

SVFD Receives 'Perfect' Score On State Inspection & Speak On Fire Fee Complaints



Pictured here, Shinnston volunteer firefighters battle a blazing local property. Consider what you would do without them; response time would be delayed awaiting help from a neighboring department. Is it worth \$7 a month?

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD
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In the past couple of

weeks, the Shinnston Volunteer Fire Department has gone through two very thorough assessments,

something they undergo every five years. It is of the utmost importance to SVFD members that they score well; however, it is also of value to the community as the results demonstrate how well prepared they are to protect their fellow citizens and their properties.

Two weeks ago, SVFD was closely examined for its ISO rating. It is a very comprehensive study of numerous items, with 50% of the rating being based on inspection of the fire department's performance and preparedness, 30% based on the City's water system, and 20% a result of looking at results of the accuracy of numbers from the 911 Center and response times. Because the gathering of so much information goes into this, the report may take

45 days to be completed and six months to be announced.

Fire Chief Dylan Oliveto explained, "Scoring well is very important to homeowners in our community because the Insurance Services Office (ISO) uses this information to help calculate homeowners' insurance rates. Everything they look at has a great impact because it helps determine how well equipped we are to put out a fire and the likelihood of homes to burn down. A better rating makes property less risky and less expensive to insure."

Oliveto noted that the ISO rating for Shinnston residents has been a 4 for many years and they are hopeful this year's inspection will bring a rating of 3, which would lower homeowner's insurance even more!

The new rating would become effective on policies in 2022.

Last Tuesday, the department also underwent its State Inspection conducted by the State Fire Marshal ... another attempt to determine the department's quality of

service. Some of what was looked at included inspecting their facilities, learning how often equipment (such as fire gear, fire pumps, ladders, air packs, hoses, etc.) is inspected, checking members' training records, and

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Why Mom Cooked Like She Did A Program To Be Offered At The Bice-Ferguson Museum Aug. 27th



Museum Director Debra Herndon is pictured here with a small sampling of the many booklets and pamphlets in this aged collection. Come and learn 'Why Mom Cooked Like She Did'!

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD
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The Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum in Shinnston is full of all sorts of history with a major focus on the local area. However, Museum Director Debra Herndon recently came upon a collection of aged books that even those who don't reside here locally might find interesting. The books and pamphlets contain many recipes and show how food was used as an advertising tool in the early 20th century.

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'Beatlemania Magic' Expected To Draw Throngs Of Fans To RGPAC In November



First introduced in the U.S. by Ed Sullivan in 1964, The Beatles were pictured here sporting what was considered at the time their 'long hair'. Even after the group parted ways, their music has lived on. The look and sound of the Beatles Tribute Band to appear at RGPAC in November is said to be "uncanny"!

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD
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It has been nearly 57 years since Ed Sullivan, who always

boasted about having a "reeeecealy big show", introduced The Beatles for their first live U.S. television appearance. On February 9, 1964, it is estimated that more than

70 million Americans gathered around their televisions to watch these four young men from Liverpool make history! It truly was a "reeeecealy big show" with screaming fans at the Sullivan show jumping from their seats to cheer the British group's music.

After seeing the overwhelming response of fans during a visit to London, Ed Sullivan was very astute when he quickly booked The Beatles for not one, but three appearances on his show. Within just a few days, their record "I Want to Hold Your Hand" had sold more than a million copies and became the No. 1

song on the Billboard charts!

The group soon became known as the "Fab Four" and Beatlemania swept the country. John, Paul, George and Ringo secured their place in Americans' hearts and generated the invasion of British rock 'n' roll that changed the face of popular music in the United States.

If you were or are still a 'Beatle maniac', then you will be sure to enjoy what the Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center in Clarksburg will be offering on Saturday, November 6th at 8:00 p.m. (Doors will

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Fairmont State Faculty & Staff Welcomed Back For A Better Year



Fairmont State University President Myrta M. Martin gave a 'Falcon Family' welcome to faculty and staff at a recent breakfast as they prepare to begin a new academic year.

Fairmont State University Fall Semester Opening Ceremonies and administration, faculty Employee Welcome and staff gathered last Monday morning to "To all of our returning jump start the academic Falcon Family, I wish year with the annual to say welcome back

to another exciting academic year. It is good to be able to finally see each other," Fairmont State University President Mirta M. Martin told

those in attendance. "To our new faculty and staff, you're now part of a great, large family - the Falcon Family. Welcome home!"

Throughout the morning, members of campus leadership updated employees on what to expect throughout the academic year and new faculty members were introduced by their respective deans. The campus community also took time to reflect on the challenges that were overcome over the last year and a half.

"This past year has

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The Bridge



Building Amazing Cities

By JIM HUNT

author, speaker, consultant

When the Home Rule legislation passed in West Virginia, it allowed cities to do some things that they were unable to do previously. The legislation set up the Home Rule Board and they entertained proposals from cities throughout the state. In Clarksburg, the city leaders decided to buy and renovate the historic Robinson Grand theater into a modern performing arts center. In Bridgeport, the city proposed constructing a multi-purpose athletic facility that would include gymnasiums, swimming pools, turf fields and an indoor walking track. While COVID-19 had an impact on many of these projects, Bridgeport recently opened "The Bridge", a fully equipped athletic complex, located adjacent to the Bridgeport Recreational Complex.

I had the opportunity to tour the complex prior to the grand opening and decided to join at the discounted "early-bird" rate. The size of the facility is truly impressive and walking around the elevated walking track gives you some idea of the massive size. It is a quarter mile around the track, and you can observe the activities on the courts and the swimming pools as you walk

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Food For Thought

By Leigh Currey Merrifield Editor

A Century's Worth Of Change

The summer months are waning, but this is still a time that has been noted for hosting family reunions, high school class reunions, etc. - or at least it was pre-pandemic!

I found some interesting information about what it was like in the U.S. ONE HUNDRED years ago although there are likely few people still living who could possibly remember the year 1921 and what things were like then.

It has now been 100 years since the birth of America's 'Roaring Twenties'. Back in 1921, alcohol was contraband and often agents poured liquor into the sewer during Prohibition-era raids!

There were also 'fashion police', believe it or not. Women were often arrested and/or fined for breaking laws regulating their clothing. Expose too much thigh or shoulder, and it could land you in jail; police officers even measured the hems of the newest swimwear!

The very first Miss America pageant was held in Atlantic City, NJ and 16-year old Margaret Gorman of Washington, D.C. won the competition and was awarded a Statue of Liberty crown and a flag-striped cape.

Silent films were advertised on the marquee in Times Square. And outside of

New York City, things were much sleepier where sometimes smaller cities had just a few stores - even shoe repair stores! Many people today can't remember when shoes were taken in for repairs and not just thrown out!

Commercial radios became a favorite source of entertainment in the 1920's. They were called 'wireless receiving sets' and their popularity made the electronics industry boom. NOTHING like electronics today! Wouldn't that era be amazed by today's electronics???

There were not many major roadways. Although it has been about 40 years since a patent was issued for an engine-powered four-wheeled car, still many roads were unpaved. However road systems were growing and allowing people to move to the suburbs and drive to jobs in urban areas.

By 1921, public high schools were emerging as a stepping stone between childhood and the more adult worlds of college and employment. However, many schools in smaller towns continued to function out of one room with older students sitting in the back and younger ones at the front of the classroom. Segregation still remained in schools in many states.

Mail trucks in the 1920s became a favorite target for organized crime. So, to maintain public confidence, USPS toughed up some of their vehicles by adding bulletproof glass that was used in armored mail trucks.

In the 1920s police officers were hopping off their motorcycles to write speeding tickets, and it was even possible to be cited a speeding

ticket for traveling too fast downhill in school zones while riding a bicycle!

And in sports? Well, a young baseball player named George Herman "Babe" Ruth signed with the New York Yankees and went on to set and then break his own batting records.

However, in his off time, he hauled logs with a team of horses outside his home in Sudbury, Massachusetts - property known as "Home Plate Farm". Boxing also attracted big crowds and prize purses to match! And while there was no NBA at this time, high school basketball grew in popularity as well. American football almost didn't make it to the 1920s though. In the 1905 college season, there were 19 deaths and 137 serious injuries and NCAA rules changed to slow player fatalities. The NFL was founded in 1920.

The "Jazz Age" came to be at this time when jazz music exploded into the mainstream. Music historians credit trumpet player Louis Armstrong with trailblazing the art of the solo in jazz performance.

