



## Progress Continues On Greater Harrison PSD Water/Sewer Expansion Project



This aerial photo is of the Rt. 73 100,000 gallon per day Wastewater Treatment Plant. This plant services the Rt. 73 Corridor from the Auto Auction to Boothsville and was completed this year. Photo courtesy of The Thrasher Group

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

*News & Journal Editor*  
Eons ago, people discarded garbage and shoveled human waste into holes in the ground and simply covered them with dirt when they were filled. However, as time has passed, the population has certainly multiplied,

and recycling trash and waste treatment and disposal have become more of an environmental as well as a health concern. However, eliminating these concerns is a real process, requiring a sophisticated plan, engineering that plan, overseeing and constructing it ... and don't forget funding it!

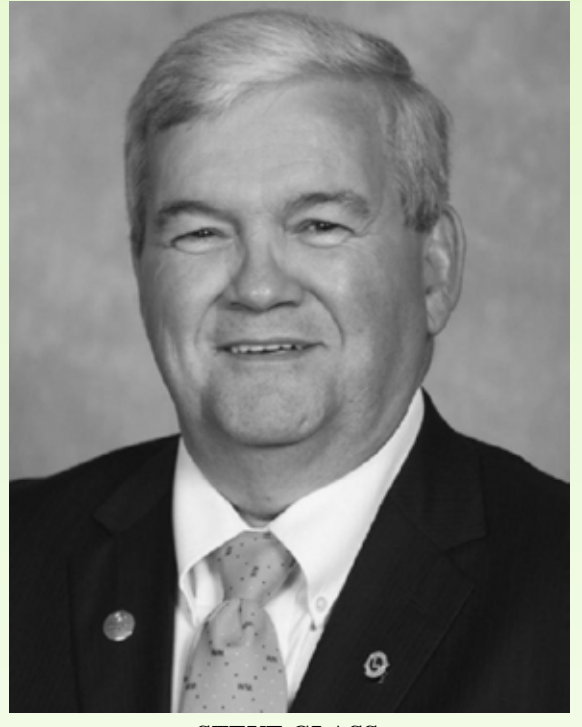
Most of the time, this is not as difficult for larger cities to do, but for smaller municipalities and those who reside on runs and up hollows, they may do without that service. Now, it is not an option, though; it is mandated by both state and national governmental agencies such as the Environmental

Protection Agency (EPA) and the WV Department of Environmental Protection (WV DEP) that waste treatment be addressed. Those traveling on Rt. 19 heading toward Fairmont may have noticed a lot of digging going on close to the highway in the

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## Living The Lions Motto In Everyday Life

*The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal has named Steve Glass as July's Citizen of the Month, a program sponsored by Dorsey Funeral Home in Shinnston – locally owned & operated.*



STEVE GLASS

By DIANA BEDELL

*News & Journal Staff Writer*  
‘We Serve’ is the Lions Motto, and as a 40-year member of the Lions, Steve Glass has certainly served. He is the epitome of cheerleader, teacher and mentor.

‘I even played for the Shinnston Lions in Little League baseball as a kid,’ Glass recalled. But at that young age, he had no idea the part Lions would play later in his life or that of his family.

‘Becky Davis’ dad, Bill, contacted me more than once to attend a meeting of the Clarksburg Lions,’ said Glass. ‘I told myself I would go one time, and as you can guess, the rest is history.’

Glass became a member of the Clarksburg Lions on June 6, 1981, when luncheon meetings were held at the downtown Sheraton. He said they had a lot of interesting speakers and his mentor, Bill Davis, got his feet real wet!

As in a lot of organizations, persons showing even a slight interest are ‘baptized’ early on in the groundwork of that group. ‘Bill (Davis)

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## Aug. 6th Concert At The AMP To Feature Christian Music Star Michael W. Smith



MICHAEL W. SMITH

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

*News & Journal Editor*  
City Parks of Clarksburg is continuing its objective to feature a variety of music genres for its concerts at The AMP. Coming soon – on Friday, August

6th – is chart-topping Christian megastar Michael W. Smith. The 63-year old singer/songwriter’s name has become very well known over the years, and his talent developed from an early age; Smith wrote his

first song when he was just five years old! His love of music continued to develop through his church where he sang in the church choir and learned to play the piano. That was a move that served him well as he later progressed to songwriting.

A native of West Virginia, Michael was born in Kenova, West Virginia, and following high school he attended Marshall University but dropped out to play in local bands until he was encouraged to take his talents to Nashville and

really pursue a career in music. He hit a few bumps in the road and made some wrong turns, but says he got back on the right track and recommitted himself to Christianity ... and Christian music.

He has written numerous gospel numbers for artists such as Sandi Patty, Bill Gaither and Amy Grant, to name a few, and some of his popular worship songs are now in church hymnals.

Smith performed a song he wrote ‘There

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## It's Time To Start Preparing For The Start Of School!

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

*News & Journal Editor*  
The first official day of school in Harrison County, WV this year is Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup> for students in grades 1-12. While that may seem like a long way off, it will creep up on you before you know it. Just like the other summer months, August will be here and nearing its end in the blink of an eye. And it's NOT too early to begin preparing now!

Some younger children will be going to school for the very first time; those advancing to middle school will be moving into a new facility. High school students should be accustomed to the ‘drill’ by now, but for younger kids it may cause them to be a little anxious ... and that’s where being prepared may help.

What follows is a list of things parents should begin to address fairly soon. A little advance preparation can help make those first few days of school a little



Schools will be opening in just a month. Follow these suggestions to prepare early and make the school year begin more stress-free.

easier for everyone!

**School Clothing** – Go through your child’s dresser and closet and toss the items that no

longer fit. Watch for end-of-summer sales and take advantage of those. Don’t wait and

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## Seeing People Again



### Building Amazing Cities

By JIM HUNT

*author, speaker, consultant*

One of the things that I have missed during the Covid-19 pandemic is interacting with people and seeing the smiles and expressions without being blocked by a mask. For the past several weeks, I have been traveling with a business colleague and we have logged hundreds of miles, calling on cities and counties throughout West Virginia. My traveling mate, Bobby Monroe, is a very outgoing guy and seems naturally drawn to speaking with nearly everyone he meets. I’m a little bit more reserved but I also like engaging with people I meet during my travels.

One thing that is consistent with most of the public servants we meet is that they are very welcoming and helpful to those who are visiting their offices. In almost all of the county courthouses, we have to pass through security and without exception, these officers are some of the most enjoyable people we meet. With my two new knees, the metal detectors go off on each visit and they have been very courteous in patting me down and making sure I am not carrying any weapons. In many cases, the officers either have

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# Food For Thought

By Leigh Currey Merrifield  
Editor

## Find The Slow Lane

I read the other day just how many American adults struggle with stress and take medication in order to simmer themselves down a bit. I can't remember the exact number but it was significant. What I do remember is that whatever that number was, it has risen by nearly 35% since the pandemic! Maybe it was partly due to feeling so restricted and following so many new regulations – OR – maybe the load of many became heavier with homeschooling their children, working more hours from home, worrying about job loss, and other things. Who knows! But I do think that many of us in today's world set a lot of goals to achieve and perhaps over-focus on creating time so that we can be productive ALL THE TIME.

But it is also important to have a little time to just relax and realize that not every moment of our lives has to be BUSY. I know that my own life seems a little short on down-time. I feel like I always have something to do from the time my feet hit the floor in the morning until I go to bed at night ... and even then, I lie there mentally preparing my to-do list for tomorrow. Maybe you're in the same boat. ??? When was the last time you simply sat quietly for 15 or 20 minutes and just did nothing? When was the last time you did something you really enjoy?

I was seriously thinking about this and decided that bad habits are easy to form and very hard to break. We

get in this routine of hustling all the time and we forget that we also deserve to relax a little. And you know what? These habits may be shaped in the early years! Even youngsters go from one sports season right into the next; they put away the baseball bats and jump right into football. High school students as well are encouraged to get involved in as many activities as they can. At some point, we all can suffer from over-involvement! While there is nothing wrong with offering our time and talents to clubs and organizations, there is also a time to step back a little and just cruise. Don't travel in the fast lane all the time!

Ask yourself these questions: Do you burn with frustration if a website doesn't load instantly? Do you check your e-mail or facebook 15 times a day? Do you lose sleep over an upcoming deadline? I'm guilty of these, but I make excuses because they are job-related. I may spend more than an hour just deleting crap e-mails that come just to my work e-mail! I rarely even check my personal e-mail – no time to do that! Thank goodness I don't do Facebook – one less thing to check! There are three phones in my house ringing every day – my office line, my home phone, and my cell phone. And guess what – way too many of them are scams or solicitations! And for me, deadlines are always looming ... so do I get frustrated? Yep, EVERY day! Maybe I need stress meds!

