



Goal Of Downtown Demolition Is To Offer More Appealing Pike Street Image



Two adjacent properties on Pike Street in Shinnston are shown here in the midst of demolition last week. Andrew Kisamore, owner of the properties, has plans that will include a new building being erected while preserving a partial area for an outdoor seating space.

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD
News & Journal Editor

If you have traveled through downtown Shinnston recently, you may have noticed in the last week that

demolition has been taking place on Pike Street. Several years ago, a vacant property in the center of the downtown area caved in, taking with it the roof of the business adjacent

to it that was formerly the Infinite Grace Café. When the café's roof collapsed, it destroyed that structure's interior and forced the café's owners to close its doors. Since that time, this area has been left in disrepair and has become an eyesore!

The café property was later purchased by Casey's owner Jim Scudere ... and more recently purchased from Mr. Scudere by Shinnston resident Andrew Kisamore.

Since moving to Shinnston, Mr. Kisamore has become involved in the City, was elected to City Council and currently serves as Vice Mayor. His goal when running for a seat on Council

was to make a difference ... to work on the main street aesthetics, and he is standing by his word.

"Initially, I only wanted the café property but decided that really both of them together, if something was done with them, could make a significant difference in upgrading the look of our community - particularly because they are located right in the core of our downtown area," Kisamore stated.

He explained that after checking records and learning that the state had the empty lot beside the café property up for sale for taxes, he inquired and proceeded. Legal avenues ensued and those with liens against that property

were given notice with none expressing complaints. The law says that if a property is sold for municipal-applied taxes, any liens against the property are dissolved if no one protests.

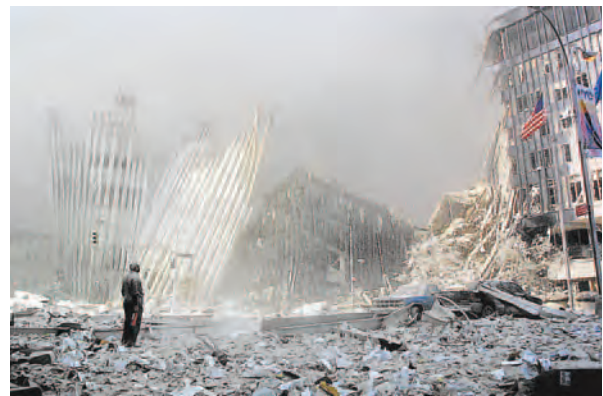
"Anyone could have purchased this property," Kisamore noted. "The legalities were all handled with transparency. I made

it clear to everyone on our City Council what I wanted to do long ago, and I knew going into this that some might be skeptical about how it would look since I was involved in city government. However, I asked no favors and none were given."

Unlike others who have purchased dilapidated properties

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Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library To Share 9/11 Exhibit Throughout September



Still, after 20 years, seeing the horrific photos of the tragedy that followed the 9/11 terrorist attack in New York City stir reflections of how that day certainly did "change the world".

The Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library is proud to announce its participation in September 11, 2001: The Day That Changed the World, an educational exhibition that presents the history of 9/11, its origins, and its ongoing implications through the personal stories of those who witnessed and survived the attacks.

Told across 14 posters, this exhibition includes

archival photographs and images from the Museum's permanent collection. It explores the consequences of terrorism on individual lives and communities at the local, national, and international levels, and encourages critical thinking about the legacies of 9/11.

Twenty years after the attacks, with terrorism

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Cancellation OF 2021 Frontier Days Celebration Announced

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD
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Shinnston Community Development Coordinator Anthony Tate contacted *The News & Journal* shortly after the Frontier Days Committee met last Tuesday afternoon to announce that the five-member committee had voted unanimously to cancel all plans to hold the 2021 celebration of Frontier Days this coming weekend.

"This was not a decision we were pleased to have to render, but we all felt that in the interest of public safety, it was the best decision to make," Tate stated. "We kept holding off, hoping things would look better, but as of our meeting day, Harrison County was colored 'red' on the

COVID map, and many other fairs and festivals in our area had already cancelled their events as well. It was just too considerable a risk at this point in time."

Tate said that a couple of vendors that were scheduled to take part in Frontier Days had backed out due to COVID concerns and he had also received calls from a few of the bands that were travelling here for the event, also expressing their trepidation of the COVID situation.