And women? They were speaking out! Two years after the 19th Amendment established women's right to vote, the National Woman's Party met with President Warren Harding to discuss a Constitutional amendment guaranteeing women equal rights. It was introduced in Congress in 1923, but wasn't ratified.

I hope you enjoyed the journey through the past century. One can only imagine what the next 100 years may bring.

This week's dessert: "Change is the only constant in life." ~ Heraclitus

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. 12, 1937: Author Walter Dean Myers was born in Martinsburg. In January 2012, Myers was named the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature by the Library of Congress.

Aug. 12, 1997: The Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel strike ended when 79 percent of the workers approved a new contract. A 10-month walkout by steelworkers at Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel was the longest

steel manufacturing strike on record when it concluded.

Aug. 13, 1900: Railroad mogul and founder of Huntington, Collis Potter Huntington, died. Raised in poverty, Huntington went west when gold was discovered in California. There he became rich, not from mining but by selling supplies to miners.

Aug. 13, 2018: The House of Delegates adopted articles of impeachment against all justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals.

Aug. 14, 1894: Entertainer Ada Beatrice Queen Victoria Louise Virginia "Bricktop"

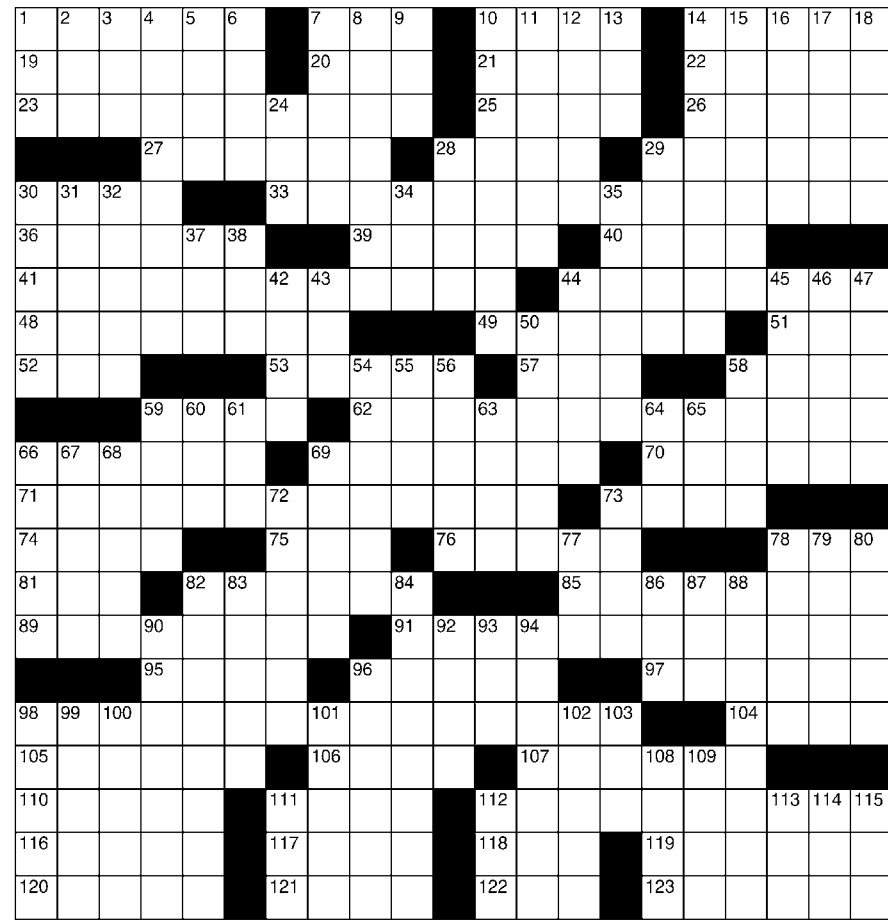
Smith was born at Alderson. She performed in Paris in the 1920s and opened her own club, called the Music Box, in 1926.

Aug. 14, 1943: Astronaut Jon Andrew McBride was born in Charleston. McBride became an astronaut in 1979 and piloted the space shuttle Challenger on an eight-day mission in 1984.

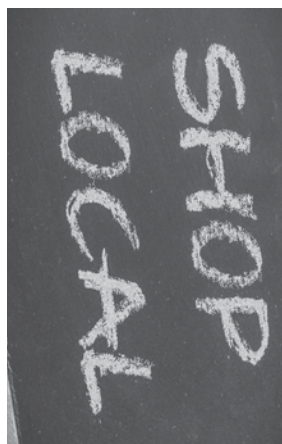
Aug. 15, 1867: The cornerstone for the first building of the Fairmont Branch Normal School was laid at the corner of Adams and Quincy streets in the heart of town. The first class of students occupied the new building in April

Super Crossword HIDDEN STAIRS

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West Virginia & The Value Of National Gas

OP-ED by TIM MILEY Former Speaker of the WV House of Delegates\ Recently, United States Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm visited West Virginia to tour the National Energy Technology Laboratory in Morgantown. She learned firsthand that this region is vastly different from other areas around the nation in its natural gas production. When compared to the rest of the nation, the Marcellus and Utica

basins have the lowest carbon emissions of any major oil and gas play in the nation. The basin — found across West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio — is considered "Best in Class" by Rystad Energy, an achievement that the rest of the nation's oil and gas companies are trying to reach. And nationally, the EPA reports that the oil and gas industry has seen a 23% decline in methane emissions from production over the last several years all while production has increased substantially. Continued on Page 9

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FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

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BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

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

LOWE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MONTHLY MEETING

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

WV HERITAGE CRAFTS WORKSHOP SCHEDULE & EVENTS

The West Virginia Heritage Crafts will be offering the following workshops: 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; Basketmaking Workshop Saturday August 14, 11 am-2 pm. Make a beautiful basket and learn some history of basketmaking - Call 304-483-0858 to register; Hand Quilting Class Wednesday August 25, 5:15 pm-8:15 pm. Call 304-931-8701 to register. Barbershop Bluegrass Band Saturday August 28, 12 pm-3 pm.

MONONGALIA COUNTY BEEKEEPERS MEETING

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

HOPE, INC. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP

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

KIDDING AROUND YOGA

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

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

A Christ-centered 12-step program for any hurt, habit or hang-up meets every Friday at 6:00 p.m. at Horizons Church in Lost Creek with COVID capacity. Offers childcare (birth to 4 yrs.) and The Landing for older teens. For more information, call 304-745-5090.

Unclaimed Property Auctions To Be Held At State Fair

State Treasurer Riley Moore has announced his office will host two in-person Unclaimed Property Auctions during the 2021 State Fair of West Virginia. The auctions will take place Saturday, Aug. 14, and Saturday, Aug. 21, beginning at 5 p.m. both days.

Items up for bid include rare coins, currency, jewelry, and other collectibles that have been turned over to the Office's Unclaimed Property Division by banks or

law enforcement. The items will be on display at the State Treasurer's Office booth, located in the West Virginia Building, throughout the fair.

Items auctioned often come from safe deposit boxes or law enforcement evidence rooms. When companies or officials are unable to locate the lawful owners, the items are turned over to the Treasurer's Office as unclaimed property. While the items are auctioned

off, the proceeds from the sale remain in an individual's name for claim in the future.

"These items are often forgotten about or left abandoned," Treasurer Moore said. "These auctions help convert these collectibles into the highest cash value possible for someone to claim in the future. They're also a treasure trove for collectors. I encourage everyone to check out our auctions and learn more about the Unclaimed Property program."

In addition to conducting the auctions, State Treasurer's Office staff will be available throughout the fair to conduct unclaimed property searches for anyone who takes time to visit the Office's booth in the West Virginia Building.

For more information about the program, or to search to see if you have unclaimed property, visit www.wvtreasury.com and click the search button on the "Are We Holding Your Money?" graphic.

"Fairmont State Faculty Welcomed Back" cont. from p.1

been unprecedented; many would call it historic," said President Martin. "And what this University – our University – accomplished, well, it's truly incredible. It's unprecedented, and we did it by putting aside

our differences, by rallying around each other and around our students, to accomplish what many thought was unsurmountable, perhaps even impossible. Last year, we were successful because we came together as a

family. This year, we will be successful because we are a family."

As the fall semester was set to begin, students spent several days moving into residence halls and transitioning back to campus life through

a variety of Welcome Week activities such as trivia nights, a scavenger hunt, a cornhole tournament, a s'mores social, outdoor yoga, paint nights and much more. Classes began on Monday, August 9.

"Beatlemania At RGPAC" cont. from p.1

open at 7 p.m.)