With the increasing number of people who

suffer from constant stress, I think we all need to remind ourselves that maybe we need to focus more on a stop-doing list ... and it should be longer than our to-do list! At some point, we have to realize that we could be missing something by always traveling in the fast lane. We need to locate the slow lane and try to travel in it more ... and by the way, it's okay to do that. All you have to do is break the bad habit of spending every moment of every day being productive, on schedule, and so consumed.

I read where one lady commented that she opts for an instant breakfast, something frozen for lunch, and orders takeout for dinner. WHY? Because it's quicker and she doesn't feel she has time to prepare something better and healthier to eat! She needs to find the slow lane!

Just give this some consideration ... there is more to life than increasing its speed; life passes us by quickly enough. Slow down and enjoy it a little. It's not only the scenery you're missing by going too fast. You may also be missing the sense of where you're going and why! ..... Now my mother will read this, and I already know what she'll say – "You need to follow your own advice!" - I'm really going to try to do that. If I forget, I'm sure she'll remind me!

This week's dessert: "Once you stop rushing through life, you'll be amazed how much more of life you have time to enjoy." ~ Unknown

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## How To Avoid A Rip-Off When Renovating

Dear Editor: Summer provides West Virginians with a great opportunity to complete home improvement projects, but before you can enjoy your renovated space, it's important to carefully choose the right person or company to avoid getting ripped off. Most contractors follow the law and deliver on promised work to consumers. However, bad actors do exist, as everyone doesn't always play by the rules.

For example, a concrete contractor based in Clarksburg allegedly misled consumers regarding the existence of a warranty to cover the product he sold. Our office secured restitution for the affected consumers

and won a court order that permanently blocks the owner or his business from engaging in future contracting work in West Virginia. Elsewhere, a home improvement contractor accused of violating consumer protection laws in Putnam, Kanawha, Lincoln, Mason and other counties sits behind bars on criminal charges related to our office's investigation and referrals to local prosecutors. In one instance, his shoddy work left a Hurricane home in worse shape than when the project began, forcing the victim to pay tens of thousands of dollars to correct the issues.

Our office also recently won a lawsuit to shut down a Northern Panhandle

plumber who accepted thousands of dollars for deficient and unfinished work.

So, what can you do to keep this from happening to you?

First and foremost, know the law. State rules require contractors to provide a written contract when the total cost of a project reaches or exceeds \$250. Once you select a business or individual, make sure you get everything in writing, including estimated costs and completion date for the work.

The contractor is required by state and federal law to provide notice of the consumer's right to cancel the contract. This may occur without legal or financial penalty within three business days of the agreement.

As of June 15, a

### Super Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Cookout rod
- 5 Long wedge-shaped inlet
- 8 Dermal drawing
- 14 Alfalfa's girl in "Our Gang"
- 19 Lacking a permanent shelter
- 21 Sponge up
- 22 Hawke of the screen
- 23 Get closer
- 24 Gated water channel
- 25 Blue-footed bird
- 26 Start of a riddle
- 29 Sippy cup part
- 30 "— yellow ribbon round ..."
- 31 "Little" actress Issa
- 32 Web page visitor's directory
- 36 With 53-Across, walks across
- 39 World power until '91
- 41 New title for a bride
- 43 Italian cardinal

**DOWN**

- 1 Some afghans
- 2 #1 Billboard song, often
- 3 Hamper
- 4 Arctic diver
- 5 Say "Ouch!," say
- 6 Pelvic-base bone
- 7 Least ruddy
- 8 Piece of work
- 9 More skilled
- 10 Big wave
- 11 Hard-working people
- 12 Whale variety
- 13 Is compliant
- 14 Formal arguer
- 15 Redresses
- 16 17th Greek letter
- 17 R&D site
- 18 A single one
- 20 Mauna —
- 27 Exchanges for bills
- 28 "Attack, Rover!"
- 33 "Tara Road" novelist
- 34 Curved
- 35 — -Canada (oil giant)
- 37 Many a meal on a blanket

**ACROSS**

- 44 Riddle, part 2
- 48 "— à son goût" ("Each to one's own taste")
- 51 Big-billed bird
- 52 Actress Novak
- 53 See 36-Across
- 54 Violin master Hilary
- 55 Big-billed bird
- 58 Increase
- 61 Belief set
- 62 Just slightly
- 64 Insects in forest trails
- 65 E. African country
- 67 Riddle, part 3
- 74 River in Switzerland
- 75 Real heels
- 76 More like heaven's gates?
- 77 In the company of
- 81 19th-century German industrialist
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- 86 Darjeeling, e.g.
- 87 Singer Ocasek of the Cars

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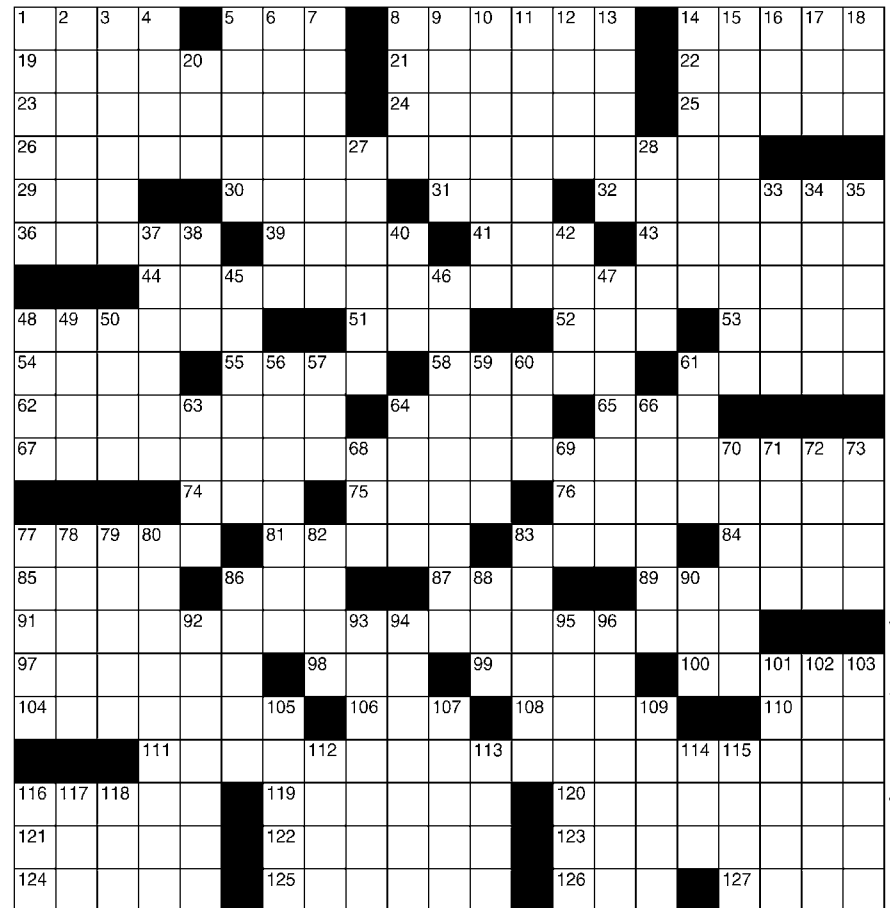
- 89 Like the firstborn child
- 91 End of the riddle
- 97 Soprano Auger or actress Sorokin
- 98 Soccer's Hamm
- 99 West African land
- 100 Big name in baseball cards
- 104 Put on anew, as a play
- 106 "Lil" studio
- 108 Done, in France
- 110 Liquid in la Seine
- 111 Riddle's answer
- 116 Major port in Japan
- 119 Terrarium creature
- 120 Like firefighters and cyclists
- 121 Swanky watch
- 122 Like single-guy bands
- 123 Extensive essay
- 124 Megaphone noise
- 125 Mole zappers
- 126 Former JFK jet

**ACROSS**

- 38 Beatles' bud
- 40 Fleecy male
- 42 Noted Fifth Ave. store
- 45 Puzzlement
- 46 Started a play-for-pay career
- 47 Drunk, slangily
- 48 Cartoonist
- 49 Padlock
- 50 "Alas"
- 56 Frat party dispenser
- 57 Place to stay the night
- 59 Off-road trucks, briefly
- 60 British verb suffix
- 61 Singer of the hit "Believe"
- 63 Neither hor. nor vert.
- 64 Take — (doze)
- 66 Go on a trip
- 68 Hosp. part
- 69 Tach abbr.
- 70 "My pleasure!"
- 71 Suffix with multimillion
- 72 Roger of "Cheers"
- 73 "Damn it all!"

**DOWN**

- 77 In a conflict
- 78 Skiing gold medalist Phil
- 79 Tough tests
- 80 Student at a lecture, often
- 82 Chicago mayor Emanuel
- 83 Golden Arches java chain
- 86 Faint trace
- 88 Suffix of elements
- 90 Drunk, slangily
- 92 Cleaver
- 93 Musical tone qualities
- 94 "I dunno!"
- 95 Detrains, e.g.
- 96 Dawdles
- 101 Relating to digestion
- 102 Least ruddy
- 103 High-end leathers
- 105 Rave about
- 107 Cheek tooth
- 109 Speck in the sea
- 112 Sushi staple
- 113 Some male dolls
- 114 Doc bloc
- 115 Prefix with tarsal
- 116 Sphere
- 117 Fa-la link
- 118 — mode



Find the Super Crossword Answers on Page 8!



