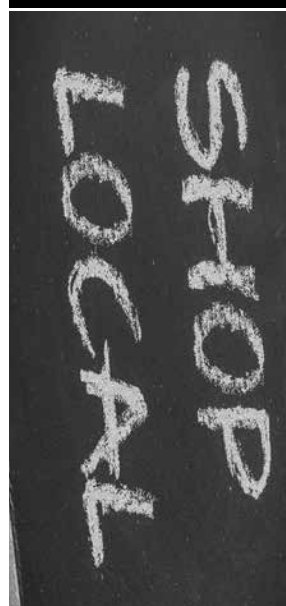
**July 11, 1867:** John Jacob Cornwell was born on a farm in Ritchie County. He served as the 15<sup>th</sup> governor of West Virginia.

**July 11, 1976:** Gov. Arch Moore dedicated the West Virginia Culture

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11 Extended animal shelter initiative	2 Affirm as true
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22 Well-practiced pieces	4 Distinctive stretches
23 Good snorkeling sites	5 Descend
24 Within a single school	6 Horrid giant
25 Have a brawl	7 “Riddle me, riddle me —”
26 — liver (dish rich in iron)	
28 Secret agent	
29 — -mell (confused)	
30 Frozen water	
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33 Title girl in a J.D. Salinger story	
35 Swift feline	
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116 Cabal boss	
118 “Way to go, hero!”	
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17 Certain wig	
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27 Method of valuing inventories	
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32 She’s part of the fam	
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36 One-named Art Deco artist	
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38 Free of artificial ingredients	
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48 Consign to an inferior rank	
50 “Glass half full” outlook	
52 Announce	
53 Sector	
54 Uses a wok	
55 Bowl over	
57 Alero’s make	
62 — Center (Brooklyn arena)	
63 World Cup sport	
66 Electrojet particles	
68 Lorna of literature	
70 Sol followers	
71 Hydroxyl compound	
73 Corners on the market	
75 Hook up (to)	
77 Hawk’s nail	
78 “Game of Thrones” actress	
79 Lime discard	
81 Bygone, quaintly	
84 — Lingus (carrier to Dublin)	
87 Announce	
90 One of the Ewings on “Dallas”	
92 Even choice	
94 One on in-line skates	
95 Acting king	
96 Heads off	
98 Rio — (mining company)	
100 Fishing bait	
101 Of a pelvis bone	
102 Three-time Grand Prix champion	
104 Roast rod	
105 Colombian cash	
106 William Saroyan’s “My Name Is —”	
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### LOWE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Lowe Public Library has resumed its regular hours to the general public: Monday 11:30 am – 7:00 pm and Tuesday- Friday 11:30 am – 6 pm, CLOSED on Saturdays. Curbside service will still be available to those who request it by calling 304-592-1700. The library is disinfected routinely throughout the day (also, immediately after children visit).

### SHINNSTON SENIOR SATELLITE MEETING

The Shinnston Senior Satellite has resumed meetings at their regular meeting location - the American Legion building at 76 Bridge Street in Shinnston.

### MONONGALIA COUNTY BEEKEEPERS MEETING

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

### HOPE, INC. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP

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

### KIDDING AROUND YOGA

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

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## "Fundraising Project In Motion" cont. from p.1

undertaking, and we are thankful to be debt-free to this point. But now we move on to further needs we have and these, too, involve a big expense, so we are reaching out to individuals, organizations, businesses, etc. to ask for help. Donations of any amount will be appreciated, and we have tried to make it easy by providing a link on the school's website and school sanctioned social media accounts. Online donations will be accepted through 'School Cash Online'; just follow the school's website link."

Donor levels and their corresponding benefits are as follows: \$50 – Cougar Decal; \$100 – Cougar Decal & Commemorative T-shirt; \$300 – Cougar Decal, Locker Naming & Commemorative T-shirt; \$1,000+ - Lincoln Jersey, Locker Naming & Commemorative T-shirt.

One sizeable donation has already been made. Kevin & Kent Nuzum, both Lincoln High School alumni, have joined forces to contribute \$5,000 in memory of their father Carl ("Jr.") Nuzum, who

passed away earlier this year.

Kevin commented, "Our dad has always been an avid Cougar fan, and even before that, an avid Spartan fan. He was the first president of the Boosters Club, and Kent and I remember even as kids when they put in the original fieldhouse and bleachers! At that time, our dad was a part of that; and while still running Nuzum Trucking, he was involved in a lot of that work at the athletic field so this has a special meaning to us. Although dad didn't play football, he had his hand in a lot of what went on as far as school athletics in Shinnston was concerned. I know he would be pleased that the school is doing all they can to update the facility. We grew up with Mrs. Hawkins and dad was very proud of all of her efforts to put this idea together. I'm sure he would support us doing this."

Kevin's twin brother Kent added, "I loved my years at Lincoln High School and want to continue to support

my alma mater. And I am in total agreement with Kevin; we are doing this because we are sure that our dad would have done so himself if he were still living. I have a couple of other reasons for supporting this fundraising effort. I want to see the student athletes at Lincoln have this new facility so they can enjoy the same great things that other athletes in the county enjoy. I also want to help my friend Rob Hawkins. He has long been a teacher at Lincoln and has given a lot to Lincoln High School sports as a coach and a good role model."

Both brothers said they would encourage other Lincoln alumni and Cougar supporters to contribute to the school having this up-to-date facility.

"The new field house is not just for the football team, but others such as the soccer and track teams will be able to utilize it ... even kids involved in Pop Warner!" Kevin continued. "I am confident that donors will step forward to make this

happen. People in this community always pull together when there is a need."

Mrs. Hawkins said they will continue to augment the project as funding becomes available.

"The lockers have been ordered, but sometimes you don't realize until you get into something like this what tremendous costs are involved. But we want to do it right from the start and ensure that the furnishings, flooring, etc. are durable and long-lasting," she concluded.

If you are a Cougar supporter and would like to make a donation, checks can be mailed to Lincoln High School, 100 Jerry Toth Drive, Shinnston, WV 26431. Please indicate that the donation is for the football locker room project and include your name, address, phone number and relevant information based upon your donation level.

Help make this an exciting celebration as the Cougars return to action in August of 2021!

## "Sunset-Ellis Restaurant" cont. from p. 1

like the new Phase 1 updates, and they are anxious to continue pleasing customers with even more of a renewed and attractive look. He did admit, however, to having somewhat of a distressed feeling when he witnessed the old cabinetry coming down!

"It was time to move forward again, though, and I'm sure we'll all be pleased with the finished product. Change is often good; we just have to adapt to it. After all, we survived the long months of the pandemic when some were forced to close their doors! These new updates will allow us to continue doing what our family has done for years ... serving our loyal customers but just offering them a fresher, more attractive atmosphere," he added. "We'll also be resealing our parking lot and remarking the parking spaces."

It's a lot to accomplish in two weeks, but progress is being seen each day. They say

they are happy with all the work being done by Chuck and Duane Vincent. AND, there are plans for Phase 3 in the future as well! Later on, they hope to put stone in certain locations in the front area too.

They say the restaurant and drive-in theater business is "in their blood" and they hope it will linger far beyond its already seven decades! Changing and revising the décor somewhat is just a matter of staying current and hopefully pleasing their patrons.

The drive-in, too, adjusted to the mandate of transitioning to digital movies being shown on the screen. While the restaurant is undergoing these renovations, the concession stand is still operational on weekends for movie-goers.