Beatlemania Magic: A Tribute to the Beatles is a national touring Beatles Tribute band recreating the early Beatles concerts with identical costumes, equipment, and spot-on harmonies. Songs from "I Want to Hold Your Hand" to "I'm Down" will be played using Vox amps and Gretsch, Hofner & Rickenbacker guitars made famous by the Beatles. Beatlemania Magic will also recreate the "Magical Mystery Tour" of Sgt. Pepper,

White Album, Let It Be, and Abbey Road. If you missed them in 1964, here's your chance to relive the magic!

"It's hard to find someone who doesn't know the Beatles," said RGPAC Sales & Marketing Manager Emily Moore. "Their music brought so many people together instilling hope and unity, but also providing a thought-provoking lens on the events of that era. Patrons will get a true show experiencing once again what it was like to see The Beatles in

concert – not something you want to miss!"

The show will resurrect the 1964 touring look during the first half of the show, and after intermission, they will transform into the experimental Sgt. Pepper era; fans will get to experience both – like seeing two shows in one!

The tribute band features Bill Kropinak as John Lennon, Russ Saylor as Paul McCartney, Mark Baranski as George Harrison, and Ken Adams as Ringo

Starr. Following the performance, patrons will have the opportunity to meet and greet the artists in the lobby and buy artist merchandise.

Tickets went on sale on Friday, August 6th and are priced in three tiers depending on proximity to the Stage (\$39, \$29 & \$19). Tickets can be purchased online anytime at tickets.therobinsongrand.com or via phone by calling 855-773-6283 Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

"Why Mom Cooked Like She Did" cont. from p.1

The collection includes over 100 books and pamphlets dating back as far as 1910. One book includes 120 wartime meat recipes. Some offer tips on cooking tripe, brains, and pig's feet! And since many of the recipes told the readers that the ingredients and prepared foods must be chilled, it was a way for businesses to sell refrigerators! Some information showed that cooking schools were held where tempting desserts were served, which also required refrigeration.

With refrigeration becoming popular in the late 1920's and early 1930's, these years found housewives excited to give up their ice boxes filled with blocks of melting ice for this new method of refrigeration which helped to ensure the longevity of leftover food. Some recipes also offered ways to cook with ingredients that were an alternative to those that were among 'shortages' during wartimes. Recipes include everything from meats, potato dishes, vegetables, salads, sauces and gravies to desserts, breads, and muffins.

Debra also found a booklet titled "Care & Use of Electric Appliances, a book for ladies whose husbands were away serving during the war! She also has rationing booklets from this era.

Rationing of certain foods was introduced close to the end of World War I after German submarines had succeeded in sinking ships carrying imports. However, it was during World War II that Americans were really asked to make sacrifices and rationing was one of those ways; they were contributing to the war effort! The war disrupted trade, limiting the availability of some goods, and other supplies such as gasoline, butter, sugar and canned milk were rationed because they needed to be diverted to the war effort.

The saying "Waste not, want not" dates back to the 1770's, but it became a way of life in America in the early 1930's. Americans learned during the Great Depression to do without. It was sacrificing for the common good. Households did their duty by doing without many items. Mrs. Herndon noted, "This collection shows

how women were portrayed, how they may have learned to cook differently, and how important it was to stretch what they had. Doing without many items certainly limited the way meals were prepared ... and to think, in today's world we were recently upset just because the pandemic created a shortage of toilet paper!"

Mrs. Herndon will be offering a free program hosted at the Museum on Friday, August 27th at 7:00 p.m. She will tell what she has learned from this collection of early recipe books, and the books and pamphlets will be on display and available to look over that evening.

"Although some of the products in the

recipes may no longer exist, many still do," she added. "I invite those who attend to bring their cameras, phones, or index cards to reproduce any of the recipes they find interesting and might want to try."

The program is titled "Why Mom Cooked Like She Did". Attendees can learn a lot about the reasons their mothers, grandmothers, and perhaps even great-grandmothers prepared meals the way they did! It was part of the war effort ... they too were doing their part from home.

Because of the delicate nature of many of the items in the Museum, if children are in attendance, they must be strictly supervised.



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My Plants Are Thriving On My Little Patio



GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

The weatherman is certainly giving us a variety of weather and I am enjoying it all - a few hot days in the high eighties, a few warm days with a nice breeze and some days with rain. I will confess that I have not had my air conditioning on yet and occasionally, I sleep very well with the ceiling fan on.

Most of my readers know how much I enjoy having a little garden on my back patio. I wanted to share a picture with you of my tomato plant. It was a gift from my sister and brother-in-law. They have a nice vegetable garden and bought their plants from one of the local high schools. In the evenings, you can catch me sitting on my porch enjoying my grape tomatoes. There is nothing better than a tomato salad with a little basil that is also growing on my porch. It is almost unbelievable how little it takes to make you happy as you get older.

The YWPA sponsored a Veterans breakfast at the Center last Saturday. A lovely breakfast was served and each veteran received a bag with many gifts in it. These young ladies are to be commended for the service they provide for our community. I feel that our future will be solid with them as our leaders.

Last week was a good one for me. I enjoyed separate dinners with Laura Goff Davis and granddaughters Miranda Lang, Addison Ammons and my daughter, Lisa. I also had lunch with Mary Childers and with Rosemary Maschio. Well, I know your next question and the answer is, "I



I'm proud of my tomato plant that I received from my sister and brother-in-law.

refuse to get on the scale".

Soon the YWPA will be celebrating their 100th birthday. It is being planned for Friday, September 17 at noon at the Uptown Event Center. We have been able to schedule Secretary of State, Mac Warner as our keynote speaker. We will announce plans as they are finalized.

I also spent an afternoon in our pool with McKenna and Dominick Robey and my sister, Cathy. I know many of you are enjoying the water, both swimming and boating.

I encourage you to support the Farmers Markets. These are our neighbors who want to sell their local produce.

It will not be long before the kids will be back in school. You still have a little time to get those activities in that you planned last winter.

Enjoy summer, be safe and take care and until next week, "Now You Have Heard It Through the Grapevine."

The Sheriff Is Back In Town!



Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny

About three weeks ago, I was talking to my buddy, Bruce, and asked him when he was going to next set up his tepee (Metis Tribe) at a Rendezvous/Living History Encampment. He said, "The first weekend in August at the old Game Farm" (Aug 1st was Sunday). So, Saturday I drove down to the WV Wildlife Center (Game Farm) at French Creek to check things out. While I was paying the lady to get in (\$4), I asked her where the encampment was set up. She said, "Oh, that's not until next weekend". Well, dummy me always does a lot of assuming and this one bit me, but it was a nice 120-mile round trip drive. I'll try again next weekend.

Sunday, Patty brought my great-granddaughter Miss Aubrey for a visit and spent the afternoon. She is so adorable (just like her great-grandpa) ... she starts Kindergarten this year.

Tuesday, I drove down to the Worthington Barber Shop for a haircut. It's always nice chatting with Janet and Frank. Barbers have a finger on the pulse of what's going on locally.

In the evening, I drove down to the Morgantown Vet Center for the weekly meeting. We still must wear masks while inside the building which makes it tough on some of the guys with breathing problems - I'm one of them. Luke Payson has been our counselor for a year, but because of the COVID, he only knew us from our voices over the phone. Now, he can put a voice and name to a face, although half covered. But, no doubt, he can now recognize me from the large 'proboscis' pushing out my mask.

Wednesday afternoon, I had an appointment at

the Clarksburg VA Hospital. After walking from the far end of the parking lot, I had to sit on a chair inside the entrance for a breather (sure miss the VALET parking). I always holler at my old friend, Jim Toothman, as I'm coming and going. He's the guy sitting behind the big glass window near the north elevators. I got to know Jim when he used to attend meetings at the Vet Center and he has a great sense of humor. What he does behind that window I haven't the faintest idea and he said he doesn't know either.

Wednesday night, Kim and Butch popped in from Virginia to spend the night. Butch is a certified HVAC guy, and he came in to fix my son Lee's house air conditioning unit that was on the blink.

Thursday, guess where I was at again (sure miss the VALET parking). The lady Sheriff is on duty again at the lab entrance. On the way home, I stopped at Price Cutters in town. It was nice seeing Susie (Tate) Meredith and reminiscing with an old schoolmate Minda (Moore) Singleton. Of course, I holler at Sandy (Miller) Fazalare every time I'm in the store. My girl Chrissy Ketterman-Goad checked me out... she was raised next door. Kim baby-sat her and her two brothers when they were small.