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# N&J Briefs

## FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

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### BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Bridgeport library open to the public. Also, readers can access the library's catalog by reserving books on their website at www.youseemore.com/bridgeport and may pick up books on the following days and times: M-W-F 12:00pm-8:00 pm and Tues. & Thurs. 12:00pm-5:00pm. Personnel will be available to answer questions, and the library's digital resources will continue to be available. • Contact Amy at the library at 304-842-8248 for information.

### LOWE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

### GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Shinnston Park Board is hosting a Golf Scramble on July 31st beginning at 9 a.m. at Apple Valley Golf Course. \$200 per foursome, which includes green fees, lunch, and a \$20 donation to the park. First place prize is \$400; 2nd place team wins \$200. Funding raised will go toward the purchase of new pool furniture. Register by July 19th by calling John Marchio at 304-476-6573. Payment must be made in cash at time of registration.

### PRAISE & WORSHIP RALLY

The House of Faith (Rt. 19, Hepzibah) will host a Praise & Worship Rally with services on August 1st, 2nd, & 3rd at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Three meals available daily. Everyone is welcome!

### RUMMAGE SALE

St. Ann's Catholic Church, 610 Pike St., Shinnston will again be having their annual rummage sale on August 14 from 7:00-2:00. Everything under the sun... furniture, books, clothes, household items, home decorations, wreaths, etc. Also, from 8:00-11:00 a Breakfast menu will be available for sale. Look forward to seeing you again after a year's absence.

### MONONGALIA COUNTY BEEKEEPERS MEETING

The Monongalia County Beekeepers have a meeting at Mylan Park in the new Monongalia County Extension Service and 4-H Center on the first Tuesday of every month; however, meetings have been cancelled until further notice due to COVID-19. Please contact Debbie Martin for more information at 304-367-9488 or debbee7@yahoo.com 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

# "Concert To Feature Michael W. Smith" cont. from p. 1

She Stands" live at the 2004 Republican National Convention and noted that former President George W. Bush, a fan of Smith's, had asked him to write a song about the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks ... and "There She Stands" was the result.

He also sang at the state funeral of former President George H. W. Bush at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. as well as at the memorial and funeral of Billy Graham.

Smith's career has now spanned more than three decades; he is a multi-Platinum artist and bestselling author and has even dabbled in acting. He

has written 35 No. 1 singles, and sold more than 15 million albums. He has won three GRAMMY Awards, 45 Dove Awards, an American Music Award, and has been inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame.

He has also been a great contributor to the global community throughout his career. In 1994, he launched Rocketown, a holistic faith-based youth outreach facility in downtown Nashville aimed at providing a safe haven for young people in Tennessee to meet and find hope. He has raised funds to battle the AIDS epidemic in Africa along with his friend Bono, and has

helped more than 70,000 children through his work with Compassion International.

He and his wife Debbie reside on a farm in the suburbs of Nashville and have five children.

John Cooper, Superintendent of Clarksburg City Parks commented, "We are extremely excited to welcome Michael W. Smith back to his home state of West Virginia to take the stage on August 6th at 7 p.m. We have had the most success with Christian and country performers, and we're sure he will draw a crowd for a great evening of music."

Cooper added that after COVID shut

down performances at The AMP last year, people have been very interested in returning to The AMP's outdoor entertainment schedule this year.

Tickets for Smith's live concert are still available. Advance tickets prices for this concert are \$50 for premium seats (1st 7 rows), \$45 for reserved seating, and \$35 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased by visiting clarksburgamp.com or cityparksofclarksburg.com. If the evening is not a sellout, tickets will be available at the Box Office that night; however, day-of-show tickets will increase by \$5 for each section.

# "Start of School" cont. from p.1

have to fight the crowds the week before school starts.

**Appointments** – If your child needs to visit the doctor, dentist or eye doctor, schedule an appointment NOW if you haven't already. That includes a fresh haircut!

**Stock up** – Check your pantry and begin to stock up on healthy breakfast, lunch, and after school snack items.

**Houseclean** – This is a good time to eliminate some clutter and establish some organization. This will enhance your home's environment when everyone has to adjust to a routine again as the school year begins.

Life tends to run a little smoother when you don't have to look for or step

over things!

**Homework station** – If your child doesn't have a desk in his or her bedroom, designate a homework station, a spot where they can focus quietly and complete their schoolwork.

**Childcare** – Parents who work and will need care should have these arrangements made well in advance.

**School supplies** – Teachers typically offer a supply list prior to the start of school. Start paying attention at local stores, look for coupons/sales, and stock up early. Be sure backpacks, supplies, etc. are marked with your child's name.

**School visit** – Most schools, particularly for younger children, will

host an 'open house' or 'meet the teacher' event. Don't miss this introduction! It will help make students (and teachers) more comfortable and put them at ease before day one to have made this initial acquaintance.

**Family calendar** – Having a family calendar in the kitchen so everyone can see notes and reminders when schedules must be followed again.

**Family Meeting** – Sit down as a family and go over some rules – like bedtimes, use of electronics, homework, etc.

**Bedtime** – Everyone may have become accustomed to staying up later and sleeping in later during the summer

months. Get started on the school bedtime routine a week or two before school starts.

Getting an early start with these suggestions will pay off in the end. It also teaches children the importance of disciplining themselves to be prepared for school. AND that in itself will help them experience a more successful year.

Now if you manage to check these items off the list early, there may still be time to enjoy a stress-free weekend excursion before heading back to school and a little more structured routine. Preparing early means everyone can breathe a little easier during the last few days of summer!



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# The Cancer Survivor Dinner Will Be Held August 6th



## GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

It is that time of year when, once again, I will be hosting the Cancer Survivor Dinner. Last year I started this tradition to honor all of those individuals, like myself, who have survived cancer. Cancer is a terrible battle and those who have been diagnosed with it wonder if they will ever join the ranks of the survivors.

After battling breast cancer for four years, I came out on top of the battle as a survivor. Last year, I decided I wanted to tell my story and to hear the stories of other individuals who had won the race. I felt that the best way for me to do this was to host a dinner and invite all those who had fought the same battle as me and to join in an evening of fellowship sharing our stories.

This year on Friday, August 6, I will be hosting the dinner at the Uptown Event Center on 305 Washington Avenue in Clarksburg. I have been working with Carmen Hathaway and the American Cancer Society. It is also in conjunction with the Relay for Life of Harrison County. Activities for the evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. with registration for the survivors. Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. Keynote speaker for the dinner will be James Morley. He has been the Chaplain at United Health Center since 2005. His chaplain residency was completed at University of Virginia Medical Center. He was ordained in the Presbyterian Church. He is a pancreatic cancer



Chaplain James Morley

survivor.

Following dinner there will be an opening for the Luminaries Ceremony. A closing will be held at 8:30 p.m.

I encourage all my fellow survivors to attend this dinner. It is indeed my privilege to host you. RSVP to Carmen Hathaway with the American Cancer Society.

I have supported Bonnie's Bus and I urge you to be sure and get your mammograms and any other tests you need to continue being listed as a survivor.

Take care and hope to see you on August 6. Until next week, "Now You Have heard It Through the Grapevine."

# All These Doctor Appointments Are Becoming Ridiculous



## Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny

Last Friday, Kim left for Virginia after spending a week (as a friend said) "Daddy-sitting". She does that very well. I had her take the Explorer back because a front strut on her vehicle was making a noise and I didn't want her driving it. She's coming back in a few weeks.

In the afternoon, I was driving out of the holler and spotted the 'Mayor of Feathers Hill' Wellman (Terry) Robey in his driveway. So, I applied the anti-lock brakes (They still work) on the old Ranger and pulled in. We sat on his porch for about an hour shooting the breeze while waving at tooting cars passing by...very enjoyable.

Saturday, Lee came down and spent the afternoon. He had a pretty tough surgery plus a skin graft performed on his right foot three weeks ago, but it's healing up nicely. For that period of time, they wouldn't let him drive, so, I was his first place to drop by when given permission.

Monday, Lee came down, again, and brought me homemade pepperoni rolls and chili that Patty had made...she's a good girl. We dropped off Kim's car at J&J Repair in Worthington to get the strut replaced and then Lee drove me to the VA Hospital where I had a couple of afternoon appointments. Thankfully, he was able to drop me off at the entrance and I didn't have to make the parking lot trek. The last appointment was with the eye clinic and I knew they were going to give

me another shot in the right eyeball...hence, the need of a chauffeur. I still get squirmy when I even think about that procedure.

