

Trace Adkins Will Take The Stage At The AMP In Clarksburg On August 28th



TRACE ADKINS

Shinnston Park Board Announces Upcoming Golf Scramble On July 31st



Make plans NOW to ‘tee it up’ on July 31st for the Shinnston Park Board’s fundraising golf scramble, the funds of which will be utilized to purchase replacements for pool furniture.

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

News & Journal Editor
The Shinnston Park Board will be hosting a Golf Scramble on July 31st beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Apple Valley Golf Course. The purpose of this event is to raise funding for new pool furniture. For those who may be interested in participating, the cost is \$200 per foursome, which will include green fees, lunch, and a \$20 donation to the Park. The team taking first place will win \$400; the second place team will share \$200. Please register by July 19th by calling Park Board member John Marchio at 304-476-6573. Registration payment must be made in cash. Marchio explained that the Park Board incurred many expenses this year. “After being closed last year due to COVID, there were

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By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

News & Journal Editor
The recent announcement made by Clarksburg City Parks is sure to have pleased country music fans! The AMP will be featuring a concert by Nashville’s megastar Trace Adkins next month. His performance is scheduled for Saturday, August 28th. John Cooper, Superintendent of Clarksburg City Parks, said they have been working to arrange this performance for the past eight months and were able to come to terms and finalize everything just two weeks ago. “Typically, tickets not sold in advance will be available at the gate on the night of a

performance, but we doubt that will be an option for this concert. Adkins is really loved by his fans, so we expect it to be a sellout. That was proven by the number of tickets sold last Friday. There are 2,000 seats available at the amphitheater, and about three fourths of them were gone on that first day they became available for purchase,” Cooper stated. A member of the Grand Ole Opry whose career began playing in honky-tonk bars, Adkins has become a country music icon since his first song debuted in 1996 and has now sold more than 11 million albums. He is more than a country music singer, however; he is also an actor, television personality, author, and

a devoted spokesman for the Wounded Warrior Program and the American Red Cross. In fact, Adkins holds a record, having raised 1.5+ million dollars for the American Red Cross. Born and raised in Louisiana, Trace Adkins’ deep, rich, baritone voice is easily recognizable ... and standing at 6’6” tall also makes it easy to pick him out of a crowd! His talent cannot be denied and has earned him three Grammy nominations and made him a three-time winner of the Academy of Country Music Awards. Describing himself as a ‘free-thinking roughneck’ in his autobiography published in 2017, Adkins honestly recalls

his rise to fame, his brushes with death, and his battles with personal demons. Adkins has noted, “If you really want to know who I am, go back and listen to the album cuts on the records I’ve done during my career. Those songs reflect where I was in my head at the time I made those records.” Despite his rather gruff tone, Adkins is well respected in the country music industry and well-loved by his throngs of followers, so don’t postpone getting your tickets! The opening act for the August 28th concert will feature the James Barker Band, a Canadian group that has already amassed several GOLD- and

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Schedule Of Assessment & Tax Collection Satellite Sites Announced

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

News & Journal Editor
Once again, Harrison County Assessor Rocky Romano and Harrison County Sheriff Robert Matheny will be working in collaboration to visit satellite locations, offering assistance with individual Personal Property and Business Assessments, WV State Farm Census and New Homestead/Disability Exemption Applications. Payments for both Personal Property and/or Real Estate Taxes will be accepted at these sites. “Last year, the turnout at our satellite sites was phenomenal,” Romano stated. “We collected more taxes last year than ever before at our Assessment and Tax

Collection satellite locations. We initially took this option to the senior satellite locations and have continued with it; people seemed to really appreciate the convenience of not having to travel to the Courthouse. Most likely due to COVID, it was even more widely used last year, so we are continuing with this local accessibility throughout the county this year now that senior satellites are resuming their meetings.” Romano also stressed that shields will be placed on the tables, chairs will be social distanced, and they will keep all common touch areas wiped down for the sake of safety. Those who feel more comfortable wearing

masks may do so; however, masks are not mandatory. Nearly all sites will have the same hours – from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Since these hours are not always convenient for those who work, and some have trouble even getting to the Courthouse before it closes at 4:30 p.m., two new locations have been added this year with times extending into the evening hours. They will be set up at the Meadowbrook Mall

(at Center Court next to Chick-fil-A) on July 20th from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on August 10th, they will be at the Stonewood Fire Department from 3 to 8 p.m. Romano noted that if these evening locations work out well this year, they may look to do more of them next year. “Assessments were mailed out on July 2nd from Charleston so people should receive them this week. Our satellite locations

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Finally, This Column!



Building Amazing Cities

By JIM HUNT

author, speaker, consultant

A running joke in our house, is when I am writing my weekly column for the News and Journal, and my wife will say, “Is this one about me?” Well, finally, I am going to write this column about my wife on the occasion of her retirement from the Harrison County School Board after 42 years. She has talked about retiring for several years and I always told her that she would know when it was the right time. After a difficult year with the COVID-19 quarantine and the loss of her mother a few months ago, she made the decision to retire at the end of June. I think the thing that made this difficult is that she truly loved her job and the people she worked with. Her last position with the School Board was serving as the administrative secretary in the Safety and Discipline Department that was led by Ken Winke. She started her job working at Wyatt Grade School as the school secretary and had stops at Lumberport Elementary, Shinnston Grade School, Shinnston Middle School and spent the longest tenure at Nutter Fort Elementary School before moving to the County Office. It was during this

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Artist After Hours Series To Highlight Local Arts Community




BRIAN COTTRILL

The Cultural Cottrill Family. This event is free and light refreshments will be served; Artist After Hours is made possible by the generous support from this month’s sponsor, Ben Queen. The Cottrill Family, comprised of local songwriter and acoustic guitarist Brian Cottrill, along with his daughters Hannah and Erica



KATHERINE CRIM

Cottrill, will perform a range of originals, classic rock, and other pop songs. Katherine M. Crim has been an artist for as long as she can remember. A signature member of the WV Watercolor Society and a Tamarack juried artist, Crim is also an art teacher in Harrison County and owner of Art by Crim along with



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BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

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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).

GOLF SCRAMBLE

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MONONGALIA COUNTY BEEKEEPERS MEETING

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

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.

Ashcraft Receives Rankings In I00F

The Department Adjutant for the Council, Patriarchs Department Council Militant of WV, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, held its 2021 Session in the Comfort Inn in Mineral Wells, WV June 17-18, 2021.

Wanda F. Ashcraft of Shinnston, who is a member of Tucker Canton No.8, Elkins, WV, serves as Assistant

signed by Nottingham, Brig. Gen. (R) David Schoolcraft, Dept. Commander of The Dept. Council PM of WV and The Sovereign Grand Lodge, comprised of 50 states and 28 counties.

At the conclusion of the 128th Session of The Department Council, Brig. Gen. (R) Dewey W. Nottingham, Adjutant, surprised his assistant by elevating her Rank to “Major”, presenting her with a certificate depicting the new rank,

With four generations of her family in Odd Fellowship, Ashcraft is a 65-year member

of Shinnston Rebekah Lodge No. 47, a Past State President of The Rebekah Assembly of WV, a past State President twice and Secretary Emeritus (serving 15 years) in the Dept. Assn, LAPM of WV, I00F Inc., and has served as Secretary of Shinnston Rebekah Lodge No. 47 for 55 years.

DHHR & Clarksburg Water Board To Study Older Homes With Lead Service Lines

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Public Health’s (BPH) Office of Environmental Health Services and the Clarksburg Water Board are working to identify older homes with lead service lines that may contain elevated lead levels in drinking water. Lead lines were phased out in the 1950s and it

would be unlikely but possible that houses built after 1960 could have lead lines. Homes that are newer or do not have lead service lines will not be impacted by this study.