In the evening, Kim and Butch packed up the dogs and headed back to Virginia. By the way, he did fix Lee's A/C.

Lastly, I need to write a retraction. Last week, I wrote that Kim had brought her male German Shephard Remi in and had him FIXED at the Audubon Clinic in Bridgeport. Her dog's name is Arius. I keep getting the names of Bernadine's German Shephard and Kim's dog mixed up (anyway, as a male I still don't think it's right!).

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

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Horseshoe Homecoming & Farm To Table Banquet August 27-29

Horseshoe Leadership Center, serving children and youth since 1940 in the Monongahela National Forest, welcomes the community to attend our 81st Anniversary Horseshoe Homecoming weekend August 27-29, including a Farm to Table Banquet Fundraiser on Sunday, August 29 at 1 p.m.

Come join friends and neighbors for all or part of the weekend celebration featuring home-style meals, campfires, hikes, storytelling, and fun for all ages. The weekend will conclude with a delicious four-course meal in the chestnut-paneled dining hall built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). Each course features locally sourced, in-season gourmet foods prepared by renowned chefs and culinary professionals.

A silent auction as well as live auction after the meal will feature artisan items including

a handmade quilt and other programs throughout West Virginia and Ohio. Banquet tickets are available for \$50 per adult, reduced prices available for children and students. To receive additional information on the weekend events or to RSVP, call 304-478-2481 or email sharon@yla-youthleadership.org.

For more information about Camp Horseshoe and the Ohio-West Virginia YLA, please visit www.yla-youthleadership.org

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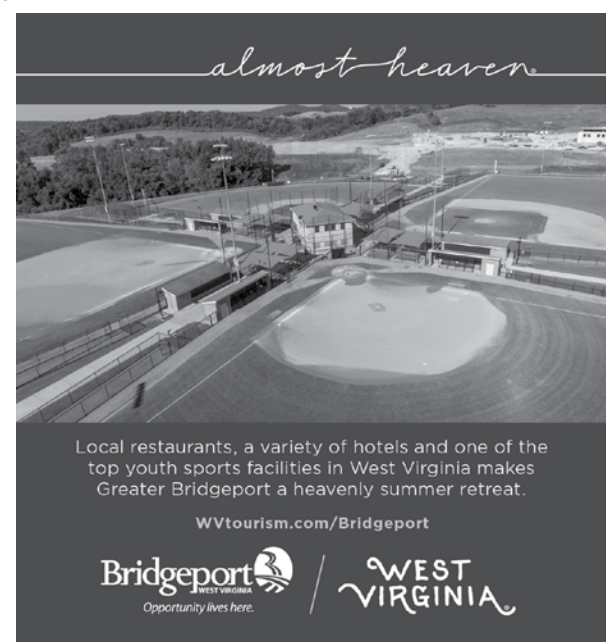
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along on the rubberized surface. The courts can accommodate basketball, volleyball, pickleball and other activities, with the ability to roll down heavy curtains to separate the games. In the few weeks that I have been working out at The Bridge, I have seen a variety of games being played on the courts. They have had summer camps for younger kids and there is a buzz of activity on most days when I have visited.

The locker rooms feature a new type of locker; they are digital and eliminate the need to carry your own lock. You simply enter a four-digit code, and the locker is secure while you exercise. Outside the locker room area are several tables and chairs to relax or catch up on some work. There is a concession stand for a quick snack or energy drink and the reception desk, where you can check out a basketball or other equipment for your workout. The staff is very helpful and keeps everything running smoothly.

There are two swimming pools, with one being a warm pool and the other being a competition pool. The warm pool is about four and a half foot deep and allows users to walk in the pool or play games like basketball. I've used it for quick workouts, and it is easy to navigate. The competition pool is much deeper and allows for lap swimming. There are bleachers around the pool, and it is anticipated that this will be a great facility for regional swim meets. I've used the swimming pools a good bit and it is nice to have such a good facility in the county.

The City of Bridgeport can be proud of the amazing facility that they have constructed. It is first class and meets the needs of a growing county. With projects like The Bridge and the Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center, our county has world-class facilities that can attract users from throughout the tri-state area. That was the dream for the Home Rule legislation, and it has proven that cities can be innovative and resourceful if given the leeway to think outside the box. If you get a chance, check out The Bridge; it is Amazing!



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HCSCC SPOTLIGHT

Featuring news from the Harrison County Senior Citizen Center

Harrison County Seniors Already Preparing For 2022 Senior Olympics



Pictured here, some of HCSCC's Olympic hopefuls are practicing Ladderball. Shown l-rt are Cliff Marshall, Virginia Harding, Margaret Davis and Fran Lopez.

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD
News & Journal Editor

If you are a television viewer you have most likely been captured at some point by the Olympic games being held this year in Tokyo, Japan. Young athletes train religiously to prove their athleticism on this international stage. They are in peak

physical condition, dedicated to their sport, and determined ... all hoping to return home with a medal in their possession.

But competition doesn't have to be limited by age. Even senior citizens enjoy competition and can be enthusiastic about training to improve their skills in something they enjoy doing. While they

may not be gymnasts who can twist in the air as they descend from the balance beam, they can enjoy staying active and sharpening their skills at simpler sports such as ping pong, corn hole, billiards, ladderball or horseshoes, for instance. And the Senior Olympics in West Virginia has given them the opportunity to show off their competitive

spirit! Prior to the pandemic, Senior Olympics teams from senior centers across the Mountain State have assembled at WVU Potomac State College in Keyser annually to compete for trophies and prizes in various gentler field events, card games, scrabble, disc golf, etc. There is even a baking
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Seniors Again Enjoying Gathering In The Newly Updated Kinley Café

Perhaps one of the only 'good' things to come of the pandemic was that it gave the few staff members still working the opportunity to clean, organize and update the Harrison County Senior Center.

The Center's Kinley Café was one of the areas that received attention during the facility's closure. In addition to a thorough disinfecting and cleaning, the space received new paint colors, new tables and more comfortable

seating. Now that the Center has been able to reopen, the Kinley Café is serving a limited breakfast menu from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Breakfast tokens are accepted for breakfast items with most breakfast items requiring 1-3 tokens. Coffee and sodas are \$.50 each.

Lunch is also being served from 11:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Reservations are required by 9:30 a.m. for that day's lunch. Member price for lunch is \$5.



Pictured here (l-rt) enjoying lunch in the Café are: Julie Cobb, Diane Straw, Donald Leggett, Kathryn Michalik and Willa Crago.

HCSCC Board Meeting Announced

There was no scheduled Board Meeting held in July; however, the next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in the Boardroom. Please note that this is a NEW time!

President Bill O'Field, Vice President Ryan Kennedy, Secretary Donna Stuart, Treasurer Donald Burton, Janet Dotson, Franklin Hairston, Sharon Hamilton, Harley Jeffries, Gary Keith II, Sandra Mossor, Bill Phillips, and Susan Thomas.

In-Home Service Caregivers Needed

The Harrison County Senior Center is looking for in-home caregivers to assist Harrison County seniors to remain in their homes with light assistance. Caregivers help with personal care, light housekeeping, meal preparation, grocery/errand shopping, and

laundry. Caregivers DO NOT provide medical care. Training will be provided but caregivers must have reliable transportation to and from clients' residences. Call the Center for more information at 304-623-6795.

Tax/Assessment Satellite Visits Center



Seniors appreciated the ease and convenience of having the assessment and tax satellite office set up in the Kinley Café. Pictured (l-rt) are: Bill O'Field, Brian Hayes, Randall Glaspell, Rocky Romano, Jim Terango, Ivan George IV, Deanna McNemar and Denise Hyman.

Celebrating The Return Of Senior Center Activities



On July 29th, seniors enjoyed birthday cake to celebrate all the birthday parties that were missed during the pandemic; they also enjoyed a game of bingo and a card-making class. Pictured here (l-rt) displaying the cards they made during the class are: Instructor Donna Stuart, Ruth Ann Jeffries, Harley and Ruth Jeffries.

FREE Covid Testing Continues At Center

The Harrison County Senior Citizens Center, Inc. continues to provide FREE COVID TESTING Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with no appointment necessary.

Center at 304-623-6795 to let them know that you are at the Center's large garage door in Traders Alley for a COVID test. If at all possible, they ask that you call ahead and give them an estimated time when you expect to arrive.

Title V Food Service Workers Needed

HCSCC is looking for household income below 125% of the federal poverty level. For more information, please contact Fern Oset at 304-623-6795 or stop by the Senior Center at 500 W. Main Street in Clarksburg.