And speaking of movies, the Sunset-Ellis Drive-In Theater was once again asked to partner with JCFilms for the screenings of two of its latest movies, a DOUBLE FEATURE

that will be shown at dusk on July 11<sup>th</sup>. According to Jason Campbell, president of JCFilms, both of the films were shot locally in the area. One is titled 'Break Every Chain', a law enforcement-related film that has not been viewed in the local area before but will be seen nationally later in July; and 'A Patriot's Day', a pro-America and pro-military film that will be seen by the public for the very first time on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Campbell stated, "It shows some of the difficulties endured by our servicemen – not just on the battlefield but also after they return home. Both of these films are based on true stories and were shot locally with over 300 local individuals participating. We hope that the message of these films will encourage us all to be more grateful for those who serve to protect us."

He also noted that

'Break Every Chain' was shot largely in Shinnston.

"We have done a lot of filming in Shinnston and have been treated so well. We have come to love this small town that is a 'BIG' town in many ways. I'm hopeful that it will stir within viewers the depth of service of law enforcement officers," Campbell added.

The double feature on July 11<sup>th</sup> begins at dusk. In a show of appreciation, members of law enforcement and military will be admitted free.

Campbell concluded, "Proceeds from the screenings that evening will be donated to the Shinnston Police Department's K-9 Unit, which has clearly done a great deal of good. We also like the fact that it helps keep officers safe as well. This is our way of helping ensure that it continues to grow and become even more useful."

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# My Hero... My Oldest Brother John

## Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny



I wrote the following column back in November 2011.

“Veterans Day is Friday and there will be many parades and celebrations honoring our Veterans, as it should be. I would like to honor someone who served our country for 8 years and most people don’t know this about him. This person joined the Army National Guard in 1960, served 2 years, then signed up for 6 years in the regular U.S. Army.”

“He served on tanks with the 25th Infantry Division, stationed in Hawaii, from 1962 to 1965. While with the Division, he volunteered and flew as a Door Gunner on Huey (Helicopter) gunships with the 120th Aviation Co. “Razorbacks” in Vietnam from Sept 1964 to Dec 1964 and he was awarded 5 Air Medals. From 1965 to 1966, he was stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas where he went through the NCO Academy. He was made a Drill Instructor (DI) and trained new recruits for four Basic Training cycles. Then he was sent to the Panama Canal Zone for three weeks jungle training (Jungle Expert). He was sent back to Vietnam and served another tour with the 1st Infantry Division (B Troop 1<sup>st</sup> of the 4<sup>th</sup>) from Aug 1966 to Aug 1967 as a tank commander and had two tanks blown out from under him. He was awarded the Bronze Star. I asked him how he earned the medal; he said “Perfect attendance, I guess..??”

“This Great American was also awarded all the other normal medals and citations, but the one he’s most proud of is his ‘Good Conduct Medal’. He said he really, really, really had to work hard to earn that one! I can attest to that fact because the

person that I’m talking about is my hero and my oldest brother, John. So, if you happen to run into him, thank John for his service.”

I wrote this several years ago: “John always takes pride in his vehicles. When he was young, the first car he bought was a ’54 Ford. It ran very well but was a rust bucket from the hood ornament to the trunk emblem. The kind that you should have a tetanus shot before getting in. The rear fenders were rusted out so badly that we attached cruiser skirts to the fenders with sheet metal screws. Also, he had a wire running through the rusted floor boards to the automatic transmission to kick it into passing gear. But it was the cleanest rust bucket around. He washed it twice a week summer and winter. We didn’t have running water, so he got the water from the well pump and rinsed the car with one of mom’s pots with a handle. In the winter time, the soap would freeze on the car before we could rinse it off. Wonder if kids today would have that kind of dedication to a vehicle.”

I wrote this last year: “As I have stated before, John and I talk on the phone every night like two old women. We have talked about this and in all of our years, there has never been a cross word spoken between us. Now, with that being said, if you would throw in our late brother Jack in the mix while growing up, it was a whole different ball game. Jack was the middle one and big for his age. I say this lovingly: John and Jack would fight – Pat and Jack would fight – sometimes it took Pat and John to whip Jack – but John and Pat didn’t fight. John was the oldest and I was the youngest and his job was to look out for me...he did the best he could.”

My brother John Julian Matheny Jr. passed away 19 June 2021. I will miss him.

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

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## Flag Presented To Shinnston B&B Owner For Initiating B&Bs For Vets Program



1<sup>st</sup> Class Petty Officer Justin Solarz (rt) presents his grandmother, B&B owner Kathleen Panek, (center) with a flag to recognize her efforts in establishing the B&Bs For Vets program. Also present was Shinnston City Manager Chad Edwards.

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

News & Journal Editor

Kathleen Panek, owner of the Gillum House Bed & Breakfast in Shinnston, is very proud to have been instrumental in creating the B&Bs for Vets Program that has experienced tremendous growth since its inception in 2008. Today, thousands

of innkeepers across the U.S. and Canada are participating in this program, offering active duty and military veterans free lodging for at least one night on or around Veteran’s Day to show appreciation for their service.

Mrs. Panek’s grandson, 1<sup>st</sup> Class Petty Officer Justin Solarz, is also very proud of the fact that her idea has sparked

so much attention. Solarz, originally from Woodstock, Illinois but now residing in Fairfax, VA, has been in the Navy for the past 18 years, serving ten years of active duty and eight years as a reservist.

Unfortunately, COVID restrictions and quarantine mandates have limited his ability to visit his family until recently. On his return trip from a family stay in Illinois, a stop in Shinnston to see his ‘Granny’ was on his agenda. During his stay, he presented her with a plaque and an American flag that flew over Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti, Africa where he was at one time stationed.

MA1 (EXW) Solarz spent much of his active duty time overseas – in Japan, Spain, Guam, Africa, and Afghanistan. Upon separation from active duty, he was affiliated with the reserves at the Great Lakes Naval Station

until he transferred to Naval Support Activity in the Washington, D.C. area. A cartographer by trade, his civilian job is a Defense Contractor. In his spare time, he has attended college and is currently just one course short of receiving his Master’s Degree from George Washington University in Security Policy Studies. He is considering retiring from the military in two years.

Solarz commented, “My grandmother’s initiative is a way to give something back to veterans who have served our country, and I wanted to do something to honor her efforts. This program has become widely received and implemented at so many inns and bed & breakfast establishments, and I wanted to recognize her for all she has done to let veterans know that their service is held in high regard.”

## “Sunny Beaches”

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seemed like a constant routine of keeping the sand out of your clothes, your towels, your car and about everywhere else. While my wife would enjoy reading a book under an umbrella, I would count the minutes until we would get back to the house. Those were the days before sunscreen and the suntan lotion seemed to be like putting butter on a steak. Despite avoiding the sun, the end of the first night was usually a pain-filled evening, nursing a bright red back and shoulders. The only solace was seeing others who were red from head to toe and wondering how they were going to recover before their holiday was over.

It seems that each beach town has the same group of overpriced restaurants and tourist shops. The nautical themed seafood restaurants would have a long line of tourists, often with noisy children running amuck. After an hour long wait, you would be herded into a crowded dining room and offered up an array of batter dipped seafood that seemed reminiscent of the Long John Silvers at home. I would usually order a couple of watered-down Margaritas while adding up the check in my head.

After dinner, we would take a walk along the boardwalk admiring the gaudy gift shops filled with glass cases with seashells in every configuration imaginable. I would resist the urge to purchase matching t-shirts with big arrows pointing “I’m with Stupid” or “My parents went to the beach and all I got was this lousy t-shirt!”

