



Just As Mask Mandates Were Relaxing ...

WV's DHHR Color-Coded Map Showing More Than Green Now



To toss ... or ... not to toss the masks? That is the question. It STILL may be a little too soon to dispense with the masks! Perhaps a valuable adage to follow is that "Caution is the parent of safety".

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

News & Journal Editor

West Virginia has steadfastly pushed for its residents to get vaccinated against the coronavirus, and even offered a target date in June so that restrictions could be lifted somewhat. As many complied, there was a drop in the number of COVID cases. Yet, many still remain unvaccinated, and now with three variants appearing (Alpha from the UK, Delta from India, and Gamma from Brazil), if you pay attention

to the DHHR map of West Virginia where colors are changing in many counties, it becomes obvious that the pandemic has not ended.

Dr. Mark Povroznik, Vice President of Quality at United Hospital Center, says he had made a pre-pandemic estimate of perhaps 1,800 deaths to result from COVID in West Virginia. And while many thought his predicted number was unlikely, it has been surpassed! Deaths related to COVID are nearing 3,000 West Virginians.

Regarding vaccinations, Dr. Povroznik states that the fully vaccinated in our state are just under 50%; however, those 50 years and older have just surpassed 70%, and the stats on those 65 and older are nearing 80%.

"It wasn't that long ago that the DHHR's color-coded map was showing more green, indicating lower incidence rates, but now we are seeing more yellow and gold, signifying rising rates in some counties," he said. "More locally, UHC was seeing an average of 1.7 positive

tests per day in early July; however, for the past week, this has risen to about 6 positives per day of those who have their testing performed at UHC. For Harrison County, over the same prior week, the infection rate has risen from 4.04 to 12.53. Other counties like Marshall to the north of us and Webster to our south, have positivity rates that have recently exceeded 8%. So this is evidence to continue awareness and prevention measures and not to let our guards down too quickly."

Povroznik encourages the public to remain cautious, to avoid locales that are 'hot spots', to be aware of their surroundings and those with whom they associate. He emphasized that if you feel you are in a safe environment, you can exercise some freedoms, but don't ignore all precautions.

"There are three basic reasons that will continue to cycle viral spread throughout the pandemic. Those are adherence to prevention recommendations such as hand hygiene,

masking, vaccination, and self-screening; travel and expanding socialization; and these variants," Dr. Povroznik specified. "While hospitalization, patients requiring ICU level care, and those requiring ventilators have risen since the July 4th holiday, the rates currently are about half of what they were in May. But the threat remains and the attitude of the healthcare systems is we cannot let down our guard. We are heading into the 4th wave, driven

largely by unvaccinated individuals and the Delta variant which is believed to be twice as transmissible as the original coronavirus."

However, he did admit that while hospitalizations and deaths due to COVID still exist, the rates thankfully are slower, indicating the value of vaccination. Areas seeing the most surges are those with the lowest vaccination rates.

How are the variants affecting the case numbers here in the the 4th wave, driven

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LHS Fieldhouse Addition Nears Completion



The new Lincoln High School Fieldhouse is no longer just an artist's rendering. With construction paid for, they will concentrate now on the finishing touches and furnishings ... and the facility will be another source of Cougar PRIDE.

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Veritas Construction Group out of Fairmont was awarded the bid for building the new

addition to the Lincoln Fieldhouse at Stydahar Field in Shinnston, and work began in mid-April. If given a report card, theirs would

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Shinnston City Council Awards Bid For Automatic Meter Readers

AMRs Should Be Installed & In Use In Nine Months



Since the July 26th Council Work Session, the long-awaited paving project on VanRufus Drive has been completed, much to the delight of residents in that area.

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Shinnston City Council met on Monday, July 26th at the Woman's Club clubhouse (and also via Zoom) with its

work session preceded by a Special Meeting, which involved making a decision on the automatic meter reading (AMR) technology system that will now collect water usage data automatically and save much time

involved in monthly visits to each customer's physical location to read meters; this will also eliminate billing 'estimated' consumption.

Two bids were considered: one from CITCO and another from Ferguson Water Works. City Manager Chad Edwards noted that after receiving input from Stantec's Richard Gaines and Shinnston's City Attorney and deliberation by the City's water board, the technicalities that had been in question were worked out and the recommendation was to accept the Ferguson bid which came in at \$1,217,053.19 ... and \$52,000 savings over the CITCO bid. A motion

was made and seconded to award the AMR bid to Ferguson Water Works, which passed unanimously.

Before adjourning the Special Meeting, Gaines stated that the contract would be signed within 15 days and the installation would be complete within nine months.

The first order of business in the work session was to hear petitions of citizens. First to speak was Joe Roberts of E. Pike Street who stated that although he had received a lot of paperwork regarding the spending of money from the streets and sidewalks funding, he wanted to see actual receipts. The

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Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Returns

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) has announced the return of the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) that was delayed earlier this year due to a lack of a banking contract. With the contract now in place, vouchers will be delivered to participating partners and will be available to senior citizens starting

August 1st. The WVDA is working to avoid this issue for the 2022 season.

"What we saw in West Virginia is not unique to our state. Many other programs around the country are struggling to find banking partners to handle redemption of the vouchers. The USDA is aware of the issue and is working through how to adjust the federal program so states

can continue serving our senior citizens," said Commission of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt.

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Vouchers will be distributed to all 55 counties in West Virginia by the WVDA through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's program. Vouchers can be exchanged for fresh, nutritious, unprepared,

locally grown fruits, vegetables, honey and herbs from participating farmers markets, roadside stands and community supported agriculture programs. Eligible seniors who are over the age of 60 and meet certain financial requirements can sign up through their local senior centers.

"We are extremely proud of the staff who

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Amazing Backroads



Building Amazing Cities

By JIM HUNT
author, speaker, consultant

One of the joys of modern technology is driving the roads of West Virginia with a GPS device and being led down a gravel road that you have no idea will lead to a dead end or get you to your destination. My driving buddy, Bobby Monroe, has a Garmin GPS device and last week we were in Preston, Tucker and Braxton Counties giving the local Sheriffs some guidance on collection of delinquent personal property taxes.

As we made our way through the mountains, the Garmin would direct us to take some pretty sketchy roads and I joked to Bobby that we might come upon a moonshine still or a patch of marijuana if we kept going. The roads were full of curves and would often have no guardrails to keep you from sliding off of a cliff. Evidently, the GPS attempts to get you to your destination in the shortest distance, even if that means going on dirt roads or areas that look as if they have not seen a car in years.

The backroads of West Virginia are interesting and yield some interesting sights. Some of the homes nestled along these roads are spectacular and have unique architectural designs. Many are

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Food For Thought

By Leigh Currey Merrifield
Editor

Pretty 'Dog-Gone' Smart

My mother and I were in a conversation recently with a friend of the family about pets. We recalled a time when I was little and needed a spanking; she had turned me across her knee, and our pet (a dalmation) didn't take kindly to her causing my tears; he didn't bite her but tried to intercede on my behalf! She smacked him too (!) and then sent us both to my room to pout. She told of how I had returned later with the matter forgiven and forgotten; however, the dog, on the other hand, didn't warm up to her for another week or so! We have pictures of him stretched out on the sofa between the two of us, his body lazily lounging there between "his two girls", and it was hard to tell who was sharing the cushy couch with whom. He gave the impression that it was HIS domain and we were dog-gone lucky to be given permission to share HIS spot! But, just like Lassie, he was loyal and protective.

Our canine friends are the most popular pets in the world. Often referred to as "man's best friend, they speak not a word of English but are capable of understanding so much – a disgusted, dirty look admonishes them; a slap on the leg signals play time, a smile draws a wag in return; tears bring them nearby in sympathy; and they 'pawsitively' know no class system because they are faithful regardless of their owner's wealth. Although most people probably take on the responsibility of a dog for companionship or

protection, they have long filled many needs. Dogs have been used to pull sleds, to deliver messages, to rescue people trapped in snow covered mountains, and to herd sheep. Some serve as eyes for the visually impaired; some guide wheelchair patients; some are trusted for leading hunters in the right direction; some provide law enforcement assistance, sniffing narcotics; some offer therapy for the elderly in nursing homes. How do they learn to do such things? They are smarter than we think! How is it that all I have to say to my granddog is "Do you need to go outside?" and he runs to the back door. Or if I mention "a treat", he runs to the door of my pantry where they are stored!

Here are a few lessons we humans can learn from dogs:

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.

Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.

When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.

Let others know when they've invaded your territory.

Stretch before rising. Run, romp and play daily.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.

On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.

When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

Delight in the simple joy of a long walk ... followed by a nap.

Eat with gusto and enthusiasm, but stop when you've had enough.

Be loyal to those who love and care for you.

If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

That's some 'food for thought' for this week. And I've got plenty of dessert for you. Our canine friends are the subject of MANY quotes ... some spoken by the 'famous' and others by the 'not so famous', but they are relevant regardless of the author's distinction. Enjoy your desserts!

"One reason a dog can be such a comfort when you're feeling blue is that he doesn't try to find out why you're blue."

"There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face."

"To his dog, every man is Napoleon, hence the popularity of dogs."

"Any time you think you have influence, try ordering around someone else's dog."

"Look closely at yourself; don't just accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful."

"No symphony orchestra ever played music like a child laughing with a puppy."

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. 5, 1958: Jennings Randolph defeated former governor William Marland in the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate. Randolph went on to become the senior senator from West Virginia.

Aug. 6, 1864: Delayed three times by the Civil War, Sisters of the Visitation of Holy Mary finally arrived in Parkersburg, where they later founded DeSales Heights boarding school for young women.

Aug. 7, 1864: In what became known as the Battle of Moorefield, Union troops under Gen. William W. Averell attacked the

headquarters of Gen. Bradley Johnson. The Confederates were routed and fled south into the town; the Union captured 500 men and 400 horses.

Aug. 7, 1877: West Virginia voters chose Charleston as the state capital over Clarksburg and Martinsburg.

Aug. 7, 1893: Parsons became the county seat of Tucker County. Parsons was named for Ward Parsons, a prominent resident and the largest landholder.

Aug. 8, 1915: Businessman Alex Schoenbaum was born in Richmond, Va. After settling in Charleston in 1943, he went into the restaurant business. His restaurants were named Shoney's when Schoenbaum's nickname was selected in an employee contest.

Aug. 9, 1916: A storm front from the northwest dumped nearly six inches of rain in less than five hours on the headwaters of Cabin Creek in eastern Kanawha County. 71 people died and 900 homes were destroyed in the flood.

Aug. 9, 1954: Don Chafin died in Huntington. As sheriff of Logan County, Chafin was a bitter foe of union organizers and, with financial support from coal companies, used his many deputies to keep labor organizers out of the county.