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Harrison County Senior Center membership is open to seniors 50 years of age and older. 2020 memberships were extended to 9/30/21 due to the pandemic. If you choose to join NOW, membership is just \$2 through September 30th when the 2021 membership year ends. The next membership year will run from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. HCSCC membership is \$10 annually.

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McBride Selected In The Second Round!



The Bottom Line By Bill Nestor Sports Editor

The Deuce is loose in the Big Apple! Miles “Deuce” McBride was recently selected with the 36th pick in the second round by the New York Knicks. Actually, it was the Oklahoma City Thunder that did the deed, selecting McBride for the Knicks in a trade scenario where New York gave up the 32nd pick in exchange for the 34th and 36th selections.

Deuce had a stellar sophomore campaign, leading West Virginia in scoring at 15.9 points per game. McBride’s shooting was lights out from deep, hitting on 41% of his attempts. He shared the ball well, averaging just shy of five assists per outing and pulled down four rebounds a night. Consistent play was his calling card and continued improvement was eye opening to

NBA executives.

The Mountaineers lack of a point guard proved to be an opportunity for Deuce. Ironically matching his nickname, McBride is a true #2 guard. However, he was forced to carry the load and WVU’s offense, proving that he could handle the ball under severe pressure. That led to more shots off of the dribble instead of being just a catch and release shooter. The ability to break down a defender made his stock rise tremendously and it was the final piece of the puzzle in his game.

Deuce also is developing an NBA body. At 6’2 and 200 pounds he can absorb the constant pounding and physical play in the big league. Everything is lining up for McBride and he has the best-case scenario to make it in the big time.

McBride’s departure leaves a huge hole in the Mountaineer program which has now had 41 players drafted, five of them under the Bob Huggins administration. Huggins will be able to use those numbers to his advantage when he is recruiting and they might even help him land a player or two that he might not have scored. The loss of Deuce is devastating to this upcoming edition. There is no experience at the point guard position which will have an adverse effect on the returning sharp shooters.

Taz Sherman has shown some ability to put the ball on the deck and create his own shot. However, Sean McNeal and Jalen Bridges are more catch-release shooters that can torch defenses. Sherman could be called on as more of a facilitator with the offense running through him. His distribution efforts will need to increase if West Virginia is going to win games in the Big

12. If the Mountaineers had an experienced big man on the low blocks, they could run the offense through them which would alleviate some of the pressure put on the guards. Huggins would have had that luxury if Oscar Tshiebwe and Derek Culver didn’t fly the coup. The “Big O” was an early defector and didn’t do much for the gold and blue last season. Culver on the other hand, was second on the team with a 14.3 average. He was a power in the paint for the Eers and he was the go-to-guy inside for Huggins. He and McBride accounted for nearly half of the squad’s point production a year ago. Huggins will need the returners to step up their production levels and the newcomers will be asked to make more of an immediate impact to offset the losses to the roster.

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 mountains for a relaxing break from the sweltering heat at Alpine Lake. Located in Terra Alta, this 18-hole golf course has some breathtaking views of the 150-acre lake that is the mainstay and namesake for this rather impressive resort.

Alpine Lake’s golf course is a par 71 and ranges 6,068 yards from the tips. The front nine allows golfers an opportunity to warm up in preparation for a difficult and testing back nine. All of the par 3’s are longer and challenging. Hole 10 is the signature hole that plays 228 yards. The tee box is extremely elevated and offers a glorious view of the lake. It is one of the most impressive holes in the entire state.

Hole 17 is a 589-yard par 5 that is literally up hill the entire way, offering a challenge to golfers of any skill level. There is punishing rough throughout and strategically placed bunkers that add difficulty to this panoramic tract. The staff is very informative and extremely helpful.

Alpine Lake is a golfing destination that you definitely want to visit this summer. It’s an impressive resort that also offers overnight stays that will allow you to maximize your golf excursion.

Summer Parks Extended Program Has Been A Big Help For Parents



From The World Of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

The Summer Parks Program has always been used as a place for families that need daycare during the summer and with the extension of the program at the Recreation Complex, parents are thankful for the extra two weeks as it narrows the gap between the summer session and the beginning of school.

One family in particular has taken advantage of the program during recent years and comments about how much fun the kids have during the day as well as gives them peace of mind knowing how safe the kids will be.

“We just love sending our kids to the parks,” expressed one parent. “We have been doing this for a while now and seeing the familiar faces from seasons before makes it easier for us to drop off the kids. And they cater to the needs of the kids as we hear the stories on the way home about what they have done and what is going on the next day.”

Providing meals during the day has been a plus for the program as well. Nutrition has been a point of interest during the summer and the staff with the Board of Education have been nothing but top notch preparing the meals for the week. It is not easy to budget the numbers but they always come through with great meals equal to what is prepared during the school year.

“We cannot be happier with the way that the food service has been,” related Director Mike Book. “We have been working with the B.O.E. for many years now and it seems to be working very well. Everyone gets the proper training on how to handle things and they have been a great asset in guiding our staff along the way.”

Parents are equally impressed with how the process is ran and what is being offered. In fact, a grandparent spoke about how food service is one of the main topics while her grandchildren attend the program.

“It is tough nowadays feeding kids, especially those who are particular with what they eat,” said one grandparent. “There is that generation gap between us and let’s face it, kids most likely do not eat what we prefer. But, having the school system prepare the meals and knowing what is a great balanced meal and something the kids want is a pretty good trick to do.”

Most kids registered have families with both parents working and the cost of daycare can make things challenging with the monthly bills and budget. Our program is free because we know about their challenges and the program has been in existence for decades now. The formula has been working and we hope that we can continue the success for years to come.

“Parents have a ton of things to balance in the summer. Kids are home and school is out of session. Many families have both parents working and this is where we step in to help,” said Book. “Our program has been a saving grace for many families as we provide the safe environment, the meals and we do not charge to attend. Our staff works hard to make sure that the kids have a great time during the break and that takes a little stress off the families.”

Many Cyclists Take Part In Rollin’ Coal Gravel Grinder Bicycle Race



Pictured are dozens of cyclists at the Ferguson Memorial Park in Shinnston preparing to ride in the 65-mile race in the Rollin’ Coal Gravel Grinder Bicycle Race which took place last Saturday, August 7th. Bikers chose one of three races to ride in – 35 miles, 65 miles or 100 miles. Over 150 cyclists were expected to race on county gravel roads which included Vine Street, Bingamon Road, Laurel Run Road, Jones Run Road, Robinson-Wyatt Run Road and many, many other gravel roads throughout the area, including some main roads. Photo courtesy of Patty Post.

Canada, WVU Alumnae Win Olympic Gold



WVU alumnae of starter Christine Sinclair, Buchanan made a match-saving clearance. The gold medal win wraps up a busy tournament for Lawrence and Buchanan, who started all six matches and combined to 1,190 out of 1,200 possible minutes. Lawrence notched an assist in the group stage, while both finished cleanly without either earning a booking.

Former Mountaineers Ashley Lawrence and Kadeisha Buchanan were key players in the victory. Playing on the back line, the duo played crucial defense as much of the match was played in the Canadian defensive third. Wearing the captain’s armband after the substitution

of starter Christine Sinclair, Buchanan made a match-saving clearance.

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This is the first gold medal for Canada.

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The Boys Are Back In Town

After having about a week off, the WVU football team started fall camp last week - the players reported to the facility on Thursday and on Friday morning it was time to get back to work. The first day was basically flag football

according to the head coach.

While things are returning to normal after last season, there is one thing that Coach Brown and his staff are keeping around-split squad practices.

“We went split squads

today and the reason behind that is that’s one of the things last year that we found out was a real positive,” Brown said. “The guys are out there for a shorter amount of time but we get more total reps. For our young guys, it really

helps them because they get one-on-one coaching and you always learn better by doing rather than watching.”

Another positive for split-squad practices is if/when the team experiences injuries

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MICHAEL ANTHONY CORTEZ



Michael Anthony Cortez of LaVergne, TN passed away July 16, 2021 at home following a seven-year battle with cancer. He was born July 19, 1942 in Fairmont, WV, the son of Anthony V. and Helen A (Curtis) Cortez. Mike graduated from Shinnston High School in 1960. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He was then employed by Lake Central Airlines and retired from US Airlines after 33 years. Following his retirement, he worked five years as Airport Security and eight years as a Realtor.