Wednesday, Lee and I drove down to J&J Repair and picked up Kim's Kia. Of course, the gas gauge was on empty (Just like she would leave a vehicle when living under my roof). Lee (Just like his sister) said the gauge's emergency light came on when he was driving it down to the shop. So, I drove the car to the Enterprise Circle-K with fingers crossed. I spent ten minutes trying to figure out how to get the gas door to pop open. It took 15.7 gallons to fill up.

That evening when we talked on the phone, I told her about cussing while trying to get the gas door open and she said she had the same problem trying to figure out the one on the Explorer...darn, never thought of that.

Thursday morning, I had another doctor's appointment at White Oaks. These appointments are starting to get ridiculous. Back when I was a young kid, we had a family doctor - Old Doc Coffindaffer. He pretty well took of any health issues including setting broken bones, doing minor surgeries in his office, and doing major surgeries in the hospital. You mainly dealt with one doctor and he knew everything about you. Now, everyone is a specialist and they only know you by the looks of your organ that they are working on. I keep praying that the left hand knows what the right hand is doing. They are lots of doctors making lots of money off of this old body!

A friend asked if I owed any of the doctors money. I said, "No". He said you should always owe them...that way, they'll keep you around longer.

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

# Shinnston Rebekah Lodge #47 Hosts State Officers

Shinnston Rebekah Lodge #47 hosted two State Assembly of WV IOOF officers on an official visit at its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 6 p.m. in The Woman's Clubhouse.

Visitors were Darlene McClure, Warden, Assembly on her official visit and Jacqueline A. Hill, President of The Assembly, both from Domville, near Madison, WV. Presiding was Noble Grand Rebecca M. Long. Lodge #47 was very happy to have back in its meeting (out of storage since it now has sufficient room to set up in The Clubhouse) its wooden stations, built approximately 170 years ago by a Mr. Harmer-ancestor of Jay harmer. He was a talent wood maker - "The Three Links and

VC" and other lovely features make these stations stand out. The clubhouse, newly painted and renovated, was an impressive site to have the meeting and The Lodge will continue to meet there.

Secretary Wanda F. Ashcraft had prepared a "Wall of Humor" - exhibited pictures of the future, grandchildren of the members and other memorabilia. The lodge has earned five plaques for Best Community Service from The Sovereign Grand Lodge (50 states/28 countries).

Lodge #47 is 127 years old, being the 3rd oldest Rebekah Lodge in West Virginia. It has 38 members. Holding the longest membership is H. Lou Bice, 70yrs. (now in Continuous Care); Wanda F. Ashcraft, 65 yrs.; Charlotte Ross, 55 yrs.; Sharon K.

Stewart, 50 yrs. and Edna Payne, 50 yrs. Also, next month one more 50 yr. member, Elizabeth (Moore) Hildreth.

Peggy A. Martin, hostess and coordinator, decorated the serving table. Refreshments were served to Charlotte Ross, PP, S. Sue Rowan, PP, Chad Edwards, Deborah A. Starkey, DPP and Rebecca M. Long, N.G.

Installation of officers will be done by Deborah A. Starkey, District Deputy President, Dist. 9: Noble Grand-Charlotte A. Ross, PP; Vice Grand-Deborah A. Starkey; Secretary-Wanda F. Ashcraft, PP for the 56th year tenure. Treasurer-Marjorie E. Jackson for the 19th yr. tenure.

Members were sad to hear of the death of Charlotte R.

# "Small Town Charm"

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a knee replacement or are thinking about getting one. We compare notes and talk about the travails of getting older. The courthouse security officers are also very helpful at pointing us in the right direction and often escort us to the person we are meeting with.

We have been meeting with the county sheriffs and chief tax deputies and they have been very generous with their time. While I have personally known most of the sheriffs in Harrison County, I have never had the opportunity to meet many of the sheriffs in other counties in West Virginia. One thing that surprised me is the number of new sheriffs, since they are limited to two terms. In the smaller counties, the sheriff is known to almost every citizen in the county and they do a lot of the routine duties like patrolling and investigating crimes. The sheriff is also responsible for collecting the taxes for the county and this is a part of the job that not many people associate with the duties of the sheriff. In most counties in West Virginia, there is a Chief Tax Deputy, and they handle the collection of property and personal taxes.

Since we are on the road most of the day, we end up eating at a variety of eateries and interact with waitresses and customers along the way. We were in New Martinsville and stopped at the local Subway and met two young teachers who were enjoying their summer after the long Covid school year. We talked to them while waiting in line and they were very friendly and shared a bit about their families. In Glenville, we stopped at a small diner on Main Street and got to see my old friend Ike Morris who was having lunch with the Glenville State College football coaches. The food was delicious and as we were paying our bill, we talked to two elderly ladies about picking blackberries and making pies.

As someone who has traveled a lot, it always amazes me how connected we are and how easy it is to find something or someone in common. In a small state like West Virginia, when you say where you are from, people will share a story or mention someone that you know. When we had lunch at the Blennerhassett Hotel in Parkersburg, we met the new owner, and it turns out he is from Shinnston. Such a small world!

If you have a chance, explore West Virginia. You just might make a new friend.

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# Remember Shinnston's Raad Family?

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KATHRYN RAAD

By **DEBRA HERNDON**

*Museum Director*

At the Museum, we have the most fascinating film of downtown Shinnston in 1936. The male youth are leaning up against the buildings, the men (most with suits and hats) are bustling about their business, the proprietresses in aprons

and the ladies and girls are wearing coats and dresses while they shop. People are, for the most part, smiling and greeting each other, a few trying to hide from the camera, which would have been quite the novelty in downtown Shinnston.

One of the businesses that intrigued me was Raad's Confectionery. Not knowing what a

confectionery would have been at the time, I wondered if it would be a bakery of some sort. Then I stopped the film (I know, it's a DVD but I'll likely keep calling these things films and tapes) and looked into the windows of Raad's Confectionery. You'd be able to buy a harmonica. It must have had instructions because the sign said "harmonica playing made easy!" You could pick up a pair of sunglasses, or buy the Avon pen, or

you could enjoy a glass of Blatz Milwaukee Beer for ten cents. You could buy a Honey Dew pipe for fifty cents, or if you were flush with money, splurge on a Frank Medico filter cooled pipe for a dollar. Apparently, these pipes were remarkable because the sign says, "something wonderful goes on inside." Food was available inside including stick candy, ice cream and hot dogs. Groceries were also

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## The Difference Between Pessimism And Pragmatism

By **CHAD EDWARDS**

*Shinnston City Manager*

Asking questions and being cautious are examples of good

management. However, just because something takes a little time and a lot more money does not mean that it is unattainable. Every problem has a solution. Giving up on a problem

should never be that solution.

I grew up in Marietta, Ohio. There is a place in Marietta across the Muskingum River referred to as the westside. The westside

was the home of Rufus Putnam, the first European to settle in what would be known as the Northwest Territory. It is the oldest section of town, and when I was

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## Many New Reading Selections Have Arrived At Lowe Public Library

By **DEBORAH STARKEY**

*Library Director*

In *The Last Thing He Told Me*, written by Laura Dave, character Owen Michaels disappears, but beforehand, he manages to smuggle a note to Hannah, his wife of one year. The note says only (PROTECT HER). Hannah knows it refers to his sixteen-year old daughter Bailey. Bailey,

who lost her real mother tragically as a child ... Bailey, who wants absolutely nothing from her step-mother.

All of Hannah's calls to Owen go unanswered, while his boss is arrested by the FBI. When a U.S. Marshall and federal agents arrive at her Sausalito home, Hannah realizes her husband isn't who he said he was. She thinks Bailey might

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## Shinnston Woman's Club Celebrates WV's Birthday



Several local residents stopped by the Museum to enjoy cake and ice cream served by the Woman's Club in celebration of WV's birthday.

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## SPD Submits Report Of June Activities

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

**CITATIONS:**

Hazardous	21
Non-Hazardous	75
Accident	0
Warning	98
Parking	0

**ARRESTS:**

Felony	1
Misdemeanor	32
Shoplifting	0
DUI	3
Domestic	1

**REPORTS:**

SPD 101	45
Accident	2
Juvenile Petition	0

**OTHER:**

Alarm Response	23
Premise Exams	866
Investigations	147
K-9 Deployments	23
Calls for Service	161

**Total Calls for Service numbered 1,498.**

## SVFD Details Its June Response Log

Shinnston Volunteer Fire Department Chief Dylan Oliveto reports the breakdown of 83 calls answered by SVFD volunteers during the month of June.

- 38 Medical Emergencies
- 20 Service calls
- 3 Vehicular accidents
- 6 Fire Other
- 12 Fire Alarms
- 4 Structure Fires

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

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

## Woman's Club To Host Rummage Sale



Although the pandemic halted many clubs' planned activities last year, this year things are beginning to return to 'normal'. The Woman's Club of Shinnston will once again host its annual Rummage Sale at the Clubhouse on Bridge Street.

While the date of Shinnston's City-Wide Yard Sale has been changed to the following week (8-14-),

the Woman's Club has opted to move forward with holding its sale the first week of August. They have accumulated quite a volume of items to sell during the past year!

