



Lincoln Cougar Fans Encouraged To Unite In Support Of Two Upcoming Fundraisers

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD
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After numerous meetings have been held to focus on possible fieldhouse and athletic department fundraising efforts, some concrete plans have been put in place! And not one, but two fundraising events will be held prior to the beginning of the school year. So it's time for Cougar fans to unite and come together to support them.

This Saturday evening (August 21st from 5 to 8 p.m.) will bring lots of activity to Stydahar Field with a festival-type atmosphere. Vice-Principal and Athletic Director Holly Hawkins commented that Lincoln athletic teams, coaches and cheerleaders will be involved in carrying out all of these plans; and many local businesses

and individuals will be contributing as well.

"We're hoping for good weather so that this can be held outdoors, but if rain should prevent that from occurring, we've already made alternate plans to move it inside Lincoln High School. However, it will be held 'rain or shine!'" she stated. "We've attempted to include activities that everyone can enjoy, so bring your lawn chairs and plan to enjoy a very family friendly evening."

What will be happening at Stydahar Field that evening? For starters, they felt entertainment was necessary, so a DJ will provide music ... PLUS there will be some live musical entertainment as well. There will also be a cornhole tournament sponsored by the football team -

\$10 per team with prizes to be awarded; there will be several great basket raffles too, donated by local businesses and individuals; kids' games will be handled by the boys' soccer team (three tickets for \$1 with prizes for winners); face-painting will be conducted by the girls' soccer team; baked goods will be available courtesy of the Cross Country team; the concession stand will be operated by the cheerleaders, offering hot dogs, barbeques, chips and soft drinks; sno-cones will be offered by the volleyball team; a hot fritti sale will be provided by the Boyles family; and the Lincoln Alumni Association will begin their comeback by selling Cougar event tee-shirts (\$10 each). The Lincoln Alumni Association also invites

Cougar alumni to stop and pick up their official alumni badge!

Obviously, this is a genuine example of Cougars uniting and getting involved in making this a very successful fundraising event.

"We're hoping everyone will come out and enjoy this evening of fun prior to school resuming in just a couple of weeks and support their '#1 Teams in Town'. It has really been a 'team' effort with many of our athletic teams lending a hand in this event. They are all very proud to have this new fieldhouse addition and know how important it is for us to participate in earning the money to furnish the interior and afford the long-lasting flooring we've selected. The Cougars have really 'united' to bring a festival setting

to the football field this Saturday, and we want to see all of our Cougar fans do the same," Mrs. Hawkins added.

The following Saturday, August 28th, an elimination dinner will be held at the American Legion Post Home on Bridge Street in Shinnston. The cost is \$25 per person and the menu will include spaghetti, chicken, potatoes, green beans,



salad and dessert. A social hour will begin at 6 p.m.; the meal will be served at 7 p.m.; and drawings will begin at 8 p.m. The grand prize

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Descendants Of Levi Shinn Recently Held First Shinn Family Reunion In Shinnston

Journeying From Seven States, They Vow To Return Again In Two Years



Proudly posing with a reunion sign, members of the Shinn family gather on the lawn of Ferguson Memorial Park in Shinnston as they celebrated with a picnic last Saturday.

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Genealogy is important to many folks today. It stems from a Greek term which meant to gain knowledge of previous generations through a study and research of family trees. It creates a story about

a family's history; it is a learning experience that is typically documented. However, it can often lead to more than just a recording of a family's lineage; it can also lead to something just as important and that is connecting with the people who are still

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Community Theatre Prepares To Take The Stage Again

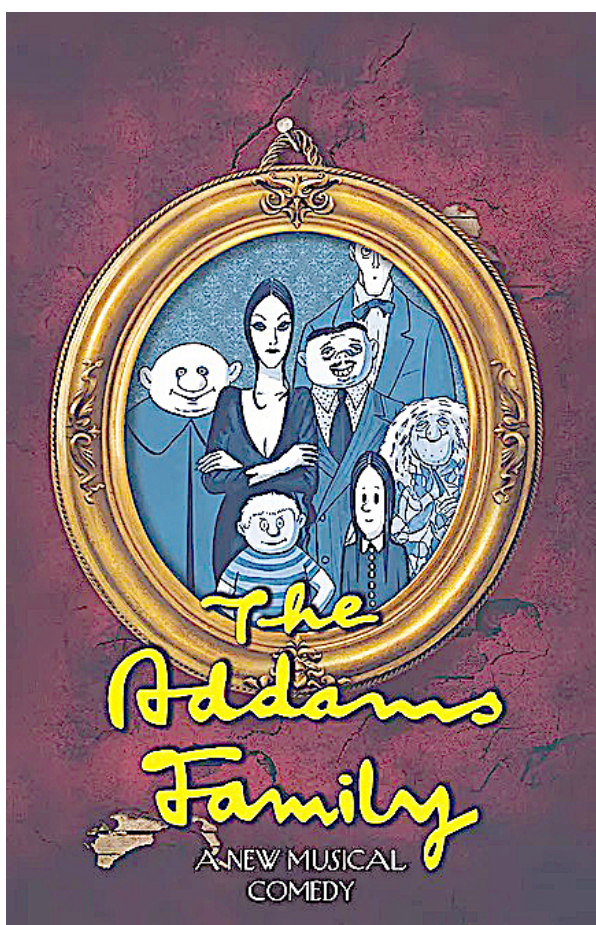
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The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center (RGPAC) was thrilled to offer audiences the very first production given by the Robinson Grand Community Theatre (RGCT) back in December of 2019 when talented local performers delivered a "grand" performance of the musical "Annie". Over 6,500 community members attended this show through four sold-out school performances and three packed-house public shows at RGPAC. The level of professionalism exhibited by these local talents was stellar! Now, with

pandemic restrictions somewhat lifted for indoor events, the Community Theatre is pleased to be able to return to present its second production this fall.

Remember the Addams Family? This show first appeared on ABC television back in the early 1960's and the series featured rather bizarre family members who were considered to be anything but 'normal'! It was a macabre setting, with the family living in a gloomy mansion located adjacent to a cemetery! Quirky ... spooky ... creepy ... and yet this family had a profound influence on

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Numerous Recent Events Draw Visitors To City & Park

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Shinnston City Council met on Monday, August 9th at the Woman's Club clubhouse; three Council members participated via zoom. The meeting was conducted by Vice Mayor Andrew Kisamore.

were the first order of business. City Clerk Kathleen Panek extended thanks from the Shinn family for the welcome they received during their recent visit and they may have a repeat of their family reunion in Shinnston in two years. Mrs. Panek, in view of an incident involving a traffic stop in Chicago that took the life of a police

officer and left another fighting for his life, also took the opportunity to thank the Shinnston Police Department for the potential risks they could encounter in all they do in the community.

Second to speak was Joe Roberts of E. Pike St. who noted that according to the Secretary of State's office, FOIA

requests are required to be entered into the database along with the outcome of those requests, and nothing he has requested has been entered. He continues to ask what has happened to levy funds that were to be used on downtown sidewalks and parking spaces.

Mayor Kovalck asked the City Manager where

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Better Digital Parenting As A New School Year Begins



While technology can offer an infinite library of resources for kids to learn from, parents need to be vigilant about the dangers this access could pose for their children. Know that children whose Internet activity isn't monitored are most at risk for being exploited.

Kids are using technology at younger ages than ever before. In 1970, the average American child began to watch television regularly at age four, and today, children begin interacting with digital media at the age of four months! And would you believe that more than half of U.S. children now have a

smartphone by age 11? With the shift to remote learning during the pandemic, technology use by the young has increased even more. Remote learning nearly doubled demand for laptops and put millions of children in front of computer screens for their classes, homework assignments

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The Northern Panhandle



Building Amazing Cities

By JIM HUNT
author, speaker, consultant

I've had the opportunity to travel to West Virginia's Northern Panhandle the past couple of weeks and I've enjoyed visiting with some longtime friends and seeing the many cities and towns in the northern part of our state. The Northern Panhandle is unique in that it has the Ohio River as border for all four counties that comprise the panhandle. It is also in close proximity to Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh International Airport, which makes it convenient for commuters who work in the Steel City. State Route 2 is the main connector road between the counties and runs through the entirety of the panhandle.

Wheeling is the largest city in the panhandle and recently hosted the West Virginia Municipal League Annual Conference at Oglebay Park. Mayor Glenn Elliott welcomed the visitors from throughout the state to Wheeling and talked about the many positive things happening in Wheeling. The downtown section of Wheeling has attracted several developers who are investing in new and renovated buildings and the state has invested many millions of dollars on roadway

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Food For Thought

By Leigh Currey Merrifield Editor

Planting One Bulb At A Time

I was taking a look recently at some things I had planted a year or so ago next to my sidewalk and suddenly realized that I had been in too big a hurry to make it look full and lush. I knew these flowers and bushes would grow and thought I had left enough room, but I now see that I am probably going to have to do some serious clipping soon or maybe even divide and transplant some things elsewhere ... all because I hadn't allowed enough time and room for them to grow. Lack of patience on my part, I guess. And suddenly, I was reminded of a story I read a long time ago about the Daffodil Principle. Ever hear it? It's worth the read.

Apparently, a daughter had been begging her mother to visit her so she could show her "a sight she would never forget", but mom kept hesitating. She put it off because it was a long drive for her and up some treacherous, mountainous, and winding narrow roads, but she finally gave in. Her daughter kept insisting that if she didn't come soon, she would miss it, so she finally gave in and made the trip; however, it wasn't a pleasant drive with the road nearly invisible in clouds and heavy fog.

At long last, she arrived, and after being greeted with hugs from her daughter and grandchildren, her daughter demanded that they get back in the car and hit the road again. Mom really wasn't too keen on getting back on that mountain road, but her daughter wouldn't take no for an answer,

promising her it would be an unforgettable experience! They drove through the thick, gray, mist-filled mountaintop with mom muttering all the way. Finally, they turned onto a gravel road that branched down into an oak-filled hollow on the side of the mountain and parked in a lot adjoining a little stone church; then they walked down a path until they came to a sign that said 'Daffodil Garden'.