Studies show that approximately 15 to 22 million Americans receive their water service by way of lead service piping. These lead lines are

not uncommon to water systems in West Virginia and throughout the United States. Currently, the US Congress is considering legislation to eliminate lead water lines in their proposed Infrastructure Plan. For many years, per United States Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) guidelines, the

Clarksburg Water Board has been conducting regular lead/copper testing throughout 30 different locations in the City of Clarksburg. These tests have never revealed any problems with lead in Clarksburg’s water. The Clarksburg Water Board’s main priority has always been to provide safe drinking water to its consumers

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PLATINUM-certified tracks and have now repositioned themselves in Nashville, many miles from their small town

roots. Advance tickets for this August 28th concert (if they are still available!) can be purchased

by visiting www.ClarksburgAMP.com or by calling 866-973-9610. Advance tickets will be \$45 for general admission,

\$55 for reserved seating, and \$60 for premium seating, which will include the first seven rows from the stage.

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will not be operational, though, until after July 15th and our schedule will run from July 19th through August 19th at various sites throughout the county,” Romano said.

The schedule for the satellite locations is as follows; times are from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at all except at the Meadowbrook Mall*

and the Stonewood Fire Department* (see their times above).

July 19 Benedum Civic Center, Bridgeport
July 20 Meadowbrook Mall, Center Court*
July 21 Summit Park Fire Department
July 23 Shinnston American Legion
July 27 Salem City Building

July 28 Clarksburg Senior Center
Aug. 4 Lost Creek Community Building
Aug. 6 East View Community Building
Aug. 10 Stonewood Fire Department*
Aug. 13 Lumberport United Methodist Church
Aug. 17 West Milford Community

Center Aug. 19 Spelter Fire Department
Please note that the WV State Farm Census Form must be returned to the Assessor’s Office by September 1, 2021. Forms received after September 1, 2021 will not be accepted per state regulations.

“Artist After Hours Series” cont. from p.1

member. “The Cultural Foundation of Harrison County is always looking for creative ways to foster ‘encounters’ between the public and artists. I’m personally hopeful this series will spark a renewed vision and continued effort toward building a vibrant arts

community for our people.”

Artist After Hours will be held on the third Thursday of each month and will feature members of the local arts community. The community is invited to support our local artists to help ensure the

arts are a central part of our community and economic development in Harrison County.

Established in 1972, the mission of The Cultural Foundation of Harrison County is to foster an art-rich environment and to encourage

the development and appreciation of all art forms, an art-rich environment, and to encourage the development and appreciation of all art forms while promoting the growth and expansion of artistic, cultural, and economic development.

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many things at the pool that were simply let go and repairs – both large and small – were needed,” he stated. “And some of our expenditures were not inexpensive; for example, we had to purchase a new refrigerator and freezer for the concession stand, a new computer system, and security lighting to name a few. But we’ve managed thus far and are very appreciative of the continued help we’ve received from former Park Board member Jay Harmer,” he said.

Marchio, who is new to the Park Board this year, said from the beginning that he intended to be an ‘active’ and ‘involved’ member. He is adamant about making a difference so that all the park facilities continue to be utilized and appreciated.

“Maybe it is because people were so restricted during the pandemic, but our park and pool are receiving a tremendous amount of use thus far this summer,” he added. “There has really been a high demand this year, and we have seen that there is an even greater need for recreational facilities and activities here in our community.”

He noted that there has been a demand for rentals – not just the pool but also the pavilions and even the amphitheater!

“I think everyone knows that the Lincoln High School prom was held at the amphitheater at the end of the school year, but some may not be aware that bridal showers, baby showers, a wedding photo session, and even a memorial service have also been held there this summer.

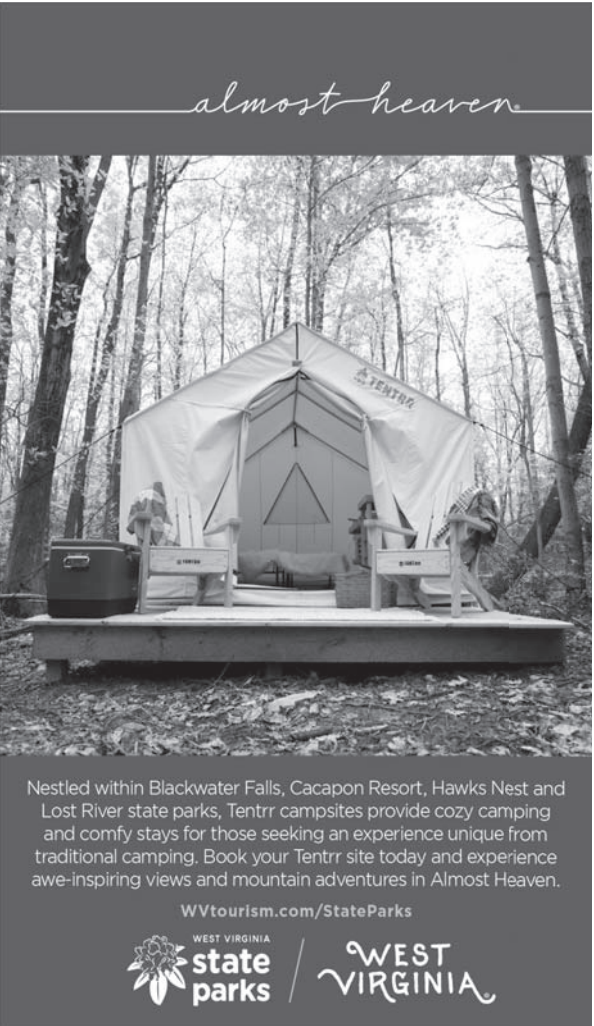
This has brought to our attention that we have even more needs. We have really had to hustle to get tables and chairs to accommodate some of these rental events. However, some of our local churches have been very generous in lending us what was needed,” he continued.

Marchio hinted that the Park Board may have to develop more creative ideas to raise funding not just for pool furniture, but in the near future try to address needs to provide for extra seating and tables when required by increased rentals of the amphitheater.

Marchio concluded, “One key thing I have learned during my first experience on the Park Board is that when there is a need, this is a community that rallies to lend their support.

The Park Board would like to thank all of the many local businesses that stepped up to sponsor a hole for this upcoming golf scramble and to those that donated the prize money. It has been very rewarding to witness this kind of community backing!”

Those businesses that made donations include: Price Cutter, Home Style, Pepsi, Fazalare Engineering, HK Storage, Journey Designs, 10-9 Entertainment, Shinnston Soccer Association, Shinnston Ace Hardware, Thrasher Group, Vincent Lumber, East of Chicago Pizza, Pike Street Bikes, Perine Funeral Home, Minigh Dentistry, DeMarco’s Meat Market, Advance Auto, and Heavenly Hoagies.



YWPA Holds Annual Spring Mother-Daughter Tea

GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

The Young Progressive Women’s Association presented their annual Spring Mother-Daughter Tea on Saturday, June 26 at noon at the Uptown Event Center. The YWPA is a part of the PWA with its director, Betty Felts. The young ladies sponsor many community projects throughout the year such as Christmas stockings for the Veterans, and the outdoor food pantry for the homeless.

Preparations for the tea were made by the members and their director. Centerpieces were tiers made by the girls when they were Scout members and the decorations included beautiful China teacups used for the tea. Members of the PWA also attended the tea.

A special ceremony was held for Tamira Singleton who is a senior graduating from RCB. At this point, the girls move from the YWPA to the PWA. Mrs. Queen presented Tamira with a lifetime membership to the PWA. During her college years she will serve as a liaison for the YWPA. She was a founding member of the YWPA, a member of the National Honor Society, President of SADD, Secretary of Student Council, a member of the Thespians, Band and Show Choir. She was also Prom Queen and will be attending FSU this fall. Sophia Brager is also a senior but was unable to



Pictured: Front row, Alexis Marsh, Danielle Marsh. Back row, Alysse McElwee, YWPA Director Betty Felts, Gabby Nixon, Senior Reward Recipient Tamira Singleton, and PWA President Rosalyn Queen.

attend the ceremony.

The group will be planning a ‘Mad Hatters’ Tea in the near future.