The last day at the beach was spent packing the car and cleaning up the house so you would get your security deposit returned. As you stuffed the gear into the car, you realize that each corner and crevice is filled with sand and an assortment of shells and old limbs that your wife is sure would make a nice display in the guest bathroom at home. The ride home is a grueling twelve-hour adventure as thousands of other beachgoers end their week at precisely the same time.

For all the challenges, this family ritual is one that has endured for decades and continues to attract millions each year. So go ahead, pack the car and head to the beach for an Amazing summer vacation. Just remember, use sunscreen and don’t bother the old guy trying to get the sand out of his underwear!

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## “Independence Day At The Park” cont. from p. 1

with all those who were scheduled to take part in this long-awaited event. However, everyone was reached and arrangements have been made to now hold the activity this Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.

City Manager Chad Edwards stated, “We know that everyone was really looking forward to this evening, especially since last year’s celebration was thwarted by COVID restrictions. However, good weather is never guaranteed, and if the predicted inch and a half of rainfall had been accurate, this outdoor activity would have

literally been a ‘wash!’” Community Development Coordinator Anthony Tate agreed that the weather reports last Wednesday created a great deal of last-minute stress!

“The prediction for Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> (our rain date) was not good either. So we began making a lot of phone calls, hoping we could reschedule and still be able to hold the event on a day that was suitable for everyone who was scheduled to participate. The fireworks were the biggest issue because Mr. Gregory’s next available date to set off the fireworks was Friday,

July 9<sup>th</sup>. Thankfully, it worked out quite well. The Shinnston Community Band was okay with the new date as was the veterans band; all of our scheduled vendors will still be attending and Cartoon Headquarters will still be taking part as well. Now, we just hope and pray that Friday’s weather will be more cooperative,” Tate added.

As soon as the new date was confirmed by the participants, the City posted it on its Facebook page and contacted radio and TV stations to make the announcement.

“No matter what

the outdoor event is, planning it well in advance will always leave organizers at the mercy of the weather, I’m afraid. As quickly as possible, we did our best to get the word out so that potential attendees would know of the evening’s rescheduling,” Tate concluded. “And we hope that a much better forecast is in store for July 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be ready to welcome a huge crowd for a great evening of entertainment, lots of vendor food treats, inflatables for the kids, and a spectacular fireworks display!”

# BUSINESS MATTERS

## Locally Handmade Products At Sudsberry

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



Leah Michael is pictured here with a display of many of her Sudsberry products, made with natural ingredients that are nearly all produced locally.

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

Eight years ago, Leah Michael of West Milford began experimenting with various herbs and natural products when trying to treat her young son's eczema, a form of dermatitis. From the early days, Michael has strived to find the right mix in her soaps, moisturizers, salves and shampoos to help other persons with allergies and skin conditions or just wanting something different. In the beginning, Michael's business was slow and

was known as Momma Leah's Goods.

"I was starting to expand my product line and wanted a catchy name, so a friend and I brainstormed and Sudsberry was born," she said.

While the business originally started in Michael's home, it has expanded over time. In 2019, Sudsberry moved to a storefront on Fourth Street in downtown Clarksburg and in November 2020 opened a kiosk in the Meadowbrook Mall.

"I had no intentions of setting up shop in the mall on a permanent

basis, but management talked with me about opening up a storefront and Sudsberry has been located in the mall since January of this year," stated Michael.

In addition to her storefront, Michael says that Sudsberry, while it mainly relies on local customers, the business has shipped products to every state but two. "Our customer base is really widespread and keeps growing," she added.

Sudsberry's product line runs the gamut from soaps, moisturizers, lotions and bath bombs to beard oils and shave

soaps. The product line also includes body sprays, candles and wax tarts.

"Sudsberry has something for everyone be it men, women or children," Michael commented. "Kids love the bath bombs – sharks for the boys and unicorns for girls. While everything sells well, the black raspberry vanilla soap is a top seller as are the moisturizers and shampoo bars and conditioners."

In addition to growing herbs for her products such as comfrey, chamomile, jewelweed

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## WorkForce WV Warns Of Fraudulent Texting Activity

WorkForce West Virginia warns that a fraudulent texting scam has been launched throughout West Virginia and the nation. Text messages such as this one are fraudulent and should not be responded to or clicked. The website included is also fraudulent and designed to look like the WorkForce website. WorkForce West Virginia does NOT send text messages to claimants.

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## Sen. Manchin, Energy Sec. Granholm Tour Three West Virginia Energy Facilities



Senator Joe Manchin and Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm pose for photos during their tour of three energy facilities in north central West Virginia in June.

In June, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) and U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm toured the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) in Morgantown, the National Research Center for Coal and Energy (NRCCE) at West Virginia University, and the American Consolidated Natural Resources Mine in Harrison County. "Secretary Granholm and I spent a day touring three energy sector facilities in Morgantown and Harrison County, which highlight the impact of West Virginia and the potential for our state to grow in the changing energy

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## Governor Justice Attends Groundbreaking Ceremony At North Central WV Airport



West Virginia Governor Jim Justice was among other local officials who took part in a recent groundbreaking ceremony at the North Central WV Airport that will lead to the construction of a new passenger terminal, supplemental airport facilities, and a 100-acre AeroTech Business Park.

WV Governor Jim Justice was among those participating in a groundbreaking ceremony held recently at North Central West Virginia Airport (CKB), celebrating the beginning of work on a historic infrastructure project to enhance the airport itself, while also

developing sections of nearby land. Work will begin with crews excavating three million cubic yards of earth to make way for 140 acres of flat property east of the existing runway.

The newly flattened land will be home to a new passenger

terminal, auxiliary airport facilities, as well as a 100-acre AeroTech Business Park, which has the potential to double the economic impact of the airport by providing an additional one million square feet of runway-accessible building space. This major enhancement

project at NCWVA would not have been possible without the Governor's support.

Harrison County Commissioner David Hinkle explained a meeting held with the Governor nearly two years ago when the group showed him their vision, and noted that Governor Justice had immediately lent his full support.

Governor Justice said he initially saw that the project would be incredible for West Virginia. "This airport, with the amount of potential growth in this area, can absolutely be an engine that takes off like nobody's business," Gov. Justice said.

NCWVA Deputy Airport Director Shawn Long stated, "Since 2013, our airport has experienced

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## New Openings In City Of Clarksburg

The City of Clarksburg has revealed that a Grand Opening of the new Clarksburg Post Office will be held on July 15<sup>th</sup> (time

not yet determined). It is located at 158 W. Main Street in Clarksburg, the former site of Chase Bank's downtown drive-thru location. Post Office

hours will be the same as at its former location.

The City is also pleased to announce a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. on July 21<sup>st</sup> to

welcome Kayden's Pretty Petal Florist to its business community. Pretty Petal Florist will be located at 530 W. Main Street in Clarksburg.

## Funding For Six Water, Sewer & Econ. Dev. Projects Approved

The West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (IJDC) announced funding for water and sewer system improvements and service extensions in towns and public service districts around the state at its June meeting.

Water projects approved for funding by the council included:

Town of Anmoore – A \$7,750 grant to complete a water loss study to determine pipe locations and materials for replacement and to file an application with the council to establish

the cost of a water system improvement project. The town of Anmoore has committed to match the grant with its own \$7,750.