Before their eyes were live oaks, mountain laurel, shrubs, bushes and foliage. And then the most splendid sight appeared - looking like a vat of gold had been poured down the mountain peak with radiant, massive drifts. A waterfall of daffodils like great ribbons of deep orange, white, lemon yellow, salmon pink, saffron and butter yellow daffodils with charming little bluebirds dancing in the air took their breath away. It encompassed FIVE acres of beauty and truly was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Mom asked her daughter, "Who did this ... and how?" And then another sign came into view as they neared a modest A-frame house. Her daughter replied, "Just one woman did it and she lives on the property. That's her home."

The sign said, "Answers to the Questions I Know You Are Asking: 50,000 bulbs ... planted one at a time by one woman ... began in 1958". What they witnessed was a labor of love for one woman who planted this magnificent spectacle

one bulb at a time for more than thirty-five years! Her vision was to bring a thing of beauty to this obscure mountaintop, and she had patiently watched it grow into something that looked like she had decorated the earth!

So what is the principle? If there is something you love doing, set a goal and start today, but take baby steps and have patience and await celebrating the end result no matter how long it takes. I wondered if this was just a "story" to illustrate a point, but doing some research, I discovered from a source that the five-acre Daffodil Garden DOES exist on a mountain range in Southern California. It was planted by one woman - Gene Bauer - and she began planting one bulb at a time in 1958. It can be visited during its peak bloom time each year from early March to early April. A fire destroyed the Bauer's A-frame home in 1999 along with its surrounding shady trees and garden. But, miraculously, the daffodil bulbs beneath the ground survived!

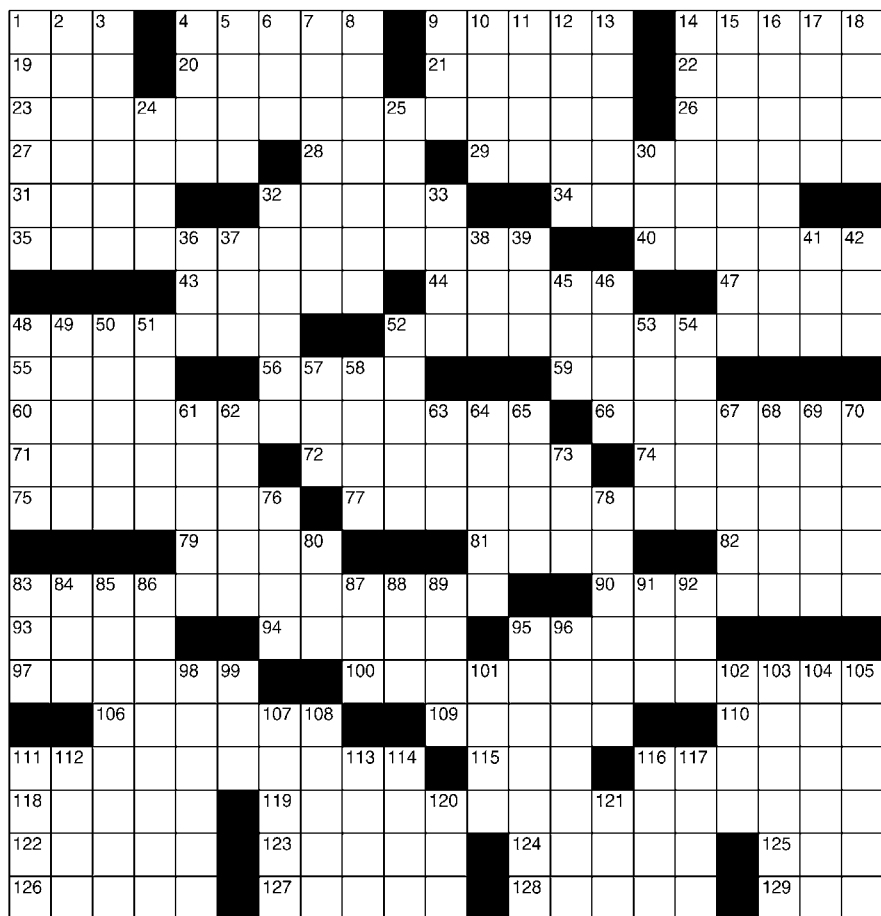
So the lesson here is that even if your contribution to the world isn't as great as someone else's, if you're doing something that brings you enjoyment, do it. Make the most of each day and don't wait. Take small steps - even if it takes a long time. Don't worry about the destination; enjoy the happiness the journey brings you.

This week's dessert: "Beautiful things come together ... one stitch at a time." ~ Donna Goddard

Super Crossword

CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

- ACROSS 1 Puck surface 4 Transparent 9 Nick of "Weeds" 14 Urged (on) 19 Source of bean curd 20 Figure skater Sonja 21 Luau "hello" 22 Thousand: Prefix 23 Soft leather sewn over fabric tears? 26 Poker entry fee 27 Elevate 28 USMC rank 29 Tabby that's a national government's mascot? 31 Peace Nobelist Wiesel 32 Sounded like a cow 34 Antarctic penguin 35 Enticingly beautiful mugs? 40 Braininess 43 How distant stars shine 44 White-rayed flower 47 Trevor of "The Daily Show" 48 Port on the Gulf of Mexico 52 Poet Doolittle who did all of her writing in her boudoir? 55 Caspian Sea feeder 56 "Don't leave!" 59 Easily spread cheese 60 Put decorations on your phone, then dial someone's number? 66 Ticked by 71 Warrant 72 Wearing a fancy crown 74 Verdi opera 75 Maker of Galaxy phones 77 Crustacean that's most active just before sunup? 79 "Exile" New Age artist 81 Falco with four Emmys 82 Notion, in Nantes 83 Black hole sucking in everything around it? 90 People lamenting 93 SSS spitter-outers 94 Like clipped sheep 95 Consumers 97 Tooted 100 Smug know-it-alls shoplift? 106 Having its petroleum imported, as a nation 109 Cosmic path 110 "My treat!" 111 Subtract the cost of an adhesive roll? 115 Bruin Bobby 116 Red-eyed songbirds 118 Actress Donovan of "Clueless" 119 Shopping containers holding more sinful items? 122 Salk of the Salk vaccine 123 Modify 124 Cliff nest 125 Luau gift 126 Viewpoint 127 Insolent 128 Norwegian money 129 Reno-to-L.A. dir. 121 "My man!" 120 Suffix with cook or mock 121 "My man!" 41 Smidgen 42 "— Na Na" 45 Bawl 46 Days of old 48 Lipstick units 49 Action venue 50 Female title of respect 51 Ancient Roman lower class 52 Via automobile 53 Director Forman 54 Moor shrub 57 It blasts 58 Take — (swim or bathe) 61 Given a hint 62 Singer Loggins 63 "Rules — rules!" 64 Worker filling a cargo hold, say 65 Spearhead 67 Great risk 68 Begin to fail 69 Bugs buggler Fudd 70 Ninnies 73 Imbiber's hwy. offense 76 P.E. places 78 Most recent 80 "Makes sense now" 83 Chitchat 84 Map no. 85 Editing 86 Adoption of a cause 87 With 4-Down, cooking reality series 88 Uno tripled 89 Prefix with spore 91 Dadaist Jean 92 Prefix with thermal 95 Toni 96 Swizzle stick 98 Totally cover 99 Speck 101 Yank who wore #13 102 Wine stopper 103 Geneflects 104 Overlays it 105 Actress O'Shea 107 "— the best of times ..." 108 Boxer Ali 111 — vu 112 University in North Carolina 113 Agts.' cuts 114 Just makes, with "out" 116 Narcissistic 117 "Makes sense now" 120 Suffix with cook or mock 121 "My man!"



Find the Super Crossword Answers on Page 8!

This Week In West Virginia History

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Aug. 19, 1863: Union cavalry under Brig. Gen. William Woods Averell destroyed the Confederate saltpeter works near Franklin.

Aug. 19, 1997: Fiddler Curly Ray Cline died. Born in Logan County, Cline was a member of the Lonesome Pine Fiddlers and Ralph Stanley's Clinch Mountain Boys.

Aug. 20, 1851: The oldest statue in West Virginia, a nine-foot wood carving of Patrick Henry, was dedicated at the county courthouse in Morgantown.

Aug. 21, 1861: Confederate troops

under Gen. John B. Floyd crossed the Gauley River at Carnifex Ferry, Nicholas County, and began to entrench their position. It was the beginning of what became known as the Battle of Keslers Cross Lanes.

Aug. 22, 1872: Following the Constitutional Convention of 1872, the West Virginia electorate ratified a new state constitution by a vote of 42,344 to 37,777. In the same election, the voters rejected a controversial c o n v e n t i o n proposition that would have restricted office-holding to whites.

Aug. 23, 1970: The Mormon Church established its first "stake," or congregation, in West Virginia. The stake was organized

in Charleston with a membership of nearly 4,000 people.

Aug. 24, 1918: Louis Bennett Jr. died of injuries sustained when his plane was shot down by German anti-aircraft fire. Bennett, with 12 combat kills, was West Virginia's only World War I fighter ace.

August 25, 1903: Soprano Susanne Fisher was born in Sutton. Fisher was the first West Virginian to sing at the Metropolitan Opera.

Aug. 25, 1921: Miners began to arrive at Blair Mountain near the border of Logan and Boone counties. Sheriff Don Chafin, a hated symbol of anti-unionism in southern West Virginia, met them with a combined force of deputies, mine guards, civilian volunteers, and others.

Aug. 25, 2000: The Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope was dedicated. It is the world's largest fully steerable radio telescope.

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FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

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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).

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MONTHLY MEETING

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31, Shinnston will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, August 19th at 7 pm at Post 31. All members welcome.

GOSPEL QUARTET IN CONCERT

Award-winning southern gospel group - Triumphant Quartet - will be in concert Friday, August 20th at 7 p.m. at Simpson Creek Baptist Church, 231 W. Philadelphia Avenue in Bridgeport. Master’s Blend will have gathering music at 6:30. Doors open at 6 p.m. Offering will be taken.

HOLY TRINITY LITERGY

Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Mission, 408 Morgantown Ave., Fairmont will be holding a LITERGY with Fr. Sasha Nedich on Saturday, August 21 at 10 AM. Call 724-966-7428 with any questions.