For more information about the YWPA, contact the Progressive Women’s Association

Last Week I Was Introduced To The World Of SpongeBob SquarePants

Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny

Last Saturday, I visited with Lee and Patty who live on the other side of Hilltop. They had Miss Aubrey (Our Princess) for the weekend as they usually do. Of course, Patty was in her glory. I don’t want to say that Aubrey has Lee wrapped around her little finger, but the TV stays on Nickelodeon (SpongeBob SquarePants) while she’s there. It was the first time that I actually watched an episode, but no fear, my son was able to explain all of the characters and what they were doing; I was impressed. He said, “Hey, I’ve watched each episode at least a hundred times!” He’s a good grandpa!

Monday, I cranked up the riding mower and took care of the yard and around the community center. While mowing, I spotted the neighbors across the road, so, I rode over to shoot the breeze. Postal, Martha, and Julia were under a shade tree enjoying the weather while my little buddy, Colton, was in the house taking a nap (He plays very hard). Julia said the PB Treasured Memories Club was planning on having a meeting at the PB Church next Tuesday morning. The club hasn’t held a meeting in a year and a half and the community building has been shut down ever since.

In the afternoon, I drove over to the T&L Hot Dogs in town for something to eat. It’s always a beautiful sight to see both sides of Pike Street lined with American Flags. Again, hats off to the Shinnston Lions Club for making this happen for every holiday...very patriotic. Also, the old

Masonic Cemetery was lined with American Flags. I wonder how many flags are involved...? I would try to count them, but, for some reason my brain and my cypherin’ abilities don’t always agree any more.

Monday evening, Bernadine and Debbie stopped in with our niece Cynthia (George) from Arkansas (WV West). She is Susie’s late brother Mark’s middle daughter. She and other family members from Arkansas are visiting in the area for a week. It was a nice visit and I really loved listening to her talk with that Arkansas accent.

Wednesday afternoon, I had two appointments at the VA Hospital. That walk from the parking lot to the entrance keeps getting longer and longer and it’s the same distance walking back (Sure miss the valet parking!). They’re still working on the parking garage, but I don’t know if it will be any shorter of a walk or not. I think (Although, they never consulted with me) there will be a straight overhead covered walkway from the garage to the entrance...hope they put some kind of people mover in it.

While there, it was nice running into two old buddies from the Morgantown Vet Center - Paul Flesher of Bridgeport and Charlie Harrington of Morgantown. I found out our group (Vietnam) is going to meet next Tuesday evening in the parking lot in front of the Vet Center (Apparently, we’re still not allowed indoor meetings). That evening, I also received a call from Ray Moore of Preston County confirming the meeting. It has been sixteen or seventeen months since we last had one. If at all possible, I’ll be there. It will be nice to see my old friends ... all goodmen, every damn one of them!

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

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and has been recognized by various agencies as one of the best managed water systems in the State of West Virginia. Recent test results show that three out of approximately 7,900 homes and businesses within Clarksburg’s water system were above the EPA’s action level. Once further testing is concluded, the

Clarksburg Water Board will implement a corrective action plan that will include additional sampling, increased frequency of monitoring, and service line replacements. “The issue was first identified by staff in BPH’s Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program during the environmental lead

assessments that were conducted in three homes of children diagnosed with elevated blood lead levels,” said Paul Howe, Clarksburg Water Board President. “These lead assessments were confirmed by the BPH late afternoon this past Friday. Our staff promptly exposed these service lines on Monday morning.

After confirming each service line was lead, we immediately replaced the lines with lead-free piping. We are fully committed to testing and removing lead lines from our water system.”

Customers in older structures with possible lead service lines should flush their water faucets daily during first use for about three minutes before brushing teeth or consumption. Any questions about water quality and the risk for lead exposure in the water should be directed to the Clarksburg Water Board Chief Water Operator, Bob Davis, at (304) 624-5467, extension 121. All news media is to contact President Paul Howe at (304) 623-3711.

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time that we met and fell in love and I learned that when you marry a school secretary, you also rise and fall on the emotions of the day and the trials and tribulations of kids, who your wife has taken under her wings. Our evening meals would often relate a story of a child who was having problems at school or suffering from a serious medical condition. There were also the times when a parent would call the school to let them know that a student’s grandparent had passed away and to have the child ready to be picked up. It tore at my wife’s heart to have to be the bearer of bad news, but she did it with compassion and love.

Few people can appreciate the work done by the school secretaries and the many tasks that they perform on a daily basis. When my wife worked at Nutter Fort Elementary School, I would visit her occasionally and it seemed as though I was talking to an air traffic controller, with phones ringing, door bells buzzing and a steady flow of students, teachers, parents and others, wanting something from this lady sitting in front of her computer. In this chaos, I would note the manner in which she would seem to take each person’s question as if it were the only task for the day.

As you might imagine, having contact with this many students over the years, we would rarely go anywhere that a young adult would look at my wife and say, “Didn’t you use to work at Lumberport or Shinnston or Nutter Fort?” More often than not, my wife would recognize them and remember something about their school time experience. It was also common that these former students would have two or three young kids in tow and my wife would suddenly realize how quickly the years pass.

While the work of teachers is often acknowledged, the support staff at the schools also play an important role in the education of our children. The cook, who knows which child might benefit from a little extra at lunch, or the secretary, who notes the signs of abuse or neglect. I’ve had the privilege of seeing this up close and know the care and concern that all employees of the school system put into their jobs. My wife walked out of the School Board office for the last time, but her impact will be felt for decades to come. Pam Hunt, you should be proud of your work to improve the lives of all children over your 42 years of dedicated service.

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HCSCC SPOTLIGHT

Featuring news from the Harrison County Senior Citizen Center

Harrison County Senior Center Now Open!



A colorful banner was hung just inside the Center's entrance to welcome the seniors back on re-opening day!

HCSCC Board Reports June Meeting

New Board Officers Elected

The Harrison County Senior Citizens Center Board of Directors met in person and via Zoom on June 24, 2021 at 1 p.m. and took the following actions:

The Board approved to add Juneteenth to the employee holiday schedule.

The Board selected an auditor.

The Board elected

new officers.

The Board extended the current terms of elected board members until the next schedule election due to the pandemic.

Board members and newly elected officers in June 2021 were: President Bill O'Field, Vice-President Ryan Kennedy, Secretary Donna Stuart,

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

News & Journal Editor

Much to the delight of staff, volunteers and the seniors themselves, the Harrison County Senior Center was finally able to reopen its doors on June 22nd. Although some activities are being offered, still others will continue to resume in the near future.

Beth Fitzgerald, the Senior Center's Executive Director, said that they saw nothing but smiling faces upon the Center's

reopening. Seniors were also overjoyed and somewhat overwhelmed with the visible improvements they noticed. During the Center's closure, staff members were still working, updating the facility so that it now offers a warmer, more inviting atmosphere instead of an institutional look.

During the Center's closure, while seniors were not able to enter the building, their

needs were still taken care of. For instance, transportation remained available to seniors, in-home care was still provided to those who needed it, and emergency food boxes could be picked up at the door.

Many things seniors saw when they returned were new. Most of the first floor of the building has been newly painted. The dining room has

chairs as well as new flooring; shelving in the dining room was rearranged with games, etc. being put in better order.

Bathrooms, too, have been updated! Murals were added to stair risers, and Fitzgerald noted that some pictures were found in storage which they had reframed, giving them an entirely different look.

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Harrison County Senior Center Enthusiastic

About Receipt Of New 12-Passenger Van

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

News & Journal Editor

HCSCC Executive Director Beth Fitzgerald was overjoyed that the Center recently received a brand new 12-passenger van. The new addition to its transportation fleet was the result of a grant application filed in 2020.

Fitzgerald explained that it is not unusual for this process to take a lengthy amount of time. “We first must apply for the grant, be approved, pay our



20% match money, and the steps of this process typically can take about a year before we actually receive the vehicle. However, it was well worth the wait,” she said. “This

brand new van has a bigger capacity and is also equipped with two wheelchair spaces. This increases our fleet to eight transportation vehicles now.”