"Fortunately, we had not been required to provide deposits in advance for many of these participants so we won't be out a lot of money. We have reached out to everyone who was scheduled to take part and have given them notification

that the event will not be held this year," Tate added. "Shinnston's Safety Coordinator Randy Akers, although not a member of our committee, has attended several of our meetings and collaborated with us on safety issues; he was at this meeting as well and was in full agreement with our decision from a safety standpoint."

This is not the first time that Tate has had to pull back on community events this year. As restrictions lifted during the summer months, Wind Down Wednesday outdoor gatherings resumed but were often met with downpours of rain after the events had begun and were forced to disassemble everything. The Wind Down Wednesday plans for last Wednesday,

September 3rd were also cancelled due to a 100% chance of rain that evening.

"Frontier Days was to be our final big event for this year," Tate concluded. "We have no events in the near future coming up on our calendar. However, the Frontier Days Committee is planning to tentatively hold Frontier Days next year at this same time so that it will coincide with 9/11. We intend to start planning for 2022 NOW and hope to book a carnival well in advance. In doing so, we will try to plan for all possible outcomes but we remain optimistic that COVID will be controlled by that time and we can safely carry out our plans to have a safe and successful event."

Council Hears Presentation On Downtown Camera Collaborative To Aid Police In Investigations

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD
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Shinnston City Council held its regular monthly work session on Monday, August 30th at the Woman's Club clubhouse (and via Zoom). The first order of business was to hear Petitions of Citizens, during which time Willard West was the only one to speak. Mr. West voiced his complaints that with several people working in the City Offices, no one seems available to answer the phones. He also noted that he has witnessed

people waiting to pay their water bill while employees gather outside the front of the building to smoke.

Mayor Kovalck proceeded with his report, stating that he, the City Manager and the City Clerk had all attended the Municipal League Conference in Wheeling and that both he and the City Manager had attended the Harrison County Mayors' Association meeting. He announced that a Legislative Reception is scheduled soon as well, which he intends to attend as legislators will speak

about how American Rescue money will be spent and he would like to ensure that Shinnston expresses its needs for a share of that.

The Mayor participated in the recent Rail Trail cleanup in Shinnston and attended the Shinnston Garden Club's anniversary celebration along with the City Manager, City Clerk and Police Chief Jon Harbert. He also congratulated the Shinnston VFD on its perfect score during its recent inspection. The Mayor also reported that he had taken a tour of the City late

one night and noticed SPD on duty and found no one loitering on public property in the community.

The City Manager gave his departmental report that included:

WATER - Chad, Scott and Perry attended the WV Rural Water conference in August and called it a very informative and helpful event, stating that of particular interest was a class that dealt with relatively inexpensive ways to keep rainwater out of wastewater systems.

He noted that water

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Land of the Sun



Building Amazing Cities

By JIM HUNT
author, speaker, consultant

My trip to Phoenix, Arizona was my first trip since January of 2020 and it felt a little odd to see everyone in the airport wearing a mask. The temperature in Phoenix when we landed was 106 degrees and as we left the Sky Harbor International Airport, it felt like we were walking into an oven. I don't know how you adjust to the heat but fortunately, the rest of our stay was a little cooler with brief rain showers on two of the days.

We were attending the Arizona League of Cities and Towns Annual Conference and city leaders from throughout Arizona were in attendance. In speaking with the league staff, this was an outstanding turnout, with the resurgence of the Covid-19 virus. While not everyone was wearing a mask, the league worked hard to ensure that there was room to social distance in the hallways and meeting rooms.

The conference was held at the beautiful Arizona Biltmore Resort which recently underwent a \$73 million dollar renovation.

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Food For Thought

By Leigh Currey Merrifield
Editor

Our Sign Should Read 'SPOILED'

As I keep seeing of more and more cases of COVID popping into featured news and DHHR reports, I'm beginning to wonder if this year we'll see more and more restrictions once again coming into play. I know that many children have been forced to miss their first days of school already, and many sporting events and festivals have either been postponed or cancelled at the last minute. It's not how we expected nor hoped 2021 would be at this point. It's not looking too promising at the moment and it makes us wonder if the 'gates' perhaps opened a little too soon.

I'm sure complaints will follow if and when our limitations increase. After all, we're spoiled, and we were just growing accustomed once again to going maskless and doing as we please. Much like our familiarity with flipping a light switch and expecting the room to brighten with light or turning on the faucet and knowing the water will flow, everyone in our society should be wearing t-shirts that say "SPOILED". We take a LOT for granted.