Aug. 10, 1920: General Frank Kendall "Pete" Everest Jr. was born in Fairmont. Everest was a military aviator and a pioneer in U.S. rocket plane flying. In 1956, he flew the X-2 at Mach 3, exceeding 1,900 miles per hour and breaking

Super Crossword

HIDDEN STAIRS

ACROSS

1 Hindu monks
7 Gorilla or gibbon
10 Baby doll call
14 Ignominy
19 Wound antiseptic
20 Nothing
21 Chilled
22 Tabloid VIP
23 Long poems in which animals speak and act like humans
25 Figure skater's jump
26 Drizzles, e.g.
27 Beethoven specially
28 Much-shared GIF, maybe
29 Murrur continuously
30 Bodega, e.g.
33 Detecting of sweetness, flavor, etc.
36 Spiny-crested lizard
39 Place atop
40 Not busy
41 Installments of TV series that were not preserved
44 Biology and ecology, e.g.

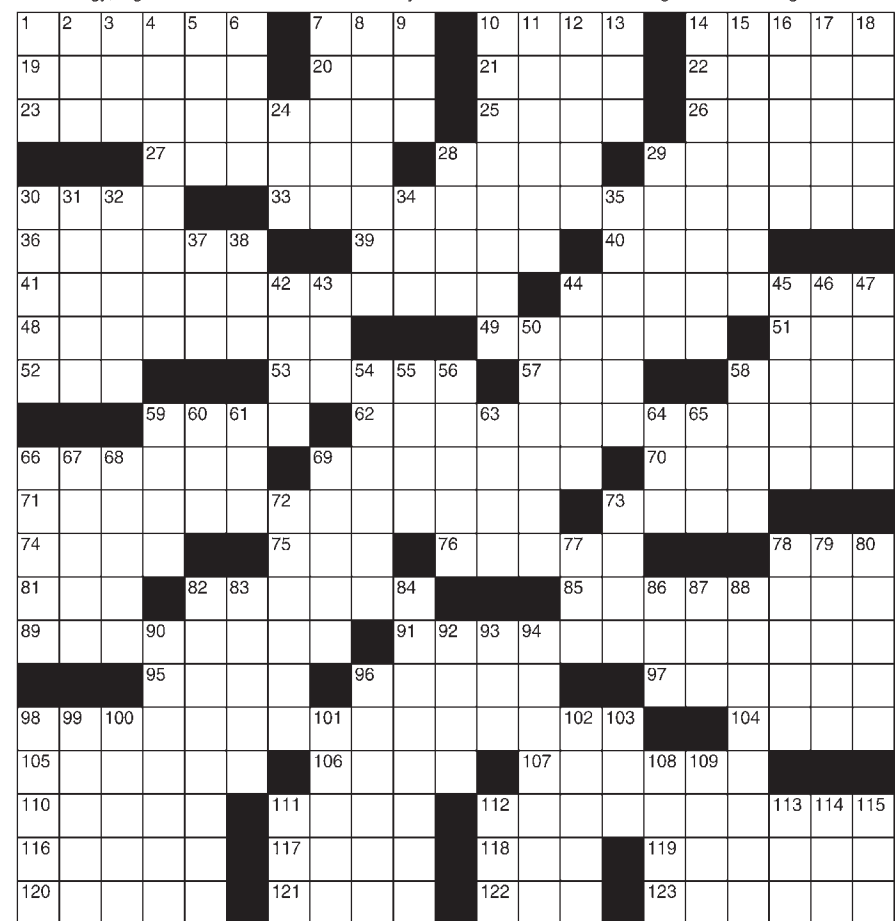
48 It may be loose-leaf
49 Clan carvings
51 "— found it!"
52 Pub. houses hire them
53 One of the Judds
57 Cannes' Palme —
58 Actress Lena
59 Iris' place in the eye
62 Hindu social classes as they relate to government affairs
66 Cherishes
69 Taverns
70 Lord's home
71 1 Peter and 1 Timothy, in the Bible
73 Armory stuff
74 Sister of Luke, in sci-fi
75 Seville cheer
76 Masterful
78 Fan noise
81 In time past
82 Dry gully
85 Road part for cyclists
89 "Huzzah!"
91 Crusty, cheesy brand in the frozen food aisle

95 Salinger's "love and squalor" girl
96 Philosopher with a logical "razor"
97 Surrendered
98 It may result in landfills
104 Get a look at
105 ET and such
106 Dried out
107 Sea demigod
110 Future pupa
111 Pre-'91 world power
112 Enter ... or what each of seven long answers in this puzzle has
116 Prepare to pray, say
117 Go higher
118 Old Olds
119 Conductor of impulses
120 Composer Camille
121 Saint: —
122 Age-verifying docs.
123 Trees that tremble

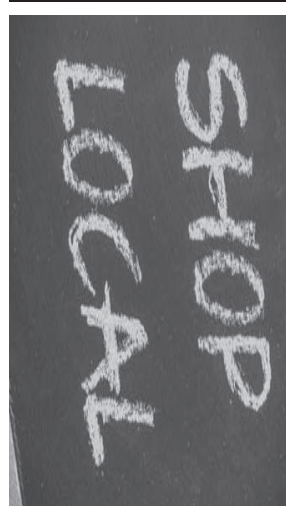
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6 In view
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8 Blue Period artist Pablo
9 Overhead rails
10 Highway distance marker
11 Keen insight
12 Rhythm
13 Lumber tool
14 High ethical standards
15 Encourage
16 Court excuse
17 — Park (Edison's lab site)
18 Jed Clampett player Buddy
24 Singer Benatar
28 Parcel (out)
29 Make obscure
30 Pooh creator
31 Put up — fight
32 Undergoes oxidation
34 TV's Turner
35 Orator of old Rome

37 Neighbor of Colo.
38 GI address
42 Scottish isle
43 Pop music of Jamaica
44 Quits
45 Eyelashes, anatomically
46 Give the boot
47 Awareness
50 Danish port
54 Irish playwright Sean
55 Ale grain
56 Capri, e.g., to a Capriote
58 Filmmaker Preminger
59 Stellar bear
60 Dog healer
61 Ending for journal
63 Three- — sloth
64 NASA moon lander
65 Ending for journal
66 Insurer with a duck mascot
67 San — Bay
68 Stellar hunter
69 Grain storer
72 Redcap, e.g.
73 On the job
77 "POV" ailer
78 Fogs

79 Open, as some jackets
80 John Irving's "A Prayer for Owen —"
82 Armories
83 Freeway exit inclines
84 Came to pass
86 Tavern cask
87 Green gp.
88 Adds pep to
90 Take revenge
92 "Behold!" to Brutus
93 Brutus' lang.
94 Sent forth
96 Ukraine city
98 Goes on foot
99 "George & —" (1990s talk show)
100 "Yes, —!" ("For sure!")
101 Actor Davis in many Spike Lee films
102 Creme-filled cookies
103 Puppy bite
108 Funny Fey
109 Wallet singles
111 Internet ID
112 — Lankan
113 Fury
114 Comedian Rickles
115 USNA grad.



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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).

LIONS CLUB BROOM & MOP SALE

The Shinnston Lions Club will hold its Broom & Mop sale at the corner of Pike & Rebecca Sts. this Saturday, August 7 from 8 AM until noon. Brooms available in a variety of sizes and reasonably price.

RUMMAGE SALE

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

USED BOOK SALE AND MORE

The Bridgeport Public Library will hold a used book sale in the front parking lot of the library on Saturday, August 7, 9AM-2PM. A large assortment of titles and genres will be available - \$3.00 per bag.

WV HERITAGE CRAFTS MONTHLY MEETING

The WV Heritage Crafts will be holding its monthly meeting on Sunday, August 8, 5PM at the Quiet Dell Grade School exit 115 I 79. Will be Jurying new members. For additional information 304-622-3304.

LITURGY SERVICE

The Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Mission, 408 Morgantown Ave, Fairmont, will hold a Liturgy service on Saturday, August 7 at 10 AM. Contact Fr. Sasha Nedich for info at 724-966-7428.

WV HERITAGE CRAFTS WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

The West Virginia Heritage Crafts will be offering the following workshops: "Getting to Know Your Sewing Machine" Monday August 9, 11:30 am-1:30 pm. Bring your sewing machine, all attachments, manual and a spool of thread. Class Fee \$20.00, Limited to 4 students. Call 304-842-1048 to register; Hand Quilting Class Friday August 13, 11 am-2 pm. Call 304-931-8701 to register; Hand Quilting Class Monday August 16, 2 pm-5 pm. Call 931-8701 to register.

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 debbie27@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.

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City Manager stated that this levy money cannot be spent on anything but street and sidewalk projects and that Mr. Roberts was welcome to come to the City building and look through all computer records pertaining to that. Mayor Kovalck told the City Manager to give Roberts the printouts he was asking for to which Roberts added that if he didn't receive this soon, he would take the City to court for not adhering to FOIA statutes.

At that time, Councilperson Mary Ann Ferris suggested that in the future, each time a project is done through levy funding, it might be a good idea to put up a sign saying so in order for the public to recognize that their dollars are at work.

The second citizen to speak was Robert Blake of 2nd Street who expressed concerns about backpackers in his area. He noted that a few things in his neighborhood had been found to be missing and that a couple of his family members had been harassed; he asked if the City could look into it. Mayor Kovalck said the City understood the concerns in that area, noted that four local 'camps' had been broken up by the Police Department, and that he would urge the Police Chief to talk to him and check on his concerns.

Speaking last was Andy Sorine of Walnut Street whose complaint involved multiple mounting water bills for property he owns, some of which is rental

property. He noted that in June of 2019 there were water leaks in two of his residences and at that time he had a zero balance. Now, he said late charges continue to mount and he is now receiving red-inked invoices in the amount of \$2,591 with the threat to shut off water service. After visiting the City offices, it has still not been taken care of and he has since learned that there is only one water line and one meter so he doesn't understand how he can be getting multiple bills with only one meter to be read. Mayor Kovalck said it would be addressed and followed up on.

The City Manager's report included the following items:

WATER – Both the City Manager and water operator Matt Maxwell attended a meeting hosted by the Clarksburg Water Board concerning the recent lead testing issues. They were assured that the lead is coming from some older service lines and there is no violation in the main lines. If service lines and household plumbing are testing positive, it should not affect the City's Saltwell connection. Nevertheless, Matt will collect 10 samples from Saltwell as ordered by the WV Bureau of Public Health.

PUBLIC WORKS – Decorative signs are being put out in the downtown area. Hydrants were flushed on July 20th and 21st based on the State Fire Marshall's recommendation and they will continue this until all are done. Henceforth, an annual schedule of

hydrant flushing will be established. Paving on VanRufus Drive is nearing completion, which will finish up the 2021 paving projects with the exception of the lip on the Trailhead entrance that Gary Amos will also do before moving on to the diagonal parking spots off the greenspace by the water office.