He met his wife of 58 years, Sandra M. (Huntsman), on an airplane where she was working as a flight attendant.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Carol A. Cortez Wallman. He is survived by his daughter Trisha Clarke and husband Mark; his son Anthony Cortez and wife Jennifer; five grandchildren – Cassandra Marcum, Michael, Thomas, Logan and Emmalee Cortez; and two great-grandchildren, Ian and Nora Marcum.

Mike was a loving husband, father and friend to all. He was an avid fisherman and had a witty sense of humor.

A celebration of life gathering will be held at a later date. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the American Cancer Society or St. Jude.

WANDA V. CAMP



Wanda V. Camp, of Shinnston, WV entered Heaven's Gates from Marianna Eubank's Personal Care Home August 1, 2021.

Wanda was born August 16, 1931 to Vais and Wilma Harbert Ashcraft, in Doddridge County, WV.

She was the last surviving member of her immediate family being preceded in death by siblings, Edgar and Orus Ashcraft. Mrs. Camp married Jennings

C. Camp on August 16, 1954. He preceded her in death on May 23, 2008.

She is survived by two sisters-in-law's, several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Wanda graduated from Wallace High School as Valedictorian of her class. She loved all of God's creation, especially flowers, trees, and rocks. She was a member of the Shinnston Garden Club, the Order of the Eastern Star, and White Shrine of Jerusalem.

Wanda was a born-again Christian. She was a member of the Stealey United Methodist Church. After moving to Shinnston, she attended the First Methodist Church of Shinnston and in recent years attended the Lumberport Baptist Church.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, August 4 at Harmer Funeral Home with Pastor Chad Hutson. Interment followed at the Lion's Club Cemetery in Lumberport.

Memorial donations may be made to Lumberport Baptist Church, PO Box 415 Lumberport, WV 26386.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at Harmerfuneralhome.com

PEGGY CAROL BARR BURKHAMMER



Peggy Carol Barr Burkhammer, 73, of Gypsy, passed away on August 1. She was born February 17, 1948 to the late Reason Hubert and Evan Ann Harrison Barr of Fairmont, WV.

Peggy was a graduate of Fairview High School Class of 1966, and the Clarksburg Beauty Academy.

She moved to West Palm Beach, FL. in 1979 and worked in a local drug store until returning to West Virginia in 1989. She was employed at Wholesale Tire, American Vending, and the FBI Fingerprint Division. Peggy was an animal lover and dearly loved her dogs Buster, Tobey, and Biscuit. She was an avid fan of Jeopardy and America's Got Talent, and spent her time keeping in touch with family and friends by telephone.

She is survived by a sister, Annette and Edward Keezee of Fairmont; niece Carol Brown and partner Chris Sharp, who made their home with Peggy

and were her caregivers; nephews Michael and Robert Keezee of Fairmont, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister Mary Beth Brown; great nephew Samuel Levi Kovar; and best friend Judy Gumbas.

A memorial service was held at Harmer Funeral Home on August 6, 2021. Interment followed at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made to the Marion County Humane Society, PO Box 905 Fairmont, WV 26554, or the Harrison County Humane Society 2450 Saltwell Road Shinnston, WV 26431.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at Harmerfuneralhome.com

SAMANTHA LOU NEWBROUGH



Samantha Lou Newbrough, 50, of Pine Bluff, passed away on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at her home with her family by her side. She was born February 18, 1971 in Elyria, OH. She was preceded in death by her father, Frank McIntire and her mother, Candy Diana Underwood. She is survived by her father, Michael Underwood of Shinnston.

She is also survived by her two sons, Jonathon Newbrough of Mannington and Todd Newbrough and his wife Ashley of Wyatt; her grandchildren, Jaelynn Newbrough and Lucas Newbrough; her sisters Candais Salerno and husband Mike, Jennifer Wilson and husband Daniel, Wendy Gregory and husband Derek, Michelle McIntire, and Stacey Underwood; as well as several nieces and nephews.

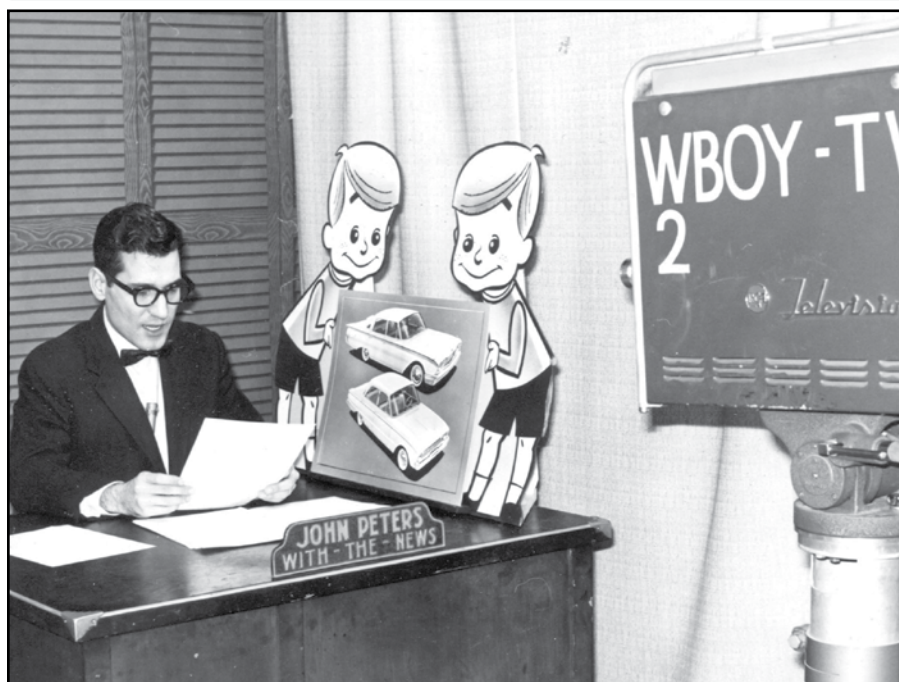
Samantha was also preceded in death by her brother, Michael Underwood, Jr.

Samantha enjoyed cooking, cleaning and making bracelets and other crafts. Her boys will remember her as a social butterfly who loved being around people. But most of all, Samantha was a loving mother and grandmother.

A funeral service was held at Perine Funeral Home on Friday, August 6th. Interment followed at the Newbrough Family Cemetery.

Out Of The Past

Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



John Peters started with WBOY in 1957 and later became Station Manager. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

Online memories and condolences can be shared at www.perinefunerals.com

CARY BENJAMIN CURTIS



Cary Benjamin Curtis, 68, of Shinnston passed away on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at his residence with his loving companion, Alicia "Ali" Dean Caloccia by his side. He was born November 29, 1952 in Peoria, IL, the son of the late Benjamin and Wilma Louise Clarence Curtis.

Cary worked many jobs throughout his life, however for the last seventeen years he helped Ali with their successful cleaning business. Cary was an inspiring musician and songwriter most of all. He also enjoyed videography and photography and was extremely talented and creative. His favorite job was entertaining in small cities and towns throughout the country, mainly states West of the Mississippi. He recorded many songs, cutting several albums. No matter how far he went, music was always in his heart.

Cary left home when he was seventeen with nothing but his guitar on his back. His journey through life led him to many places throughout the country. He met many people along the way that he held close in his heart. He even wrote songs about these special people in his life and about his experiences. One of Cary's favorite places to be were the Rocky Mountains. He even hand built his own log home in the Rockies and cut each log himself. He absolutely loved Big Sur, the ocean, and the magical Redwood Forest.

When he met West

Virginia, he fell in love with not only the hills, valleys, rivers, and trees, but the people of West Virginia. He felt like he had finally found his home here with Ali. Many times, he would play his music in a little bar, get paid, and then go directly out on the street and gather as many homeless individuals he could and take them to a nice restaurant to eat.

In addition to his companion of seventeen years, Ali, Cary is survived by four children, five grandchildren, and one sister.

In addition to his parents, Cary was preceded in death by one brother.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Davis Funeral Home and Onsite Crematory is honored to handle the cremation arrangements for the family. Online condolences can be made on DavisFuneralHomeWV.com.

DENNY LYNN STOUT

Denny Lynn Stout was a wonderful husband, father, uncle and friend. He passed away peacefully on August 1, 2021 at age 70. He was born in Clarksburg on February 17, 1951, the first of three children to Hubert D. and Jenevieve Clarice Lewis Stout.

As a child, Denny helped with the family garden, worked on his maternal grandparents' farm in Johnstown and joined the Boy Scouts. He graduated from Roosevelt-Wilson High School in 1969. While there, Denny participated in many clubs and played bass drum in the school band. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from Fairmont State College in 1974.