Years ago when I lived in Ohio, I often attended the Yankee Peddler Festival that was held annually at this time of year in Canal Fulton, OH. It closely resembled the Jackson's Mill Jubilee but was much larger and lasted for three consecutive weekends. Held at a 5,000-acre park, this event drew hundreds and hundreds of artisans from numerous states and featured food all cooked over open wood fires along with music and demonstrations. The park transformed into colonial times with

all vendors dressed in period clothing too. It was like a visit to pioneer America! It offered a glimpse of our history and was a real education on the progress that has been made over the years.

Today we drive around in our air-conditioned vehicles equipped with 4WD for treacherous winter travel and expect to travel about 70 miles per hour. Or, we fly where we want to go and do our best to find non-stop flights that won't require more than a few hours travel time. We forget that pioneer travel knew nothing of conveniences like this! Long ago, our pioneers often spent months or even years traveling by covered wagons, wooden wagons made of hickory, oak or maple, and they endured the heat, the cold, the dust, the rain, and other discomforts. They never knew what troubles tomorrow might bring.

I remember this festival had fliers prepared listing all the provisions that a family of four would need to pack up in preparation for their journey. They had to be very practical, which I suppose by today's standards wasn't too difficult since they had so few frills. Because the wagons could only bear so much weight and so many supplies were needed which could not be purchased en route, preparation for travel was NOTHING like we know of today! They took flour (and that's how they packed anything made of glass to keep it from breaking during the jarring ride), sugar, dried apples, rice, tea, coffee, beans, bacon, vinegar, molasses, and salt; and medicines such as sweet

oil, liniment, quinine, camphor, ammonia, castor oil, and several quarts of brandy. And then there were other necessities like 40 feet of rope, gallon jugs, buckets, a couple of water kegs and camp kettles, nails, guns, knives, needles and thread. As for clothing ... it was a pair of shoes and boots, a few shirts, several pairs of socks, a rubber coat, and a few blankets. Bear in mind that these were not 40-foot long RVs! Loaded down with the above-mentioned items pretty much filled the 'vehicle', forcing them to walk alongside or behind the wagon during much of the trip. WALK? Yes, for days and weeks on end!

Remember too that there was no such thing as stopping at an urgent care facility if someone got sick. There was also no such thing as pulling off at a service station if they broke down. And if they forgot something, they couldn't stop and purchase what was needed. Hungry? No restaurants to stop and enjoy a meal. Tired? No convenient hotels to stop for a restful night's sleep and a hot shower. Could we survive this today? Doubtful. We have become SPOILED by the amenities in our world today.

Although it's been many years since I have attended this Ohio festival (which, by the way, is still an annual three-weekend event), I still vividly recall stepping back in time and developing a new-found respect for our pioneers' ingenuity and perseverance.

This week's dessert: "We live in a society either scarred by scarcity or spoiled by luxury." ~ Sharif Abdullah

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.

Sept. 9, 1839: Anderson "Devil Anse" Hatfield was born in Mingo County. He was the patriarch of the Hatfield family and their leader during the Hatfield-McCoy feud.

Sept. 10, 1782: Frontier heroine Betty Zane is credited with saving Fort Henry in Wheeling during an attack by the British and Indians. According to one account, Zane sprinted across a field to retrieve gunpowder from the Zane family cabin.

Sept. 10, 1861: The Battle of Carnifex Ferry took place on the Gauley

River. Union General William Rosecrans sent in brigades one at a time as they arrived at the battlefield, allowing the outnumbered Confederates to repulse the piecemeal attacks. During the night, the Confederates decided to retreat before they could be defeated in the morning.

Sept. 10, 1996: Movie and television actress Joanne Dru died in Los Angeles. Dru was born Joan Letitia Lacock in Logan, West Virginia. Her movie career included more than 40 films.

Sept. 11, 1913: Ritter Park in Huntington opened. During the Great Depression, the Works Progress Administration contributed to constructing the roads and stonework around

the park.