City of Fairmont – A grant and two loans for Monumental PSD system improvements and the Fairview

supply line project was approved by the council. The grant is for \$100,000. Also approved was a \$560,545 loan (1% over 40 years) and a \$395,580 loan (2% over 30 years). The US Dept. of Agriculture

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## Warrior Yoga Studio Class Supports Clarksburg Mustard Seed

Warrior Yoga studio, launched by Harrison County native Orin Okes-Kincade, opened at 2 Chenoweth Drive on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. On the evening of June 25<sup>th</sup>, he offered a donation-based Karma Yoga class to support the Clarksburg Mustard Seed. The Clarksburg

Mustard Seed is a non-profit organization that provides donated goods such as clothing, personal care items,

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## Bridgeport Claims Another Baseball Title!



### The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor  
Sports Editor

The Bridgeport Indians garnered an impressive seventh consecutive baseball championship this year. It seems as if nothing can stop Head Coach Robert Shields and the freight train that is Bridgeport baseball. A pair of formidable obstacles stood in the way, a year hiatus from the diamond due to the pandemic and a move to Class AAA could not derail the Tribe.

Ironically, this campaign brought something that hasn't occurred during this lengthy winning streak—a losing record. The Indians lost the season opener to Morgantown but answered with 12 consecutive wins. It was that loss to the Mohigans that would lead to another first which proved to be just what the doctor ordered for Shields and company. When the regional time came around, the Tribe was not seeded in

the top spot. Talk about a motivator, the disrespect felt by the champs brought the best out of this group. Everyone around the state wanted Bridgeport to prove that they could win on the highest level in the state. The disrespect would continue into state tournament seeding. A #3 seed for the six time champs was more fuel for the fire and it burned all weekend in the state capital.

The Tribe opened play in Charleston against Jefferson. The Indians cracked the scoreboard first with five runs in the top of the third inning giving Pitcher Chris Harbert a sizeable cushion. They would tack on a couple more runs and Austin Mann pitched a pair of relief innings to preserve the 7-5 win.

Cam Cole, Frank Why, J.D. Love, and the Paulsen's (Nate and Aiden) paced Bridgeport's offensive attack. The

win sent them into the championship tilt against Hurricane.

The Redskins were riding a long win streak and looking to defend their Class AAA title. Hurricane jumped out to a 2-0 lead after two innings and the Tribe was having trouble with starting pitcher, Joel Gardener.

Bridgeport manufactured a two-out run in the top of the third inning. With the seal broken, the Indians scored three runs in each of the next three innings to walk away with the gold. Ryan Goff emerged in relief and allowed just one run in 4 1/3 innings to claim the win.

Drew Hogue and Nate Paulsen were the offensive leaders with a pair of hits apiece. Hogue also drove in three runs while Paulsen scored two runs. Golf, Phil Reed, Anthony Dixon, and Chris Harbert all collected hits for Bridgeport.

The Charleston police were in hot pursuit of Indian players for theft. Bridgeport stole eight

bases as Paulsen recorded three in the affair.

Shields has had an incredible run as the head man in charge of the program. His first championship in 1993 was followed seven years later by a second in 2000. This current streak picked up in 2014 and has a great chance of continuing a year from now. The Tribe returns 10 juniors and a pair of sophomores as they look for #8. Since taking over the helm, Shields has won nearly 80% of the games he has coached and is roughly 5 to 7 seasons away from 1,000 career wins. He has built the foundation with fundamentals and has focused on each and every detail along the way.

I would not be surprised if he hasn't already envisioned the path through next year's campaign and is working on which players will take various roles on next year's bid for yet another repeat!

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



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

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

This past week's winners are Bridgeport's Chris Harbert and Ryan Goff. The Indians earned their seventh consecutive state title and it would not have been possible without the stellar pitching of the above-mentioned players.

In semifinal action, Harbert took the mound against Jefferson. He went five innings striking out seven batters while allowing three runs. Harbert got the win that propelled the Tribe to the title game.

Goff, a four-year starter, came into the title tilt in relief. He proceeded to allow just one run in 4 1/3 innings of work. Goff closed the door on Hurricane and picked up the win.

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

## Summer Parks Parents A Huge Help During Program



### From The World Of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

In previous articles, I have mentioned how most of the parents and even grandparents were once enrolled in the summer parks program with Harrison County. And the memories they often share with staff tell the story of why this program works. And the paying it forward theory has produced surprises for the kids that attend this year.

Park leader Dravin Richards, who handles the morning duties at the Nutter Fort site, has praised the families for some of the things they offered during the summer. From water, snacks and even the occasional pizzas, the parents are doing their part in making the program great for the kids.

"We have had parents come and ask if they could do things to help the staff out or something for the kids and you just do not see that every day," said Richards. "We have had birthday parties for the kids where parents would bring cookies, cake or even pizza to celebrate. It is great to see all the kids respond in thanking the kid for a great event that their parents put on for them."

And Richards is right in his statements as all parents from all six sites have played an important role in the success of the parks program. And now that the roster has topped close to over 500 kids, its events like these that sometimes takes the monotony out of the day. Any time you can have a function that includes something that is staged by the parents, the kids really look like the superstars. One family donated candy bars to the kids and we have been periodically distributing them as a treat for having a great week. Staff leader Wilma Carder, who has helped for many years, has noticed an upswing in parents helping out with her park at Compton.

"We have some really nice parents here at this site," said Swisher. "There are many who come around and ask how they can help out and that is nice to know that they would be there to help out. There are parents who work as police officers and offer words of advice as well as the homemaker who comes by to drop off some snacks for the kids. We have a good core of people who offer to help and we appreciate that."

Moving along, the Energy Express programs at North View and West Milford Elementary schools have been in full swing for a couple weeks now and the program is just as strong as ever. Director Mike Book is the county representative and much of his focus is on those two sites. He has been a part of this program for 25 years and the reason why Harrison County is a leader of the program. Under the new parameters of West Virginia University Extension Service, we are seeing smaller age groups, but the same amount of kids from before. The change in the system was modest at most per Book's opinion.

"We rolled with the changes this year and things seem to be operating rather smoothly. The one

## Shinnston Little League All-Stars Headed For State Tournament



The Shinnston All-Star Little League Majors WV District 5 Champions. Pictured back row are Levi Greaver, Brody Barnes, Brycen Moore and Coaches Hunter Moore, Mickey Tate and Matt Sipher. Front row Carson Walker, Chasen Sipher, Keston Rose, Colton Edwards, Nick Tate, Jacob Bart and Alex Greene.

The Shinnston Little League 10-12-year-old Major Division All-Stars will be heading to Lewisburg to the Little League State Tournament. They defeated Bridgeport by a score of 7-1 last Thursday night in Shinnston and claimed the WV District 5 Championship.

Shinnston's Chasen Sipher pitched the complete game with a total 51 total pitches and during the affair Brycen Moore hit a grand slam in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning. Shinnston achieved their win with no errors. Bridgeport's only run of the game was scored

on a sacrifice fly.

The champs will report to Lewisburg next Thursday, July 15 and the State Tournament will begin on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Good Luck to all the players and coaches!

### Cutline:

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## North Bend Rails To Trails Foundation Seeks Funding To Re-Deck/Replace Bridge Railings



Pictured here, NBRTF volunteers work on replacing weathered decking and railings along some of the Rails to Trails bridges. Funding is requested to continue this work.

Kenneth S. Adams, Vice Chairperson of the North Bend Rails to Trails Foundation, Inc (NBRTF), has issued a special funding request. According to Adams, the wood on the bridges along the North Bend

Rail Trail is around 25 years old and close to the end of its useful life. The NBRTF is currently in the process of securing funds to re-deck and replace railings on all of the

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## Lincoln Middle School Dance Camp Scheduled

Lincoln Middle School will be holding a Dance Camp the week of July 12-July 16 at the Ingra & Company Dance Studio on Pike Street in Shinnston. Any student who is enrolled in Lincoln Middle School for the 2021-2022 school year is eligible for enrollment. The cost of the camp is \$50 which

includes a t-shirt.