OFFICE & ADMINISTRATION – Chad has submitted the City's request for the \$440,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. He said there will be a sign put up on every project where this money is to be spent. Edwards has also spoken with the Auditor's office concerning audits and the City will be receiving a packet that will enable them to get started this fall. An insurance quote for the City's policy has been received by Kyle Johnson Insurance for a new insurance option that would save the City nearly \$30,000 in fiscal year 2022. The policy contains lower deductibles with better coverage and a few additions. With Council's approval, this would end the City's partnership with Assured Partners. With no disapproval, the matter will be left in the hands of the City Manager.

ECON. DEV. & PARKS & REC – Chad, along with Willard West, John and Mary Jo DeMarco, Lou DelRio and some other Park Board members will be re-rocking the bocce courts to prepare them for this year's WV Italian Heritage Festival Bocce Tournament. WBOY

will be in Shinnston to promote a few more downtown properties for sale and/or lease and will record a segment on the City being a good place to do business.

Discussion items included:

The City Manager stated that the Fiscal Year 2021 report was nearly ready and some money received of late was being entered into the system. The report will be complete for the next meeting of City Council.

In discussing fiberoptic broadband options, the City Manager encouraged that the City should not drop this issue but begin developing a comprehensive plan as its incorporation in the immediate area could lead to more competition with other providers in addition to Frontier and Suddenlink, both of which gather numerous customer complaints. It was noted that the county should be doing this as well for throughout the county just as cities are doing it for those who live in their immediate areas.

Council discussed how ARPA funds could be spent with qualifying infrastructure possibilities that would include sewer, water and broadband improvements. It was decided that each Council member would prepare a list of spending options they deemed important and submit these to the City Manager who will assemble a complete listing to be considered.

With no further business, Council adjourned to meet in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

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exhibit an "A". August has just begun and the project is coming in right on time although they are still working to finish up last-minute things before removing all of their equipment and handing over the keys!

Lincoln High School Vice-Principal and Athletic Director Mrs. Holly Hawkins said that after this project being in the advance planning stages and saving money for nearly two years, it is remarkable to now see the plan come together and, more importantly, come in on time!

"Veritas has been wonderful to work with, and despite a few hiccups, things are moving along pretty much right on time – despite COVID causing a few delivery delays," Mrs. Hawkins commented. "We're still awaiting a few items, but we're really hopeful that the building will be useable soon although we will likely have to rely on using just the existing fieldhouse at the time football season begins at the end of the month."

With money the school had been saving,

coupled with funding from the County, the construction of the building is paid for. Doors, lighting, and restroom facilities are all included in that as well. The ceilings are complete in the addition; HVAC is in; and water is hooked up in the building. They still await delivery of the last of the siding, and 56 lockers are scheduled to arrive by mid-September.

Mrs. Hawkins noted that they also thus far have three estimates on the flooring, and their choice seems to be leaning toward a glossy epoxy flooring that will be long-lasting and durable. There will also still be expenses to cover for interior furnishings, which they hope to be able to do with community support.

Donations have been coming in but a little slowly. However, they are hoping that since the Board of Education has now set up a secure link, people will find it much more convenient to donate with a credit card. Online donations will be accepted through School Cash Online; here is how to

access this. Simply visit hcschools.schoolcashonline.com and click items in the top left corner on the blue bar. Select "Lincoln High School Football Locker Room Project". Please note that donors do not have to be registered in SCO or have a student in the system to make a contribution here.

OR, checks may be mailed directly to: Lincoln High School, 100 Jerry Toth Drive, Shinnston, WV 26431. Please indicate that the donation is for the football locker room project and include your name, address, phone number and any other relevant information if you are naming a locker in honor or memory of someone.

"Currently, we are working on some ideas for a public fundraiser that we'd like to hold prior to the beginning of the school year. Details at this point are not firm yet, but we will be issuing publicity on that just as soon as all arrangements are complete," Mrs. Hawkins added.

Football practice began this past Monday, and the Cougars are

gearing up for their first game – a home game – on Friday, August 27th when they will be hosting the Braxton County Eagles.

Mrs. Hawkins concluded, "Cougar fans in the area have always been very generous with their support for Lincoln High School, and we're hoping they will once again offer their support as we try to raise funding to finish and furnish our new fieldhouse addition that will serve student athletes at both Lincoln High School and Lincoln Middle School. We also realize that the pandemic has perhaps been burdensome for some families, but if you are able, your financial support will be much appreciated – at any level!"

The time is nearing to exhibit Cougar Pride at the opening game on August 27th! The Lincoln Cougar coaches and football team are all excited to get back into action in 2021! Be there to cheer them on!

An announcement will be made in advance when the doors to the new fieldhouse addition will opened and an official dedication will be held.

Memories Of Our Grandparents Should Be Cherished!



GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

Since the pandemic I have been faithful about attending mass through EWTN on television. I have been to church several times but just about the time I was beginning to perhaps attend regularly once again, I got this eye condition and could not drive. So, I continue to attend mass at 8:00 with EWTN.

I have found that I seem to get more out of mass by attending this way. Maybe because I can hear so much better and there are no distractions. The readings are so much clearer and the sermon seems to be directed to me.

Anyway, this past Sunday the priest spoke of grandparents. He announced that Pope Francis had proclaimed the fourth Sunday in July as Grandparent's Day. What a wonderful day this is and even if you missed it last Sunday, this Sunday will do; as a matter of fact, how about one Sunday a month.

First, there are those of us whose grandparents have all passed away and pictures and memories can fill our day. We must write down all the memories we have for future generations. If there are older generations left, we should talk to them and compile their memories of our grandparents. If not, you will be surprised at the memories you already have of your grandparents from when you were young.

I had two grandmothers and a step grandfather in my life. My grandmother Burnett lived with

us and my grandmother Winnie lived in North View. If I close my eyes, I can see both of them with their aprons on sitting in a chair reciting their rosary daily. I remember my grandma Burnett and her love for gardening and her hot houses where she raised plants for sale. I remember going almost every Sunday to my Grandma Winnie's house for dinner - one Sunday we had pasta and the next we had chicken pastina. I never had much conversation with my grandmother Burnett because she never spoke English but we did have a broken way of communicating and we were able to learn some of our history. My other grandmother did communicate with us about our family history and because I did not write it down, I have lost some of it.

Now, to those who have grandparents still living, you are indeed blessed. And you have the opportunity to learn because our grandparents are our roots. They are responsible for passing on our faith; their wisdom and memories are passed on to us and it is our duty to keep them alive. There are legends between generations and it is up to us to keep them alive.

I urge you to start a family history and write down all the information you collect. Our grandparents are our best source of family information and collect it before it is too late. A very happy belated Grandparent's Day and remember every day can be grandparent's day. If you are lucky enough to have grandparents, then savor the days with them... they will enjoy talking with you.

I hope you are enjoying the summer season and if you are a gardener that you are enjoying your harvest. Remember to plan a mini vacation somewhere in West Virginia.

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

"Amazing Backroads"

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A-frame homes and have a rustic look with all of the modern conveniences. You wonder how they were able to get the materials up these narrow roads and how they make it out during the deep winter snows. I'm guessing that the owners enjoy living away from it all and are not too worried about being stranded for a couple of weeks in the winter.

On a backroad in Tucker County, we saw what looked like a yurt, that was neatly constructed along the road. For those unfamiliar with yurts, they are round structures that are traditionally used by nomadic tribes in the steppes of Central Asia. Yurts are getting more common in the United States and are an interesting diversion for those who like to get away from it all while still having some of the comforts of home. The one we passed had two outhouses and a colorful rug, serving as a front door.

Another common sight along the backroads were the wide river streams that are filled with smooth stones and interesting rock formations. While I am not a fisherman, I can imagine that these streams are filled with an amazing array of fish. Cars were parked along many places where you could see a path leading towards the river. While the streams were ankle deep in many places, you could imagine how swift and high the river gets during the rainy season in West Virginia. Flash floods are a constant worry and campers and fishermen need to keep a keen eye out for rising waters.

While there are few fast-food restaurants along the backroads, you will never go hungry. We had a great lunch in Parsons, West Virginia at a small diner named Piccolo Paula's. They had a nice lunch crowd, and we got an Oak Barrel salad and some homemade brownies that were delicious. The waitress was very nice and filled us in on some special dishes for our next visit. These small diners are great places to eat, and you learn a little about the area from the locals.

I've enjoyed driving around West Virginia the past several weeks and seeing some places I have never been. The buildings and the people we have met are some of the nicest in the country, and I look forward to exploring more of these hidden gems.

If you haven't been on an adventure lately, I'd recommend letting your GPS lead you around some Amazing backroads in West Virginia!

'Cruise-in' At T & L Hot Dog Last Week!



Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny

Last Friday, Grandson #2, Phillip, spent the afternoon. We drove up to the FOP Restaurant in Nutter Fort for something to eat - they have nice pepper shakers. When we returned home, he helped me set up a new desktop computer that I bought 2 months ago. The old computer is 6 years old and about as slow as me.

Last Saturday, I drove over town and ran the Ranger through the car wash and stopped at Jimmy's Diner for a 'Rosies' sandwich with fries; it tasted pretty good. After returning home, I applied Armor-All to the tires and mud flaps...I spiffed the old girl up. In the evening, I drove up to the T&L Hot Dog at the Rosebud Plaza in Clarksburg. They have cruise-ins every Saturday evening and I wanted to check out the old vehicles and to see if any of my old 'gearhead' buddies were still around (That's why I cleaned up the truck).

There were around 40 nice vehicles present with people milling around. I ran into my old friend Bill Richards and his wife Donna and we spent almost 2 hours swapping stories. They live near Salem on Jarvisville Road right after passing the Turtletree Fork turnoff. It sounds like a place from the movie, "Sergeant York". It's definitely off the beaten track. It was nice checking out Bill's '34 Plymouth coupe (With rumble seat) street rod that he spent a few years restoring. He also has a nice '50 Chevy pickup street rod that he built several years ago.

I've mentioned before that I restored a 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 back in the late 80s and, for years, Susie and I attended about all the car shows within a 50-mile radius. We enjoyed it and met a lot of very nice people.

I would like to share this with you about Susie. In our 53 years of marriage, when it came to cars, she would never say a word about what I bought or the cost of the sporty accessories that were attached or would be. I don't know exactly how much I spent restoring the '57, but it was fine with her (As long as she had food in the pantry and roof overhead) except for the last item I bought for the engine back in the early 90s. I ordered an original two 4-barrel intake with original haystack type carburetors and air cleaner (Very rare) from a junk yard in California for \$1,500. She was with me when the box was delivered and after watching me remove the rusted-up items she stated, "JUNK... you paid \$1,500 for JUNK!"