Sept. 12, 1861: The Battle of Cheat Mountain was fought near the Randolph-Pocahontas County line. Gen. Robert E. Lee came into western Virginia to give support to Gen. William W. Loring, commander of the Army of Northwestern Virginia, but the battle

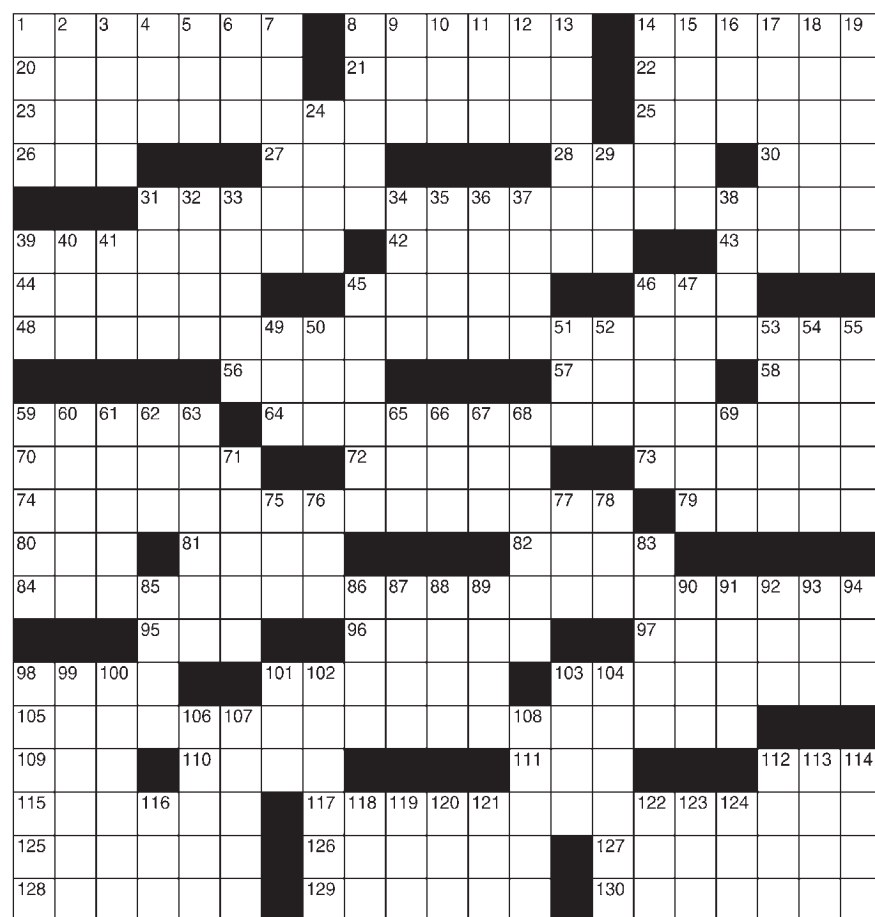
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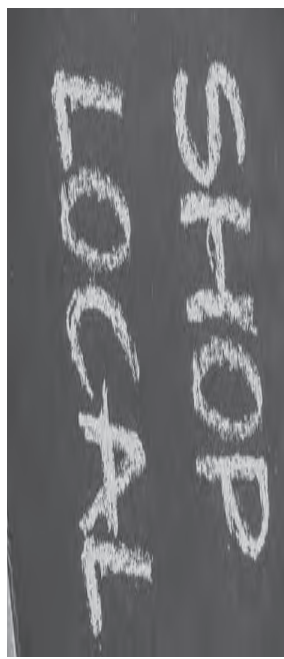
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- 8 Study of vision
- 14 One who's not stingy
- 20 Shrunk Asian lake
- 21 Disperse from a central point
- 22 Spacecraft segment
- 23 Will soon obtain U.K. citizenship?
- 25 Like Peru's mountains
- 26 Revered Fr. nun, maybe
- 27 Motorist's crime, for short
- 28 Soccer icon
- 30 "Phooey!"
- 31 "That louse just hatched a few hours ago"?
- 39 Aim at
- 42 Styling sites
- 43 Hilarity
- 44 Book after Song of Solomon
- 45 "To recap ..."
- 46 Swiss river
- 48 Hairy pollinator's darling
- 56 Hairstyle
- 57 On — streak (lucky)
- 58 "Hamilton" composer — Manuel
- 59 Watch over
- 64 Partial mending of a paper cut?
- 70 Excited pointer's cry
- 72 Diner
- 73 Pink pencil tip
- 74 Siblings who compose legal orders?
- 79 Space of film
- 80 Dude's prom duds
- 81 "Now, Voyager" actress Chase
- 82 In — (as first placed)
- 84 "My career as a tailor will start soon"?
- 95 Tee lead-in
- 96 Chris of tennis
- 97 Certain pizza chain logo
- 98 Depletes
- 101 Major road
- 103 4 p.m. social event, maybe
- 105 Interweave while wearing a lustrous
- 109 Omelet need
- 110 Get up
- 111 Hockey hero Bobby
- 112 Historical unit
- 115 Headwear for Fred Astaire
- 117 Occupy a chair to apply Visine drops?
- 125 Invent
- 126 Like green bananas
- 127 Filthy place
- 128 Closet staple
- 129 Mini and midi
- 130 Orthodontic separators
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- 8 "Come —!" ("Get real!")
- 9 NBAer Gasol
- 10 Blasting stuff
- 11 Debtor's note
- 12 Mongrel
- 13 Get involved
- 14 Teeny
- 15 Sweetie pie
- 16 Tack (on)
- 17 Very sorry
- 18 Paige on a stage
- 19 Backpedal
- 24 Lookalike
- 29 High rollers?
- 31 End-of-workweek cry
- 32 Make whole
- 33 Moral tenet
- 34 Lacks life
- 35 Kimono belt
- 36 Swivel
- 37 Burial locale
- 38 Ugly fairy-tale figure
- 39 — for tat
- 40 Silver-gray
- 41 "Norma —"
- 45 Less sure
- 46 Outranking
- 47 Fiddles with
- 49 Talking- (scolldings)
- 50 With 77-Down, well-drilling structure
- 51 Egypt and Syr., once
- 52 Conductance unit, once
- 53 Hallow
- 54 German indefinite article
- 55 See 113-Down
- 59 Mafioso John
- 60 "Yep"
- 61 Siri's Amazon counterpart
- 62 Ticket info
- 63 Fishing boats
- 65 Asian ideal
- 66 "Addams Family" cousin
- 67 "Eh, so-so"
- 68 Determine beforehand
- 69 — tai (drink)
- 71 Drying ovens
- 75 Ruling from a boxing ref
- 76 Ball swatter
- 77 See 50-Down
- 78 Actor Gilliam
- 83 Allow to flow again
- 85 Life jacket, e.g.
- 86 Himalayan humanoid
- 87 Fifty-fifty
- 88 Actress Polo
- 89 — Mawr College
- 90 Hurly-burly
- 91 Epps of "House"
- 92 Fish feature
- 93 "Ltd." cousin
- 94 Boot tip
- 98 Brief outline
- 99 Longhair cat
- 100 Filthy place
- 101 Horse's kin
- 102 Monkey used in research
- 103 Fills with black gunk
- 104 Slip-ups
- 106 Fuming mad
- 107 Gunpowder stuff
- 108 Stabs
- 112 "Jane —"
- 113 With 55-Down, back-door access
- 114 Some cobras
- 116 Ugly fairy-tale figure
- 118 Signing stuff
- 119 Prefix with color
- 120 Holiday tree
- 121 Make a pick
- 122 Jay-Z's genre
- 123 Ticket info
- 124 List abbr.