The student will need a current physical and a parent signature prior to participating. Attending the camp does not guarantee a spot on the Dance Team. However, it will help to prepare them for tryouts and improve their dance skills. No dance experience is needed!

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**JOHN J. MATHENY, JR.**

John J. Matheny, Jr., 77, of Pine Bluff Community, passed away on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at his residence. He was born in Clarksburg, August 13, 1943, a son of the late John Julian Matheny, Sr. and the late Helen Mae Martin Matheny. On December 7, 1965, he married Patty Lou Workman Matheny who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Jim Matheny and his wife Atha, Lost Creek, Bobby Matheny and his wife Kathy, Worthington, Brent Matheny, Uniontown, PA; 11 grandchildren, Derrick Matheny and his fiancé Kaitlyn Jones, Dustin Matheny and his wife Morgan, Amber Matheny and her companion Nick Zupper, Harold "J.R." Jones, Heather Gaskins, Jasmine Gaskins, Brittany Matheny, Alyssa Matheny, Tyler Troutman, Kaitlyn Matheny, and Miles Matheny; five great-grandchildren, Ava Nicole Zupper, Rylee and Raylee Bogo, and Atlas and Apollo Jones; one brother, Patrick Lee Matheny; one sister-in-law, Diane Lee Matheny; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by one brother, Jack Paul Matheny and one sister-in-law Karen "Sue" Matheny.

John was a Vietnam Veteran having served as a Tank Commander in the United States Army. He was a truck driver who was self-employed with Matheny Trucking for many years. He also drove for Lang Brothers Trucking and Salerno Brothers Trucking. In his most recent years before his retirement, he started John's Hot Shot Trucking which was his passion. John enjoyed going to car shows and hunting. He was a hard worker and will be missed by his family.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at Perine Funeral Home with Pastor Buzzy Holbert officiating. Interment was in the Pine Bluff Cemetery with full military honors provided by the United States Army and the Harrison County Honor Guard. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com.

**VIRGINIA "NANNY" RUTH CUNNINGHAM**

Virginia "Nanny" Ruth Cunningham, 95, of Sardis passed away at WVU Fairmont Medical Center in Marion County on June 23, 2021 surrounded by her loved ones. She was born at home on December 15, 1925 in Sardis, WV to the late Olen and Mamie Gwendolyn Strother Spellman.

Virginia graduated from Shinnston High School in 1942. She married the love of her life, the late Carl Haddox Cunningham, in 1955 and shared forty-three years of marriage until his passing in 1998. Virginia was a homemaker for many years. She was also a long-time member of Sardis Baptist Church, having served as the clerk for their board for many years and contributed several delicious recipes to the church's cookbook. She enjoyed traveling with her family and joined in on the occasional Harrison County Senior Center trip.

Virginia was a phenomenal cook, passing down many of her recipes to her family members and friends. She enjoyed crafting, sewing, and crocheting as well. She loved flowers and collecting bird houses. One of Virginia's most favorite pass-times was shopping at Walmart. She would often make several trips a week to Walmart and sometimes would visit multiple locations in one day. It was her favorite place to shop. Virginia's greatest pride was her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She thoroughly enjoyed spoiling them and attending all of their extracurricular activities including years of dance performances. She was famous for the "late night snacks" she would make for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, which often included full course meals at midnight or later.

Virginia is survived by one daughter, Darla LeAnn Berry of Sardis; two granddaughters, Courtney Poole and husband Dan of Fairmont and Brittany Henderson and David of Weston; great grandchildren, Carlisle, Aidan, Eliga, and Gage Saunders, all of Fairmont, Christian Smith and Kali and Covyn Henderson, all of Weston; one "adopted" granddaughter, Shayla Posey of Shinnston; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Virginia was preceded in death by one daughter, Carla Diane

Cunningham Cottrell in 2018; one brother, Warren Spellman; one infant sister; as well as several close brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

A funeral service was held on Monday, June 28, 2021 with Pastor Jaqueline Chambers officiating at Davis Funeral Home. An Inurnment was held on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at Sardis Cemetery at 1:00 PM. Online condolences can be made on Virginia's memorial page on www.Davisfuneralhomewv.com.

**CHRIS THOMAS ROMEO**

Chris Thomas Romeo, 57, passed peacefully from this life on Friday, June 25, 2021. Chris was born on September 7, 1963 in Clarksburg, WV to Mary K. Paugh Romeo and the late Thomas J. Romeo of Shinnston.

Chris's home was in Aliquippa, PA, where he spent many years of his life. Chris loved living in Pennsylvania and had met many good friends throughout his years there, but always came home to those he loved in WV. Anyone that knew Chris would tell you how much he loved to make people laugh. He had a sense of humor like no other. He was a good friend to many; strangers became his friends and friends became his family. He loved music, dancing, traveling, fishing, and cooking. He loved sports and had a special place in his heart for his Pittsburgh teams. He was an entrepreneur at heart and always had new ideas that he would get excited about. He worked as a Commercial Account Executive for Heartland (Previously Tsys). His work took him to many states and cities in the United States.

His life on Earth was not nearly long enough for us, but he packed those fifty-seven years full of fun and good times. Even though our hearts are broken, we will hold in our hearts the memories of the years we were given with him.

Chris is survived by his mother, Mary K. Romeo of Shinnston; his brother, Michael Romeo and Lee Ann of Shinnston; his sister, Kathy Martin and Eric of Shinnston; his nephews, Tyler Romeo and Emily of Morgantown, Tyler Martin of Memphis, TN, Michael Martin of Shinnston; nieces, Olivia Whitehair and

Isaac of Fairbanks, Alaska and Madilyn Martin of Shinnston; Chris is also survived by his fiancé, Maricel Serna and her children, who were the light of his life, Erjelyn, Earl, and Laisa May; as well as many Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins.

Chris was preceded in death by his father, Thomas J. Romeo, grandparents, Joseph and Catherine Romeo, and Denver and Mary Paugh, all formerly of Shinnston.

The family of Chris Romeo would like to thank the hospice nurses of J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital for all the love and compassion they gave to our family in this very difficult time and also to all of our friends, families, church members, and ministers who sent up prayers on our behalf in our time of sorrow. A very special thank you to Bette Romeo for being a loving friend to Chris and for helping him when he needed it most and for sitting with us and sharing stories of his beautiful life. Your love and kindness will never be forgotten.

"Our hearts still ache with sadness and many tears still flow.

What it means to lose you, no one will ever know.

We hold you close with our hearts, and there you will remain." A private graveside service will be held at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery at a later date. Davis Funeral Home and Onsite Crematory handled the cremation arrangements for the Romeo Family. Online condolences can be made on Chris' memorial page on our website at www.DavisFuneralHomeWV.com.

**ERNEST (ERNIE) L. WOOFER**

So, Heaven got a whole lot more fun with the passing of Ernest (Ernie) L. Woofler, 76, of Buffalo Lake, Lost Creek, who passed away unexpectedly on Monday, June 21, 2021, in the Louis A Johnson VA Medical Center. He was born in Bridgeport on August 8, 1944, a son of the late Virgil W. and Alice Maude (Day) Woofler.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Candice (King) Woofler, whom he married February 6, 1971.