The sale will be held on Friday, August 6th and Saturday, August 7th - from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on both days. Among the items that will be available are: clothing, household items, collectable dolls, a crib, bags, purses, and much more!

Stop by and shop the bargains; all items will be reasonably priced!

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# Best Virginia Has Impressive Showing!



## The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor  
Sports Editor

High level hoops in July outside of the NBA Finals? That is exactly what Mountain State basketball fans were treated to this past week. To make matters more interesting, former West Virginia University standouts were involved. They collaborated to form a team known as Best Virginia.

John Flowers was the founding father of this squad and is still an active player on the roster. Kevin Jones, Tarik Phillip, Alex Ruoff, Sagaba Konate, Nathan Adrian, Johnathan Holton, Juwan Staten, Logan Routt, Chase Harler, and Teyvon Myers were all part of the original plan this year. Throw in Jamel Morris (a former Fairmont State product that played for former Mountaineer standout Joe Mazulla) and an ultra-talented roster

was formed.

The Head Coach of Best Virginia is James Long, a former WVU player and is the current head man at West Virginia Tech.

Da'Sean Butler, a Mountaineer basketball legend, recently retired from hardwood competition and was an assistant at Wheeling University this past campaign, was tabbed to be on Long's staff. Also, Dave Tallman, current Head Coach at Morgantown High School, was also tabbed as an assistant.

This team was created to participate in the TBT (The Basketball Tournament). The TBT was created initially in 2010 and its first games were played in 2014. The idea behind the TBT is a 64-team tournament with the last one standing claiming the jackpot. This year it was tabbed at 1 million dollars,

which provides just a tad more motivation than mere bragging rights.

Best Virginia started out with an impressive roster and then they received a huge boost when Charleston was named as the game site for their first three lock-ups, assuming they would get that far. It's not Morgantown, but the State Capital is the second-best location for fan support.

To make games more exciting, the "Elam" Ending is utilized to determine a winner. The game clock is tuned off after the first deadball inside of the four-minute mark. A target score is created by adding eight points to the total of the team that is in the lead when the deadball occurs. The first team to reach that target score is the winner and would move on to the next round.

Best Virginia earned an opening round win over WoCo Showtime. Jones did what he always did in a WVU uniform, he recorded a double-double, scoring 18 points while hauling down

13 rebounds. Flowers was near perfect from the field, missing just one shot en route to 15 points. Phillip scored 11 points in the victory. The second round brought another win (63-51 over D2). Four players found double digits in the win. Once again, Jones paced Best Virginia with 13 points. Jones was followed by Phillip, Morris and Adrian, all three hit for 11 points apiece.

The second consecutive victory propelled the Mountaineer veterans into the Sweet 16. The run would come to an end as Team 23 went on a 19-3 run to put an end to Best Virginia's tournament. Jones (14 points), Adrain (12 points), Flowers (11 points), and Morris (10 points) led the hometown team in scoring. Best Virginia allowed WVU fans to take a trip down memory lane taking away the summertime blues in the process.

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 edition centers around the most recent major, the Open Championship. It's also known as the British Open and it is the oldest golf tournament in the world.

It was founded in 1860 and held at one venue, Prestwick Golf Club. As the Open gained traction and respect worldwide, the venue would be moved and rotated between a handful of costal link golf courses in the United Kingdom.

This past year, it was held at Royal St. George's Golf Club in England. The purse was 11.5 million and it was won by Collin MoriKawa.

MoriKawa is from the United States and is just 24 years old. During his acceptance speech, MoriKawa told fans to give themselves a round of applause. He talked about the significance of being able to come together and celebrate this event. MoriKawa is wiser than most his age and his respect for the game itself is a lesson to all golfers. It is without a doubt a game of integrity and we should all view it the very same way!

## Fall Enrichments Possible Pushback Till Completion Of Parks Projects



### From The World Of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

Normally, the month of August is a time where we shut down the parks, do park assessments and then prepare for the enrichment programs, which has been a part of the park's schedule for over a decade. The programs have grown from a setting similar to a travelling rag-tag show to currently a legit program that meets all the state standards involving education while off campus. It is a proven winner based on the 15,000 students that visit on field days for our program.

Now, beginning this fall, all attention will be on the property owned by Harrison County. Before the summer parks program, a few items have been crossed off. Those including a ball field that is compatible for all types of bat and ball activities. The next project will involve the upper section of the Summit Park property. While the county just recently acquired the property through a deed transfer with the Summit Park Association, which defunct shortly after, there has been some neglect that needs attention.

Drainage and vandalism has always been a problem as fields get soaked after hard rains and the runoff takes a little bit longer than traditional areas with proper drainage. The Commission and the SPA has had a long-standing lease agreement however former commissioners did not feel that it would be prudent to invest money into something that is not owned. Unfortunately, they are holding that deed as well as the work that needs complete.

"This Park used to be pretty hopping decades back," said Director Mike Book. "The field fell on hard times and there has been disagreements between various leagues and the SPA thus resulting in the fields not being used. And with the lack of improvements, it has gotten to a place that is not particularly safe for those who use it. Our plan of action is to fix those issues and it is going to take not only the parks department but our maintenance staff, who already has a full plate."

In recent meetings, there has been word of outsourcing some of the work to local contractors in the area, but the budget numbers awarded to the parks department would put a squeeze on meeting those numbers. Much word has been done in house by the parks department already and will probably continue that route until there is a project beyond the department's ability.

The commission awarded \$10,000 to make concrete pads for the disc golf course on the recreation complex area, again a job that we thought could have been done within the county. However, after evaluating the procedure, we needed to contract the work out through another source, who will begin the project this fall installing 16 4x8 foot concrete pads. The cost will be \$4,000 over the proposed budget.

After the completion of Summit Park, all focus will be on Good Hope Ball field. Baseball is in a resurgence in the community and the field is being maintained by coaches as well as the help of a local church that uses the property for some events.

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## FSU Alumnus Returns To Olympic Games In Tokyo



Former FSU football standout, Perry Baker is playing week in the Tokyo Summer Olympics as a member of the USA Men's Rugby Sevens Team.

Former Fairmont State University football standout and 2013 criminal justice graduate, Perry Baker, will compete on the world's most esteemed stage next week in the Tokyo Summer Olympics as a member of the USA Men's Rugby Sevens Team. Baker is slated to make a second appearance in the Olympic Games after receiving the nod in 2016 and competing in the Rio Games.

Baker will return to the Olympics as a two-time World Rugby Sevens Player of the Year, earning the honors following the 2017 and 2018 seasons. Baker

earned his sophomore bid to the Olympic stage during trials in Los Angeles last month, despite injuries sustained to his fibula and ankle earlier this year.

"Falcons make their way all over the globe," said Fairmont State University President, Mirta M. Martin. "We are so proud of Perry – he shines as the perfect embodiment of the Falcon spirit – hard working, talented and driven. We wish him good health and good luck as he represents this great nation on the world's largest stage."

Throughout his tenure with the Fighting

Falcons as a wide receiver, Baker racked up 90 receptions for 1,552 yards and 19 touchdowns.

His touchdown receptions currently rank in a tie for third in Fairmont State's history, while he was also on the receiving end of the school's 11th longest pass in 2008 from quarterback, Vick Bradford. Baker received various other accolades as a playmaker for Fairmont State, including All-West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors, Gazette All-Region honors, among others. Baker was also awarded the Fairmont State

Jasper H. Colebank Memorial Award.

Baker was a 2011 National Football League Draft prospect and was invited to training camp with the Philadelphia Eagles following the draft.

He spent several years playing in the Arena Football League as a member of the Pittsburgh Power, then transitioned to a career in Rugby.

In 2014 Baker received an invitation to the Residency Program at the Olympic Training Center, and made his World Rugby Sevens Series debut under head coach Mike Friday, his current Olympic coach, later that year. He was also named to World Rugby's Rookie of the Year shortlist following the 2014-15 season.

During the 2017 - 18 season, in the first match of the 2018 Hamilton Sevens Tournament, Baker passed Zack Test to become the USA's all-time leading try scorer. The milestone was secured by Baker with only three years under his belt with the squad.

## NFF Chapters Honor The Nation's Best & Brightest Despite COVID-19

Despite the pandemic and social distancing mandates, the National Football Foundation (NFF) Chapter Network exhibited creativity and ingenuity this year to fulfill its mission of celebrating the academic excellence and leadership skills of the nation's top high school and college football players. Virtual events, hand delivery of awards, drive-thru presentations and in-person banquets (when allowed by local protocols) were

among the techniques employed chapters across the country. Other chapters broadcasted video tributes; produced programs; posted on social media; and created other special moments to honor the best in their respective communities.

"The passion of the NFF Chapter Network is boundless," said NFF President & CEO Steve Hatchell. "These virtual celebrations demonstrate the valuable role our members play in

encouraging leadership and applauding the academic performance of high school football players across the nation. Their efforts to promote their scholar-athletes, especially during a pandemic, are inspirational."