WV HERITAGE CRAFTS WORKSHOP SCHEDULE & EVENTS

The West Virginia Heritage Crafts will be offering the following workshop: Hand Quilting Class Wednesday August 25, 5:15 pm-8:15 pm. Call 304-931-8701 to register. Barbershop Bluegrass Band Saturday August 28, 12 pm-3 pm.

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.

he was on preparing this requested information and Mr. Edwards said the list has been prepared but the system only allows them to go back so far. The invitation was extended again to Mr. Roberts to come to the City offices to get copies of information he has requested.

Vice Mayor Kisamore extended his appreciation to those who have been working so hard on events that have taken place in Shinnston recently. He thanked Jason Martin who organized the Gravel Grinder bike race that drew a large group of avid bikers to Shinnston. Kathleen Panek was thanked for her efforts in coordinating plans for the Shinn family reunion gathering in Shinnston. Both Anthony Tate and the City Manager were also thanked for their special efforts in planning events at the park and those still to come in the near future.

Kisamore stated, “There has been a lot of visitor traffic in Shinnston recently with some of the events that are being held here and it brings a lot of positive energy to our community. This is good to see. I personally want to thank all those who played any part in making that happen.”

City Manager Chad Edwards gave his departmental reports that included:

WATER – Edwards noted that the lab that processes Shinnston’s water samples for the Health Department has been closed for legal reasons. Although the City had submitted their

samples prior to this closure, with the lab closed, the samples were not processed which puts the City out of compliance. The DHHR/BPH will not recognize this as a legitimate reason for being late, so letters may have to be sent out to water customers.

SEWER – No sludge was moved in July because Reliance Laboratory did not get the City’s sludge results back to them that were turned in on March 26, 2021. The City’s sludge sample was taken to Sturm Environmental and submitted the results to Waste Management. Three loads of sludge have been taken to the landfill thus far in August.

Repair costs for the pump at the plant is \$4,031, much less costly than purchasing a new one.

POLICE - SPD responded to 1,349 calls in July.

SAFETY – A trench safety session will be held on August 25th. Safety log included 15 Safety Observations, 2 Water Plant Visits, 2 Public Works Visits, 2 Sewer Plant Visits, and 2 Employee Meetings.

FIRE DEPT. – The Shinnston VFD reported 82 calls for service during the month of July.

ADMINISTRATION – Mayor Kovalck, City Manager Edwards, and City Clerk Kathleen Panek attended the WV Municipal League’s summer conference at Oglebay Park in Wheeling recently; they networked with others from across the state and took classes on ethics,

open meeting laws, FOIA requests, Council-Manager relations, and new guidelines in the workplace with new medical marijuana laws. City Manager Edwards was elected vice-president of the WV City Managers Association and will have a vote on the WVML’s Board.

Scott, Perry and Chad will be attending the WV Rural Water Conference next week.

It was noted that WBOY has recorded two commercials advertising Shinnston as a great place to live and do business. Focus will remain on the potential of vacant downtown buildings.

Mr. Edwards is making some changes in the City offices and with plant and other staff members.

Public Works will need to begin using the flusher to clean out storm drains and can involve help from sewer plant employees if needed.

Effective immediately, Carla will be handling all FOIA requests and complaints. Chad will only intervene when necessary but will be informed of the number and types on complaints.

Someone from Public Works needs to get a water distribution license so they can take samples for boil orders.

Anthony Tate will become more involved in postings on the electronic sign coming into town as well as postings on the website.

Chad asked Anthony to give the Parks & Rec report. Anthony

noted that between the Shinn Family Reunion attendees and the Rollin’ Coal Gravel Grinder race drawing people to Ferguson Memorial Park, many compliments were received.

The Golf Scramble held at Apple Valley Golf Course raised \$3,800 for the Pool and Park Board that will be used for furniture for the amphitheater with some perhaps being spent on repairs needed to the slide. Tate thanked all who participated in the tourney.

He gave a reminder of the City-Wide Yard Sale to be held Aug. 14th along with a backpack giveaway (260) to children 12 and under. He thanked local churches and businesses that donated to defer the cost of school supplies for the backpacks.

Planning continues for Frontier Days to be held September 9-11, 2021 at the Park.

ACTION ITEMS included the following:

Minutes of the July 14th and July 28th meetings (and special meeting) were approved as amended.

Resolution on Grant for DOH Lincoln Sidewalk Project was approved.

Resolution on Grant for DOH Downtown Sidewalk Project was approved.

Establishing a new, separate checking account for ARPA money was approved.

With no need for Executive Session to be held, the meeting adjourned.

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and after-school free time.

Parents of kids today are facing an unprecedented challenge of keeping their children safe online while helping them navigate the technology they’ll need for their education, future careers and more.

A digital parenting expert shares tips on how students can interact safely with the latest tech. Sean Clifford, the founder and CEO of the digital parenting company ‘Canopy’ (canopy.us) and a father of four, is on a mission to create a world of healthy tech users — starting by helping parents block pornography on their children’s devices. The underlying technology was developed in Israel and already protects more than two million devices worldwide.

“Technology can be a good, wonderful thing,” Clifford says. “But parents have to be proactive and involved to ensure their children stay safe and healthy online.”

With the right guidance, every child can develop healthy tech habits to last a lifetime. Here are Clifford’s four

tips for parents worried about how their kids are using technology this year:

1) **Protect them.** Putting a filter on your child’s device doesn’t mean you don’t trust your child. You don’t leave guns on the kitchen table, so why take a chance that your kids will be exposed to something harmful online? Too many kids today are exposed to pornography unintentionally. 70% of children 7 to 18 years old have accidentally encountered online pornography, often while doing homework. Give them the space to be kids and learn to navigate the digital experience positively by using a filter to protect them from explicit images and videos.

2) **Be honest with them.** Tell them about how their digital experiences have been designed to manipulate them. Companies are battling for their attention, leveraging every trick in the book. It is your child versus a team of neuroscientists and behavioral psychologists. Parents — not advertisers or Big Tech — should

decide what their kids see online. And they need to be open to having conversations with their kids about the addictive realities of online use. Screen time, pornography and sexting have all been linked with mental health ramifications in kids. Talking through the consequences, especially as children get older, can be particularly helpful. If they don’t perceive any negative effects, they won’t understand why they can be dangerous and may think that there’s no reason to be cautious or concerned.

3) **Let them know it’s OK to be different.** Kids want to fit in and be liked. They want to use social media and online video games because their friends are using them. But when it comes to issues like smoking, drugs, pornography and sexting, parents especially need to emphasize to their kids that “doing what really hurt them both now and in the long run. Have discussions about how to say no to requests for photos, and know that installing a filter may be just the “excuse” they need.

It’s difficult to respond to unexpected and inappropriate questions, and so teenagers may need coaching on what to do and say more than you think. Lastly, brainstorm alternative ways for them to be with their friends without going online. Support their efforts to be with their peers in-person when you can and create spaces where they want to spend time with others.

4) **Be an example.** As with most things in life, parents need to lead by example. Show your kids that devices have a place in their lives, and that place has limits. Don’t always be on your phone. Put it away for mealtimes, and don’t keep your phone in your room at night. Find other parents who adopt similar safeguards with their kids, and begin discussions about how you can work together.

Technology can bring parents and children closer together by encouraging trust and transparency. By helping your children overcome the challenges of the digital world, you can build healthier relationships with them and healthier futures for them.



I Hope The 90 Degree Temperatures Don't Hurt The Mushroom Harvest

GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

It is hard to believe that Fall is nearly here with temperatures being in the 90's. My one main concern is that with the scarcity of rain, there may not be any mushrooms. Hopefully, the temperature will cool down and the rain will come. My crock stands empty on my counter, just waiting.

No one will ever know just how much pleasure my little garden on my patio has given me. Yesterday, I got enough tomatoes to make me a salad for lunch and with some fresh basil and a little onion and olive oil, you just cannot beat this. It does not take much to make me happy these days and fresh produce, homegrown, can do it.

This morning, I got a call from Marty that Rose Scolopio called him to come and pick up a mess of Swiss chard for me. Next to tomatoes chard also makes me very happy. There are so many ways to prepare it and best of all, I like to prepare a little of it for the freezer. On a cold winter day there is nothing better than a dish of minestrone. Swiss chard freezes wonderful - just par boil it, let it

cool, then squeeze out all the moisture, place in a zip lock bag and put into the freezer ... it's ready for next January. Rose, I hope your arm has mended and I want you to know you make me very happy.

I may have told you about the following dessert before but it is worth repeating. You will need a watermelon and a jar of Ammerato liquor (if you have never tasted Ammerato, it has a sweet almond taste and is very popular in Italy as an after-dinner drink). Cut your watermelon in small pieces or you can use little balls. Place the melon in a large bowl and drizzle about one cup of Ammerato over the melon. Toss the melon and let it marinate with the liquor. Place in refrigerator. When ready to serve, place melon in individual bowls and drizzle a couple of tablespoons of liquor over melon and serve. A great cool ending for a great meal, and this is a good replacement for that dish of ice cream.

A happy birthday to my sister, Cathy, and my nephew, Vincent and a Happy Anniversary to Joan and Virgil Smith and Cathy and Dan Fisher. We have a lot to celebrate in August. My dad's birthday was in August; he was born in 1905. A happy birthday to all you August babies.

Please do not miss taking advantage of those fresh produce sales, take care, take precautions against COVID, and until next week "Now You Have Heard It Through the Grapevine."

Made My Second Trip To French Creek...This One Was A Success

Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny

Saturday, I picked up #2 grandson Phillip in Lumberport and we drove to the WV Wildlife Center at French Creek. I wanted to check out my buddy Bruce who had his tepee set up at the Rendezvous/Living History Encampment. I mentioned going there in last week's column, but I jumped the gun by one weekend. They were set up on a knoll near the entrance under several large shade trees...very comfortable. A few years ago, Bruce downsized from his large tepee (Lodge) to a smaller one. It saves on physicality when setting up and tearing down and, like me, he ain't getting any younger. I loved his large one and it was easy to spot at an encampment.