One of Denny Stout's first jobs was working with Beckwith Machinery. He later became a school bus

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PSC To Hold Public Comment Hearing On Suddenlink

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

Entered by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, in the City of Charleston on this the 12th day of July 2021. Case No. 21-0535-T-CN

ELECTRIC LIGHTWAVE, LLC, dba ALLSTREAM Application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services

NOTICE OF FILING

On July 12, 2021, Electric Lightwave, LLC, dba Allstream filed an application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services.

Pursuant to *West Virginia Code* §24-2-11, IT IS ORDERED that the Applicant give notice of the filing of said application by publishing a copy of this order once in a qualified newspaper as provided in *West Virginia Code* §59-3-1 et seq. published and of general circulation in each of the Cities of Beckley, Bluefield, Charleston, Clarksburg, Elkins, Fairmont, Huntington, Keyser, Lewisburg, Logan, Martinsburg, Morgantown, Moundsville, Parkersburg, Point Pleasant, Weirton, Welch, Wheeling, and Williamson, making due return to this Commission of proper certification of publication immediately after publication. Anyone desiring to make objection to said application must do so in writing, within 30 days after publication of this notice, to Connie Graley, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if no protests are received within said thirty-day period, the Commission may waive formal hearing render its decision based on the evidence submitted with the application and the Commission's review thereof. A True Copy, Teste,

Connie Graley
Connie Graley, Executive Secretary

The Public Service Commission is holding three public comment hearings to give customers the opportunity to express their concerns with Suddenlink's quality of service. Interested members of the public are welcome to attend. The hearings will be held in person:

Monday, August 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Ceremonial Courtroom at the Raleigh County Courthouse, 215 Main Street, Beckley

Tuesday, August 24 at 10:30 a.m. and at 6:00 p.m.

in the Commission's main hearing room at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV 25301

Those who want to make their thoughts known to the Commission but choose not to participate in a public comment hearing may send a letter to the Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV 25301 or they can submit a comment on the Commission's website.

"The Commission has received thousands of complaints from

Suddenlink customers about the unacceptable level of service provided by the Company," said Public Service Commission Chairman Charlotte Lane. "Listening to citizens' input is a critical part of how the Commission decides cases. We provide several ways for customers to comment on the cases in front of us and actively encourage customers to be part of the process."

Intervenors in the case include the Commission's Consumer Advocate

Division; the Cities of Beckley, Charleston and Elkins; and the Kanawha County Commission.

Those attending the hearings will be required to wear a mask.

More information, including documents filed in this case and the full procedural schedule, may be found on the Commission website: www.psc.state.wv.us by referencing Case No. 21-0515-CTV-SC-GI.

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more. "We were extremely pleased to have received a 'perfect' score, which in essence means they found zero deficiencies within our department!" Oliveto proudly stated.

Deputy Fire Chief Randy Akers added, "I was a State Fire Marshal for 17 years, so I'm acutely aware of how scrupulous they are in making these inspections. To find NO deficiencies following such an in-depth inspection doesn't happen often, so it is genuinely impressive - particularly for a completely 'volunteer' department."

Referring back to the ISO inspection, Akers reiterated the magnitude of maintaining good ratings. "Homeowners' insurance policies can really suffer - doubling or even tripling from a poor rating!" he continued. "People may not be aware of that ... nor are they aware of the experience within this department. I am only one of three who have been involved in this department who were former State Fire Marshals. And we have a lot of well-trained people here, but it takes an army of us to do what we do."

Both Oliveto and Akers agree that volunteers are hard to come by. The average age among the SVFD volunteers is approximately 40+ years of age. Many have families and jobs; others are retired but still volunteering, and volunteer firefighters don't lead a 'normal' life. They would be delighted to find more young, strong people with a commitment to serve. And it does take a commitment to ensuring the safety of others to be a 'volunteer' firefighter because they receive no pay, so money is not a motivator.

Because they 'volunteer' their service, their skills and their time, they have been disheartened to learn that a few people have made complaints to the

City, county and state regarding the recent fire fee being justly assessed to those who live outside the city limits of Shinnston but within SVFD's service area.

While few of those outside the city limits but within SVFD's service area have complained about now paying the \$7 monthly fire service fee, the objection seems to be about some not yet being charged.

Chief Oliveto addressed this, saying, "Our plan all along was to do this in phases. Phase 1 was to be sure that all Shinnston water customers in our service district were being charged the fee. Our Deputy Fire Chief and two City employees spent several work days checking and double-checking this and found only six errors in 2,576 city water bills, and those have been corrected. Now we are in Phase 2, which is bringing in those Bingamon PSD customers in our service area, and we have physically driven around to ensure that the addresses we have received are really within our area of service. When that is complete, we will move into Phase 3, incorporating the fee to those we can serve in the Greater Harrison PSD area that will include Adamsville and Frances Mine. We are awaiting the printout of those customer addresses so that we can finish this up, but, again, it takes time to do accurately."

Deputy Fire Chief Randy Akers added, "Some may ask why we are doing this, and it is important to first understand that we've been responding to calls for years outside Shinnston's city limits, but only the City residents have been paying for it. It is only fair that all those who receive our service should share in the fee assessment. Secondly, it is just as important to understand that

even fire departments face inflation. For example, it costs us \$20,000 just to provide protective fire clothing for just one volunteer! Everything has gone up - gear, equipment, air packs, all of it ... and it has been the trend for the past 5-7 years that our costs have consistently risen by about 5%. With funding we receive from the county and state, it is simply not enough."

Oliveto said that assessing the fire fee to all those they are able to serve was how they chose to handle it so that they could keep their doors open and continue to ensure the safety of their community and surrounding area. They are volunteers so they don't gain any personal benefit from this fee being assessed outside their primary fire protection district (Shinnston). And they are making strides to ensure that everyone they serve shares in paying the fire fee. When Phase 3 of this billing process in complete, they may consider billing those customers in Phase 2 & 3 on a quarterly basis; the Shinnston water customers would continue to be billed on their regular monthly water bill.

Oliveto concluded, "I guess what bothers us more than anything is that the few who have issues are taking them to City Council and 'stoning' them with complaints. This was a decision made by our fire department so that we can continue to do what we do. The City is not at fault. Furthermore, reporting complaints at the county and state level is also unnecessary because WE are the ones who should be justifying our actions. Our doors are always open to discuss this and we have made this clear. All we want to do is continue to serve and protect our fellow citizens."

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American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31 Shinnston Attends 99th Convention



Pictured at the convention are Roxie Nicholson, Dortha Parsons, Margaret Yost, Carla Wilfong and Karen Flanigan.

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of West Virginia held its 99th convention July 8th-10th at the Doubletree by Hilton in

Huntington, WV. The Convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the Department

Constitution, receiving reports of department officers and chairmen, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come

before it. Department officers elected and installed for the 2021-2022 Auxiliary Year are: President-Cathy Post; 1st Vice President-Savanna Kauffman; 2nd Vice President-Debbie

Michael; Secretary/Treasurer-Susan Brown; Chaplain-Laura Clark; and Historian-Kimberly Mellie. The president's theme is "Honoring Our Fallen, Serving All Others". Her special

project follows those lines with it being the Gold Star Mothers Living Memorial. This is a park with 55 apple trees, one for each county, with dog tags, a granite bench, 3 flag poles and a gazebo. It will be the first one in the north central part of the state.

Five members of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31, Shinnston attended the convention, including two past department presidents. Unit 31, Shinnston brought home several plaques and awards in the category of units with membership 150 and over. These included the traveling plaques for Unit History, Poppy, Leadership, Community Service and Auxiliary Emergency Fund. They also received awards for their Chaplain's Prayer Book, Unit Scrapbook, and meeting membership targets.

"The Boys Are Back In Town" cont. from p. 6

throughout the season, there's a better chance players will be ready to step into those roles immediately. Coach Brown added he foresees the same thing applying to redshirt players. However, the two practices are harder on the coaches, but it benefits the players and that makes it worth the time.

the old rules of a four-game redshirt and what I project happening is these young guys, or first-year players, are getting quality reps that they are logging, so now when we have to use them in their four games they will be more prepared to do that," said Brown.

Things look a lot different than last year at Milan Puskar Center. The \$55 million dollar

renovations have increased energy in the building as the 2021 season approaches.

The only player not on campus is incoming freshman Jaylen Anderson. Coach Brown said there have been some "clearinghouse issues" and they are not sure when the RB will arrive but are "hopeful" he will still be joining the team.