"We couldn't deny worthy candidates of this prestigious honor just because they didn't play football this past fall," said Bill O'Brien, who heads the Casey-O'Brien/New Haven Chapter in Connecticut.

"While the pandemic prevented us from gathering in person this year, we were thrilled to honor this outstanding group of high school football student-athletes in a virtual manner," said Mac Lawless, president of the Columbus Chapter in Ohio.

"In tough times people step up and go the extra mile," said Eric Hamilton, who heads the Delaware Valley Chapter in New Jersey.

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**KATHERINE M. PARRISH**



Katherine M. Parrish, 96, passed away on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at the home of her daughter in Viropa. She was born April 1, 1925 a daughter of the late Blaine and Alice Kittle.

Katherine is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, Pastor Arlie Parrish of the Saltwell Christian Fellowship Church.

She is also survived by her daughter, Joan Wilson of Viropa; great-grandchildren, Michael Wilson and his wife Stephanie of Fredericksburg, VA, and Marci Earnest and her husband Bobby of Saltwell; her great-great-grandchildren, Kylee McCray, Jaycee Wilson, Donovan Wilson, Makenzie Wilson, Destiney Earnest, Auston Earnest and William Earnest; and her great-great-great-grandson, Maddox Cain Earnest; her brothers-in-law, Robert Parrish, Dave Parrish and his wife Marla; sister-in-law, Daisy Wolfe; nieces and nephews, Bobbi Jo Harbert, Matrisha Hunt and Tina Marie Talerico, Jeff Wolfe and his wife Connie, Mindy Snodgrass, and Bethany Paugh.

In addition to her parents, Katherine was preceded in death by her first husband, Lawrence L. Wolfe; her grandson, Carl Allen Wilson; daughter-in-law, LouNell Wolfe; son-in-law, Carl "Buck" Wilson; her son, Lawrence M. Wolfe; great-granddaughter-in-law, Danielle Wilson; great-grandson, Carl "C.J." Wilson; granddaughter, Cheryl Wilson; as well as her granddaughter-in-law, Cheryl L. Wilson; her sister-in-law, Jerri Parrish; brother-in-law, James "Bud" Wolfe; and her nephew, Greg Wolfe.

For 52 years, Katherine was a member of the Saltwell Christian Fellowship Church where she was active in the church's Womens Club. For over 15 years, she was employed at Owens-Illinois in Fairmont. She loved all holidays, especially Christmas where she was most happy giving presents. She also enjoyed spending time with her family. She was known for her love of

going to restaurants and faithfully having her hair done every week.

A funeral service was held on Friday, July 23, 2021 at Perine Funeral Home with Pastor Arlie Parrish officiating.

Interment followed at the Lumberport Lions Club Cemetery. Online condolences can be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com

Memorial contributions may be made to WVU Peoples Hospice at 327 Medical Park Dr. Bridgeport, WV 26330.

**LAVAUGHN "VONNIE" FERN JACKSON EDWARDS**



Lavaughn "Vonnie" Fern Jackson Edwards, 85, of Enterprise, WV passed away Saturday July 17, 2021. She was the daughter of the late Robert Stonewall Jackson and Nora Barnett Jackson. Vonnie was born in Sutton, WV on January 21, 1936, the eleventh of twelve children.

She graduated from Sutton High School in 1954. Vonnie married Lloyd "Junior" Edwards Jr. July 3, 1959. Junior preceded her in death on December 3, 1999. She retired June 31, 1994 after 35 years of service from Westinghouse/Phillips Lighting in Fairmont WV. Once she retired, Vonnie loved to travel with her sister Lucy and niece Peggy. Over the years they visited many U.S. locations.

Vonnie is survived by her nephew Patrick (Lelah) Leonard of Philippi WV, whom she loved as her own son, and by her sister, Lucilla Andre of Cartersville GA., also surviving are many nieces, nephews and devoted family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters; Eula, Dovie and Eva; brothers Lester, Estel, Edwin, Robert Earl, Kenneth, Richard and J. Oscar.

The family would like to thank Talbott Personal Care Home in Belington WV, including Bev and all the wonderful nurses and aides that assisted in Vonnie's care over the last few years of her life.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 with Deacon David Lester officiating. Interment will be in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Enterprise.

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memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Association at www.act.alz.org. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com.

**FRANKLIN (SONK) BOWMAN**



Franklin (Sonk) Bowman, 97, of Shinnston passed away on Saturday, July 17, 2021, at United Hospital Center. He was born on April 3, 1924, in Wyatt, West Virginia, to the late Raymond and Jessie Hess Bowman.

Sonk is survived by his sister-in-law Trudy Bowman of Newport News, Virginia; and his children Marilyn of Shinnston, Steve and his wife Linda of Morgantown, and Jim and his wife Alice of Shinnston; his grandchildren Jenny Bowman, Aaron Bowman and his wife Liz, Nathan Bowman and his wife Lindsay, Douglas Bowman, and Neil Bowman and his wife Lingli, step grandchildren Eric, and his wife Hope Pill, Chad Pill, and Matt and his wife Courtney Pill.

And in addition, he is survived by his great grandchildren James Bowman, Natalie Bowman, Jessica and Lee Bowman, and his step-great grandchildren Cami, Jace, and Kinsley Pill, and Theo Pill. In addition to his parents, Sonk was preceded in death by his wife Mary Jane Smith Bowman, brother Ray Bowman, and daughter-in law Lee Anne Linger Bowman. Sonk was a WWII Navy veteran where he served as a Radioman Third Class and survived a Nazi U-boat attack that sank his ship. After the War, he earned his Electrician certification from the Coyne Electrical School of Chicago. As a loyal, lifetime resident of Shinnston, Sonk served on the Shinnston Volunteer Fire Department and was a 32nd degree Mason and Past Master of St. John's Lodge. Sonk was a dedicated family man who worked two jobs during most of his working life to support his family. Also, during the 1970's, he

and wife Mary Jane were the owners and operators of the Shinnston Dairy King. He retired as a Rural Letter Carrier and from A&H Coal Company in 1981. He loved spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, extended family and friends.

Sonk was never idle and had a talent for fixing almost anything, often working on projects and repairs to help his friends and family. He loved a good joke and enjoyed laughing, even when the joke was at his expense. Sonk came from a generation of patriots who loved their family, community, and country, and he will be greatly missed.

Graveside services with full military honors were held at the Grafton National Cemetery on Monday, July 26.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at Harmerfuneralhome.com

**MARION FRANCIS "BUSTER" ROBINSON**

Marion Francis "Buster" Robinson, 77, of Wallace, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday July 18, 2021. He was born August 1, 1943 in Upshur County to the late Mary Robinson and Marvin Riley.

Buster is survived by his siblings Cecil Robinson, Elmer Robinson, Roy (Janet) Robinson, Kenneth Robinson, David (Angie) Robinson, Melvin Riley, Larry Riley, Wilma Daughtery, Carolene Sheets, Lola Spangler, Barbara Starkey, and Carol Marsh, as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather Junior Riley; brother Estele Riley, as well as three brothers and one sister in infancy.

Buster was retired from the Harrison County Board of Education as a school bus driver. He was also self-employed traveling to carnivals and flea markets. In his spare time, he enjoyed spending time with his friends riding his side by side.

A funeral service will at Harmer Funeral Home on July 22, 2021 with Pastor Tim

Moore Martin Reynolds served as Harrison County Sheriff 1937-1940. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

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Moore Martin Reynolds served as Harrison County Sheriff 1937-1940. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

Sandy. Interment followed at the Lion's Club Cemetery, Lumberport.

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**BETTY LUCILE FENTON**

Betty Lucile Fenton, 94, of Wallace, WV passed away on July 17, 2021 at the Clarksburg Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Clarksburg, WV. She was born January 28, 1927 in Smithfield, WV to the late James Hayhurst and Frona (Higgins) Hayhurst.

In addition to her parents, Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Denzil Reed Fenton; one daughter, Sandra Wood and son-in-law, Wilbur Wood as well as five brothers and six sisters.

Betty is survived by her son, James Fenton and wife Kathy of Brown, WV; two granddaughters, Tamra Lipscomb and husband Anthony of Lexington, VA and Melinda Harold and husband Danny of Clarksburg; one grandson, James Matthew Fenton and wife Melody of Brown, WV; Three great grandsons Andrew Cottrill, Caleb and Noah Harold; three great granddaughters Courtney Shepherd, Ellie Fenton, and Kenzie Fenton; a stepdaughter, Susie Hammond as well as, Danny Morris, whom Mr. and Mrs. Fenton raised as their own.

Betty loved to bake and cook. She was strong in her faith.

A private service will be held for family at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, WV. Interment will follow at Brown Cemetery.

Dorsey Funeral Home is honored to be handling the arrangements for the

Fenton family.