Also surviving are his son, Virgil and his wife Jen Woofler of Jacksonville, FL; his grandson, Eric Woofler of Orlando, FL;

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Taken in the 1940's this image shows an old trolley car stopped at Wolf Summit. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

brother, George Wayne Woofler of Porter Falls; three sisters, Brenice Ilene Nichols and her husband Greg of Shinnston; Joyce Elaine Moore of Wallace; and Julia Diana Rife of Shinnston; a foster sister, Doris Ann Atkins of Shinnston; his brother-in-law, Stanley Gaston, and his wife Marlene of Wyatt; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great nephews complete his family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Hester Jane Gaston; his niece, Marie Gaston; two infant nephews, Timothy and Christopher Woofler; his brothers-in-law, Paul Rife and Ross Moore; and his sister-in-law Grace Woofler.

Ernie graduated from Mannington High School, Class of 1962, and then served in the US Army. He moved to Charlotte, MI, where he met and married Candice. He worked as an upkeep man for Owens-Illinois Glass Factory, retiring after 42 years of service. He attended Broad Oaks United Methodist Church.

He loved, loved, kids and life. He always had coins or a magic string to have the young and old guessing what or how he did something. He loved the 4-H program, shooting pool, baseball, movies, and antique car shows. Nearly everything he loved and did involved kids or having good times with his family.

Memorial contributions are requested to be made to the Marie Gaston 4-H Scholarship Fund, 461 Lake Meade Drive, E. Berlin, PA 17316.

Funeral services were held at Burnside Funeral Home on Saturday, June 26, 2021 with Reverend David Webb presiding. Interment followed in Trinity Cemetery, Bridgeport.

**ROBERT "BOB" GENE LOUGH**

Robert "Bob" Gene Lough, 91 of Clarksburg, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, June 25, 2021. He was born June 6, 1930 in Littleton, WV; the son of the late Thomas Ogal Lough and Maxine Virginia Bogard Lough Schweinebraten. Bob was preceded in death by his wife of sixty-six years, Margaret V Sneed Lough on January 25, 2017.

Bob is survived by a daughter, Barbara Ross of West Milford, WV; son,

Roger Lough & his wife, Andrea of Mt. Clare, WV; four grandchildren, Jeremy Ross & his wife Britney, Jennifer Ross, Zach Lough and Sydney Rhoades & her husband, Aaron; six great grandchildren, Logan Ross, Kaylee Lindsey, Landon Ross, Rosalyn Ross, Jackson Rhoades and Jordan Rhoades; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, Bob was preceded in death by a daughter, Shirley Lough; a son, David Lough; one brother, Francis Junior Lough and wife Roberta Joan.

Bob graduated Bridgeport High School, Class of 1949. He served his country in the United States Navy during the Korean War. He was in retail sales for over twenty years and was a trucking agent for his own company for over fifteen years. He was a member of the Clarksburg Church of Christ and the Clarksburg VFW Post 573. His hobbies were golfing, playing cards on Saturday night, working in the yard, hunting, doing carpentry and handyman work. His love of sports started at a young age of playing sports, watching professional sports and then watching the grandkids play. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home with Evangelist David Jacobs presiding. Interment followed in Bridgeport Cemetery where military honors were accorded by the Harrison County Honor Guard and the US Navy Honor Guard.

Online condolences may be sent to DavisFuneralHomeWV.com.

**FREDDIE LEE LOUDIN, SR.**

Freddie Lee Loudin, Sr., 87, of Clarksburg, passed away on Friday, June 25, 2021, at his residence surrounded by his family. He was born on June 25, 1934 in Glenville, WV, the son of the late Howard Lincoln Loudin and Minnie Minerva Tucker Loudin Husted.

Freddie served his country in the United States Army and Marines. He was a truckdriver by trade and retired owning

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# “Sen. Manchin Tours WV Energy Facilities” cont. from p. 6

market,” said Senator Manchin. “Throughout the tours, we were reminded of West Virginia’s important role in the national energy economy. At NETL we heard from West Virginia stakeholders about CCUS efforts and toured their state-of-the-art facility based in Morgantown. The WVU Energy Institute showcased multiple energy sector projects from across the state and received a demonstration from the WVU Rare Earth Elements Project Lab. And we announced \$6 million from DOE for two projects that will expand West Virginia’s footprint in the energy industry. We wrapped up the visit by touring the American Consolidated Natural Resources Harrison County Underground Coal Mine. And I was even able to give the Secretary a tour of my hometown, Farmington West Virginia. I’m pleased that we were able to show Secretary Granholm the

promise and potential of West Virginia’s energy industry, and I look forward to her returning to the Mountain State again soon.” Secretary Granholm added, “From the last two days touring West Virginia with my friend Senator Joe Manchin, I’ve been bowled over by the resolve of this state to seize the energy opportunity ahead and the eagerness to lead the country’s clean energy industries. West Virginia is primed to help build this country’s clean energy future, and once we pass the American Jobs Plan, we’ll roll up our sleeves and get to work.” “As always it was such a great honor to host Senator Manchin and Secretary Granholm at NETL to showcase the great work that we do in the carbon management value chain as well as the interagency working group on communities and economic revitalization with the ability to provide

impact into communities across the country,” said Brian Anderson, NETL Director and Executive Director of the Interagency Working Group (IWG) on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization. NETL plays a key role in rare earth and critical mineral research, particularly extracting those key elements from coal and coal byproducts. NETL is the Department of Energy’s only Government-Owned, Government-Operated (GOGO) Laboratory and was originally founded as part of a war-time effort during World War II to develop processes for producing synthesis gas from coal. NETL is home to the Joule 2.0 supercomputer which is the 23<sup>rd</sup> fastest supercomputer in the United States and 52<sup>nd</sup> in the world. As of 2018, NETL employed 517 people on their Morgantown campus and was responsible for 1,055 total direct and indirect

jobs in the state. NETL had a total estimated impact of \$150 million on West Virginia’s economy in 2018. “As a top-tier research university, we are fortunate to have the continued support of Sen. Manchin and our congressional delegation in addressing the world’s most critical issues,” West Virginia University Vice President of Research Fred King said. “Energy research remains one of the anchors of the University’s research profile as we strive for novel, cost-effective strategies to fuel the nation. Government, industry and individual supporters of WVU have shown that they depend on us for piecing together the puzzle.” The West Virginia University Energy Institute, housed within the National Research Center for Coal and Energy

University and works with stakeholders within the University, across the state and region, and globally to help stimulate energy and environmental economic development in West Virginia. WVU has received over \$95 million in new funding from DOE over the past ten years. “I am honored that Senator Manchin, Secretary Granholm, and UMWA President Cecil Roberts visited our Harrison County underground mine and saw firsthand the impact of coal mining for West Virginians and the American energy market. Their visit showcased the importance and necessity of coal mining for American energy markets, and that our industry will be needed for decades to come during this changing

energy transition. I look forward to working with both Senator Manchin and Secretary Granholm going forward to ensure the coal mining industry continues to play our vital role in the American energy sector,” said Rob Moore, President and Chief Executive Officer of American Consolidated Natural Resources, Inc. American Consolidated Natural Resources (ACNR) is the country’s fourth largest coal producer and the largest privately held coal firm. ACNR’s Harrison County Coal Resources, Inc. employs approximately 500 UMWA coal miners. Its operations include: Camp Run Portal, Margaret Portal, Harrison County Coal Preparation Plant, and its Northern West Virginia Operations Center, in Monongah, WV.