I've mentioned before that Bruce is a spiritual elder of the Metis Indian Tribe and, also, he is an ordained minister (Baptist). Bruce usually performs an opening and closing ceremony at the Rendezvous sites, but none were held at this location. Over the years, I've watched him conduct two closing ceremonies, but never an opening one (I don't get up that early). During the ceremonies, pictures and videos are not allowed to be taken. It isn't what you see in the movies, it's the real deal. Beforehand, he explained everything about the rituals so I'd know what was going on. Their way of thinking makes as much sense as anything else, some even better. I call my buddy 'Pahoo' from the old 50's television series, "Yancy Derringer".

When we were leaving in the afternoon, Bruce asked me, "What time is it?" I said, "I thought you could tell by looking at the shade cast from the trees". He said, "Ha ha, that's funny...now what time is it?" I guess it would be odd seeing an Indian running around wearing a wristwatch. I'll have to buy him a sundial.

On the way back, we stopped at the FOP Restaurant in Nutter Fort. Phillip likes eating there and he ordered a Demus Italian Hot Sausage Sandwich with jalapeno peppers and hot canned peppers. I noticed the waitress' left eyebrow twitch while writing down the extras, but he had no problem in wolfing it down.

Sunday, Lee visited and brought me some homemade meatballs from Patty. We ended up going to the Cracker Barrel in Fairmont for something to eat. We rode in his monster truck and I didn't have any problems on entrance and exiting (The wrists are getting better). When leaving the restaurant, we ran into sister-in-law Bernadine with two of her granddaughters, Rayanah and Sophie, in the parking lot. Rayanah will be a Senior and Sophia will be a Junior at North Marion High School this year. They are both smart and beautiful young ladies, plus they have just gotten their learner permits to drive. I feel sorry for poor old Charlie (their dad) ... he has his hands full.

I spent most of the week going to doctors. From all the interactions with doctors (Susie and me) over the years, I think I could qualify as a Physician Assistant. I just need to learn Latin and how to do a colonoscopy.

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

Ace

"Community Theatre" cont. from p. 1

American comedy, and the show's characters have been remembered among the 60 Greatest TV Families of all time!

The Addams Family: A New Musical Comedy had been adapted to a theatrical musical production and local talents will bring these kooky characters to life on the Robinson Grand's historic stage in October, offering four performances!

Produced by Emily Moore with David Cotton-Zinn as the artistic director, the show will be vocally directed by Joshua Stubbs and choreographed by Kim Bell, with set and show design by Larry Cotton-Zinn. Award-winning local photographer Joe McNemar will

be the official show photographer.

The production is sponsored by the WV Department of Arts, Culture and History and The Cultural Foundation of Harrison County.

The cast will feature 25 community members from Harrison, Marion, Taylor, and Monongalia Counties including Brandon LeRoy as Gomez, Marissa Bailey as Morticia, Maryn Seamon as Wednesday, Jack Santee as Pugsley, Brian Nichols as Fester, Michelle Stewart-Stover as Grandma, and Gabriel Radcliff as Lurch.

Full of comedy, the show features an original story father's nightmare! Wednesday Addams,

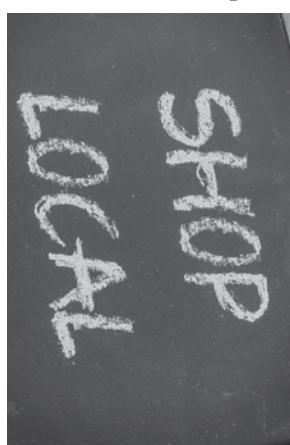
the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family - a man her parents have never met. And Wednesday begs her father not to tell her mother, forcing him to keep a secret from his wife Morticia. Everything will change for the family on the fateful night they host a dinner for this 'normal' boyfriend and his parents.

Playing the role of Wednesday's love interest is Franky Satterfield as Lucas Beineke, and his totally 'normal' parents will be played by Sarah Nale and Garret Cotton-Elam.

This theatrical production is rated PG-13 for adult humor and mild language.

Tickets went on sale on Friday, Aug. 13th and are priced in three tiers depending on proximity to the stage at \$30, \$25, and \$20 each. Tickets can be purchased online anytime at [tickets.therobinsongrand.com](https://www.tickets.therobinsongrand.com) or by calling (855) 773-6283 Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Performance dates and times are: Oct. 8th at 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 9th at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Oct. 10th at 2 p.m.



"The Northern Panhandle"

cont. from p. 1

improvements throughout the city. Wheeling has a rich history and served a critical role in the formation of West Virginia as a state. It served as the capital of West Virginia in the early years and then grew to be a leading industrial center with many manufacturers locating along the Ohio River.

Moundsville is the county seat of Marshall County and was home to the West Virginia Penitentiary from 1866 to 1995. The city got its name from the ancient Grave Creek Mound that was constructed around 250 to 100BC. The old Penitentiary and the mound are two of the city's main tourist attractions, with the penitentiary hosting overnight visitors, for those who are attracted to the adventure of being locked up in one of the few historic prisons in the United States.

Weirton is another city along Rt. 2 and is in Brooke and Hancock counties. Weirton started out as a small village called Holiday's Cove until Ernest T. Weir arrived and built a steel mill, later known as Weirton Steel Corporation. The steel mill once employed over 12,000 people and was the largest employer in West Virginia. As the steel industry declined, Weirton lost population and the economic source for the region. Currently, Weirton is working to revitalize the downtown and the former steel plant is being demolished to make way for new industry and take advantage of the location along the Ohio River.

Follansbee is one of the prettiest towns along Rt. 2 and features a well kept downtown with a variety of shops and restaurants. It is the birthplace of former Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz, and Coach Holtz speaks often of his West Virginia values and his hometown. Another famous person who was born just up the road in Glen Dale is country music singer Brad Paisley. Brad's uncle, who served on the Glen Dale city council, taught him to play guitar at an early age and started off one of the most notable music careers in recent history.

The northern panhandle is easy to reach and is a pleasant drive from central West Virginia. If you are looking for a nice place to visit with lots of history, spend a little time in the Amazing Northern Panhandle of West Virginia.

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PENALTY-FREE CHICKEN WINGS FOR GAME DAY

Recommended by
Lisa Ashcraft-Carr,
MS, RD, LD, oncology
dietitian at UHC

Provided by USDA.gov.

The star of most tailgates is the chicken wing, crispy and covered in a delicious sauce. If you are going to make wings for your next tailgate, follow these steps to make sure your dinner's star player is safe to eat. You do not want to get a penalty for giving your guests food poisoning.

BAKING YOUR WINGS

To start baking wings, preheat your oven to 400 °F. Meanwhile, place your wings in a rimmed baking sheet. To ensure maximum crispiness, do not crowd the wings and place them in a single layer.

After 30 minutes of cooking, take out the pan, flip the wings and continue baking for another 15 to 20 minutes. This will ensure both sides of the wings are crispy. Read on to learn how to properly take the internal temperature of a sample of your wings before you serve them. Taking the internal temperature is the only way to know if the wings are fully cooked and ready to eat.

TAKING THE TEMPERATURE

Whether you are frying or baking your wings, it is important to take the internal temperature of multiple wings with a clean food thermometer. For an accurate reading, insert the meat thermometer into the thickest area of the wing, being careful to avoid the bone.

If the wings are below the minimum safe internal temperature of 165 °F, return to the oven.

AFTER COOKING

Coat your delicious wings with a sauce of your choosing and remember to refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours. Cooked food left out longer than 2 hours can rapidly grow bacteria, making it unsafe to eat.

FIRST DOWN FOOD SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR TAILGATE

Recommended by April Bullock,
MSN, RN-BC, CIC, manager of
Infection Prevention at UHC

Provided by USDA.gov
and CDC.gov.

In order to win the game, the first downs have to keep coming without the penalties. Tailgating is known for being a long day of first downs and a long day of eating! That means hosts and guests need to have their defense ready to keep foodborne illnesses from scoring on the party. Tailgating should be remembered for a great time and not the place where the food made you sick. We are offering fans some important game-day tips to keep the party free of food safety penalties.

ILLEGAL USE OF HANDS

Before and after preparing or handling food, always wash hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. Unclean hands are a major food penalty for you and your guests. Use clean platters to serve and restock food, and keep surfaces clean.

PASS INTERFERENCE

Keep raw meats separate from other foods. To avoid a penalty here, make sure raw meats do not come in contact with other foods on the buffet. Never place cooked food back on the same plate that previously held raw food unless the plate has been first washed in hot, soapy water.

PERSONAL FOUL

Do not cause a personal foul that is risky to the health of your guests. Always use a food thermometer to make sure meat and poultry are cooked to the right temperature. Color

and texture are not indicators of doneness. Ground beef should be cooked to 160°F, poultry should be cooked to 165°F, and steaks should reach 145°F with a three-minute rest time.

HOLDING

Avoid this penalty by keeping hot food hot and cold food cold. Do not keep food on the buffet at room temperature for more than two hours. Hot foods need to have a hot source to keep them out of the Danger Zone. Bacteria multiply rapidly between 40°F – 140°F. The same rule applies for cold foods – they need to be nestled in ice to remain safe for guests.

If there is a delay in the game and you did not practice effective clock management with the buffet, do not eat or serve the food. When in doubt, throw it out. Replenish it with fresh servings.

(continued from "First Down Food Safety Tips..")

Make it easy to remember these game-day food safety tips with the six simple steps listed below. Cut out and save this list on your fridge for a quick reference you can use during every meal.

1. Keep it clean.

- Wash your hands with soap and running water for at least 20 seconds before, during, and after preparing food and before eating. Also, wash your hands after using the bathroom and touching pets.
- Wash your cutting boards, dishes, utensils, and countertops with hot, soapy water after preparing each food item.
- Wash or scrub fruits and vegetables under running water—even if you do not plan to eat the peel—so dirt and germs on the surface do not get inside when you cut.

2. Cook it well.

- Cooking food to the right temperature kills harmful germs. Use a food thermometer to check meat, egg, and microwaved dishes on your menu.
- Make sure chicken wings (and other poultry) reach an internal temperature of at least 165°F. Ground beef and egg dishes should reach at least 160°F. Check the safe internal temperature for other foods.
- Follow cooking directions on the package when cooking frozen food in the microwave.