I said, "Yeah I know...now I'm going to send the carburetors to a place in Michigan to have them refurbished." I didn't have the courage to tell her what that was going to cost...another \$500. She muttered something under her breathe as she walked away. I know she wasn't muttering, "Wow...what a great deal!"

Monday afternoon, I spotted neighbor Ray Ketterman working on his jeep in his driveway. So, I wandered over to see if he needed any of my 'expertise'...he didn't. He was replacing the muffler and tail pipe. He drives a beer truck and delivers in Morgantown. He said he was planning on retiring in September because when football season starts, he'll be lugging a lot more cases of beer into the establishments on High Street (students back).

Tuesday, Kim came in from Virginia with her male German Shepard, Remi. She dropped him off at Santana's and the next day Santana took Remi to work with her at the Audubon Animal Clinic and then NEUTERED him. As a male, it just ain't right!

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

Ace

96th Annual State Fair Of WV Opens Aug. 12th

After two years with the gates closed, the State Fair of West Virginia is set to run this year from August 12th through the 21st in Lewisburg.

"We are just about two weeks away from the 96th Annual State Fair of West Virginia and we cannot wait," This year's concert State Fair CEO Kelly Collins stated. "We have a full schedule with something for everyone, from concerts and carnival rides, to livestock shows and some delicious fair food." For 2021, Adult tickets (11 and older) are \$12 (tax included) at the gate. Carnival

discounts include a \$25 Mega Pass, which is valid for one day and includes 12 hours of unlimited rides (11 a.m. to 11 p.m.)! Individual sheets of carnival tickets are available at \$10 for 15 tickets. Sales tax is not included.

This year's concert schedule will feature Nelly (8/12), Whiskey Myers with special guest the Steel Woods (8/13), for KING & COUNTRY with special guest Rebecca St. James (8/14), STYX (8/15), Tracy Lawrence and Tracy Byrd (8/19), Brantley Gilbert (8/20), and the Buckin'B Bull Ride

(8/21). Mac Powell & The Family Reunion and Shenandoah will play as free shows on August 16 and 17, respectively.

Concert tickets are available for all shows and may be purchased via the website or the State Fair Box Office. Concert tickets are not offered at a discounted rate, but gate admission is included. Tickets purchased online and through ETIX are subject to a convenience fee.

Ride and concerts tickets are subject to a 6% WV sales tax. The 10-day State Fair of West Virginia is celebrating 96 years

with this year's theme "Brighter Days are Here".

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BUSINESS MATTERS

LunchBox Adds Spice To Food Truck Scene

The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal, in conjunction with North Central WV Airport, has named The LunchBox as August's Business of the Month.



Rachel and Julius Herrera pose here in front of their food truck called The LunchBox. Their 'pick-up-and-go restaurant on wheels' travels mostly in the tri-county area, offering some of their favorite recipes!

By DIANA BEDELL
News & Journal Staff
Writer

In October 2020, Rachel and Julius Herrera of Bridgeport ventured into the growing food truck scene with their black and white food truck by testing the waters at the Pleasant Valley Holiday Market. Smash burgers, a variety of tacos, rice bowls and Filipino egg rolls are featured on the ever-changing menu.

The LunchBox chef is Rachel Herrera who notes, "We came up with the idea so we could spend more time together." At the time, her husband Julius was

working in the oil and gas industry and was away from home for long periods of time.

Rachel, a native of Bridgeport, has enjoyed cooking since she was a child and pursued a culinary degree at Pierpont Community and Technical College, having graduated in 2016. She has also worked in the local restaurant scene.

"I cook things that I like to eat," Rachel said. "I wanted to bring a variety of foods to the area."

The LunchBox keeps the Herreras busy three days, not including food preparation, and

all ingredients are fresh and many purchased from local producers. At a recent venue, the Bridgeport Farmers Market, customers were found making a tough decision between several featured items. "Folks really seem to like our street cart chicken and yellow rice bowls and also the Filipino egg rolls," she said.

"Our best seller is the Filipino egg roll," she added. "Julius' grandmother is from the Philippines and this is a recipe that has been handed down."

At the present time, Julius Herrera works as

a machinist on Monday through Thursday in the aircraft industry. "He's a jack of all trades," said Rachel. "Plus, he's a big help in the kitchen and on the food truck."

Summer is a busy season for the Herreras and Rachel noted, "Our goal is to eventually be able to do this full-time - either with the food truck or perhaps transition to a small restaurant. We will just have to wait and see how the economy is and how receptive our customers are to something bigger."

The LunchBox can be followed on social media. **Continued on Page 8**

WV Bar Association Presents 'Award Of Merit' To Bob Steptoe



BOB STEPTOE

When the West Virginia Bar Association met recently for its annual meeting at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, it distinguished local attorney Bob Steptoe with

its prestigious 'Award of Merit'. This distinction recognized his long-standing career and his efforts that have improved the communities and the state he works and lives in.

During his career, Steptoe has focused on civil procedural law, labor and labor law. According to the Bar Association, he has "tried over 100 jury and non-jury cases and appealed approximately 50 to the WV Supreme Court."

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The Public Service Commission Wants You



CHARLOTTE LANE
By CHARLOTTE LANE

West Virginia PSC
Chairman

Have you ever considered a rewarding

career with health insurance, including vision and dental, paid leave, a retirement program, an education reimbursement program, a safe and supportive work environment, opportunities for advancement and free parking? If your answer is yes, the Public Service Commission may be the place for you.

The Commission employs over 200 full time employees, **Continued on Page 8**

High Drug Prices Are Hurting Small Businesses

Protect Our Care recently kicked off Weeks 7, 8, & 9 of Lower Rx Summer with a report co-sponsored by Small Business for America's Future underscoring how high drug prices hurt small businesses. Protect Our Care hosted events and released additional research to demonstrate the

urgency for drug pricing reform. Lowering drug prices would help small businesses recover from the pandemic and thrive for years to come.

The topic for the week of July 19th was 'How High Drug Prices Hurt Small Businesses'; during the week July 26th, 'How High Drug Prices Hurt Children' **Continued on Page 8**

Treasurer Moore Warns About Unclaimed Property Scam

State Treasurer Riley Moore has warned residents about a potential scam call that could falsely claim to represent the Office's Unclaimed Property Division.

The State Treasurer's Office recently received a complaint that someone was calling residents identifying themselves as a representative of the Unclaimed Property Division and telling individuals they have funds available in their name. To obtain those funds, however, the individual is told they need to purchase a reloadable pre-paid debit card and mail it to an address so the funds can be added to it.

"Scammers frequently use the guise of legitimate initiatives like the Unclaimed Property program to

attempt to deceive residents and swindle their money," Treasurer Moore said. "It's important to know that my Office will never ask someone to pay for an unclaimed property search or charge them to receive their funds. If anyone receives one of these calls, I urge them to write down the number and contact our Office to either verify the claim or report the scammer."

The Treasury's Unclaimed Property Division and local government specialists frequently send letters to residents as part of outreach efforts to connect them with unclaimed property. However, the letters are mailed on official stationery and ask the individual to file a claim using the official www.wvtreasury.com website or our Unclaimed

Property phone line (800-642-8687).

Office representatives will not ask for personal information until after the individual has officially filed a claim.

While the Office does use letters, it does not reach out to consumers using text messages – another frequent scam.

"Scammers will sometimes send a text message asking you to click on a link to recover unclaimed property, when in reality they're just phishing for personal data," Treasurer Moore said. "That's why it's important for consumers to know they should contact our Office directly to verify any unclaimed property requests."

You can access the unclaimed property website www.wvtreasury.com and

clicking the "Are We Holding Your Money?" graphic. You can also contact the division directly at 800-642-8687 or by emailing Eclaims_Support@wvsto.com.

"If anyone ever has any question about the legitimacy of an unclaimed property message, I urge them to call or email our Office," Treasurer Moore said. "This is a vital program that reconnects people with their money. Our staff stands ready to help, so if there's ever a question, feel free to reach out directly to us."

Unclaimed property can include financial accounts or items of value in which the owner has not initiated any activity for one year or longer. Common examples include unpaid life insurance benefits, forgotten bank **Continued on Page 10**

National Ranking For Fairmont State's Criminal Justice Program

Fairmont State University has recently been recognized among the top 100 Best Affordable Criminal Justice Programs in the country by University Headquarters. University Headquarters is an online resource aiming to help students navigate the higher education process, assisting students to find top rated colleges, scholarships, potential salaries upon graduation, and determining a career path.

University Headquarters considers several factors to determine its ranking to assist students in their college searches. Details including cost of tuition, admission rate, graduating salary, among several others are examined throughout the ranking process to provide students support

and ensure a valuable degree upon graduation.

"We are thrilled to receive this recognition," said Fairmont State University President Mirta M. Martin. "We take great pride in offering affordable opportunities to our students. But affordability must go hand in hand with quality in order to offer the type of transformative experience Fairmont State is known for. This recognition is evidence of that unique combination

of excellence and affordability, and a testament to the criminal justice program and its extraordinary teachers and mentors."

Fairmont State University criminal justice faculty provide expertise in law enforcement, investigations, corrections, criminal law, research and theory. The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice allows for student flexibility to choose courses which best reflect their individual interests and career aspirations.

Graduates of the criminal justice program are qualified for employment in city, county, state and federal criminal justice agencies and in the rapidly-growing private industrial security field. Criminal justice graduates often seek positions as detectives, DEA agents, juvenile probation officers or correctional counselors.

To learn more about the Fairmont State University criminal justice program, visit www.fairmontstate.edu/criminaljustice.

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The Big 12 Will Soon Become The Big 8 – Or Less!



The Bottom Line
By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

The Big 12 Conference will never look the same. This past week the conference received notice from both the University of Texas and the University of Oklahoma that neither one of them will extend their stay past the current agreement that will expire on June 30, 2025. Most people doubt that Texas or Oklahoma will stick around for the end of the Grant of Rights Agreement, especially since they both petitioned the SEC Conference for membership the next day after informing the Big 12 that they were heading out the door.

There is a great deal to unpack here and at the time that this article was written these were some of the relevant points that affect West Virginia University. There are a truckload of rumors and scenarios that have moved the place where the Mountaineers have

called home for nearly a decade into a soap opera type of situation. How big of a deal is it that the Longhorns and the Sooners are looking to leave? The Big 12 realized the importance of their two top football programs and shortly after the rumors started to swirl, they offered more cash to them if they would stay. However, this appears to be a more thought-out plan because the offer to stay wasn't even considered.