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New Check-In Station At HCSCC



Pictured here are Sydney Teidgin, Nancy Harford and Curtis Short, demonstrating the new check-in system at the Senior Center. This is a touch-free scanning process ... something new that has been instituted at HCSCC since the pandemic brought more attention to keeping environments more germ-free.

Food Service Workers Needed In Kinley Café

The Harrison County Senior Citizens Center has a need for TITLE V Food Service Workers in the Kinley Café to work 20 hours a week. Applicants must be

at least 55 years of age, unemployed, a resident of WV and have a household income below 125% of the federal poverty level.

For more

information, please call Fern Oset at 304-623-6795, or interested individuals may stop by the Senior Center at 500 W. Main St. in Clarksburg.

Bingo Fun Club Fills Dining Room



Numbers are being called again in the Senior Center Dining Room as the Bingo Fun Club makes its return, and as you can see, it drew a BIG crowd of Bingo fanatics.

HCSCC Seeks In-Home Caregivers



Pictured left is Colleen Linger, RN, who recently led in-home service renewal training assisted by Crystal Pumphrey. HCSCC still has a need for additional in-home service staff to help seniors live independently.

The Senior Center is looking for in-home caregivers to assist Harrison County seniors to remain in their homes with light assistance. Caregivers assist with personal care, light housekeeping, meal preparation, grocery/errand shopping, and laundry. Caregivers do not provide medical care.

Caregivers must have reliable transportation to and from clients' residences. Training will be provided. Please call the Center at 304-623-6795 for more information.

Ceramics Lovers Back To 'Creating'



Ceramics is still a popular hobby and a creative outlet for many. Pictured here are Anita Hayes, Instructor Loretta Snider, and Jim Hayes. Ceramics resumed on June 24th at the Senior Center.

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Lucas Set To Run The Show At RCB!



The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

Robert C. Byrd’s basketball program has been one of the best in the state for a long time. Bill Bennett spent 19 years at the helm churning out successful teams year after year. During that time, Bennett will tell you that the work of his assistant coaches played an integral part in the entire process. Bennett’s right hand man over the last nine seasons has been Basil Lucas. So, when Bennett decided to hang up his whistle after this past campaign, it seemed only fitting that Lucas would take over the program.

Lucas had paid his dues for nearly a decade at One Eagle Way. Prior to helping the program to its current spot on top of the hill, Lucas was the Head Coach at Liberty for two seasons after spending time as an assistant at Bridgeport for Gene Randolph. Coaching with legends like Randolph and Bennett was a huge advantage for Lucas and running his own program at Liberty gave him all that he needed to be handed the keys to

the car. It also helped that he was familiar with the current players and the administration at Robert C. Byrd. Principal Steve Gibson and Assistant Principals Jamie Looker and Eric Post have had the opportunity to see first hand just what Lucas could do, which made this decision a no brainer.

As if the above-mentioned reasons were not enough, Lucas also had the distinct advantage of playing for a pair of legends as well. Brad Underwood was the head coach at Washington Irving and Chris Sprenger was the assistant. Underwood was an exceptional leader that had a way of connecting with his players and Sprenger is arguably one of the best athletes to come out of Harrison County. I can vouch for both as I had the privilege of playing for both men and the impact they have made on many players is still felt today.

Ironically, both coaches made the move from Hilltopper Territory to Robert C. Byrd when it opened in 1996. Underwood



RCB Head Basketball Coach
BASIL LUCAS

became the first head coach in school history and took the Flying Eagles to the Class AAA championship game in the school’s first season. Sprenger became the second head coach in school history when he moved from his assistant position when Underwood retired. Bennett paid his dues as an assistant in the program before making his mark in Flying Eagle history.

Lucas, now the fourth coach to ever roam the sidelines, has the opportunity to chase the first ever state title in school history. He was part of a couple special seasons recently. Two years ago, Robert C. Byrd reeled off 20 consecutive wins heading into a regional game that was never played. The pandemic

was the only opponent to stop the Flying Eagles from the third game on.

This year RCB was ranked #1 in Class AA throughout the entire campaign, losing just once during the regular season. The Flying Eagles graduate 4 of their starting five from a year ago but the cupboard isn’t bare. They return several players with varsity experience and the roster will once again be loaded with talent from top to bottom.

Congratulations to Basil Lucas on the job that he most definitely deserved. He did it the right way and now he is set to reap the benefits.

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



Tee It Up!

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

This week’s article focuses on one of the most historic venues in the area since 1912, The Clarksburg Country Club. There have been several changes throughout the years but the bottom line is that it has improved with time.

This 18-hole tract owns several sets of tees that provide a challenge to golfers of all skill levels. The front side is very tight, placing an extreme emphasis on ball placement. The back nine is more wide open but added length helps to toughen up the last nine. Punishing rough provide the teeth from the first to the finishing hole.

Your experience will start at the fully stocked pro shop where you will find a knowledgeable and courteous staff. A driving range and practice green will allow proper preparation for your round. The 19th hole here is an experience that is second to none. Sweet Tee’s at the Club offers exceptional food for lunch and dinner options to go along with your choice of legal beverages.

The Clarksburg Country Club has the total package (a heated pool and tennis courts are also housed here) offering something for everyone. If it’s a great golf experience you are looking for, look no further than the Clarksburg Country Club!

Harrison County Recreation Complex Site To Extend Summer Program



From The World Of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

Director Mike Book announced this week that the Harrison County Recreation Complex, which hosts one of the six sites located throughout the county, will extend the summer parks program there for an additional two weeks, a repeat from 2019. The extension will not only have a place for kids to go to before school begins operations toward the end of August but also will provide a feeding spot.

“We did this a couple years ago and it was a great experience as we topped at 150 kids for the additional weeks at the complex,” said Book. “The idea was to let the other parks know about the ability to transfer over from the other facilities and we had close to 30% of those registered take advantage of the extra time.”

The purpose from the beginning was to make sure that the kids were getting the necessary attention and the proper nutrition during the summer break. The start of the program saw 500 kids registered for the program, which some overlap with programs offered by the Board of Education and Energy Express. Of those 500 kids in this county, most come from free and reduced lunch households, and we felt it necessary to extend the program to help in that department.

“Beginning this week, we will get the word out to the other sites as well as the schools that we will offer the program for a longer duration at our site and if history repeats itself, we will probably have 180 kids take advantage of it. We have plenty of space and there is a ton to do at our park and it will be accommodating to kids with all abilities.”

A few new items this year at the park has been the Gaga pit that was installed a few months ago. For those who are unaware of the game, it is a form of dodgeball where the ball has to be slapped and the only way someone is out is if they get hit below the knee. Soldiers in Israel used this as a training method and it later took off as a sport competition. Also, a beach volleyball court is finished and ready for play. Book talks about the instant success of the two.

“Our new additions just makes this park even better and we could not be happier with the projects,” said Book. “Beach volleyball is kind of rare in this area as I have seen only a few in the county but I would take this court with any of them. The sand was hard to find, but we were fortunate to get ahold of the amount of ton we needed and it is pretty awesome. It is a great addition to the park.”

The program at the other five sites will end at the end of July. For those wanting more information about the parks program, they are free to contact the office.

Road Trip Rules For Riding With Rover

Now that pandemic restrictions are lifting, many of us are thinking of taking a road trip this summer; perhaps a day trip or maybe a week-long vacation. Part of planning our vacation for many of us includes the care of our furry family members while we are away. This can

be a legitimate problem if you don’t have friends or family who are able and willing to welcome your furry friend. There are boarding kennels as one solution but those can be very costly and some pets just don’t adjust well to environments with several other animals.

Another solution is just simply taking our furry friends along with us on our journey. Before you go, be sure to take the necessary measures to ensure your pet is happy and safe during your travels. Below are five road trip rules when Riding with Rover to keep both you

and him safe:

1. Secure Your Pooch

One of the most important but overlooked precautions to take when taking a road trip with your pup is securing him in your vehicle. The rest of the family buckles up, so why is Rover

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All Of WV To Virtually Host International Fly Fishing Film Festival



The International Fly Fishing Film Festival, beginning July 15, coming virtually to

all of West Virginia, beginning July 15, features 10 films, 6- to

16-minutes in length, from all corners of the globe showcasing the passion, lifestyle, and culture of fly fishing.