3. Keep it safe.

- If preparing food in advance, divide cooked food into shallow containers to cool. This encourages rapid, even cooling. Put the cooked food in a refrigerator or freezer as soon as possible—always within 2 hours of cooking (1 hour if the outdoor temperature is above 90°F).
- Keep hot foods at 140°F or warmer. Use chafing dishes, slow cookers, and warming trays to keep food hot.
- Keep cold foods, like salsa and guacamole, at 40°F or colder. Use small service trays or nest serving dishes in bowls of ice.
- Getting takeout or delivery? Make sure to keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold.
- Divide large pots of food, such as soups or stews, and large cuts of meats, such as roasts or whole poultry, into small quantities for refrigeration to allow them to cool quickly and minimize time in the temperature "danger zone" between 40°F and 140°F.

4. Watch the time.

- Follow recommended cooking and standing times.
- Areas of food that are not completely cooked (cold spots) can provide a hiding place for germs.
- Always follow directions for the standing time—the extra minutes that food should rest to finish cooking.
- Keep track of how long food stays out for serving.
- Throw away any perishable foods that have been out at room temperature for 2 hours or more.

5. Avoid mix-ups.

- Separate raw meats from ready-to-eat foods like veggies when preparing, serving, or storing foods.
- Use separate cutting boards, plates, and knives for produce and for raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs.
- Offer guests individual serving utensils and small plates to discourage them from eating dips and salsa directly from the bowls.

6. Store and reheat leftovers the right way.

- Divide leftovers into smaller portions or pieces, place them in shallow containers, and refrigerate or freeze.
- Refrigerate leftover foods at 40°F or below as soon as possible and within 2 hours of preparation. It is OK to put hot foods directly into the refrigerator.
- Refrigerate leftovers for 3 to 4 days at most. Freeze leftovers if you will not be eating them soon.
- Reheat leftovers to at least 165°F before serving. This includes leftovers warmed up in the microwave.

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Bobby Bowden And The Mountaineers!



The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

Coaching legend, Bobby Bowden passed away recently at the age of 91. Bowden spent a decade in Morgantown and made an impact on the Mountain State for years after. Bowden spent time at Samford, South Georgia State College, and Florida State before coming to "Touchdown City" in 1966. He was the offensive coordinator for four seasons before being promoted to the top man in 1970. During his six-year tenure, Bowden collected a 42-26 record. The Mountaineers appeared in a pair of Peach Bowl games (back in those days it was a more prestigious bowl) and had just one losing campaign.

One thing that hasn't changed over the years is the passion that drives Mountaineer Nation. However, in 1974 it was

over the top. Frustration had built around a handful of losses that some fans just couldn't stomach and Bowden was hung in effigy. For sale signs were placed in his yard and signs were hung throughout town emphasizing the desire for Coach to leave town. With four children firmly entrenched at the University, Bobby made the difficult decision to go back to Florida State. The Seminoles were struggling at the time and the Bowdens wanted to be closer to family. The Mountaineers were 9-3 in his last year at the helm and it would be five seasons before they would make it back to .500 (6-6) in 1980.

In his second season in Tallahassee, Bowden guided Florida State to a 10-2 mark and he never looked back. He reeled off 29 consecutive winning seasons,

accrued a 315-98-4 record, and garnered a pair of National Championships. I think it's safe to say Coach went on to prove his worth and had several opportunities along the way to bash WVU and the state itself. However, he always took the high road and never said a bad word at all. As a matter of fact, he would always "talk up" West Virginia every chance he had. Bowden showed that he was all class in the process.

In 2009, after some tough times on and off of the field, Bowden was forced out of town. He gave way to Clarksburg native, Jimbo Fisher. Fisher would have great success, winning a National Championship in 2013. Bowden had a golden opportunity to hammer the powers at Florida State for the way he was treated, but once again, he chose the road less traveled in today's society. Bowden backed the school and Fisher and was there for Jimbo in the height of his glory.

Fisher still talks about the impact Bowden had on his life. Joining in are former players and coaches alike that share the same common narrative of the impact the coaching legend had on them.

It's not just what you say, it's what you do in conjunction with your words. Bowden said all of the right things, using compliments instead of cut downs, raising others up instead of tearing them down. He modeled hard work and dedication showing those around him the blueprint for success. Coach Bowden did it the right way during a lengthy and celebrated career. Even though he hadn't roamed the sidelines in over a decade, Bowden had continued to do work touching the lives of those he came in contact with until his passing. That is what we are all called to do but very few have ever done it like Coach Bowden.

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 of Tee It Up focuses on the Bridgeport Country Club. This 18-hole course ranges 6,296 yards owning several tees that guarantee a challenge for golfers of all skill levels.

The effort that goes into the maintenance here is impressive. The attention to detail makes the difference, providing golfers with manicured and maintained tees, fairways, and greens. The fairways are tight, placing a heavy emphasis on tee shot placement. The rough and strategically placed bunkers provide a stiff penalty for those that find them. The greens are firm and fast and they are some of the best that you will find in the area.

There is an impressive practice facility that includes a driving range, practice bunker, chipping green, putting green, and when needed due to weather, an indoor golf simulator. The staff is on top of their game and will provide assistance whenever it is needed. A fully stocked pro shop provides everything you will need for your round. The 19th hole offers exceptional views and has top shelf food and drinks.

Membership at the Bridgeport Country Club also provides swimming and tennis which is an added bonus to your experience. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacking options are just another way to cater to the needs of its members. It is all here at the Bridgeport Country Club.

With Summer Ending,

What Is Next For Parks And Rec?



From The World Of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

This is always a bittersweet time for the staff at the HCPR. Because of our drive to help the kids in the county, we extended the summer program the additional two weeks. This helps the parents who utilize our program to help supplement the costs of daycare and around 100 families took advantage of the extension. With that ending last weekend, the only question is – how is parks going to continue to stay busy?

"We have plenty of projects on the table that will most likely take us into the later part of the year," said Mike Book, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department. "Since the last week of June, we had to put a halt on our parks projects, but now we are going to get back to assessing the needs of the playgrounds. We were allowed to hire extra staff to help with the jobs that we are capable of and already things are looking great."

Summit Park upper field fence area will be first on the docket as we need to find a way to fix the outfield fencing. There is a drainage issue in the back and the plan is to bring the fence in about five feet which will help maintenance to get a backhoe in and fix the problem. Then we need to close the open gap in center field. Plans are to bring youth t-ball and coach pitch games to the field.

Contact has been made with a few contractors in the area to take care of some issues involving the basketball court and a big hole under the bleachers at Summit Park as well as concrete pads for disc golf at the Rec Complex. Communication with local black top companies have been started to get estimates for blacktop of the basketball court in Wallace.

"We are really excited that the County Commission has shown interest in the parks and getting them to a level where they once were. We have put some investing in the playgrounds to a certain degree. But, beginning in the spring 2022 when outdoor sports picks up, you will notice a ton of change to the parks owned by the county," said Book. "We hope that the outlying properties will bring the kids and the sports programs that used the facility in the past."

Good Hope will have a complete makeover as it will get a new backstop, dugout seating and a new outfield fence. Seating will be changed as well as the bleachers being used now which do not meet the safety standards for today as they are higher than the ones used today. Many of the items are already in our garage, but it is going to take some organizing of the projects with our maintenance department to put things into play.

"We have many pieces of the playground at Good Hope here in the garage at the office and now we need to coordinate the time with maintenance in order to take out the old backstop and replace it with the new one. Time coordination gets to be tough as there can be shortages of staff and other day-to-day duties of both departments. But, we will find some middle ground where we can get the jobs done," said Book.



Bobby Bowden was the Head Coach of the Mountaineers from 1970-75, amassing a 46-26 record. He led WVU to the 1972 and 1975 Peach Bowls, losing to NC State in '72 and defeating the Wolfpack in the second go-around three years later. Bowden left WVU for Florida State following the 1975 season. He cemented his college football legacy with the Seminoles, going 304-97-4 with 12 conference championships and two national championships in 1993 and 1999. He retired from coaching after the 2009 season. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2006.

Discover Your Favorite Activity At Pipestem Adventure Zone



Families with young children are drawn to the remote-controlled cars, laser tag and drone flying.

West Virginians are flocking to Pipestem Adventure Zone to experience the excitement of the many activities available in one locale. It's interesting to see the trends associated with the variety of visitors who are coming to the Adventure Zone during its inaugural summer. Many are first time

visitors, but a growing number of visitors have returned to enjoy the adventures for a second or third time.

A full-day adventure extravaganza can be found at Pipestem Adventure Zone where individuals and families can participate in skeet shooting, laser tag, remote controlled cars

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Six New College Football Teams To Take Field This Season

The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF) highlighted today that football remains strong on campuses across the country as six college football teams will take the field for the first time this season. Adding the one additional university that will take the field in 2024, the number of schools among all NCAA divisions, the NAIA and independents offering football currently stands at 765.

Six Programs Launching in 2021
[Bluefield State](#)

[College](#) (Bluefield, West Virginia): NCAA Division II, Independent – President Robin Capehart, Athletics Director Derrick Price, Head Coach Tony Coaxum.

[Judson University](#) (Elgin, Illinois): NAIA, Mid-States Football Association – President Gene Crume Jr., Athletics Director TBD, Head Coach Dan Paplaczky.

[Keystone College](#) (La Plume, Pennsylvania): NCAA Division III, Eastern Collegiate Football Conference – President Tracy

Brundage, Athletics Director Ryan Novitsky, Head Coach Justin Higgins.

[Lincoln University](#) (Oakland, California): Division and Conference TBD – President Mikhail Brodsky, Athletics Director/Head Coach Desmond Gumbs.

[Mount Marty University](#) (Yankton, South Dakota): NAIA, Great Plains Athletic Conference – President Marcus Long, Interim Athletics Director Andy Bernatow, Head Coach John Michaletti.

[Potsdam University](#) (Waterbury, Connecticut): NCAA Division II, Independent – President John L. Hopkins, Athletics Director Ronnie Palmer, Head Coach Adam Schultz.

Since 1978 when the NCAA changed its method for tracking attendance figures, the number of schools playing NCAA football (FBS, FCS, DII and DIII) has steadily increased by 185 schools from 484 in 1978 to 669 in 2019. Adding NAIA and independent schools playing football

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LEVI RUSSELL BENDER



Levi Russell Bender was the beloved son of Jennifer and Ronald Bender. He left us far too soon in a tragic car accident on his way to church. He was a deeply beloved brother and the youngest of seven children and grandson to Russell and Doris Bender and Charlie and Rosalie Decker. He leaves behind a large family of people who love him, and if you were close to him and lucky enough, he may have remembered your name, so we won't list them here.