Each Big 12 school makes around 37 million per year from television rights. The reason the conference offered Texas and Oklahoma more is because of their worth to the entire group. Other schools were willing to take a decrease in money to keep the top dogs in town because they understood the value that they brought to the table. Without these two programs, the value of the Big

12 could potentially drop as much as 75%. That has to make the remaining schools feel a little slighted. Sometimes the truth hurts and that is indeed the case for the remaining teams that are in a precarious situation.

There are a few reasons why the Horns and Wagons wanted to bolt to the SEC. The obvious is money, it is possible that after adding these powerhouses, the SEC could make as much money as the NCAA. But the even bigger reason is that the pressure, to some degree, would be lessened. Sure, the heat is on to win games, that is the case in every conference on any level. In the Big 12, Texas and Oklahoma have had the burden of carrying the conference and that added stress appeared to be too much for either program to shoulder. It's like playing tug-of-war a few participants short and these two were just tired of getting pulled into the puddle on a routine basis.

When you compare

the two conferences there is no real comparison. Outside of these two, only Nebraska (a long, long time ago) has won a National Title from the Big 12. The SEC has grabbed eight of the last 15 National Championships. It is definitely a big boy conference and Texas and Oklahoma would have to prove, via winning, that they belong.

The Mountaineers have to have their head on a swivel. Athletic Director, Shane Lyons has to be one step ahead of the next move. If the remaining teams in the Big 12 go the defection route, the Eers may have to follow.

The fan favorite is the ACC where former familiar foes Pitt, Syracuse, Boston College, Virginia Tech, and Miami call home. It's a no brainer for WVU but the question is whether or not the ACC would want the Mountaineers. Time will tell and we will revisit this topic soon.

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 took us to the Pete Dye Golf Club in Bridgeport. This 18-hole championship course covers 7,353 yards from the tips and is a Par 72.

Pete Dye is the pride of North Central West Virginia and has held its fair share of big-time events over the years. It is one of those must play tracts that you will always remember. The details are what make Pete Dye a treasure to play.

The extra effort is found from the practice area through the final hole. The fairways are plush, the rough is punishing, and the greens are well guarded by the best of bunkers.

The greens are challenging and are extremely fast. It is everything that you could ask for in a golf course and more. The staff is incredibly knowledgeable and helpful. Their mission is to make your round as enjoyable as possible.

The 19th hole offers breathtaking views of the course and anything that you could ever want to eat or drink after your round. You can believe that whatever you order will be perfect.

A round at Pete Dye is a must and it will make your day!

Board of Education Nutrition Program – A Big Part Of The Summer Program Success



From The World Of Parks & Recreation
By Doug Comer

The summer months can be tough on a family that depends on the meals provided during the school calendar year for their children. Not everyone has the means to go to restaurants during the week or stop for pick up or delivery when there is not enough time to cook in the kitchen. Let's face it – when was the last time everyone was at the dinner table sharing a home cooked meal?

We saw the need all summer long as the 500-plus registered kids would visit our playground sites and start the day off with a breakfast consisting of a cereal, milk and fruit. Later, after about four hours of playtime, they would have a hot meal prepared for them equivalent to the meals prepared for them while school is in session.

The consistency is no accident as the Harrison County Board of Education provided the meals for the sites as well as a few other programs including the YMCA and the Summer School Session funded by the Soles grant for the schools. The staff that prepares the meals comes from a small group of cooks that work during the summer to make sure that the kids are getting the proper food intake while on break.

Director Mike Book, who has been working with the B.O.E. for almost a decade now says the summer parks program would not be as successful without food service.

“We owe a lot to the staff that gets meals ready in the morning for breakfast as well as lunch time. We have staff at both of our Energy Express sites and then there is the hub at Nutter Fort that caters to the outlying sites throughout the county. Our numbers steadily increase each year because word gets around that not only is the playground program a safe and fun environment but there is a food program to boot. The cooks have been very helpful and it is a great working relationship with us.”

Based on numbers from all programs, there is close to 1,000 meals prepared daily for each session. While the breakfast is all pre-packed in most cases, the lunches can range from chicken nuggets to pizza and all things in between. Food is checked going out the door and at the site upon delivery to ensure that all requirements are met. The federal grant that allows this has strict guidelines that must be met in order for the meals to be reimbursed.

And the work that goes into making a meal schedule could be as complicated as a rubix cube. Meeting calorie regulations, different types of foods or I say in layman's terms – meet all the four food groups. But it is not that simple as a ton of planning, ordering and regulating the process can take off years to one's life. But, it is all worth it in the end as Book explains.

“We want to work just as hard as the food service simply because it is rewarding knowing that all kids are getting the proper nutrition during the summer. There are steps on their end and there are steps on our end. If either one of our departments would

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News From The Bocce World



Only the Summer League was held this year at the Ferguson City Park courts. With a record of 17-4, the team of Lou Belcastro, Lou DelRio, Tony DiDomenico and Willard West were the champs.

In second place was the foursome of Tino Felosa, John Kendall, and Andrea and Joe Skelley. Placing third

was the team of Katie Alvaro, Dave DeCosta, Marsha Duckworth and Pam Gemondo.

In the Fairmont Knights of Columbus Bocce League, the champions were Junior Bacco, Lou Belcastro, Lou DelRio and Tony DiDomenico with a 30-6 record; also, John DeMarco was a special sub. A post-season tourney will be

held with the four top finishers.

Four more annual tourneys will be held this year at the City Park beginning with the Italian Heritage Tourney to be held on Saturday, August 21 at 9:00 AM. The fee for a four-member team will be \$100. Cash prizes will be given to the top three teams.

Next, on Saturday, September 11, the Two-Man Team Tourney takes place at 9:00 AM. The fee will be \$40 per team and the top three placers will collect cash.

The One-On-One matchups will take place on Saturday, September 18 starting at 9:00 AM.

The fee will be \$15 per person and the top two survivors will receive money.

Then, the next tourney will be on Saturday, September 25 at 9:00 AM when the annual United Way Tourney takes place. A donation of \$125 per team will be collected.

Registration and payments to enter any of these tournaments can be made at DeMarco's Meat Market on Pike St., Shinnston. Deadline for registration is 6:00 PM on the Thursday before Saturday games. For any questions, call 304-584-4159. We hope to see you there!

WVU Announces 2021 Football Promotional Dates



Fans can look forward to a complete gameday experience this season, including pregame tailgating.

West Virginia University has released its 2021 football home game promotional schedule for the fall season. Loyal mountaineer fans will be returning to 100% capacity and the stadium will be operating fully which includes the famous pregame tailgating in stadium lots. Fans can look forward to a complete gameday experience.

To begin the 2021 season, the home opener will be on Saturday, September 11 against



The Stripe the Stadium game will take place during the matchup with Texas Tech on Oct. 2.

gold. Coca-Cola will be providing gold rally towels to fans at the gates. Kickoff is slated for noon. Also, that morning before the game, the 11-member 2020 WVU Sports Hall of Fame class induction ceremony will take place in the Caperton Indoor Facility. This event is free and open to the public.

On Saturday, October 2 the Eers will take on Texas Tech during the Homecoming game. Mountaineer legend and College Football Hall

of Famer Darryl Talley will have his No.90 jersey retired during an on-field presentation of the Big 12 home opener. This matchup will also be the “Stripe the Stadium” game.

Fans sitting in even-numbered sections (Sec. 102, 104, 202, 204, etc.), Touchdown Terrace and WVU students seated in the upper-level student sections are encouraged to wear gold to the game. Fans sitting in odd-numbered sections (Sec. 101, 103, 201,

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JAMES WILLIAM CUSTER LONGWELL

James "Jim" William Custer Longwell, 82, of Bridgeport passed away on Friday, July 23, 2021 at United Hospital Center. Jim was born October 21, 1938 in Clarksburg, the son of the late Alberta Senora Custer Longwell and husband Herbert Kenneth Longwell and James William Glaspell.

Jim graduated from Washington Irving High School in Clarksburg, Class of 1956. He worked at PPG in the Float Glass Area until it closed. Jim drove a mail truck for Neff Trucking. He was owner of Ann Sounds Familiar aka Jim's Bar, a farm in Laurel Park, a mobile home park in Bridgeport and previously owned Mountain State Triumph Motorcycle Shop. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, was a huge history buff, and was a collector of many things. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Jim is survived by his companion of over twenty years, Freda Virginia Gallo Wilson; children, James William Longwell, Coventry Township, OH, Charles A. Longwell and Bridgette, Point Pleasant, WV, Steven B. Longwell, Eva Beach, HI, Suzanne Sharpless and Jim of New Franklin Township, OH, Michelle Doherty, Newton Falls, OH, Reva Holloran, Morgantown, and Rhonda Duggins, NC; one brother, H.K. Longwell, Clarksburg; one sister, Judy Sexton, Charleston, WV; eleven grandchildren, Jennifer Schoenauer (Josh), Samantha Kruse (Stefan), Ashley Spitler (Michael), Amanda McAlexander (Caleb), Whitney Parrish (Michael), Chelsea Longwell (Jerad), Aaron Longwell, Kenny Longwell (Dakota), Colby Longwell, Grant Sharpless (Ashley), Hope Sharpless (Brad), twenty-three great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren; Freda's daughter, Kelly R. Wilson; Freda's granddaughter, Stephanie N. Bittinger; Freda's brother, Carl Lee Gallo; Freda's niece, Rosemaria Scolapio; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by two sons, Kenneth Longwell and Wayne Lee Longwell in infancy, and Freda's son, John Wilson.

A funeral service was held in the Davis Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 with Pastor Jerry Lewis officiating. Interment followed at Sunset Memorial Park. Online condolences can be made at www.DavisFuneralHomeWV.com

JAMES ALVIE BLAISE KELLAR



James Alvie Blaise Kellar, 15, of Shinnston passed away on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at the home of his grandmother in Waynesburg, PA. He was born April 4, 2006 in Fairmont. He is survived by his father, David Summers of Shinnston and his mother, Kala Marchelle Kellar of Gypsy.

He is also survived by his brother, Maddox Curtis of Gypsy; maternal grandparents, Cheryl Kellar and her companion, Greg Mayfield of Gypsy; paternal grandparents, David and Stephen Vance of Waynesburg, PA; his great-grandmother, Ethel Vance of Waynesburg, PA; his uncles, Bobby Martin and his wife, Julie of Orlando, FL; Billy Kellar and his wife, Odessa of Mannington; Ron Vance and Will Vance both of Waynesburg, PA; and Andrew Summers of Winchester, VA; and his aunts, Karen Vance of Waynesburg, PA; and Ali Summers of Monongah; as well as his friends and mentors, Tom and Lauren Devine; and several cousins.

James was preceded in death by his maternal great-grandparents, James and Margaret "Memaw" Kellar; Alvie Willis Kellar; paternal great-grandparents, Gene and Dorothy Martin; Wilbert Vance; and his aunt, Tammy Vance.