Admission to the Fly Fishing Film Festival is \$10 and may be accessed at <https://watch.eventive.org/if4us/play/605e0bd599812300c10d1f00>. Viewers may log on to the site anytime within

48 hours of the 6 p.m. EDT showing.

Once logged in, access to the film will be granted for 7 days.

In addition to the films, there will be fly-fishing product giveaways and other promotions at the event. The event is sponsored by the National Sporting Library &

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Reduced Pricing On Lifetime Hunting, Fishing Licenses For WV Kids Announced By Justice



A new tiered pricing program reduces the cost of a resident lifetime license for children up until they turn 15.

West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice announced on Tuesday reduced pricing for lifetime

hunting and fishing license for children 15 and younger. The new tiered

pricing program reduces the cost of a resident lifetime license for children up until they turn 15, a news release from the governor’s office said.

The program gives a 60% discount on a lifetime license bought before a child’s first birthday, a 45% discount on a lifetime license bought before a child’s fifth birthday, a 25% discount on a

lifetime license bought before a child’s 10th birthday, and a 10% discount before a child’s 15th birthday.

The regular price of a lifetime hunting and fishing license is \$805. With the new pricing system, the prices for children 15 and younger is as follows:

- * \$322 before first birthday
- * \$442.75 before fifth birthday

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**JACKSON LAWLER
ANDERSON**

Jackson Lawler Anderson, age 92, passed away peacefully on July 5, 2021. Born on October 2, 1928 to Alma and Benjamin Anderson, Jack grew up in Shinnston, attended West Virginia University (WVU) and completed his undergraduate studies in political science in three years before attending the WVU School of Law. As an undergraduate, he played drums in the marching band, pledged Phi Sigma Kappa, and finished ROTC as a First Lieutenant.

In 1951, Jack married an English teacher named Barbara Jean (Sandy Sanford) Anderson from Parkersburg, WV, joined the Army and was shipped off to Germany with the 43rd Infantry Division as a communications officer. In Germany, Jack learned to ski and to speak the German language, both of which would continue as lifelong passions. Receiving an honorable discharge, Jack returned to finish law school and was awarded the prestigious Patrick Duffy Koontz award for scholastic ability and attainment, moral force of character, and leadership. Jack practiced law as a member of Steptoe and Johnson, served as the President of the Harrison County Bar Association and as a member of the Masons, attained the 32nd degree. He belonged to both the First Baptist Church of Shinnston and the First Presbyterian Church of Clarksburg.

In groups of two, he taught his children to love to ski and he instilled a love of the winter outdoors and skiing in his family. At the age of 67 he retired and was certified as a professional ski instructor. Jack studied the art of skiing seriously both during family ski weeks and professional ski instructor workshops, until age 86 when he took his last run, during a family ski week at Timberline, WV. His life was full and rich with abundant curiosity, friends and family.

Jack enjoyed 67 wonderful years with Sandy before she passed in 2018. Jack is survived by their five children: Dr. Jackson L. Anderson, Jr. (Arlene) of Colorado Springs, CO; Lea E. Anderson Smith, Esquire (Templeton) and Susan

Rodeheaver (Bradley), both of Pittsburgh, PA; Benjamin D. Anderson (Andrea) of Scottsdale, AZ; John Anderson (Lisa) of Dryfork, WV, and his niece, Ann Kelly of Uniontown, PA. Jack is also survived by eleven grandchildren: Stephen K. Anderson, Lea Finley (Robert), Dr. Templeton Smith, III (Sarah), Suzanne Hurwitz (Andrew), Kristen Tackett (David), Benjamin D. Anderson, II., Bradley D. Rodeheaver, II. (Tracy); Sandra Rodeheaver, Jackson Rodeheaver, John S. Anderson, Jr, and Resi C. Anderson. Jack is further survived by three great grandchildren, Lucas Tackett, Ezra Smith, and Bradley D. Rodeheaver, III.

Jack was preceded in death by his sister and her husband, Jean and Marvin Benson.

The family is always grateful to “cousin” Donna Post who, for over fifty years, has cheerfully and steadfastly provided support and assistance to Jack and Sandy. The family also thanks Laura Davis who has been a compassionate friend to Jack.

The family is extremely grateful to the staff of Pleasant Acres Christian Haven for the very special care they provided to Jack. The family requests that memorial charitable contributions be made to Pleasant Acres Christian Haven, 41 Pleasant Acres Dr, Fairmont, WV 26554.

A memorial service and reception will be held at the First Baptist Church in Shinnston, WV, on August 7, 2021 at 11:00 AM. Jack’s ashes will be laid to rest next to his beloved Sandy in Shinnston Masonic Cemetery.

Online memories and condolences maybe shared at www.harmerfuneralhome.com

**DONALD LEE
MILLER**

Donald Lee Miller, 45, of Clarksburg, WV passed away on Saturday, June 26, 2021, unexpectedly at his residence. He was born August 9, 1975 in Norfolk, VA, son of the late Gloria Dean Miller.

He was currently a janitor at the Pilot in Fairmont. He enjoyed working out, watching movies, playing video games, fixing his car and was always the life of the party.

He is survived by his companion of twenty-one years, Tracy Cokeley; five children, Donald Flachbart and Kelly, Nathaniell Miller and Brandy, Amirah Miller all of Clarksburg, Dominique Cokeley and Jamile, Thomas Holloway all of Fairmont; one

granddaughter, Stori Cokeley; one brother; one sister; special cousin, Leborce McCloud, Norfolk, VA; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Davis Funeral Home and Onsite Crematory is handling the cremation arrangements and honored to serve the Miller family. Online condolences can be made at www.DavisFuneralHomeWV.com.

**SANDRA SUE
BENNETT SWIGER**

Sandra Sue Bennett Swiger, 78 of Reynoldsville, passed away on Monday, June 28, 2021 at her daughter’s residence in Salineville, OH. Sandra was born September 19, 1942, daughter of the late Ross Silcott and Woodbee Marie Bennett. Sandra is preceded in death by her husband of fifty-two years, Charles “Keek Cleveland Swiger whom she married on July 14, 1961.

Sandra is survived by two sons, Chuck Swiger and wife Missy and Scott Swiger, all of Reynoldsville, WV; two daughters, Marie Swiger Kiner and husband George of Reynoldsville, WV, and Kimberly Davis and Dan McKendry of Salineville, OH; eight grandchildren, Charly, Travis, Tina, Bruce, Carissa, Gavin, Rylan, Kaylee; ten great grandchildren, Savannah, Nick, Abby, Darren, Dakota, Mycheal, Jeremiah, Elizabeth, Amelia, Gabe, Brycen; one great great-grandchildren, Noah; five siblings, Nancy Drainer and Marlo Root, Nutter Fort, Roger Bland and Kathy, Salem, Joby Bland and Sharon, Avon, OH, Jim Silcott, Sandusky, OH, Wayne Bland, Salem; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Sandra was preceded in death by son-in-law, Fred Davis; siblings, Tom Bennett, Jack Bennett, John Bland, Dwayne “Buck” Bland, Shirrell Olitz, Brenda Brown and Shirley McCartney; two grandchildren, Audie, and Joshua.

Sandra was a homemaker and attended the Wesleyan Methodist Church. She enjoyed playing cards, Yahtzee, and her IPAD. She loved spending time with her large family and friends.

A Funeral Service was held on Saturday, July 3, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home with Rev Tim Sandy officiating. Entombment followed at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens. Condolences may be sent at www.davisfuneralhomewv.com.

**VERONICA
“VICKIE” ANN
AIELLO**

Veronica “Vickie” Ann Aiello, 69 of Bridgeport passed away of Stage Four Cancer/Dementia on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at Bridgeport Health Care Center. Vickie was born August 24, 1951, in Clarksburg, daughter of Isaac Francis Thomas Sr. of Clarksburg and the late Joann Bell George Thomas Smith and husband Larry Marvin Smith.