**MARTHA ELIZABETH PRESTON CARR**



Martha Elizabeth Preston Carr, 80, of Hepzibah, passed away at 2:15pm, Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown, following a brief illness. She was born on Lambert's Run, December 19, 1940, a daughter of the late Harvey L. Preston, Sr. and the late Lois E. Hathaway Preston. On June 23, 1959, she married Roy L. Carr, who preceded her in death on June 30, 2011.

Surviving are two daughters, Kimberly Diane Burnside, Hepzibah, and Karren Denise Cross, Philippi; four grandchildren, Jason Allen Burnside and his wife Kayla, Lumberport, Kerri Beth Morehouse and her husband Jon, Bridgeport, Michael Kent Cross, Fishersville, VA, Shaun Dillon Cross, Philippi; one great-grandchild, Blaire Logan Burnside; one brother, William A. Preston and his wife Karen, Elkins; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Martha was also preceded in death by one brother, Harvey L. Preston, Jr.

Martha had been formerly employed with the Craig Motor Company and the Stuart-McMunn Company, both in Clarksburg. She was a member of the Hepzibah Baptist Church where she had previously served as secretary and was a member of the choir. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

A funeral service was held at the Hepzibah Baptist Church, 3105 Shinnston Pike, Clarksburg, on Saturday,

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# “Citizen of the Month” cont. from p.7

did not drive and he convinced me to drive him to a Cabinet meeting in Charles Town less than two months after I joined,” he noted. “I really got a chance to see the big picture early on.”

Within a year of joining the Lions, he was appointed Tail Twister of the Clarksburg Lions or the cheerleader that ‘instills enthusiasm and good fellowship in meetings’. Thereafter, Glass served on the board of directors on his way to serving as president of the Clarksburg Lions and later as a Zone Chair.

“When I was serving as secretary/treasurer for District 29-I, the late Bill Nichols from the Adamston club said I needed to be District Governor,” Glass stated, who served as District Governor from 2001-2002 and in 2003-2004 as the Council Chair. Later, Bob Browning of Pineville recommended that Glass consider a term as a director of the Lions Clubs International.

“I was endorsed in 2011 and served as an international director from 2012-2014,” he said. “I was reluctant at first due to the uncertainties with what the position entailed but I was encouraged to have fun.” Glass added, “I did a lot of traveling for six to seven years but really enjoyed it.”

He has traveled internationally to numerous Lions’ conventions and meetings and has enjoyed the different cultural experiences. “I have traveled to Spain, Australia, Germany and other places,” he said, while noting that Marbella, Spain is a favorite.

Lions, like other organizations, have changed over time. “We tend to set the bar too high,” said Glass. “A lot of changes have been seen, and Lions is not a shirt and tie organization anymore. When I first joined, downtown business professionals looked differently at blue collar workers and it was taboo to think of women as members,” he said. “Today, women have made tremendous strides in our organization and have had a big impact. Women are carrying the load in a lot of today’s Lions clubs. Clubs are more heterogeneous... it is good for our communities.”

Lions Clubs International has seen a lot of changes as well. “Our membership and service activity reports are now electronic,” Glass continued. “As with all things, technology has brought us so much closer to one another. This organization promotes peace, love, kindness, government and community.”

Glass also remarked that in the last couple of years more virtual clubs have been organized, and in West Virginia’s three districts (29-C, 29-I and 29-L), the largest club has 67 members in Ohio County.

In the past 40 years, Glass has brought 75 new members into the organization. “The number is actually more than that but to count, a member has to retain membership for at least one year,” he said, “I have also helped to extend six Lions clubs.”

In discussing service projects, he noted, “We have to evolve into different service projects. Diabetes, for example, has new needs and it is time to think outside of the box.”

Glass helped to start the Harrison County HOPE Lions Club almost four years ago and is an active member of this club along with his wife Cindy. “This club is oriented toward special projects such as homelessness, veterans at risk and substance abuse,” he said.

Some of the activities that Glass and other members have been involved in include collecting toys at Christmas to be distributed to children who are a part of the CASA program, collecting coats for kids as part of the UHC Orthopaedics Coats for Kids annual drive,

filling hospitality bags for clients of Bi-County Nutrition Center, and teaming up with Clarksburg Community Action in picking up litter in various areas of Harrison County.

Four and a half years ago Glass spoke with Jo Anne McNemar who connected him with WV Prevention Solutions. Jo Anne had served as the coordinator of the Harrison County Prevention Partnership and worked to eliminate substance abuse in local communities. Through his meeting with McNemar, preventing substance abuse has been a platform of the Harrison County HOPE Lions Club.

Glass’ wife, Cindy, is also a member of the Harrison County HOPE Lions Club and served as District Governor for 29-I in 2010-2011 and again in 2016-2017, and as Council Chair for Multi District

29 from 2017-2018. The couple’s daughter Jordan is also active in the Lions and was in line to become District Governor of District 29-L when opportunity knocked and she moved to Kansas City.

Glass, a Shinnston

native, attended WVU Law School and was in private practice prior to joining the Small Business Administration and later, the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He retired from federal service in June 2012.

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“When you change the way you look at something, what you look at changes.” This was always one of my favorite Wayne Dyer quotes. Repeated struggles are normal to an extent in our human existence. If we are lucky, we learn from the challenging times and grow. Sometimes however, we repeat a pattern that seems hopeless. We keep trying to make changes or overcome an obstacle, only to land in the same place again. We feel like we are running up hill and never reaching

the top of the mountain.

We are told that persistence pays off, but sometimes the way we are going about it is wrong. Einstein’s definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over while expecting a different result. What if we look at the problem differently and approach it from a different angle? Can we love ourselves as we are and still try to get healthier or lose weight? Can we try to find things to love about a job we are ready to leave? That change of energy can open us to a world of new possibilities and remove the barriers that keep us from reaching our goals. A change in perspective and action can help propel us to the top of that mountain.

Whether our desire is to change ourselves or something in world around us, we cannot only wish for a miracle or hope that circumstances will suddenly change. If our thoughts and behavior

remain the same, our lives will continue to unfold much as they have previously. It is our willingness to question the choices we have made thus far and reframe our perspective that takes us to the next level of progress. Asking questions and making small adjustments to your thought processes and behaviors will help you discover what works, so you can leave that which does not work behind you.


Where do you need to change your thoughts, perspective, and action? Where do you feel stagnant? One of the hardest things do in life is step out of well-known comfort zones. However, magic happens when you open yourself to new ways of thinking and step bravely into a new awareness. Even baby steps out of your comfort zone can take you to the top of the mountain. Put on your hiking shoes and go for it!



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## “Shinnston’s Raad Family”

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sold in the store. George A. Raad was born November 21, 1902 at Beit-Meri, Lebanon, son of Abdou Peter Raad and Marian Joseph Raad. In his early teens, George A. Raad came to make his home with the K. Joseph family in Shinnston. According to ads in the Courier (the SHS yearbook) of the 1920s. K. Joseph was a “Dealer in Ladies & Gents’ Furnishings, Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats and Shoes”.

George graduated from Shinnston High School and soon began his own entrepreneurial pursuits here in Shinnston. Raad opened his first confectionery in what we know as the Murphy Building when it housed the Shinnston Furniture and Undertaking Company. Raad’s business began in a storeroom in the large three-story structure. The store would later move to 404 Pike Street, beside

where the Museum now stands. Raad was an active community member involved in St. Ann’s Catholic Church, Business and Professional Men’s Club, Shinnston Moose Lodge, Shinnston Area Development Association and the Clarksburg Knights of Columbus. George married Kathryn Ruth Joseph who was born November 25, 1910 to Kalil and Shafia Joseph.

Kathryn graduated from Shinnston High School in 1929. In the film from 1936, Kathryn has warm, smiling eyes and appears to be very involved in the family business. They lived at 72 Walnut Street in one record. Kathryn and George had a son, George Ronald (Ron) Raad. Ron graduated from Shinnston High School in 1955. Ron graduated from the West Virginia School

of Pharmacy and was an accomplished pharmacist. He married and had two daughters. At the time of his passing in 2011, he also had a grandson whose middle name was Raad. From comments left on his online obituary, he had many friends from his Shinnston High School days who remembered him fondly. George was only 53 when he passed from a stroke or cerebral

hemorrhage in 1956. His son was a student at WVU at the time. Kathryn died in 1978. Imagine, being a youngster in Lebanon and making the journey to start a new life in the United States. Raad found the opportunities he sought right here in Shinnston, West Virginia. He operated a business, belonged to organizations that added value to the community and raised a successful son.

## “Parks & Rec”

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Plans are to replace the fence area in the back and install a new backstop and replace seating in the dugouts as well as the spectators. Again, safety concerns led to the project. “We have some great plans for the Good Hope

field and we feel that it could be one of the coolest venues around,” said Book. “We have already ordered the backstop and it is in the garage waiting for maintenance to start the work. The window is going to be small for this project as baseball will

pick back up in March, but it is going to take good communication among all departments and contractors in order to make this work. But I am confident that we will have the field ready in the early spring of 2022.” Also, plans for a

concrete basketball court and swing sets are on the books for this parks as well. Wallace Park, which received \$30,000 in improvements over the past two years will get a resurfaced basketball court as well as a new backstop for

their baseball field. And finally, Spelter will receive some new playground equipment as well as seating and new boarders for their playground pods. Timeline for completion of all projects will be summer 2022.