James loved football and was a member of the Lincoln High Football team. He was an adventurer who loved all things outdoors. James was a great marksman with his crossbow and guns. Music was a passion of James' and he enjoyed playing guitar with his dad. James even enjoyed weed eating and splitting firewood. He will be remembered as a hard worker who would pass his spare time playing video games and swimming.

A funeral service was held at Perine Funeral Home on Friday, July 30, 2021 with Pastor Cindy Boggs officiating. Interment followed at the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. Online memories and condolences can be shared with the family at www.perinefunerals.com

TIMOTHY MARK NIXON

Timothy Mark "Chicky" Nixon, 51, of Clarksburg passed away on Sunday, July 25, 2021 at Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center. Chicky was born December 21, 1969 in Clarksburg, the son of Cheryl L Greynolds Nixon of Clarksburg and Richard M Nixon of Fairmont.

Chicky graduated from Liberty High School, Class of 1988. Tim was a combat veteran having served in Operation Desert Storm. He earned the Army Service Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Southwest Asia Service Medal with two Bronze Stars. He enjoyed music and spending time with friends and family.

In addition to his parents, Chicky is survived by his wife, Kris Nicole Wagoner Nixon; two children, Mason and Gabrianna Nixon; brothers, Frank Nixon and Barb, Haughton, LA, Bryan Nixon and Lola, Clarksburg, Greg Nixon, Clarksburg; one sister, Traci Wagoner and Eli, Clarksburg; maternal grandmother, Sophia Greynolds; nephews, Corbin and Jaelyn and Logan, Brady, and Gabe Nixon; nieces, Lily and Corinne Nixon, Sophia and Jorja Wagoner; as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Chicky was preceded in death by his grandfather Willie W Greynolds.

A Celebration of Chicky's Life was held on Saturday, July 31, 2021 on Crooked Run.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to his good friends, Sherman Kesling and Mason and Jessie Helmick for all their help and support. Online condolences can be made at www.DavisFuneralHomeWV.com.

KRISTA JOYCE MCINTYRE

Krista Joyce McIntyre, 72 of Clarksburg passed away Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at home surrounded by her family. She was born July 9, 1949 in St Mary's, the daughter of the late Thomas Franklin Riddle Sr and Luella Nell Jones Riddle.

She was a homemaker. Krista enjoyed having fun and spending time with family.

She is survived by two sons, Joseph J McIntyre and wife Jamie, Jerry L McIntyre and wife Twila all of Clarksburg; six grandchildren, Isabella and husband Anthony, Megan and husband Matt, Krista, Sophia, Nick and Roy; five great-grandchildren,

Westlynn "JoJo", Thorn, Gedeon, Gemma, and Ayven; daughter-in-law, Melissa McIntyre, Clarksburg; one brother, Steve Riddle, Sr, Clarksburg; two sisters, Deanna Cunningham, Clarksburg and Ruth Rigdon, Lost Creek; best friend, Barbara Wright, Shinnston; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by husband of over fifty years, John Edward McIntyre; one son, John F McIntyre on July 27, 2019; one brother, Thomas Riddle Jr.

A private graveside service will be held at Sunset Memorial Park. Online condolences can be made at www.davisfuneralhomewv.com.

JAMES D. ROGERS

James "Jimmy" D. Rogers, 85, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at Serenity Hope in Good Hope, WV on Wednesday, July 28, 2021. He was born October 16, 1935 in Letter Gap, WV the only child of the late Archi and Merle Miller Rogers.

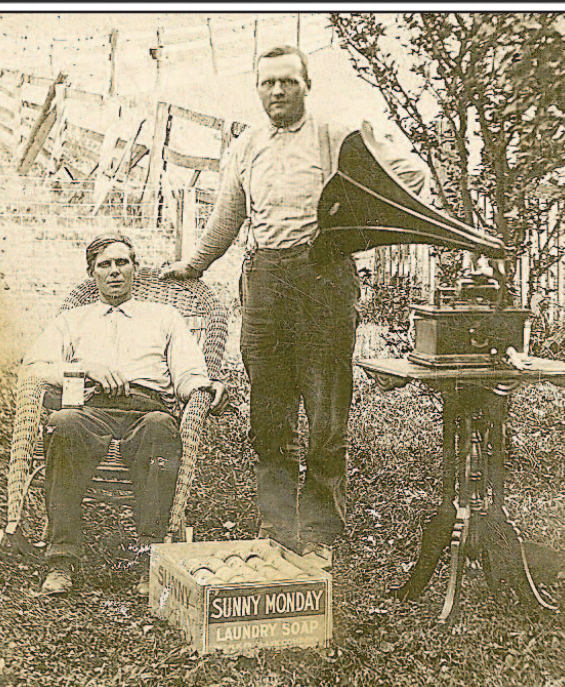
Jimmy graduated Victory High School in 1953, where he met, and later married in 1954, Patricia "Pat" Ann Dennison. Jimmy and Pat were married for over sixty-seven years. Jimmy was a long-time member of Barnes Memorial Baptist Church. He was an avid guitar player and a member of The Victory Four, performing at various venues in the Clarksburg, WV area. He was an air plane enthusiast and was a certified glider pilot. His most memorable flight was in San Diego, where he flew a WWII SBD-5 Dauntless Dive Bomber. He was employed at Southern Pine Lumber Company as a draftsman for many years. He retired from Hartland Planing Mill where he was responsible for many new home plans in the local area.

Upon his retirement, Jimmy and Pat enjoyed living part time in California and traveling back and forth to West Virginia. The couple enjoyed exploring the West and spending time in Las Vegas and Oregon, and one particular memorable night aboard the Queen Mary. Jimmy never met a stranger and was well known for his kind demeanor. He and his wife adopted their beloved French Mastiff, Brodie, from an LA Shelter and he accompanied Jimmy and Pat through several cross-country trips.

In addition to his loving wife, Jimmy is survived by two sons, James Richard Rogers, Clarksburg, WV and

Out Of The Past

Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



Harry Martin & Fred Nay on the old Nay Farm at Mudlick. Taken before 1918. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

Michael Rogers, Toluca Lake, CA; two granddaughters, Katelyn Rogers LeClaire, Broken Arrow, OK and Anna Rogers of Clarksburg; four great grandchildren, Kaleb, Adranna, Ryne, and Jaylon; Jimmy is also survived by several cousins.

In addition to his parents, Jimmy was preceded in death by one grandson, Bryan Rogers.

There was a graveside service at the Floral Hills Memorial Gardens Mausoleum on Monday, August 2, 2021 with Pastor Terry Bell officiating. Davis Funeral Home and Onsite Crematory is handling the burial arrangements and is honored to assist the Rogers Family. Online condolences can be made on his memorial page at WWW.DavisFuneralHomeWV.com.

RONNIE LEE GARRETT

Ronnie Lee Garrett, 67, of Good Hope, went to be with our Lord on Friday evening, July 23, 2021, at Stonerise Nursing Home in Nutter Fort surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Reedy, WV, on February 27, 1954, the son of the late Charles and Geraldine (Collins) Garrett of Spencer, WV. He left his loving wife Mary Lee (Hamrick) Garrett, whom he was married to for almost 40 years, at home awaiting to meet him again one day, and their little dog, Mac, who was his friend.

Ronnie is also survived by three children, his oldest daughter Sandra Jean Nichols of Spencer, and three grandchildren, Austin, Jake and Allie; his son Billy Jo Garrett and wife Sarah of Good Hope, and grandson Donovan; and his youngest daughter Crystal Linger and her husband Stormy and four grandchildren, Miguel, Leigha, Zoe, and Andrew of

Buckhannon. He is also survived by his two sisters, Catherine Morgan, residing in Coalton, OH and Alberta Randolph and her husband Mike of Spencer; and his two nephews and families.

Ronnie was also preceded in death by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Wetzel and Betty Hamrick of Good Hope; and his brother-in-law Bob Morgan of Coalton, OH.

Ronnie was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Adamston, but had been unable to attend due to his and his wife's illnesses.

Ronnie's pride was his children and grandchildren, whom he loved very much. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and could hardly wait for the weekends to go with one of his two best buddies, Roger Pierce or Ernie Morgan. Every year the deer and fish stories got bigger and bigger.

Ronnie's request was to be cremated and that no services be held.

Burnside Funeral Home, Bridgeport.

VIRGINIA GAINES

Virginia "Ginger" Gaines, 77, of Clarksburg, passed away Sunday morning, July 25, 2021, in the United Hospital Center. She was born in Clarksburg on May 10, 1944, a daughter of the late Russell and Eileen (Short) George. She is survived by her husband, Jerry L. Gaines, whom she married February 12, 1966.

Also surviving are three daughters, Melissa (Missy) Gaines, Clarksburg, Felicia Forinash and her husband Colin Forinash, Stonewood, and Janet (Jan) Nelson and her husband USAF TSgt Roland (JR) Nelson (Ret), Minot, ND; two very special grandchildren, Payton Nelson of Minot, ND and Anna-Eileen Forinash of Stonewood;

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“High Drug Prices Hurting Small Businesses”

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was discussed; and the focus the week of August 2nd was ‘Expanding Medicare Benefits — Dental, Vision, And Hearing.’

KEY POINTS included:

The rising cost of prescription drug prices is crushing small businesses. Nearly one in three small businesses currently providing health benefits to their workers have considered ending their sponsored coverage largely as a result of rising health care costs. 93 percent of small business owners believe the prescription drug market

needs to undergo changes, with 66 percent calling for a major overhaul.

Small businesses are forced to pass along the increased costs of providing coverage to customers and workers. Many small businesses report wanting to “do the right thing” when it comes to providing health coverage for their workers. Tragically, that goal is being pushed increasingly out of reach, as many owners are being forced to raise prices on goods and services and/or increase deductibles and premiums in order to continue providing

coverage.

Small businesses demand bold action to lower prescription drug prices. Regardless of where they sit on the political spectrum, small business owners want strong government action on this issue, with 87 percent stating it is important for the Biden-Harris administration and Congress to lower prescription medication prices. In a recent survey, small business owners overwhelmingly supported solutions such as capping out-of-pocket costs for seniors, Medicare negotiating

drug prices, prohibiting anti-competitive behaviors that delay price competition, and penalizing drug companies that increase their prices faster than inflation.

“The cost of healthcare and prescription drugs have skyrocketed for many small businesses and it’s having a real impact on their growth,” said Small Business for America’s Future Co-Chair Erika Gonzalez, an Allergy & Asthma Medical Professional and small business owner based in San Antonio. “If we are going to have a strong small business sector and economic recovery, we need our

policymakers to act to rein in these costs. It’s an urgent priority of small businesses.”