Online Extension Master Gardener Training Coming In August

WVU Extension is once again offering online Master Gardener training classes starting August 26, 2021. Participants in the program will have the opportunity to learn more about gardening and horticulture in areas such as plant propagation, garden animals, pest management, composting, among many others.

To sign up, contact your local WVU Extension Office to sign up and complete all necessary paperwork. All prospective trainees must undergo the WVU Extension Volunteer Selection Process. This process includes background checks, references, and an interview. The registration deadline is August 18,

2021. You can learn more about the WVU Extension Master gardener program at: <https://extension.wvu.edu/lawn-gardening-pests/master-gardener-program> For more information or to make an application for the class, contact the WVU Harrison County Extension Office at 304-624-8650.

"Senior Olympics" Cont. from p. 5

category! Unfortunately, due to continuing COVID-19 concerns, the Senior Olympics event was not held in person this year. However, that doesn't mean that the

seniors have been idle. A virtual walking event was conducted for six weeks ending July 31st this year. And the Harrison County Senior team plans to practice year-round for the June

2022 event. For more information on Senior Olympics, contact a team member or Senior Center Executive Director Beth Fitzgerald at 304-623-6795.

"The Value Of National Gas" cont. from p. 6

The United States is not only energy secure, but we are also now a net exporter of oil and natural gas – meaning we export more than we import. Not only is this good for American consumers, but it has also been good for the environment. This is the reason why the industry has been pushing new advancements in technology for greater control of emissions and supporting regulation of methane - the product it sells. And still, the industry understands even more can be done.

is nuclear; and 29,000 is coal. The remainder is from renewable resources including hydro, wind and solar.

PJM is a competitive wholesale electricity market which has encouraged the investment in more efficient technologies. A significant increase in new wholesale generation including combined-cycle natural gas power plants has led to significant decreases in emissions across the PJM. From 2005 to 2020, PJM reports that CO2 fell 39%. Nitrogen oxides fell 86% and sulfur dioxides fell 95%. From 2019 to 2020, those same emissions fell 7%, 20% and 22% respectively.

Because of the increase in renewable resources, which are intermittent based on when the wind is blowing and the sun is shining, natural gas power plants provide quick response to fill in the gaps for when these resources are less productive. Additionally, natural gas provides an indispensable, dependable baseload. In the United States alone, natural gas

production is expected to hit 93.3 billion cubic feet per day (Bcfd) by next year and 100 Bcfd two years after that. Meanwhile, the Marcellus and Utica are responsible for roughly one-third of all the shale gas being produced in the country. Pennsylvania and Ohio have found a use for all of that gas in a number of new wholesale generator combined-cycle natural gas power plants that have recently come online or are presently under construction.

In West Virginia and surrounding states, natural gas is responsible for the significant drop in carbon dioxide and other emissions from which we power our daily lives, all while simultaneously lowering methane emissions across the nation according to the EPA. The men and women of the natural gas industry have one more thing to be proud of in knowing that their work not only keeps the lights on in our homes and businesses, but also keeps our air cleaner at the same time.

"Olympic Gold" cont. from p. 6

They earned bronze at the 2016 games in Rio after they were ironically defeated by Sweden in the semi-finals.

Lawrence and Buchanan were key contributors to the 2016 bronze medal run as well. That

time around, though, they returned to Morgantown for their final seasons in the Old Gold and Blue, helping the Mountaineers to their historic College Cup runner-up season.

Canada earned their spot in the finals after upsetting the

United States in the semifinal 1-0. Fans across the U.S. were disappointed to see their national team fall into the bronze medal match. However, fans in West Virginia were excited to see their Mountaineer stars shine.

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Incoming FSU Freshman Crowned Miss Teen West Virginia USA



**Miss Teen West Virginia USA
BRYLEE KNOTTS**

As Brylee Knotts, an incoming freshman from Grafton prepares to arrive on campus for the start of the fall semester, she's looking forward to beginning her studies in forensic science and representing Fairmont State University as a member of the acrobatics and tumbling team.

"There are definitely some anxious nerves, but I'm ready to start a new chapter in my life," said Knotts.

That new chapter not only includes the experiences that come along with being a first-time college

student – from living with a roommate in the residence hall to forming friendships with fellow Falcons from across the state, country and world – but also her newfound responsibilities as the recently crowned Miss Teen West Virginia USA.

"We're so thrilled of Brylee for being crowned Miss Teen West Virginia USA," said Mirta M. Martin, president of Fairmont State University. "Her achievement is the result of matching a big dream with hard work – something we know a lot about here at Fairmont

State. Her commitment to giving back to her community is inspiring, and I can't wait to see the impact she makes on our Falcon Family."

Last month, Knotts earned her title at the Miss Teen West Virginia USA pageant at the Virginia Thomas Law Center for the Performing Arts in Buckhannon. For Knotts, who has been participating in pageants since she was a toddler, the moment was the manifestation of years of hopes and dreams.

"I was in so much shock, I couldn't speak," she said. "Ever since I

was a little girl, I would watch the Miss USA pageant on TV every single year and would think 'Wow, I want to do that. I want to be on that stage representing West Virginia.'"

Knotts is now realizing that goal and hopes to use her platform to be an advocate for mental health. In between studying for final exams, perfecting her acrobatics and tumbling skills and taking trips to Atlanta to meet with famous fashion designer, Sherri Hill, and New York City to attend Fashion Week in September, Knotts

plans to spend her free time visiting local elementary, middle and high schools to give back to her community.

"It's important to let kids know it's okay to not feel okay sometimes, and that they're not alone in that struggle."

As a student at Fairmont State, Knotts also hopes to become involved in the University's Active Minds student organization which supports mental health awareness and education for young adults. With a busy semester ahead of her,

Knotts is making it a priority to care for her own mental health by enjoying every step of the way leading up to the national pageant set for November 23 – 27 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"I don't want to remember this experience as stressful; I want to remember it as fun," said Knotts. "It's a once in a lifetime opportunity where I'll be competing with 50 other amazing young women who are also worthy of that crown, so I'm just going to put my best foot forward, have fun and represent West Virginia well."

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driver and eventually Assistant Transportation Supervisor for the Harrison County Board of Education.

On July 18, 1975, he married Marit McIntyre Stout. They were married for 46 years and had one son, Jeremy R. Stout in 1979.

In addition to his wife and son, Denny is survived by his brother, Terry Stout and his wife, Carol of Stout's Run Road. Terry and Carol's children include: Alaina (Eric) Haberman of Cranberry Township, PA, Benjamin (Emily) Stout of Stout's Run Road and their

children, Alivia and Mason, and Jocelyn (Tony) Pinkerton of Barboursville. One sister also survives along with her son.

Denny was preceded in death by his parents, Hubert D. and Jenevieve C. Stout.

In his spare time, Denny loved working on the family farm on Stout's Run and doing volunteer work. He taught many safety and training classes for the Red Cross over the span of several years.

He attended the Quiet Dell United Methodist Church and Vincent Memorial United

Methodist Church with his family.

A graveside service was held on Thursday, August 6, 2021 at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens with Pastor Bonnie Starkey officiating.

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

LINDA HOLDEN ASHCRAFT

Linda Holden Ashcraft, 76, of Wyatt, passed away Friday morning, July 30, 2021, in the United Hospital Center from diabetic

complications. She was born March 5, 1945, in Opekiska, Monongalia County, WV, the only child of the late Leslie and Lonie (Booher) Griffith.

In 1966, she married Everett (Benny) Holden, who preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband Robert Ashcraft, whom she married in 1997.

Also surviving are her son, Michael Linn Holden of Jane Lew; two grandsons, Ben and Kenny Holden of Weston; and Bobbie Davis of Weston.

For ten years she and

Benny were co-owners of Holden Contractors and Road Construction. She later went to work for the State of WV as a temporary employee for the Department of Health and Human Resources in Lewis County. She was then hired full-time at the WV Industrial Home for Youth in Salem, where she worked her way up from office assistant to Director of Finance and Administration over a fourteen-year career, retiring in 2009. During that time, she made many lifelong friends and loved her

work.

She enjoyed traveling to Tennessee, antiques, but most of all she loved spending time with her grandsons, who were better known as "her boys".

Linda loved her cat B.J. and memorial contributions are encouraged to be sent to Harrison County Humane Society, PO Box 4397, Clarksburg, WV 26302.

Linda's request was to be cremated, and a private burial service will be held for the family.

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