## “Shinnston Spotlight” cont. from p. 5

wooden bridges along the trail. Due to Covid-19 causing a very high increase to the cost of treated lumber, NBRTF bridge re-decking funds have taken a huge setback. The lumber cost of a 2” x 6” x 12” treated ground contact deck board is \$18.67 each, and just a \$20 donation would buy a deck board and screws to hold it down. Because the work is being done by volunteers, all funding contributed will go directly to re-decking materials. “We have implemented some changes to prolong the life of the current

bridge decks and increase the longevity of any new work,” Adams explained. “For example, the Foundation has purchased a backpack leaf blower to clear leaves from the bridge decks in order to keep the wood drier. Using pole saws, the overhanging branches have been cut back, allowing more sunlight and airflow to also keep the bridge decks drier. In addition, any new work will have the bottom railing 3 ½” above the bridge deck to allow natural air flow to keep leaves from being trapped. Any new boards will be treated ground contact

grade to extend the life of the bridge deck and replacement railings will now be installed with 2” x 6” instead of the thinner boards.” One of the longest bridges along the trail, Bridge #41, located just east of Petroleum, WV was the first bridge the Foundation started to work on in 2019 by installing a new deck. NBRTF volunteers are currently replacing the railings on Bridge #41 at Petroleum and Bridge #50, located west of Walker, WV. After these two bridges are completed, Adams says the Foundation will have

21 more to re-deck, so contributions are sorely needed and would be extremely appreciated. Donations can be sent to the North Bend Rail Trail Foundation, Inc. at P.O. Box 206, Cairo, WV 26337; please write ‘bridge decking’ in the memo line on the check. The foundation is a 501c3, so any donation may be tax deductible.

## Answers

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## “Community Garden” cont. from p. 1

tremendous growth. If any of you have traveled this summer or have been to the airport recently, you’ve definitely noticed that our terminal is at capacity and our parking lot is full. This summer, we are pushing nearly 50 flights a week both in and out of CKB, which is the busiest we have ever been.” Long, too, thanked Governor Justice, In addition to the

Senator Manchin, Senator Capito, Congressman McKinley for believing in the project, supporting it with significant funding, and lending help in navigating the various permits and approval processes ... and most importantly, the support and buy-in of the community and region in what the airport does.

Senator Manchin, Governor, additional funds for the project were provided by Harrison County, Marion County, the City of Bridgeport, and the Benedum Airport Authority. Governor Justice concluded, “To everyone involved in making this project a reality, I thank all of you for what you are doing right here for West Virginia.”



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# “Shinnston City Council” cont. from p.1

use only being available online. Mr. West noted that the City had \$1,799.69 of funding accumulated by the Bocce Association, and that if Public Works was not going to take care of necessary maintenance, the money should be returned to the Bocce Association so that they could properly maintain the courts.

Jacob Darrah of Thrasher was scheduled to present options to Council for fiberoptic broadband, but did not appear and will reschedule his visit at a later date.

City Manager Chad Edwards gave his report, which included the following:

**WATER** – Edwards asked that a water board meeting be scheduled at the plant to discuss Phase 3 of the water project and to note what items had already been accomplished. The water board will make a recommendation to Council at the July 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting on which AMR provider it endorses.

**SEWER** – Edwards

stated that more sewer line replacements are needed and that paving on Clement and Rt. 19 should be finished later in the week. The City will then be ready to move on the Lincoln Apartments sewer project.

**PUBLIC WORKS** – Crews are getting the City cleaned up for the Shinnston Community Band’s concert at the Park.

**ADMINISTRATION** – Edwards said that three City employees and a volunteer firefighter had gone through all water customer information to ensure that everyone was being charged fairly for the fire fee. Out of 2,567 customers billed, only six were not being charged the fire fee. Edwards stressed that this was a 99.8% accuracy rating, and a correction has been made so that the six customers not being charged the fire fee are now being charged.

Edwards also announced that a notification will be published in the newspaper to

inform everyone that businesses must have a license to operate within the City limits and that local police officers will be checking on this.

**POOL** – The Pool Manager has requested volunteers to help with set up and tear down before and after the upcoming championship swim meet to be held at the Shinnston pool. She has also requested a bike rack for the park and remarked that many people from other cities and towns are complimentary of improvements made and choosing to visit the Shinnston Pool over others in the area.

**EVENTS** – Mr. Edwards reminded everyone of the Independence Day Celebration at the Park on July 1<sup>st</sup> that will include both the Shinnston Community Band, Sounds of Soldiers as well as Byron Cooper. Fireworks will conclude the evening. *(Note that this event was rescheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup> due to weather.)*

Edwards also noted

that the contract with Brendan Gallagher to provide sound for events during the next three years was withdrawn because the State Auditor’s Office explained that the City cannot pay for this service in advance. Another sound company has been enlisted for the July 1<sup>st</sup> concert; arrangements for sound needed for Frontier Days are still incomplete.

The date of the next Wind Down Wednesday (July 7<sup>th</sup>) was also a reminder.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Purchase of additional tables at the Park – The City Manager has gotten a price of \$49 for six-foot tables from Adam Southern at Ace Hardware. It was noted that storing additional

tables should not present a problem if things are rearranged.

Dog Park location & construction – This item, a project suggested by Vice-Mayor Andrew Kisamore, was tabled because he was absent from the meeting.

Street Sweeper – Via telephone, Mayor Kovalck commented that Nutter Fort had been ready to participate in a shared arrangement for the purchase of a street sweeper and now there seems to be little movement. Councilperson Mary Ann Ferris implied that because Nutter Fort recently held an election of new council members, that may be the holdup.

City Insurance bids & options – The City Manager said quotes are being gathered and he

and the mayor had heard at a mayors’ meeting of a local government pool that some municipalities are participating in. Ads will be placed in local newspapers to solicit additional bidders.

Board Appointments – Information on board members being recommended for board appointments this year will be sent to all Council members but was not available for perusal at the meeting.

Prior to adjournment, Mayor Kovalck instructed the City Manager to get the Public Works Department busy immediately on addressing the issues at the Bocce Court that were presented earlier in the meeting.

An executive session was needed to discuss personnel matters.

# “Funding For Projects Approved” cont. from p.5

The following provided an additional \$513,000 grant. These funds, along with other previously approved funding, will allow construction to begin on this \$14 million project.

City of Philippi – The council approved a grant and loan for work on the Little Laurel Run Water Supply Dam. The grant is for \$1 million and the loan is for \$4 million (1% over 40 years). The project is estimated to cost \$14.6 million.

The sewer project was also approved by the council: A \$125,000 grant for sewer system improvements was approved. An additional \$350,000 grant was committed in February of 2021. This project is estimated to cost \$4.24 million.

The Council approved the following economic development assistance project as well:

Benedum Airport Authority – The council approved \$2 million in loan assistance for two hangers.

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

# “Warrior Yoga” cont. from p. 5

food, and household items for free to families and individuals during difficult times. This organization services several counties in West Virginia.

As part of the studio’s regular class schedule, they offer a monthly, donation-based Karma Yoga class with 100% of the proceeds going to a local charity. While any donation amount is appreciated, a \$10 donation is recommended. Karma Yoga is offered on the final Friday of the month and will continue to support a different non-profit each month.

Karma Yoga is defined as ‘the path of unselfish action for the benefit of others’, resolving bad karma of your past by doing good in this life.

Dolores Yoke, Co-President of the Mustard Seed, expressed her excitement for the event and the studio in general. “I was impressed by the comfortable,

peaceful atmosphere in this convenient downtown Bridgeport location. Orin offers yoga instruction that serves every need and lifestyle, with reasonable fees to meet every person’s budget. After several years away from regular yoga practice, I’m delighted with how energized I feel. Yoga enables me to better continue the busy parts of my life that I cherish.”