“The American economy is paying the price for high drug costs,” said Protect Our Care Chair Leslie Dach. “As prescription drug prices skyrocket, small businesses are paying more and more for health care, forcing them to increase costs and lower wages, all while big drug companies are spending billions on stock buybacks and shareholder dividends. The future of small businesses depends

on standing up to Big Pharma’s greed and giving Medicare the power to negotiate for lower drug prices.”

In June, Protect Our Care announced Lower Rx Summer as part of The Campaign to Reduce Drug Prices. Lower Rx Summer consists of themed weeks of action to illustrate the urgent need for legislation to lower drug prices principally by giving Medicare the power to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices for all Americans.

“The Public Service Commission Wants You”

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including attorneys, accountants, engineers and economists. We are always looking for smart, energetic individuals who want to come work with us. We also employ a wide range of support staff, including secretaries and office assistants. We even have our own law enforcement officers who patrol West Virginia highways on the lookout for unsafe trucks and buses.

Our staff works every day to keep our highways and gas pipelines safe; fix

problems experienced by utility customers and companies; provide for adequate, economical reliable utility service throughout the state; and to balance the interests of current and future utility customers with the general interest of the state’s economy and the interests of the utilities.

We are often looking for people to help us with that mission. Some of the positions we are frequently hiring for include attorneys to litigate cases before the Commission; utility

analysts to research and develop staff positions about rate, certificate, complaint cases and many other matters; engineers and engineer technical analysts who participate in cases before the Commission, but also assist utilities and customers with problems in the field; commercial vehicle enforcement officers who patrol West Virginia highways for dangerous truck and bus traffic; and computer programmer analysts.

Most positions at the PSC are covered

by the West Virginia Division of Personnel (DOP) Civil Service System. In order to be eligible for these positions you need to complete the steps necessary to be placed on the DOP register.

To see what positions we are currently trying to fill go to our website at www.psc.state.wv.us and click on “Employment Opportunities.” Positions are posted for a limited period of time, but may be reposted if not filled, so check back often.

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“Award Of Merit’ To Bob Steptoe”

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Court and the U.S. Appeals Courts”.

Steptoe served the firm which bears his family’s name, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, as CEO and managing partner for nearly 20 years, helping lead it to its current success of employing more than 370 lawyers.

Steptoe is described by his colleagues as a “true leader”, “someone with incredible energy”, “the epitome of professionalism”, “a contributor to the community”, and “a great example and mentor for young lawyers”.

He commented, “Whatever your job, it is important that you do it well at every level. Investing a lot of effort, interacting with people, and leading by example are critical components of leadership and critical to achieving the right things for your community, the state, or anyone you work for.”

Throughout the years, Bob Steptoe has led by example and has served as President of the West Virginia State Bar, President of the West Virginia Bar Association,

and President of the West Virginia Bar Foundation. He was also an Associate Professor (Appellate Advocacy) at West Virginia University College of Law and a member of the Associate Faculty of the General Litigation Practice Clinic at West Virginia University College of Law.

He has also served as President of the Harrison County Chamber of Commerce; President and Campaign Chairman of the United Way of Harrison County; member of the West Virginia Ethics Committee; Board member of the United Hospital Center, Inc.; and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce. He is the Immediate Past Chairman of the Board of Trustees of The Nature Conservancy (WV Chapter) and currently serves with the Harrison County Economic Development Corporation, Board of Directors; Healthy Harrison, Inc., Board of Directors; and The Nature Conservancy in West Virginia, Board of

Trustees.

Steptoe was a driving force in raising private funding to renovate the Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center and is a long-time supporter of projects aimed at improving the health of residents of the area, including Healthy Harrison and the Cecil Jarvis 10km run in the Greater Clarksburg area.

Despite all of the well-deserved honors and accolades bestowed upon him, Steptoe remains very humble and always anxious to give credit to others. Regarding the great influence he has had in the community, he stated, “It has been a combination of family, factors, working at Steptoe & Johnson, and the support of my partners, working with other community leaders in both Harrison County and in West Virginia. They deserve the recognition. The key for me was to be in the right place at the right time, with the right people who served as role models and helped me throughout my career.”

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“Lunchbox Adds Spice”

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media and concentrates its business in the tri-county area of Harrison, Marion and Monongalia counties but has also traveled to Hagerstown, MD. They are scheduled to be in Shinnston this fall and in other locations in North Central West Virginia.

The LunchBox can be found at the Bridgeport Farmer’s Market on Sundays through mid-

October, in White Oaks from time to time, and at a variety of private events.

“We are doing a lot of weddings right now and every one is different,” Rachel stated. “Follow us on Facebook or Instagram to see where you may see us next.”

Although the Herrera’s started their business during the pandemic, Rachel believes it actually

worked to their benefit.

“It is a safe way for people to come out and enjoy food if they want to social distance, and we give everyone a beeper so they can walk around until their order is ready,” she said.

In between it all, the couple still finds time to spend with their two young daughters, ages two and four. “It is all about family,” Rachel concluded.

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Glenville State & Marshall University Sign Agreement To Offer Bachelor's Degree In Nursing

Marshall University and Glenville State College have reached an agreement that will help the future of nurses in the state.

The partnership establishes a nursing program co-op between the two institutions. A memorandum of agreement (MOA) brings the two schools together for an association aimed at providing access to a bachelor's degree in nursing (B.S.N.) at Glenville State College

through Marshall's nursing program.

Both presidents signed the agreement today at Marshall's South Charleston campus. The agreement will see prospective students enroll at Glenville and complete general education courses there during their first year. Then, once the students are admitted to the BSN program, they will receive instruction from Marshall faculty members on Glenville's

campus.

Marshall University President Dr. Jerome A. Gilbert says Marshall is excited to enter into the agreement.

"We're excited about this unique opportunity to work with our partners at Glenville State College," Gilbert said. "Any time we can help expand the availability of a college degree is a great day, and to be able to provide more of our state's students with a path to an education in nursing

and work in health care in West Virginia is exciting."

Glenville State College President Dr. Mark A. Manchin said it is nice to see this idea come to fruition.

"I have been an advocate for this program, the members of our Board of Governors have been supportive of it, and of course our friends and colleagues at Marshall University have been instrumental in making this happen,"

Manchin said. "This type of four-year nursing program has never existed in this part of the Mountain State, and we are looking forward to expanding the Glenville State footprint, especially considering the growing need for qualified nurses."

The B.S.N. program at Glenville is expected to start in fall 2023. Glenville will begin enrolling students in the program in fall 2022. The Marshall

University School of Nursing is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Glenville State College and Marshall University already have other academic program partnerships in place, including a Master of Science in Accountancy, a Doctor of Pharmacy fast-track program, and a Professional Master of Science in Athletic Training.

"Just As Mask Mandates Were Relaxing" cont. from p.1

U.S.? According to Povroznik, the cases in the U.S. are now largely driven by variants. But it doesn't matter if it is a variant or not; for those who are unvaccinated, the virus has a host for which to spread. He added that it is equally important for area citizens to once again be cognizant of the areas where they travel and what the case rates are in those areas.

"To echo this advice, the CDC recently recommended that masking should resume indoors (even for vaccinated persons) in areas of 'substantial' and 'high' transmission of Covid-19, which included two-thirds of the U.S. counties," he continued. "According

to the DHHR website, the number of Delta variants identified in West Virginia has doubled in the past two weeks from 22 to 45. While this may not seem like a large number, it indicates the Delta strain is present and its identification is limited by having the laboratory capacity to perform the time-requiring sequence testing to identify variants."

Dr. Povroznik also remarked that the vaccination rates of young people in Harrison County is at 45% for those 12 and older (fully vaccinated) ... and slightly higher at 47% for those 18 and older. That still leaves quite a bit of the younger population mask-

less and potentially unvaccinated.

On the heels of the CDC's advice to resume masking - even for the vaccinated - is new scientific data discussed by CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky who stated the Delta variant behaves uniquely differently from past strains. The yet unpublished data is showing that vaccinated people infected with the Delta variant can exhibit as many viral symptoms as those who are unvaccinated. This was the primary driver for the CDC to revise the masking guidance once again, Povroznik stated.

Dr. Povroznik concluded, "What we know about the Delta variant will likely bring back transmission recommendations if Delta continues to ramp up. A couple of factors that will contribute to what the Fall season will look like are: the degree of vaccination of eligible persons in our area and the timely intervention by public health measures to curtail rising surges. We also have to think about the duration of protection of those who previously acquired COVID, as for many of them, it

will be six months since their original illness. Research has suggested that past infection offers some degree of immunity. In theory, if our area has low vaccination rates but a high proportion of people who were previously infected, the chances of a surge from the Delta variant are lower. But we have to exercise caution jumping to that safety net conclusion. Science also suggests that the immunity from past infection may be partial and short-lived, which is why the CDC recommends that those who have been infected by COVID still get

vaccinated. Another important variable is ... will a booster be required to maintain sufficient immunity to help curtail virus spread. While we do not know exactly how common it is for vaccinated people to become infected and transmit COVID to others, so far it appears to be relatively uncommon. However, if a new variant erupts, all bets could be off."

With still so many clear answers being 'unknowns', it would be wise to NOT toss the masks, and to continue to be attentive and follow recommended CDC directives.

"Farmer's Market" cont. from p.1

made this program possible despite the banking issue we had to confront. SFMNP is important to the health of our at-risk senior citizens, as well as the farmers who provide the produce," Leonhardt said.

In 2020, the WVDA

and its partners distributed a total of 16,800 vouchers to seniors in West Virginia. A total of 349 farmers, 101 farm stands and one farmers market participated in the program by accepting the vouchers.

her sister-in-law, Velma (Susie) George of Clarksburg; a friend she loved as a daughter, Angela Fittro; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, William (Bill) George.

Ginger was a graduate of Victory High School, Class of 1962. She had worked in the glass industry at Eagle-Convex, Brockway Glass, and Anchor Hocking until it's closing. She had also worked at Tuccillo's Pizza in Broadway, was a manager at World Bizarre, and was a daycare provider, retiring in 2006.

She was a member and officer of the Clarksburg Area Dart League and was inducted into the National Dart Hall of Fame in 2011. She was an Auxiliary member of both VFW Post 573 and American Legion Post 13. Ginger was also a member of the "Broadway Girls." She attended North View United Methodist Church since she was a child, and was very proud of her North View roots.

Fellow Broadway residents may remember her as the "Popcorn Ball Lady" during Halloween. At Twin Lakes Campground in Volga, she enjoyed camping with family and friends for over 50 years.