Vickie graduated from Roosevelt Wilson High School and WV Junior College. She was known for her amazing cooking and a huge heart for helping others. Vickie will be greatly missed by so many, especially her smile that could light up any room.

Vickie is survived by her three children who made up the entirety of her world, Tina McWilliams and husband Chuck, Clarksburg, Sunshine Jakubecz and husband Chief Warrant Officer III (Retired), Jason, Enterprise, AL, Army Sergeant Major, Joseph Aiello, and wife Teri, Fort Hood, TX; eleven grandchildren, Caressa Scarrett and husband Justin, Calista Currey and husband Petty Officer 2nd Class, Jonathan, Cory McWilliams, Hunter and Chase Perry, Devon and Kaylee Jakubecz, Sarah Abrams and husband Petty Officer 3rd Class, Johnathan, Joseph Jr., Trey, and Alyssa Aiello; eight great-grandchildren, Rocca, Sessa, and Navva Scarrett, Bray and Beau Currey, Weston Abrams, Gracynn and Skylar Conley; three brothers, two sisters, several nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

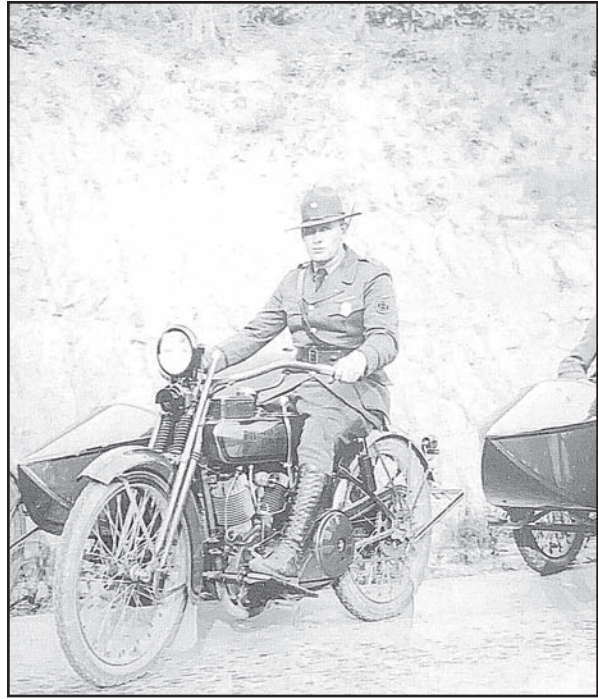
Vickie has donated her body to WVU Human Gift Registry to help prevent or find a cure for Dementia. The family will hold a Celebration of Life in Vickie’s memory at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to WVU Foundation, Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute, PO Box 1650, Morgantown, WV 26507-1650. Online condolences can be made at www.davisfuneralhomewv.com.

**NANCY (SHEARS)
KELLER**

Nancy (Shears) Keller, 65, of Fairmont, WV passed from this life and went to be with her Heavenly father surrounded by her loving family at home on July 6, 2021. She suffered many complications following a surgical procedure in February 2021. She was born

Out Of The Past

Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



Taken in June 1923, WV State Policeman Clyde E. Smith at the former Haywood detachment upon graduation from horseback to motorcycle patrol. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

February 6, 1956, the daughter of Deloris Shears and the late Clyde Shears, Jr.

Nancy is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, Gary Keller and son Steve Keller of Bridgeport, WV. She is also survived by her mother, Deloris Shears of Lynchburg, VA; sisters, Kathy Harder of Lynchburg, VA, Connie Shreves of Fairmont, WV; brothers, Randy Shears of Midway, PA, Bruce Shears of Clarksburg, WV and Brian & wife Stephanie of Fairmont, WV. She also has many nieces and nephews that loved their Aunt Nancy. Surviving also is a special Aunt and Uncle, Linda and John Weaver of Shinnston, WV.

Nancy graduated from East Fairmont High School and Fairmont State University. She retired from Pierpont Community and Technical College as an administrative assistant, with over 20 years of service. Over the many years her coworkers became lifelong friends.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, where she was always the life of any gatherings. Nancy loved music and listening to her son, Steve, play the guitar. She also enjoyed sitting on her back deck watching her “deer’s” as she called them and drinking her ice tea.

Nancy will always be remembered for her sense of humor and the ability to make everyone around her laugh. She will be missed by all that had the privilege of knowing and loving her.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at Dorsey Funeral Home with Mark Wotring speaking.

Interment followed at the Lumberport

Lions Club Cemetery.

**JOHN DAYTON
DRUMMOND, JR.**

John Dayton Drummond, Jr., 74, of Lumberport, passed away on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at United Hospital Center. He was born May 27, 1947, in Fairmont, a son of the late, John Dayton Drummond Sr. and Maxine Barker Drummond Holbert.

He is survived by his loving wife, Virginia “Jenny” Martin Drummond, whom he married on January 6, 1968.

Also surviving are his three sons; James Drummond of Wyatt, Larry Drummond of Cambria, and Jerry “Puz” Drummond of Lumberport; his daughters, Terri Daft of Fairmont and Sherri Drummond of Shinnston; his grandchildren, Hannah Drummond, James Lucas, Gage Drummond, Brittany Drummond, Logan Drummond, Sierra Richardson, Emily Drummond, Taylor Daft, and Colton Daft; his great-grandchildren, Ebby, Silas, Conner, James, Blake, Stephanie, Avery, Aiden, and Adeline; as well as his sisters, Linda McIntire and her husband Dave of Bingamon and Trudy Robinson and her husband Spenser of Rachel; and his brother, Eddie Holbert of Bingamon.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his brothers, William “Bubbles” Drummond, Randy and Tommy Holbert; and his step-father, Merle Holbert.

John was employed

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Award-Winning Musical Guests To Highlight Free Weekend-long Event

The [Mountain State Celebration with Will Graham](#) will officially kick off at Duvall-Rosier Field on the campus of Fairmont State University on July 23, 2021. The COVID-postponed event was originally slated for April 24-26, 2020, but has since been rescheduled for July 23-25, 2021. Local Christians representing more than 190 churches from across the region are working together to host the Celebration.

A full slate of award-winning Christian musical artists are scheduled to perform at the free, family-friendly Celebration, including [Skillet](#), [Jordan Feliz](#), [The Afters](#), [FLAME](#), and [Aaron Shust](#). Evangelist [Will Graham](#), who has shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ to more than one million people across six continents, will speak each evening.

“We have traveled a long road to get to this point, and it is exciting to see all of the work and

the prayers of so many coming to fruition” said BJ Rogers, who is directing the Celebration on behalf of the [Billy Graham Evangelistic Association](#). “We certainly believe that the time is right for this outreach, and that God is going to do something incredible here this month.”

Several rehearsals and meetings will take place over the coming weeks, including a community-wide [prayer event](#) on July 20 at [Covenant Church](#). Beginning at

7 p.m., area Christians and churches will gather together for a time of prayer as the week of the Celebration arrives.

The Mountain State Celebration with Will Graham will begin days later, with programs taking place nightly throughout the weekend. [KidzFest](#) – a special event tailored just for children, featuring bounce houses, face painting and games – will take place on Saturday morning, July 24.

For more information about the Mountain State Celebration, including a full calendar of events, please visit [www.MountainStateCelebration.com](#).

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“Fly Fishing Film Festival” cont. from p.6

Museum, Middleburg, VA.

One attendee will be selected to win the 2021 Grand Prize drawing consisting of fly-fishing gear provided by International Fly Fishing Film Festival sponsors and valued at thousands of dollars.

Total virtual IF4 film festival viewing time is 115 minutes, said Chris Bird, festival producer.

Among the films to be screened are:

- Turbo Giants,
- The Wanderer, 2021 IF4 Original: Where do we go to escape? Journey to a sanctuary in the heart of the Rocky Mountain West.
- Tuna Fuerte, by PopFizz Productions: A group of fly-fishing friends embark on a trip to Colombia in search of the tuna that call those waters home.
- Others include Raising Ghosts, a steelhead odyssey; Baltics, tangling with Baltic salmon; and Raised on Rainbows, the story of a fly-fishing family navigating early parenthood.