Okes-Kincade received his 200-hour Yoga Teacher certification in March 2020 and has been practicing yoga for over seven years. Warrior Yoga will be offering a broad range of classes for a variety of skill levels including beginner’s yoga, chair yoga, warm yoga, yoga for runners, and yoga for strength and core.

Later in July, Koru Mindfulness will be another special offering. This program is an evidence-based, four-session class that can result in less stress,

better sleep and less self-judgement when practiced just ten minutes daily.

Okes-Kincade plans to offer classes for all abilities and ages, including seniors. Warrior Yoga will expand offerings with additional instructors in the near future. Subscribe at <https://www.warrioryogawv.net> for updates on class schedules, offerings, and special events or follow @Warrior\_Yoga on Facebook and @Warrior\_Yoga\_WV on Instagram.

A few of the studio’s upcoming events include featuring (free of charge) the works of local artists beginning with Grafton artist Rachael Reneau’s work in early July; ‘Kidding Around Yoga’ with Sheila Westfall tentatively set for July 11<sup>th</sup>; and ‘Mindful Journeys’ with Shauna Jones starting on July 21<sup>st</sup> with limited spots and registration required.

# “Fraud Warning” cont. from p. 5

“Unfortunately, this is an issue unemployment offices throughout the country have dealt with more frequently since the beginning of the pandemic. The WorkForce West Virginia fraud unit is working as swiftly as possible to stop this fraudulent text message

from reaching more people,” said Scott Adkins, commissioner of WorkForce West Virginia. “It is very important to note that WorkForce never communicates with claimants by text.”

The WorkForce fraud unit is cooperating with authorities and has

determined the source of this activity to be out of Iceland.

For more information or to report fraud, schedule a call with a WorkForce representative or access the online claimant system visit [www.workforcewv.org](http://www.workforcewv.org).

# “Parks & Rec” cont. from p.6

change was that the age groups changed and some of the older kids who have been in the program before could not participate anymore. But, the kids are adapting to it and the mentors are pretty much all veterans so

they know the program and how it works.”

All in all, the programs we have been a part of has been successful. And it is never too late to get your child registered for the summer program.

The free program provides meals in the morning and lunch as well as provide a safe environment for the kids while parents are working. For more information, please contact the Harrison County Parks Office.

# “Business of the Month”

cont. from p. 5

and lemon balm, Michael tries to encompass as many local products from other area businesses as possible. She uses CBD oil from Seneca Brooke Garden in some of the salves, as well as honey and beeswax from Howe Sweet It Is in her salves and lip balms and cayenne pepper from the Vegetable Garden in a pain salve.

“I have enjoyed and appreciated the local support of my business,” Michael

continued, “and I also believe in giving back.”

In the spring, Sudsberry participated in Shop for a Cause and donated a portion of the day’s proceeds to Homes for Harrison County in an effort to fight against homelessness in Harrison County.

All Sudsberry products are made on location and labeled at the Meadowbrook Mall location. The shop is open Monday

through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sundays from noon until 6 p.m. Sudsberry has six employees in addition to Michael and can also be found during the farmers’ market season at the Lost Creek Farmers Market, Clarksburg Farmers Market and Bridgeport Farmers Market.

Having always enjoyed growing herbs, Michael concluded, “It is a dream fulfilled.”



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# Big Elm 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Enjoys End-Of-Year Celebration Party



Some schools chose not to celebrate the end of the school year due to continuing pandemic concerns. However, great effort and community support went into organizing a special celebration for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Big Elm Elementary School who will be moving to Lincoln Middle School next year. Organized by parents Cody and Nickii Glaspell with assistance from other parents, a graduation pool party was held at the pool at Ferguson Memorial Park. There was plenty of sunshine and good cheer as they concluded a challenging year. Word was spread through teachers at the school as well as via Facebook posts. Mrs. Glaspell noted that the community really came together to give the students a great send-off. Thanks is extended to all who helped in any way, and to those who donated: 7-Eleven, McDonald's, Subway, Gibby's, East of Chicago Pizza, Shinnston China Wong, Lisa Holt who catered with Chick-fil-a, and the City of Shinnston.

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Loudin Excavating and continued to tinker. He enjoyed listening and playing music and could play the Harmonica, Spoons, Guitar, Drums and Washboard. He loved his large family gatherings.

Freddie is survived by his wife of thirty-three years, Donna Joyce Johnson Loudin; eleven

children, Freddie Loudin Jr and Becky, Stonewood, Robert Loudin and Lois, Clarksburg, Terry Loudin and Sharon, Clarksburg, Larry Loudin, Wooster, OH, Eddie Loudin, Clarksburg, Tina Smith and Mark, Jacksonville, FL, Brian Loudin, Clarksburg, Jeff Loudin, Lumberport, Mike Loudin, Rittman, OH,

Rhonda Lyon and Dave, Clarksburg, Denise Forman, Clarksburg; thirty grandchildren; thirty eight great grandchildren; one sister Barbara Riley, Clarksburg; his dog Riley; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Freddie was preceded in death by one daughter, Theresa Loudin;

two grandchildren; brothers, Eugene, Onia, Paul, Ralph, and Howard Junior Louden; sisters, Nora Fury, Maggie Westfall, Evelyn Palmer, Mary Catherine Louden, Mildred Carrol, Colleen Faye and Betty Clevenger.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home with Pastor

Bobby Bright officiating. Graveside services were held on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens in Mount Clare where full military honors were accorded by the Harrison County Honor Guard and US Marines Honor Guard. Online condolences can be made at [www.DavisFuneralHomeWV.com](http://www.DavisFuneralHomeWV.com).

### NANCY CAROL WEST

Nancy Carol West, 91 of Bridgeport, WV passed away on Friday, June 25, 2021, after an extended illness with her loving family by her side. Nancy was born on November 3, 1929 in Marion County, daughter of the late Oren and Naomi Moore Boore. On June 16, 1951, Nancy married Lawrence “Bud” West and they shared sixty-eight years together before Bud preceded her in death on June 11, 2019.

Nancy graduated from Fairview High School in 1947 and worked at Westinghouse until she married. She was proud to be a coalminer's daughter and considered Grant Town her childhood home. She lived many years in Kingwood, WV before moving to Bridgeport in 1971. She was a member of the Bridgeport United Methodist Church. She loved cooking and singing the “Oldies” when entertaining the family.

Nancy is survived by her two children, Kathy Rae Stuart and husband Ken of Huntersville, SC and Kevin O’Neil

West and wife Katrina of Bridgeport; six grandchildren, Kody West and wife Brandy of Morgantown, Clint West and wife Dominica of Bridgeport, Kory West and wife Alyssa of Stockton, CA, Whitney Stuart Rogers and husband Zack of Huntersville, NC, Lauren Stuart of Charlotte, NC and Ross Stuart of Jacksonville Beach, FL; five great grandchildren, Liam and Henry West of Morgantown, Gibson and Zola West of Bridgeport and Layla West of Stockton, CA; two sisters, Lila Mercer of Fairmont and Linda McKain of Advance, NC.

In addition to her parents and husband, Nancy was preceded in death by three siblings, Don Boore, Doris Binnix, and John Boore.

As per the family's request, services will be private for the family at the WV National Cemetery.

A graveside service will be held at the West Virginia National Cemetery on Monday, July 26, 2021 at 11:00 AM with Reverend Doctor Dale Waters officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Nancy's memory to the Bridgeport United Methodist Church, 251 Worthington Street, Bridgeport, WV 26330. Online condolences can be sent at [www.davisfuneralhomewv.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomewv.com).



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