DOWN

- 1 Rally cheers
- 2 "QED" center
- 3 Costco unit
- 4 Suffix with schnozz
- 5 Kind of PC port
- 6 For each



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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).

REGION VI WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MEETING

The Region VI Workforce Development Full Board will meet Thursday, Sept. 9th at 10:30 am at the Marion County Convention & Visitors Bureau in Pleasant Valley. Please contact Maria Larry for more information at 304-368-9530.

BAKED STEAK DINNER

A baked steak dinner with mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, rolls and dessert will be held at Saint Ann's Catholic Church, 610 Pike Street, Shinnston on September 19, 11:30am- 2:00pm. Curbside pick-up only -\$12.

LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 31 MEETING

The American Legion, Auxiliary Unit 31, Shinnston will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, September 16, 7:00 pm at Post 31. All members are welcome.

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.

September Is National Voter Registration Month

Since 2002, the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) has recognized September as National Voter Registration Month to encourage eligible Americans to register to vote or to update their voter registration information. The WV Secretary of State's Office is proud to join NASS in this annual effort.

WV Secretary of State Mac Warner will use the entire month of September to work with County Clerks and high schools to encourage eligible West Virginians to register

to vote. Warner is scheduled to visit more than 25 of the state's 55 counties this month to also encourage those already registered to be sure that their voter registration is accurate.

"Voting is a right guaranteed to every eligible citizen. But you have to be registered first," said WV Secretary of State Mac Warner. "In West Virginia, we're making it easy, safe and secure to register online and in-person."