For more information and film trailers, visit [flyfilmfest.com](#).

“Reduced Pricing” cont. from p.6

birthday pricing system for children is as follows:

- * \$603.75 before 10th birthday
- * \$92 before first birthday
- * \$724.50 before 15th birthday

Justice said the program also applies for resident lifetime trout stamps. The regular price of lifetime trout stamp costs \$230. The new

The program is made possible by a state

Senate bill passed this year and signed by Justice in April.

To purchase the lifetime hunting or fishing licenses or trout stamps for children under 15, call the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources at 304-558-2758.

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WV School Clothing Allowance Applications Open Through July 31st

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Children and Families began accepting school clothing allowance applications on July 1, 2021, for eligible children enrolled in West Virginia schools. Each eligible child will receive a \$200 benefit that may be used toward the purchase of appropriate school clothing or piece goods for families who sew clothing for their children. The following will automatically receive school clothing allowance benefits for each school-age child in the home by the end of June:

Families with school-age children who currently receive WV WORKS cash assistance. Parents or guardians of children in foster care. Children ages 4-18 who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, are enrolled in school and whose household income is under 130% of the Federal Poverty Level. Families who received school clothing allowance in 2020 and currently have Medicaid coverage should have received a school clothing allowance program

application by mail in late June. Others may be eligible for school clothing allowance benefits, but the monthly income for a family of four may not exceed \$2,839. Verification of income for July must be submitted with the application. Income Limits for the School Clothing Allowance Program for 2021:

	Persons in Household / Income Limit
1	\$1,383
2	\$1,868
3	\$2,353
4	\$2,839
5	\$3,324
6	\$3,809
7	\$4,295
8	\$4,780
9	\$5,266
10	\$5,752

Families may apply online at www.wvpath.org or request a

paper application be mailed to them by contacting their [local DHHR office](http://www.localdhhr.org) or by calling 1-877-716-1212. Applications must be received by July 31, 2021. School clothing allowance program recipients will receive an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card in place of the traditional paper voucher. This system change allows for both online transactions and increased choice of vendors when purchasing school clothing or piece goods. The EBT card will operate like a debit card and can be used at any retailer who can process debit/credit card transactions. Parents or guardians of children in foster care will receive the school clothing allowance benefit as a check. Those needing to update their address may do so at www.wvpath.org or by calling DHHR's Customer Service Center at 1-877-716-1212.

Area Students Named To Muskingum University Dean's List

The following are students have been named to the Spring 2021 Dean's List at Muskingum University in New Concord, Ohio: Louisa Smith-Clarksburg, Victoria Vankirk-Jane Lew and Josie Payton, Shinnston. To be named to the Dean's List, students must earn a term GPA of 3.60 or above on a minimum load of 12 completed semester hours of A-F graded coursework.

Traffic Delay/Lane Closure

The West Virginia Division of Highways advises motorists that there will be a Traffic Delay/Lane Closure on US 19, Good Hope Road which began on Tuesday, July 06, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. through Friday, August 20, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. (24/ hour). Traffic signals will be in place for single lane traffic. The purpose for the Lane Closure is for a Slide Correction Project. Motorists are advised to expect delays, plan ahead and allow additional time for their commute. Please note that inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances could change the project schedule.

“Road Trip Rules For Riding With Rover”

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allowed to travel “free range”? The same dangers we face when not secured in our vehicles apply to our pets. Further, a roaming pet can be a big distraction to the driver. Methods to use include a pet seat belt, travel kennel, pet car seat, and vehicle pet barriers.

2. Say “No” to Heads Out the Window

Most dogs love riding with their heads out the window. We want our dogs to enjoy the ride so much that we don't always consider the risks versus rewards. Allowing our dogs to stick their heads out the window is incredibly dangerous. Not only can they potentially fall or jump out, but they can also get injured by flying stones, dust, bugs, and other objects. Also, too much persistent wind in the face can seriously hurt your

pet's eyes and ears.

3. Don't Leave Your Dog Alone

Don't leave your pet alone in the car - particularly in hot weather. The temperature inside a car can skyrocket in a very short period of time, which makes it very dangerous for your pet. Leaving the windows cracked does not help. In addition, an unattended pet can be a target for pet thieves.

4. Keep Water Handy

Car rides tend to make us all a bit dehydrated. But for dogs, they seem to get dehydrated even more. The panting and excitement seem to add to their need to wet their whistles. Be sure to bring some clean, fresh water along so your pooch can sip a bit from time to time. Since car rides do have the potential to upset pets' stomachs, don't overdo it as too

much water at one time may cause a rumble in the tummy. Same goes for food - it's best to keep food intake to a minimum for the same reasons.

5. Make Plenty of Pit Stops

Wherever your travels take you, make sure you allow for ample time to stop along the way, to allow your pet to take potty breaks and stretch his legs. Make sure you're stopping in a safe spot, away from traffic. Most thruway travel centers have designated dog potty areas. Also, be sure to bring poop bags to pick up after your pooch.

Enjoy your travels and remember these safety rules and tips for keeping you and your pet safe. Also, while planning your trip, be sure to search for hotels that are pet friendly along the way as you travel to your final destination.

“12-Passenger Van”

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MANY senior citizens rely on transportation provided through the Senior Center, and Fitzgerald noted just how busy their schedule is! “Our transportation department easily puts literally thousands of miles on our vehicles in a year's time. We get calls from our seniors who need transported to and from shopping

excursions, hair cuts, doctor's appointments, visits to perhaps see a spouse in a nursing home, to the Center for meals and other activities, etc. We have several people who are regularly taken three times a week to and from dialysis, and some live in outer areas of the county so this entails a lot of time on

the road,” she added. “This is truly an indispensable service that we offer to seniors and so many rely on it. We are delighted to finally have another vehicle ready to fulfill the needs of our seniors. This is just one of the many ways we assist seniors who need a little help so that they can remain living independently.”

“Senior Center”

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has been thoroughly cleaned, and our Center really has a new and fresh appearance,” she added. “Everyone loves the new, more cheerful look and it is captured on their faces as they have returned. We've been very busy during the forced closure and we accomplished so much. Some of our members are still a little reluctant to return yet, but they will return when they're ready. We're very proud of all that we managed to do and anxious for everyone to see it.”

The Bingo Fun Club, Tai Chi classes, Bingocize, and

Ceramics are all back in operation. The exercise room is open and being used once again, and other activities will also resume very soon. Seniors can once again find the Kinley Café open with a limited breakfast available and a lunch menu being offered again. Because they are currently rather short-staffed, lunch reservations are required so that they don't over-prepare. Certainly, no one was particularly happy to have their lives restricted so much by COVID, and senior citizens in particular

felt the limitations by not being permitted to socialize at the Center as they were accustomed to. However, the staff tried to make the most of this time by cleaning, updating, and making improvements that are visible EVERYWHERE now that reopening has been made possible. Stop in and see for yourself! While change is often resisted, the changes made at the Harrison County Senior Center have brought about an amazing transformation!

Poll Reveals 2 In 3 West Virginians Achieved The ‘Perfect Work/Life Balance’ During Lockdown

Lockdowns were certainly a shock to the system when they first started and required some readjusting, particularly for those who found themselves working from home (WFH). Totally unprepared, millions of workers had to improvise by using ironing boards as desks, or hunching over low kitchen tables that would have triggered alarm bells if the occupational health consultants were present. When it all started, many would have questioned whether they could ever be happy with their new setups - after all, there were no ergonomic chairs, no conference rooms to retreat to for calls, and no in-house WeWork style cafes serving your favorite tall, non-fat latte with caramel drizzle. But when it became clear that lockdowns were not just short-term circuit breakers to defeat the virus, people

did what they have been doing for centuries – they adapted and made the best out of their situation. Gradually, the new WFH set up started to have its advantages – in came real plants (as opposed to the plastic ones in the office); mid-morning jogs around the neighborhood became routine; and the lack of [after-work drinking sessions](http://www.after-workdrinking.com) has turned out to be great for people's health and time for other activities.