Funeral services were held at Burnside Funeral Home on Thursday, July 29,

2021. Interment followed in Sunset Memorial Park.

WILMA JUANITA BUNNELL BATSON

Wilma Juanita "Toots" Bunnell Batson, 91, of Mt. Clare, WV, passed away on Thursday, July 29, 2021, at her residence. She was born in Shinnston, WV, a daughter of the late Arlie and Bertha Simms Bunnell.

Wilma was preceded in death by her loving husband, Roy Winford Batson, on December 18, 2014.

She is survived by two daughters, Sandra Sue Minor and husband Marvin of Quiet Dell, and Brenda Dale Martin and husband David of Stonewood; and her daughter-in-law, Sheila Jane Valentine Batson of Clarksburg. She was grandmother to six grandchildren, Shane Minor and wife Christina of Romines Mills, Roy Lee Batson, Jr. and wife Kristy of California, Chris Minor of Stonewood, Heather Williams, and husband John of Mt. Clare, Sabrina Loudin and husband Eric of Stonewood and Anthony "AJ" Minor of Mt. Clare; and nine great grandchildren, Michael Minor, Katie Minor, Wyatt Minor, Whitney Minor O'Dwyer and husband Aidan, Chad Williams, Hope Vernon, Garret Loudin, Cooper Loudin, and Baylen Batson. She was lovingly known as "Mamaw Batson" to

many.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Roy Lee Batson, daughter, Shirley Ann Batson and two infant grandchildren, Troy and Tracey. Mrs. Batson was the last surviving member of her immediate family, having been preceded in death by her siblings, Josephine Wright, Doris Kropp, and Oliver James Bunnell.

Mrs. Batson was a homemaker and previously worked as a clerk at Stripe Discount Store in Clarksburg and sold Avon. She enjoyed coloring, crafting, cooking, sewing, and quilting. She had a love for the American Indian and was a supporter of St. Labre

and St. Joseph Indian Schools and cherished the letters she received from the students.

She was a member of the Congregational Missionary Church, enjoyed reading the Bible and was a prayer warrior. She was dedicated to serving the Lord, and caring for her family, especially her eldest daughter Shirley. The family would like to thank Dr. Paul Davis and his staff for their exceptional care.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at Amos Carvelli Funeral Home with Pastor Sherman Goodwin presiding. Interment followed in the Floral Hills Memorial Gardens.

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

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203, etc.) and WVU students seated in the lower-level student sections are encouraged to wear blue to the game. To see a Stripe the Stadium map, visit www.WVUsports.com/StripeTheStadium.

The WVU-Iowa State contest on Saturday, October 30, presented by WVU Medicine, is also Hall of Fame weekend on campus. The WVU Sports HOF 2021 class induction ceremony will take place before kickoff.

During the West Virginia-Oklahoma State game on Saturday, November 6, the legendary Major Harris will have his

No.9 jersey retired. The game has been designated Military Appreciation Day, presented by GoMart.

WVU vs Texas on Saturday, November 20 will be "True Blue" presented by Smart529. All fans are encouraged to wear blue as they root on the Eers on Senior Day.

The Chick-fil-A Kids Zone will be returning to the Caperton Indoor Facility and is free and open to the public. It opens two and a half hours prior to kickoff for all home games except Virginia Tech (Sept.18) and Iowa State (Oct. 30), due to Hall of Fame induction ceremonies.

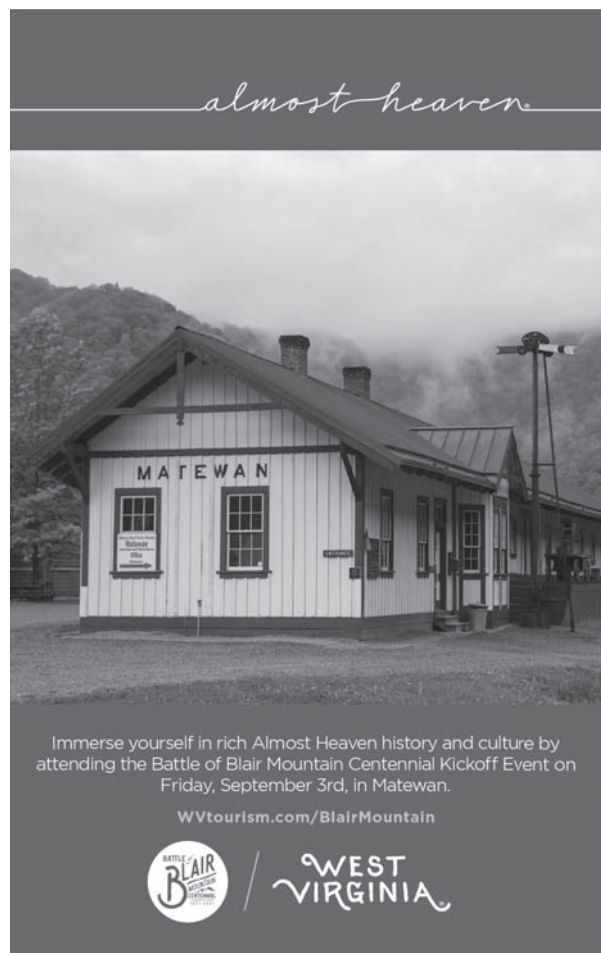
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do something wrong, then we get in trouble. Anytime you are dealing with a federally funded program, you must make sure that all steps are taken and there are no mistakes made."

Do not forget that the Recreation Complex will

continue to host a site for the next two weeks in August. Any child from any of the other parks is able to attend as well as those who are new to the program and is looking for a safe place for kids. Contact the office for more details.

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FSU Starts Fall Semester With Welcome Week Activities



Fairmont State University will be hosting a series of Welcome Week events for students as they arrive on campus ahead of the start of the fall 2021 semester. “Welcome Week will be the first program that students can experience at Fairmont State,” said Evan Fossen,

Assistant Director of Student Life. “It’s a great chance to become familiar with campus and its resources, as well as meet faculty and make new friends.” Residence hall move-in kicked things off on Sunday, August 1, and will continue throughout the week to allow students

time and flexibility as they get settled in to their new home away from home. According to Fossen, the remainder of the week’s programming not only enables returning students to readjust to campus, but it also provides incoming students the chance to become comfortable in their

new environment.

“Participating in Welcome Week is a great way to ease the transition to college,” said Fossen.

Welcome Week will be jam-packed with a variety of activities such as trivia nights, a scavenger hunt, a cornhole tournament, a s’mores social, outdoor yoga, paint nights and much more. Students will also be afforded the opportunity to explore the University’s many student clubs and organizations, meet professors and learn more about the support services that will be available at their fingertips throughout the academic year.

“Welcome Week is one of my favorite events of the academic year,” said Fairmont State University President, Mirta M. Martin. “Firstly, it’s a

fun, no-stress way for our newest Falcons to get a feel for campus and start to learn more about their new home. But beyond that, Fairmont State really is a family, and Welcome Week is a cherished time to not only see old friends but also to warmly welcome our newest members to the Falcon Family.”

On Thursday, August 5, members of the Falcon Family – including students, faculty, staff and alumni – will dot the stands with maroon and white during Fairmont State Night at Monongalia County Ballpark, where the West Virginia Black Bears will take on the Frederick Keys.

Friday, August 6 will be highlighted by Convocation at 4 p.m. where members of the class of 2025 will take the academic

oath and participate in the traditional candlelight ceremony which signifies the passing of the torch of knowledge from the senior class to the entering freshman class. The evening’s festivities will continue with a campus picnic and the screening of an outdoor movie on Duvall-Rosier Field.

Welcome Week will conclude on Sunday, August 8 with afternoon community service projects and a Back-to-School Bash hosted by the Fairmont State Student Government Association. Classes are set to begin Monday, August 9.

To view the full schedule of Welcome Week events, visit www.fairmontstate.edu/welcomeweek

Evangelist Will Graham Holds Three-Day Mountain State Celebration In Fairmont

After a 15-month COVID-related postponement, the Mountain State Celebration with Will Graham finally took place July 23-25 at Fairmont

State University’s Duvall-Rosier Field. It marked the first multi-day outreach for Graham since he held back-to-back events in Canada in October 2019.

“Put your trust in God. Take the things that you cannot control and turn them over to Him,” said Graham, as he invited those in attendance to make a decision for Jesus. “God’s trying to get your attention. Let Him take your brokenness.”

Approximately 4,700 people attended the three-day Mountain State Celebration, including Saturday morning’s KidzFest program. More than 200

responded to make a commitment to Christ. Thousands more – representing 45 different countries – viewed the livestream of the event.

“What I’ve noticed is the unity of so many churches, pastors and believers, coming together and uniting and working to advance the Kingdom of God,” said Dick Bernhart of Morgantown, West Virginia, who has served as the executive

team leader and helped to guide the extended Celebration process. “The unsaved have heard the message of hope, and there’s a whole group of people who have been renewed and restored.”

Graham was joined for the Celebration by a full line-up of award-winning Christian musicians, including multi-platinum selling and Grammy Award-winning band Skillet,

hip hop star FLAME, The Afters, Jordan Feliz and Aaron Shust. Children’s performer Yancy entertained the audience at KidzFest.

Later this fall, Graham will hold four Celebrations over the course of five weeks: Rapid City, South Dakota (Sept. 24-26), Des Moines, Iowa (Oct. 1-3), Sudbury, Ontario, Canada (Oct. 15-17) and London, Ontario, Canada (Oct. 22-24).

Lions Hosting Mop & Broom Sale Saturday

The Shinnston Lions Club is pleased to ‘get back on the street’ again this year with its Mop & Broom Sale. It has become an annual event for this organization although COVID voided most of its activities during the past year.

However, this weekend, on Saturday, August 7th members of the club will be set up at the corner of Pike and Rebecca Streets in Shinnston, offering their well-made, long-lasting, and very reasonably priced brooms and mops.

Brooms come in large and smaller sizes, priced at \$12 and \$10 respectively.

They may even have some kids’ brooms (for \$5) in case you want to start involving your children in some cleanup activities! Mops are for \$5.

Many folks look forward to replacing their brooms and mops and seek to find what the Lions offer each year. Stop by on Saturday between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon and make a purchase. Remember, too, that the funding raised by this sale goes back into projects they support in the community. Give to them and they give back!

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is returned to them, rather than remaining permanently with financial institutions, business associations, governments and other entities.



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Sarah Bush Awarded Degree From Miami University

Sarah Bush of Bridgeport was among more than 4,000 students from Miami University who received degrees

during the in-person spring commencement May 14-16, 2021. Bush graduated with a Master of Architecture degree, majoring in

Architecture. Nationally recognized as one of the most outstanding undergraduate institutions, Miami

University is a public university located in Oxford, Ohio. With a student body of nearly 19,000, Miami effectively combines a wide range of strong academic programs with faculty who love to teach and the personal attention ordinarily found only at much smaller institutions.