## “Pessimism and Pragmatism”

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growing up, it was filled with dilapidated houses, rundown bars, neglected roads, and the crime which often follows such conditions. Around the time when I was finishing my undergraduate degree, the City of Marietta began discussing the renovation of the westside as “Historic Harmer”. It was difficult to imagine such a change in 1995. Over time people and the city began investing in the Historic Harmer district and the improvements became visible within the next few years. In ten years, there were retail stores

and good restaurants popping up. Tourism became a staple of Historic Harmer as people came to see the first settlement of what would eventually become the state of Ohio. Over twenty-five years have passed, and it is hard to believe that the side of town once catering to Saturday night bar brawls and drug trafficking is a place where you can walk around, enjoy the scenery, and get a good bite to eat. My point is that it is realistic to say that things cannot be turned around in a day, or a month, or even a year.

Change takes money and change takes time. Both are commodities in short supply, but both commodities are obtainable. When we throw up our hands and decide to give up, that is not realism or pragmatism. That is pessimism and negativity. Can we change something? Yes. Can we do it this week? Maybe. Should we give up if it will take years? No. With a little bit of time and everyone working together, we can move mountains and create things for tomorrow that we can only imagine today.

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**LOTS of dirt has been moved in the Enterprise area while sewer lines were put in place. The construction in that area is now 45% complete and should be finished by the beginning of 2022.**  
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Enterprise area. Those trenches are being fitted with pipes for a new sewage system for that area in addition to other areas. This project has been undertaken by the Greater Harrison County Public Service District.

According to the Greater Harrison PSD General Manager Bill Hoover,

the Enterprise project began during the first part of 2021 and is about 45% complete. 90,000 linear feet of pipe has been put in place and there is still work to be done. He said the cost of construction and engineering for just the Enterprise portion comes in at a cost of \$8.7 million. This

project most likely won't be finished until the onset of 2022.

“The Enterprise sewage will then go to Worthington to be treated; they already have a system in place that works quite well,” Hoover stated. “As each portion is completed, the contractor is seeding grass to reclaim the property and when it settles, they will go back and fill in any dips and redo the properties to leave them in good shape.”

This all began following the DEP floating the West Fork River and finding raw sewage entering and polluting the river, he noted ... along with citizen complaints that were registered.

“Back in 1999 when the Greater Harrison PSD was created by the Harrison County Commission, the commissioners had the vision at that time to provide this service for small municipalities and more rural areas that were not being served. Their feeling was that *everyone* should be entitled to

public utilities. That is when places like Lost Creek, Mt. Clare, Valley of Good Hope, Quiet Dell, etc. were all brought in to become part of the Greater Harrison PSD,” Hoover added. “We are also providing sewage now to Clarksburg Country Club and Laurel Park, which is part of the Rt. 73 project.”

Hoover said the Greater Harrison PSD now provides both water and sewer services to many areas. Thus far they have done 15 projects – water and sewer both – that includes many that were up hollows in rural vicinities not being served.

He noted that The Thrasher Group, that did the engineering of the project, had worked very hard and been quite supportive in helping them to get grant funding needed to get this project going. He acknowledged the teamwork of Clay Riley and Project Manager Kylea Radcliff, both Thrasher employees. He also expressed appreciation to the

Greater Harrison PSD board members who made some tough decisions and were progressive and proactive.

Hoover continued, “It takes a long time to see a project of this magnitude completed. The Enterprise project is just one part of a \$30 million job and also includes the construction of a wastewater plant at Boothsville that is already complete.”

Enterprise resident Jim Scudere, who is president of the Greater Harrison PSD Board, commented, “Thanks to this project, sewage in Enterprise will no longer be going into the river as it has been for years, and in addition, it has just given four different communities water. The amazing thing about this is, when it began we needed 240 rights of way in order to get this moving forward. Of those, over 200 rights of way were donated by the property owners because they knew it was needed and they wanted it and stood behind this project.”

About 383 customers

will be picked up in the Enterprise area alone.

There are two critical reasons for waste collection and treatment: the protection of the environment and the health of the population, since waste can cause air and water pollution.

Hoover says that still, there are a few who remain unhappy about the project being done. “Their criticisms are that we just want to send customers another monthly bill ... or that we are going to benefit from this by getting a pay increase from more money coming in. They have to understand that we are simply following the law, and by doing so, those who weren't being served will now have the benefit of not having the expense of putting in their own septic system and the responsibility of properly maintaining it,” he concluded. “This is a huge project and certainly an expensive one, but we are in agreement that we should all take both the health and environmental concerns seriously.”

## “Obituaries” cont. from p.7

July 24, at 11am with Pastor Todd Jarman officiating. Interment was in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens in Quiet Dell. Condolences may be extended to the family at [www.perinefunerals.com](http://www.perinefunerals.com).

### **DONALD EUGESE JENKINS SR.**

Donald “Donnie” Eugene Jenkins Sr, 64 of Clarksburg, passed away on Friday, July 23, 2021 at his residence with family by his side. He was born December 16, 1956 in Clarksburg, WV the son of the late Edward Lawrence Jenkins and Lura Margaret Frye

Jenkins.

Donnie is survived by his wife of 45 years, H Elaine Kesling Jenkins whom he married May 11, 1976; two children, Donald E Jenkins Jr and Tina M Jenkins, both of Clarksburg; two grandchildren, Alexandria N Jenkins

and companion, Nate Wright, Madison Alayna Jenkins; siblings, Wilma Gress of Nevada, Shirley Goodwin and James of West Milford, Robert Jenkins and wife Sandra of Sardis, Lee Roy Jenkins of Wilsonburg, Gary Jenkins and companion Judy of Reynoldsville, Barbara Jean Powers and husband Chuck of Wilsonburg,

and Sandra Jenkins of Clarksburg; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Donnie is preceded in death by his sister, Delores Cox; brothers, David Jenkins, Edward (Bucky) Lee Jenkins and wife Linda; and brother-in-law, Jack Gress.

Donnie retired from R.D.R. Enterprises as

a labor. He enjoyed hunting and riding his 4-wheeler. He was always helping friends and neighbors and cherished spending time with his family.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be sent to [www.DavisFuneralHomeWV.com](http://www.DavisFuneralHomeWV.com).

## “WV Birthday” cont. from p. 5

President Abraham Lincoln, declaring West Virginia full and equal status as a state

as of June 20, 1863. West Virginia was the only state to form through secession from

a confederate state and one of only two states formed during America's Civil War.

## “NFF Honors” cont. from p. 6

and more than 12,000 members, the NFF Chapter Network impacts more than 500,000 student-athletes at 5,000 high schools and 47 states each year. Together, the NFF chapters host more than 300 annual events, including coaching clinics, leadership conferences, media

awards banquets that recognize more than 3,500 scholar-athletes and distribute more than \$1 million in annual scholarships.

The chapters also play the primary role in selection of the NFF Team of Distinction, which highlights top scholar-athletes from each region. This year,

many chapters went the extra mile, using technology to promote their players and the game of football. The efforts of the chapter leaders resulted in many great memories and a 2021 NFF Team of Distinction with more than 65 outstanding members that will be announced later this month.

## “Public Library” cont. from p.5

hold the key to Owen's true identity and why he disappeared.

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In addition to this book, other best-sellers available at this time for check-out include: “The President's Daughter” by Bill Clinton and James Patterson;

“Golden Girl” by Elin Hilderbrand; “Sooley” by John Grisham; “The Four Winds” by Kristin Hannah; and “That Summer” by Jennifer Weiner.

Other new books that have recently arrived at the library include: “The Cottage Lighthouse & Prime Detective” by Davis Bunn; “This Time Next Year” by Sophie Cousens; “His Pretend Amish Bride” by Rachel J. Good; “Gold Mine Massacre” by William Johnstone; “The Artist” by Jackson Lowry; “Gentleman Jim” by Mimi Matthews; “Kiss My Boots” by Harper Sloan; “Country Proud” by Linda Miller; “Endless Mercy” by Tracie Peterson; “Lady Has A Past” by

Amanda Quick; “The Newcomer” by Mary Kay Andrews; “Then She Was Gone” by Lisa Jewell; “Unfinished Business” by J.A. Jance; “Bullet” by Iris Johansen; “Ghost Blows A Kiss” by Carolyn Hart; and “Sustaining Faith” by Janette Oke.

The library has also added many new E-books, Juvenile Fiction and Young Adult books as well.

Anyone interested in joining The Hungry Book Club is welcome to attend our next meeting on August 17th at 2 p.m. The title will be announced at a later date. We will be sharing a recipe and each will be entered in a drawing for a prize. We would welcome new members!

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