[PRPioneer.com](http://www.PRPIioneer.com), the leading resource for public relations news, conducted a survey of 4,500 employees and found that over 2 in 3 (69%) West Virginians say they have achieved the ‘perfect work/life balance’ (compared to a national average of 44%). When broken down by state, this figure was highest in Alaska, where 70% of employees say they've found the

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Wreaths Across America Kicks Off ‘Giving In July Campaign’

Throughout the month of July, national nonprofit Wreaths Across America (WAA) will be featuring its annual [Giving in July campaign](http://www.givinginJuly.com) — a month dedicated to the groups and individuals giving back in their communities while helping to share the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach. Locally, West Virginia Caring hospice is one of those sponsorship groups raising funds through the sale of wreaths sponsorships to support its efforts. WV Caring, a 501 (c) (3), non-profit end-of-

life-provider, has been dedicated to improving care for those facing life-limiting illness through direct support of patients and their families while providing advocacy, outreach, education and expertise in grief support to the entire community. WV Caring is one of a few not for profit, stand-alone hospices serving North Central West Virginia.

Since its founding in 2007, WAA has partnered with hundreds of like-minded charities, community programs, and civic groups throughout the country

to remember and honor our nation's veterans and active-duty military all year long. Giving in July celebrates these groups, like WV Caring and highlights the opportunity to ‘do good twice’ through the sponsorship of veterans’ wreaths through the organization's Group Sponsorship Program. Through the program, donations received in fact ‘do good twice’ because WAA gives back \$5 of each \$15 wreath sponsorship made to support the local group's own mission, which include programs

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Can you believe
Lincoln's 1st Homecoming
Queen just turned “60”?

Quilt To Be Raffled Off During PWA’s 100TH Anniversary Observance



P. W. A. Director Elinda Carson inspects a quilt made for the PWA to be used as a raffle item. The chances for the quilt will be sold for \$1.00 each and will be drawn on Friday, September 17 at a luncheon to be held at the Uptown Event Center in observance of the 100th anniversary of the PWA, formerly the YWCA. Proceeds from the sale of the quilt will be used to offset anniversary expenses. The quilt measures 90 X 110 and is long arm machine quilted. The squares are red, black and white. For more information call 304-624-6881. Sponsors of the quilt are Marsha Viglianco, Sharon Twentier and Laura Goff Davis.

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perfect balance between work and personal life. Comparatively, it seems those in Louisiana, New Hampshire and Rhode Island still seem to be struggling with achieving this balance, with only 20% saying they’ve effectively done so. So, what hobbies and activities have West Virginians been partaking in during lockdown? When asked, a quarter (25%) said they’ve spent time on home improvement and gardening, while 23% have been reading more. Another 19% enjoyed cooking more and 17% spent quality time with family, while 13% dedicated more hours to exercising and 3% made the most out of having more time for a proper breakfast. Furthermore, over a quarter said they’ve become more self-sufficient during lockdown, doing things they may have never done before like starting an herb garden, growing their own fruit and vegetables, baking from scratch and learning new DIY skills.

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by Hawkins Lumber. He enjoyed painting cars and all forms of mechanic work as well as hunting. John was a member of Higher Rock Ministry where he enjoyed traveling to revivals with Pastor Sandy. He truly loved spending time and sharing ice cream with his grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Sunday, July 11, 2021 at Perine Funeral Home with Pastors Tim Sandy and Jerry Helmick officiating. Interment followed at the Oakdale Cemetery. Online memories and condolences can be shared with the family at www.perinefunerals.com

Memorial contributions may be made to his wife, Jenny.

The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Drummond family.

MARY LOLA RYAN

Mary Lola Ryan, 95 of Corbin Branch Road in Bridgeport, WV passed away at her home, on July 4, 2021. She was the daughter of the late Earl F. and Harriett (Linville) Hardman and was born in Clarksburg, WV on Sunday, October 18, 1925.

Mary Lola was raised in Sardis and graduated from Victory High School. She worked for the US Postal Service in Washington DC, and Hart Machinery in Clarksburg, WV. On March 8, 1946, she married the late, Claude J. “Bud” Ryan and together they worked their land and raised four children.

Mary Lola is survived by her children Gladys Marks Davisson, Claude J. Ryan III (Crystal), Rosemary B. Woods (Selby) and Heather E. Ribel (Robert) all of Bridgeport. Mary Lola was the proud grandmother to 7 grandchildren, Jonathon E. Marks (Denine), Bridgeport, WV, Christopher R. Marks, St. Petersburg, FL, Claude J. Ryan IV (Briana), Bridgeport, WV, Stacey D. Mangum (Lawson), Bridgeport, WV, Shannon N. Holliday (Jesse), Shepherdstown, WV, Kelly R. Jackson (Brian), Bridgeport, WV, and Stephanie J. Dalton (Andrew), Morgantown, WV. She had 15 great grandchildren and 3 great great-grandchildren.

CASSANDRA JO CECILIA BAILEY
Cassandra Jo Cecilia Bailey, 32, of Clarksburg passed away Monday, July 5, 2021 at J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital with her loving family by her side after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born November 20, 1988 in Clarksburg, daughter of Paul Sheldon Miller and Dianna Dee Bailey-Miller.

Cassandra graduated from Bridgeport High School, Class of 2007. She worked for The Arc of Harrison County for over ten years and last worked at Christina’s Hot Spot in Anmoore. She enjoyed woodburning, listening to music, swimming, boating, traveling, and loved spending time with her family and especially her three children.

In addition to her parents, Cassandra is survived by three children, Kaydence Jo Marie Bailey, Brendon Allen Michael Bailey and Maddison Elizabeth Hope Rose; siblings, Richard Allen Bailey, James Leonard Bailey, III, Kimberly Ann Morris and Jess, Shawn Paul Miller and Meghan, all of Clarksburg; Sabrina Leeann Miller, Murrysburg, KY; Christina Jean Miller, Weston; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cassandra was preceded in death by her grandparents, Richard “Dick” Allen and Patricia Jo Carnes; Paul Edwin Miller and Peggy Jean Ward, James Leonard Bailey Sr and Ruby Hickman.

A funeral service was held at Davis Funeral Home on Friday, July 9, 2021 with Rev Tom Home officiating. Online condolences can be at www.Davisfuneralhomewv.com.

Donations can be made to her Care Fund on her memorial page. Memorial donations can be made in her name, to Sardis Cemetery c/o Missy Shiflet 16 Lower Lane, Mount Clare, WV 26301. Davis Funeral Home and Onsite Crematory is handling the cremation and honored to serve the Ryan family.

“Wreaths Across America” cont. from p. 9

helping veterans, military families, youth and more, in communities across the country. Through this national program, WAA has given back nearly \$15 million in local contributions over the last 13 years.

“I have long said, it would be disingenuous for us as an organization whose mission is to Remember the fallen, Honor those that serve and their families, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom, if we do not support other like-minded programs doing just that in their communities,” said WAA Executive Director Karen Worcester. “Our Group Sponsorship Program is a year-round effort,

but through Giving in July we hope to remind people that veterans and our current military serve and protect us 365 days a year and it is never too early to make a difference in your own community.”

This year, more than 2,500 cemeteries will participate in National Wreaths Across America Day, including West Virginia National Cemetery – **Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021** – and more than 4,000 Sponsorship Groups are working in their communities to raises funds and awareness to honor the local service members with the placement of veterans’ wreaths made of fresh Maine balsam. To support WV

Caring by sponsoring a wreath to be placed at [West Virginia National Cemetery], please visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/WV0060P.

“We have been attending wreath laying ceremonies and participating in Wreaths Across America since 2014, when my grandfather, Jack Kirchberg, was buried in West Virginia National Cemetery, said Marissa Fox, Volunteer Service Coordinator for WV Caring.



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