Levi was a proud Boy Scout, reaching Life Scout rank and working towards Eagle Scout. He thoroughly enjoyed camping, especially hammock camping. He loved all things related to WWII, and could answer any and all questions about tanks that you might have had. He was known for his mechanical abilities and curiosity about how things worked. He loved to take things apart and didn't always put them back together. He couldn't spell to save his soul but loved to read a wide variety of topics.

Levi was studying to be an electrician at United Technical Center. He planned to enlist in the Army after high school graduation. He also studied Brazilian Jiu Jitsu with Ground Zero BJJ. During his high school career, he was involved in NJROTC. He also served as a sound technician at Simpson Creek Baptist Church. He also enjoyed his most recent job working at Mountain State Brewing. Levi was a hard worker and was always ready to lend a hand.

Levi gave the world's best hugs and was a kindhearted and generous young man. He has a warm smile that warmed many hearts. His final act of generosity was to give others the chance of life with his strong healthy body. He will be forever cherished.

"I don't suppose I'll ever understand: why you, why me, why us? What I do know is that there is no place on this earth, there is no moment in this course of life, there is no crevice in my heart where you are not remembered." Dr. Joanne Cacciatore

Levi's memorial service was held on August 14th at Simpson Creek Baptist Church in Bridgeport. Memorial

donations can be made in Levi's name to the Boy Scouts of America.

KATHLEEN FEDIO



Kathleen Fedio, 88, of Worthington, WV, passed away at her residence on Friday, August 06, 2021. She was born on November 30, 1932 in Worthington, WV, daughter of the late Herbert Stanley and Edna Almeda Garrett.

Kathleen loved gardening, working on her rentals and mowing grass. She enjoyed get-togethers with family and friends, as well as having family over to her house for the holidays.

Kathleen retired from Owens Illinois after 23 years of service.

Kathleen is survived by her brother, Jimmie Garrett and wife, Betty of Four States; two nephews, Jimmie Garrett and wife Erica of Everson, WV and Christopher Garrett of Worthington, WV; as well as several more nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Kathleen was preceded in death by three brothers; Charles, Bobby and Richard Garrett and two sisters, Virginia Quinn and Shirley Williams.

A graveside service was held on August 9, 2021 at the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery in Shinnston, WV with Pastor Danny Blake. Dorsey Funeral Home is honored to be handling the arrangements for the Fedio family.

ARTHUR FRASIER



Arthur "Art" Frasier, 74, of Worthington, WV passed away on Monday, August 9, 2021 at United Hospital Center in Bridgeport, WV. He was born on July 11, 1947 in Phillipsburg, NJ., the son of the late Arthur William Frasier and Annie Elizabeth (Cowley) Frasier.

In addition to his parents, Art was also preceded in death by his siblings, Elizabeth DeHart and Deborah Schmalzride.

Art is survived by his wife, Candi (Stecker) Frasier of Worthington; one son, Arthur "Butch" Frasier, Jr and wife Adrienne of Longs, SC; one daughter, Jamie

Pyatt and husband Scott of Glendon, PA; grandchildren Dylan Coates, Haylee Frasier, Travis Frasier and Corvan Ward (Daniel); great grandchildren; Dragen Bridges, Everleigh and Journee Boyd and Kyle Ward; five sisters, Dolores Krum, Virginia Ingle, Mary Fritz, Lorraine Opydyke and Christine Frasier; two brothers, Albert Frasier and Michael Frasier.

Art was an active member of TLC Ministries and loved his church family. He loved carousels and wanted to ride at every opportunity. He worked 17 years for Ingersoll Rand.

A Celebration of Life to honor Art was held on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at the TLC Ministries in Four States with Pastor Sabrina Haight officiating. Cremation services have been provided by Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, WV per Art's wishes.

For memorial donations, please consider donations to the TLC Ministries.

DONALD LEE SINCLAIR

Donald Lee "Pappy" "Soda Pop" Sinclair, 79, of Nutter Fort passed away on Monday, August 9, 2021 at United Hospital Center after an eleven-year battle with cancer. He was born in West Milford on September 24, 1941 the son of the late Walter and Freda Greynolds Sinclair.

Donald is survived by his wife of fifty-nine years, Karen Watson Sinclair; one son Donald Sinclair, II and Debra, Blacksburg, VA; one daughter, Kimberly Sinclair and husband Craig Collins, Virginia Beach; two grandchildren, Morgan Wall and Zack, Christiansburg, VA and Cole Sinclair and fiancé Rachel, Virginia Beach; one brother, Walt Sinclair; three sisters, Phyllis, Lynn and Gladys; two sisters-in-law, Nancy and Debbie; as well as two brothers-in-law, Bob and Vic.

In addition to his parents, Donald was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth Sinclair.

Donald was a 1960 graduate from Unidis High School in West Milford. He would later retire from Union Carbide after thirty-years in the shipping department. Although he was involved in many clubs and activities, he truly loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed to hunt and fish at his farm in Buckhannon with his late "sidekick", Bandit. He only hunted with a black powder muzzleloader.

Donald was a member of the WV State Muzzleloaders Association, as well as the Appalachian Rangers Muzzle Loader Club since the 1970's where he had served the organization as President. He was a member of the Birch Mountain Club and served as President also. Donald participated in many Muzzleloader and Tomahawk competitions and won numerous trophies. He was the 1991 WV State Muzzleloader Champion. He was an instructor of gun safety. Donald was a forty-six-year member of the Hermon Masonic Lodge #6, where he was past Worshipful Master, in addition to the Scottish Rite Bodies of Wheeling and Clarksburg. He was a member of the WV Shriner's Clown Unit and entertained and participated in many events and parades around the state. Throughout his life Donald would also coach minor league baseball and serve as an umpire for softball league.

As per his wishes, Donald's body was donated to the WVU Human Gift Registry. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Davis Funeral Home and Onsite Crematory assisted the Sinclair family and the WVU Human Gift Registry. Online condolences can be made on DavisFuneralHomeWV.com.

MATTHEW TODD TURKOVICH



Matthew Todd Turkovich, 58, of Shinnston passed away on Monday, August 9, 2021, at J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital. He was born on September 24, 1962 in Clarksburg, the son of the late Michael M and Patty J Siron Turkovich.

Matthew graduated from Lincoln High School, Class of 1980. He attended Fairmont State College. Matthew worked after college at Kaman Corporation in Groton, CT and Crabtree and Evelyn in Woodstock, CT and last worked for Show Time Music for twenty years. Matthew enjoyed music, photography, traveling, hunting and fishing. He loved his cats, especially Flanders and Prudence.

Matthew is survived by one brother, Michael Turkovich Jr of Shinnston and

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companion, Ramona who was very kind and special to him; one sister, Nancy M Pollack, Shinnston; one niece, Holly M Turkovich, Richmond, VA; longtime companion, Penny Kay Minnix and her children, Wyatt; aunts and uncles, Helen Kovalch, Lucy DePatsy, Rudolph Bratovich all of Connecticut; special first cousin, Elsie Wanless and son Craig; several additional cousins.

In addition to his parents, Matthew was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Michael Turkovich, Mary Bratovich and husband Matthew Bratovich; maternal grandparents, Robert Siron and Margaret Knight Siron; brother-in-law, John C Pollack Jr; aunts and uncles, Mary Anna Pester, Tom Turkovich, Albert Turkovich, and John Bratovich; special first cousin, Mark Aubin.

A special thank you to the DaVita Dialysis Center, Clarksburg Treatment Center, and the staff at United Hospital Center and Ruby Memorial Hospital.

A private graveside service will be held at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to his Care Fund on his memorial page. Online condolences can be made at www.DavisFuneralHomeWV.com.

SABINA J. MAWYER

Sabina J. Mawyer, affectionately known as "Aunt B", 65, of Nutter Fort passed away suddenly on August 9, 2021. She was born on September 24, 1955 in Lorain, Ohio. She was the daughter of the late Charles and Mary Fernandez Mawyer of North View. Charles and Mary were overjoyed

when they adopted 6-year-old twin sisters, who became the light of their lives.

Sabina was a member of the first graduating class of Liberty High School in 1974. She made her career at United Hospital Center as a pharmacy technician and a mail room attendant. She was also a former associate at Kohl's. She was Catholic by faith. She will be remembered fondly for her generous spirit, her sense of humor, and her love of animals. She adored her fur babies, Annabelle, Benjamin and Stephanie. They brought her a great deal of joy and she spoiled them endlessly.

She is survived by her twin sister, and best friend, Trena (Mike) Kirk, Clarksburg; Nieces, Jennifer Kirk, West Milford, Michelle (Greg) Graham, West Milford, Bridget Kirk (Tony) Mt Washington, KY, Patricia Woods

'Who was undeniably her favorite' (Jim) Kirk, Clarksburg; Nephew, Robert Kirk, Clarksburg, as well as thirteen great nieces and nephews, one great-great niece and one great-great nephew. She is also survived by birth siblings, Bud Stiles, Curly Stiles, Tudy Mears, Tommy Stiles, Jackie Russell and Johnny Stiles. Although they were not raised together, they always held a special place in her heart, as did their children and grandchildren. Their reunion was very special for Sabina and Trena, and something for which they will always be grateful.

Following Sabina's wishes, she will be cremated. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Her Family asks that in Lieu of flowers, donations be made to **Continued on Page 9**

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Members of the Shinn family gratefully recognized all the efforts B&B owner Kathleen Panek put forth to make their reunion a memorable one by giving her a quilt they had made especially for her.

living. The Shinn family’s history has long been a part of Shinnston, West Virginia’s history as well. It was the settlement of this family that created this community’s name – SHINNston. And making that ‘connection’ is what members of this family did last weekend. A two-day reunion of the Shinn family was held in Shinnston last Friday and Saturday. Three generations of the family traveled from Michigan, Louisiana, Tennessee, Nebraska, Ohio, Virginia, and Arkansas to gather for their first family reunion. And for their first time hosting an event like this, they fared pretty well, drawing three dozen people!

The reunion was an idea created by Roger Shinn of Nebraska; however, he made it clear that his wife Karen K. Shinn did the greatest part of the planning and work! It was not Roger and Karen’s first trip to Shinnston; they had visited this community

several times in the past. Some of the other attendees had also made a couple of trips ... and yet, for still others attending, it was their very first visit to the city in the Mountain State that bears their family’s name.

Roger and Karen can appreciate how those first-time Shinn visitors felt. They say they were completely overwhelmed the first time they visited here and stepped foot into the Levi Shinn House and were able to actually ‘see’ how their antecedents had lived as they set down roots in West Virginia. What a surprise to find that the Shinnston Historical Association had taken the initiative to preserve the house and care for it with such pride.

Their weekend in Shinnston began on Friday evening with a “Meet & Greet” at the Gillum House Bed & Breakfast where some members of the family stayed during the weekend. And for a few of the Shinn family members, it was the first

time they had ever met.

“It was a lovely evening, and from start to finish, the City of Shinnston went beyond welcoming us all,” Karen said. “The family was greeted immediately by a ‘WELCOME’ scrolling on the electronic sign as we came into town. Kathleen Panek, the B&B owner, was a wonderful hostess and made arrangements with both the library and museum for our family members to tour these local facilities. Everyone was so friendly and hospitable.”

The highlight of Saturday was a picnic held at the large pavilion at Ferguson-Memorial Park, where the City had arranged for games for those who wished to partake. Roger and Karen purchased food for the picnic locally and, again, were treated so well, they said. While it was a very hot day for a picnic, the park furnished not only beautiful scenery but a gentle breeze throughout the day.

“Of course, we were all able to visit the Shinn House and also the new Shinn monument erected at the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery,” Karen added. “We had planned to hold church services on Sunday because one member of the Shinn family is a minister, but many had to start heading for home that day, so we’re going to hold on to this idea for our next reunion. We plan to stay in touch and we intend to make plans to come back in two years for another get-together.”

On their way home, Roger and Karen K. Shinn were stopping in Bartlett, Ohio to visit the Shinn Covered Bridge, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Karen shared the history of this bridge built in the mid-1880s by a Shinn ancestor.

“What we learned was that this family lived near a creek and their three-year old daughter attempted to cross the creek and drowned. Her father built the bridge in her memory,” she added. “And we also plan to stop in Illinois on our return trip to visit a cemetery there

where more of Roger’s family members are buried. This trip will be remembered as a truly historic journey!” As a gesture of appreciation, the Shinn family reunion attendees took up a collection, gathering \$500 that will be donated to the Shinnston Historical Association to help maintain the family’s ancestral homeplace.

Levi Shinn was Roger’s great-great-grandfather and his lineage is obviously of great importance to him. The couple say that during previous visits, they have had the opportunity and privilege to meet

the members of the Shinnston Historical Association, whom they described as wonderful people whose devoted efforts to preserve this original Shinn home was a labor of love and is a great source of pride for their remaining family members ... as well as to this community.

They concluded, “We thank the City of Shinnston for the gracious welcome we received and to all those whose efforts made our first Shinn family reunion a very special weekend. Our plan is to return in two years for a second reunion, and we’re all looking forward to it!”

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on race tracks, 3D archery, axe throwing, drone flying, miniature golf, disc golf and electric motor assisted bikes. The full-day pass that allows for six adventures in the course of one day is the best deal, but visitors also take advantage of the a la carte option to select a few specific adventures to enjoy during their visit.

Families with young children are drawn to the remote-controlled cars, laser tag and drone flying. The electric bikes and axe throwing attract families with older children. The Adventure Zone makes it simple for families to enjoy the park because they can just park, check-in and start enjoying the adventures where all equipment and instructions are provided. The Adventure

Zone “regulars” can be found honing their skeet shooting skills or walking and “hunting” on the 3D archery course. In fact, since the opening, skeet shooting is one of the most popular pursuits along with laser tag and remote-controlled cars.

The most intriguing trend is the passing of the legacy of Pipestem State Park from one generation to the next. Visitors have been enjoying Pipestem since its opening in 1970 because it is a destination with natural beauty and the potential for excitement. With the addition of the Pipestem Adventure Zone, a new dimension of enjoyment is now available to everyone who visits. The Adventure Zone caters to many crowds including the date-nighters, the day-trippers and the week-

long vacationers. It’s not uncommon to see local couples come to the Adventure Zone for a date night of axe throwing or drone flying. Sporty day-trippers can get a workout playing the challenging disc golf course or riding the electric bikes. Those with more time are most likely to purchase the full-day pass and dig into all of the thrills available to them.

To book your adventure, call 1-833-WV-Parks (1-833-987-2757) or visit wvstateparks.com. All of the adventures will be available through Labor Day weekend, and selected adventures will extend to October 31 while others will be available throughout the year for groups of 4 or more with 48-hour prior reservations and weather permitting.

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W.V. I.O.O.F. Drill Team Association Holds Annual Dinner

The W.V. I.O.O.F. Drill Team Association held its annual dinner/meeting on Sunday, July 25, 2021 at 4 PM at the Eat & Park Restaurant in Bridgeport, WV with Glendora M. Headley, President, presiding. Other officers present were Vice President, Deborah R. Siers, Vienna, WV and Secretary-Treasurer, Wanda F. Ashcraft, Shinnston, WV.

President Headley extended a cordial welcome, after which H.R. Scott,

Morgantown, offered an Invocation. After a tasty meal, a Business Session was held. Minutes/Treasurer's reports were approved. Appreciation was given to Robin Wayne Browning of New Jersey for a monetary donation.

The group could not meet in 2020 due to the coronavirus. A long list of ill and distressed were noted.

Secretary Ashcraft gave interesting numbers. This team is composed of three

groups of I.O.O.F. members who served on three different teams, travelling to various cities in the U.S. to honor the three following West Virginians who achieved International status: Harold L. Scott, Sovereign Grand Master; Alberta Hudkins, President IARA; Carl C. Williams, Sovereign Grand Master – all are deceased.

In 1992, the three teams combined to form the present organization with a

total of 145 members... today, twenty-six are living.

Mrs. Headley has served as President for twenty-nine years, Mr. Siers for five years and Ashcraft for twenty years.

Glendora and Don Headley married a short time prior to the Scott team going to Calgary, Canada. They went on their honeymoon with the team.

However, a few days before, Don fell and fractured his hip and is in Mon

General Hospital in Morgantown... we missed him very much. The members gave a monetary love gift to Don and Glendora for their long, devoted service to Odd Fellowship and this group.

Ms. Siers, VP, gave a very impressive and touching Memorial for two deceased members – W. Russell Hanby, PGM and Aldean Davidson, PDDP.

Election of officers was held - remained the same. Mrs. Headley brought the door prize (a lovely lap

robe with inscription of Amazing Grace) which was won by Carol Scott.

The next meeting was set for Sunday, July 31, 2022 at 4 PM – site to be announced. Secretary will mail letters to inform.

Present were: Glendora M. Headley, Deborah R. Siers, Wanda F. Ashcraft, Dortha Parsons, Mary Bess, and Nancy Nestor. Guests present: H.R. & Carol Scott, Kathy Nestor and Marjorie E. Jackson.

All were glad to see each other and all absent members were missed.

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will be \$1,000! Grateful appreciation is extended to the Shinnston American Legion for their overwhelming cooperation in helping with arrangements for this activity.

“This event is being sponsored by the Lincoln Athletic Boosters, and our football coaches have been heavily involved in the planning

and preparation of this. We'll have 200 tickets available to sell and anyone who is interested can call me directly at the school at 304-326-7407. If I am not in the office, please leave a message and I will return all calls. However, I do encourage everyone to purchase their tickets early as we expect it

to be a sellout,” Mrs. Hawkins continued.

There is still a surge to boost sales for ‘naming a locker’ at the new fieldhouse. The cost is \$300 to dedicate a locker in honor or in memory of someone, and they hope to have all lockers dedicated to a Lincoln alumnus. Because it will require some time to have

the nameplates made, they are shooting for a deadline of September 1st for locker donations so they will be ready for the fieldhouse dedication ceremony to be held later in the fall.

Mrs. Hawkins concluded, “The County office has employees painting the old section of the existing fieldhouse with

a matching fresh coat of paint right now. And we still await the arrival of the doors. A few other finishing items are on backorder, so we have experienced a few delays, but considering the fact that the construction process took place during the pandemic, we are pleased that everything ran this

smoothly. It will be well worth the wait and a source of pride for our school. We are so grateful to all those who have united with us throughout this project and anxiously await being able to say it is ‘complete’ ... and to offer the community the opportunity to tour our new facility very soon.”

“Obituaries”

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the Humane Society of Harrison County in her memory at 2450 Saltwell Rd, Shinnston, WV 26431.

COYLEE BELL

Coy Lee Bell, 82, of Clarksburg passed away on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at Stonerise Clarksburg with family by his side. He was born September 1, 1938 in Clarksburg, son of the late Ulysses S. Grant Bell and Clista Velma Hays Bell.

Coy is survived by his wife of sixty-three years, Nancy Ernestine Smith Bell of Clarksburg; two children, Terry Bell and wife Leigh Ann, Clarksburg, Jay Bell and wife Rhonda, Matthews, NC; five grandchildren, Michael Bell and Jessica, Nathaniel (Holly)

Bell, Corman Bell and Lauren, Emily (Craig) Kelley, and Audrey (Donny) Loudon; nine great grandchildren, Gracelyn, Vivien, Madelyn, Thompson, Peyton, Weston, Callie, Logan, Sadie; one sister-in-law, Cathy Bell, Clarksburg; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Coy is preceded in death by one brother, Troy Bell; one half-sister, Betty Lou Bell Murphy.

Coy graduated from Victory High School, Class of 1956. He served his country in the United States Marine Corp Reserves from 1956 to 1961. He worked for Hazel Atlas, Continental Can, Brockway, and Anchor Hocking from 1957 until the plant closed.

Coy was an insurance agent with American General Life Insurance Company and later was a funeral attendant for Davis Funeral Home. He was a member of the Harrison County Emergency Squad from 1966-1972. He attended Jewel City Church. He was an elder and active member at Good Hope Prayer Chapel and Faith Fellowship where he taught Bible study for many years. His honesty, loving demeanor, and fun sense of humor is a legacy that will carry on throughout his family.

On Saturday, August 14, 2021 a funeral service was held at Davis Funeral Home with Pastor Rita Robinson presiding. A Private Interment was held at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens.

Online condolences can be sent to Davisfuneralhomevw.com.

ERIC DANIEL LEEK

Eric Daniel Leek, 38, of Lost Creek, passed away on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital. He was born on May 28, 1983 in Wheeling, WV, the son of Ronald H Leek of Pine Grove and the late Bonnie Mae O'Neil Leek.

Eric graduated from Valley High School, Class of 2001. He attended WVU Tech. He was currently working as a Network Engineer for the Harrison County Board of Education for the past fifteen years. He was very active and enjoyed fishing, hunting, hiking, kayaking, camping, and being outdoors.

In addition to his father, Eric is survived by his wife, Sarah Ilene Dottillis Leek whom he married on March 27, 2008; two children, Riley Leek, Middlebourne, Geneva Leek at home; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Paul and Naomi Taylor Dottillis, Reynoldsville; other mother, Barbara Stoneking Garten; other brothers, Jason and Jamie Stoneking; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

In addition to his mother, Eric was preceded in death by his son, Logan Scott Price and one brother, Jonathan B Leek.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home with Pastor Tom Sears officiating. Interment followed at Rose Hill Cemetery in West Milford.

Online condolences can be made at www.DavisFuneralHomeWV.com

LEATRICE JOY STOUT

Leatrice “Libby” Joy Stout, 96, of Clarksburg passed away on Thursday, August 12, 2021. She was born August 24, 1924, the daughter of the late Thomas Wade and Sally Jane Harris Frederick.

Libby graduated from Burnsville High School and attended Glenville State College in Braxton County, WV. She served her country in the United States Army (Women's Army Corp) during World War II. Libby was employed by Clarksburg Exponent-Telegram for over 40 years as a reporter and featured writer. She was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Color Guard, Urban Renewal Authority and the Civil War Roundtable along with many other committees and groups.

Libby enjoyed dancing, arts/crafts, writing, storytelling, karaoke, playing her ole Gibson guitar, and spending time with family and friends. She was also an honorary member of the West Virginia Federation of Democratic Women Inc. Hall of Fame. She received many awards in her lifetime including the Eleanor B. Roosevelt Outstanding Democrat Award, the Award of Honor presented by Clarksburg Jaycees, United States Senate Award presented by U.S. Senator Robert C. Bird and Delegate to Democratic National Convention for the Carter/Mondale-Clinton/Gore

campaigns.

Libby is survived by her daughter, Perry Jane Bryan, Clarksburg; grandchildren John Patrick Bryan III, Clarksburg, Melissa Ann Bryan, Clarksburg, Tamara Jo Bryan, Morgantown, and Rachel Dawn Sharp, Clarksburg; great grandchildren, Kaleigh Jo Bryan, Alexander Lee Hess Sharp, Madison Brook Hess Sharp and Ella McKinley Hess Sharp; daughter in law, Yvonne Stout, Clarksburg; several special nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Libby was preceded in death by her husband, Perry G Stout, Jr whom she married July 19, 1947 and passed on June 7, 2009; one son, Lee Scott Stout on May 27, 2018; siblings, Deloris Louise Bellotte, Violet M. Hamrick, Holland D. “Todd” Frederick, Francis P. “Boog” Frederick, Gayle Frederick, Ilene Frederick and Mary Jean Collins.

Family will receive friends at Davis Funeral Home, 124 Olen Thomas Dr., Clarksburg, on Friday, August 20, 2021 from 4-7PM and Saturday, August 21, 2021 from 2-7PM. Funeral Service will be held in Funeral Home Chapel on Sunday, August 22, 2021 at 12:00 Noon with Rev. James Harris officiating. Interment will follow in the K of P Cemetery in Burnsville, WV.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Meuse-Argonne VFW Post 573 Clarksburg, WV 26301. Online condolences may be sent to Davis Funeral HomeWV.com.

“Six New Teams”

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and schools launching programs in the coming years, there are now 765 four-year colleges and universities offering students an opportunity to play college football.

The rationale for adding football varies at each institution, and all of the decision makers who helped develop a plan for launching a program explain that an in-depth study played a critical role in finding the right level of play and the proper financial balance. Small colleges may cite increasing enrollment and addressing gender imbalances while larger universities might highlight the role of football in raising the institution's profile and its ability to attract research grants. All mention creating a more vibrant on-campus community

and connecting with alumni.

For the first time in more than 40 years, Bluefield State College in Bluefield, West Virginia, will field a football team this fall as one of 12 new sports to its athletics department. When Bluefield State President Robin Capehart was hired in 2019, he was tasked with increasing enrollment and fundraising. He told HBCU Gameday that he wants football to “be a financial benefit to the school” and “to help build the school's profile.”

“I firmly believe you cannot build a college on athletics,” Capehart told HBCU Gameday. “You cannot do it. You have to have a strong academic core, a strong academic base where students want to come to get that education.

But you can enhance your enrollment through athletics. Especially Division II athletics.”

Led by Head Coach Tony Coaxum, the Big Blue will compete as an NCAA Division II independent and will play their first game at home on Saturday, Sept. 4, vs. Lawrence Tech (MI).

“Coach Coaxum and his team have done an incredible job of pulling off the near-impossible: finding the players and the opponents to make a season in less than six months,” Bluefield State Athletics Director Derrick Price said in an April release. “They know how important football is to our alumni, what it means to re-start a tradition that includes two national championships.”

UHC Receives Book Donation To Help Keep The Wheels Moving



United Hospital Center (UHC) Obstetrics recently received a generous donation of books from Harrison County Schools. Pictured left are Lee Ann Romeo, RNC, CCE, CLC, Childbirth Educator and Lactation Counselor/Supervisor at UHC accepting multiple copies of the book — “The Wheels on the Bus” from Helen Roberts, NBCT, Federal Programs Curriculum Coordinator for Harrison County Schools. “Our donation is meant to enrich imaginations and improve reading abilities,” said Roberts. “Reading is such a critical skill that is needed to help lead a successful life.” The books will be provided to families of newborns to encourage reading to children. “Wheels on the Bus” is the perfect book for early learning, as it encourages singing and supports even babies and toddlers’ speech and listening skills. This familiar children’s song that we all have enjoyed, comes to life in a book for parents and children to spend quality time together. “Putting a book in the hands of a parent certainly motivates them to read to their child, which broadens their youngster’s horizons,” said Romeo. “This donation will undoubtedly be cherished by families and shared for generations to come.”

Photography And Vocal Performances To Be Featured At ‘Artist After Hours’ Event



JOE McNEMAR



JOSHUA STUBBS



SARAH NALE

The Cultural Foundation of Harrison County is excited to host the second Artist After Hours event tonight, Thursday, August 19 from 5:30PM to 7PM at the Uptown Event Center in Clarksburg. The event will feature the work of award-winning local photographer Joe McNemar and a live performance by local vocalists Sarah Nale and Joshua Stubbs.

The event is free and light refreshments will be served, made possible by the generous support from this month’s sponsors, Booth & Strange and The Rodeheaver Group P.C., Certified Public Accountants.

Joe McNemar is an award-winning photographer known

for his portrait and commercial photography, in addition to landscape and sports photography. McNemar has been named Photographer of the Year four times in West Virginia. Additionally, he has won Mid East States Photographer of the Year, which includes Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

Sarah Nale is an active performer of both opera and musical theatre. Additionally, Nale maintains an active voice studio at The Vintage Theatre Company, serves as the Choir Director for the Performing Arts Conservatory at Notre Dame High School, and works as an Adjunct Professor at Glenville

State College. Joshua Stubbs is an accompanist, musical director, and performer. Stubbs operates an active voice studio at The Vintage Theatre Company, serves as the Associate Choir Director at The Performing Arts Conservatory at Notre Dame High School, and works as an Adjunct Faculty member at Glenville State College.

He arranged music for Kingdom Come, an original musical that debuted in NYC in March 2012 and will be revived in North Central West Virginia on September 10-11, 2021.

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.

On The Menu
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Fruit Cobbler

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

I was going through some old family recipes recently and once again seemed to be drawn to the section with those pound-packin’ desserts! I keep telling myself that I should once in a while change things up a bit and offer a healthier vegetable recipe, but it won’t be this time ... but at least it contains fruit! Does that count?

Not everyone is a great baker, and not everyone has the time or the skills to make perfect, flaky, delectable pie crusts like one of my mom’s friends, Shirley. So if you like something simple to make (but delicious), this is for you. Plus, if you don’t have time to spend the entire morning in the kitchen, this genuinely fits the bill. And another bonus is that since it’s made in a smaller baking pan, it won’t be sitting around tempting you for a long time!

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 stick of butter
- 1 cup sugar
- ¾ cup flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- ¾ cup milk
- 2 cups fruit (fresh or canned)

DIRECTIONS:

Melt a stick of butter in a square 8 X 8 pan. Then mix together the sugar, flour, baking powder and milk. Pour this mixture on top of the melted butter, but DO NOT STIR it with the butter. Top this by adding the 2 cups of fruit by spoonfuls; *note that if you’re using fresh fruit, you might want to add a little more sugar.* Again, don’t stir it with the other ingredients.

Now it’s ready to pop in the oven. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Easy enough, huh? LOVE this made with fresh peaches and generously topped with vanilla ice cream. Enjoy!!!!

Remember, readers, if you have a favorite recipe that you’d like to share, we welcome your submissions. E-mail your recipe to us at newsandjournal@yahoo.com. And don’t forget to stop by your local Price Cutter to purchase all of your ingredients!

ROAD CLOSURE

The West Virginia Area (Mile Marker 122.8) will be closed while crews perform concrete pavement repairs on the exit and entrance ramps, as well as the car parking lot area. The Rest Area will be re-opened for Labor Day weekend. Motorists are advised to plan ahead and allow additional time for their commute. Please note that inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances could change the project schedule.

The purpose for the Road Closure is concrete pavement repairs for ramps and parking lot. The Southbound Rest

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