According to Warner, over the last four years by working closely with the state's County Clerks, more than

255,880 eligible West Virginians have been registered to vote. That number includes nearly 67,000 high school students.

"Those are incredible numbers given the small size of our state. Our efforts to make it easy to register and easy to vote in West Virginia have been recognized throughout the nation," Warner said.

Today, eligible voters can register online anytime by going to the WV Secretary of State's safe and secure website at www.GoVoteWV.com. Warner said that eligible voters can also register to vote in

person by going to their local County Clerk's office.

"Or, you can call your County Clerk to request that a paper Voter Registration Form be mailed to you. You can also find a County Clerk's Directory at www.GoVoteWV.com," Warner said.

National Voter Registration Day is Tuesday, September 28. Warner said that he challenged all 55 County Clerks to host a voter registration drive outside of their courthouse that day to bring awareness to National Voter Registration Month.

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events of 9/11 and its aftermath are a reminder that we may never be able to prevent all the actions of people intent on harming others, but we do have control over how we respond to such events. Whether by volunteering in our local communities, serving our nation in the military, caring for the sick, or through other efforts, all of us can help build the world in which we want to live. As we witness history unfolding in our own time, the ways we choose to respond—both large and small—can demonstrate the best of human nature after even the worst of days.

This 9/11 Memorial & Museum curated exhibition reflects the core pillars of education, and inspiration as our country prepares to observe the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

"During this 20th anniversary year, it is our privilege to share these lessons with a new generation, teach them about the ongoing repercussions of the 9/11 attacks and inspire them with the idea that, even in the darkest of times, we can come together, support one another and find the strength to renew and rebuild," said 9/11 Memorial & Museum President and CEO Alice M.

Greenwald.

"The library is honored to share the 9/11 anniversary exhibit with our community. We hope it will give people an opportunity to pause and reflect and learn more about events of that day and consider their lasting impact. Along with the exhibit, the library will be inviting people to leave thoughts and memories that they would like to share," said Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library Director Jill Raftner.

The poster exhibition was developed by the 9/11 Memorial & Museum and has been made possible in part by the National Endowment for

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Humanities: September 11, 2001: The Day That Changed the World will be on exhibition at the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library September 1 to September 30.

For questions or more information on this exhibition, please visit the 9/11 Memorial & Museum website or contact them at: press@911memorial.org.

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plant staff would be working off-hours that week due to the predicted storm from Hurricane Ida; they will be keeping tanks at 35 feet in case of a power outage, and a plan has been devised to keep operations running during the storm.

Mr. Edwards is looking at a new calibration system for the plant which he believes will save the City money in the future on repairs and maintenance. He would like to use ARPA funding for this system.

Edwards also reported that he met with the mayor and a council member from Lumberport to discuss the future of their water system. He advised them to consult with their engineers to find the most cost-effective solution to their issue, but noted that Shinnston will be ready to talk about selling them water if that is the avenue they choose.

SEWER—Mr. Edwards will be working with the wastewater operators to address Inflow and Infiltration issues. He said they still need to complete their long-term control plan. The sewer issue on Ferguson Street has been fixed and a problem on both Mahlon and East Pike will be addressed in the next few weeks. Gary Amos will fix the stormwater issue on Van Rufus.

POLICE — The Shinnston Police Department currently

has six police officers working.

Chief Harbert hosted a Neighborhood Watch meeting again recently and hopes to have them more frequently as COVID allows.

SPD had six drug-related arrests in the past two weeks thanks to K-9 Officers Bear and Kota.

PUBLIC WORKS — The City has signed a contract with Fergusson Water Works for the new AMR system. Equipment is arriving and the meter installation will be completed by the end of May 2022. Power supplies are being hooked up at the City's tanks for tower installation.

Two workers will be assigned to jet the storm sewer drains throughout September.

Public Works crews have begun installing the new street signs and this has gathered very positive responses from the public.

O F F I C E / ADMINISTRATION — The Secretary of State's office is working with the City to get the FOIAs received since he began working in 2019 logged into the system.

Mr. Edwards will be attending an auditor's training in Bridgeport on September 27th on the ARPA funding and he invited Council members who would like to attend to do so.

All accounts have been reconciled and are up to date. Budget adjustments

will be voted on as an action item at the next Council meeting.

ECON. DEV. — PARKS & REC — It was announced that the Frontier Days Committee would meet the following day (8/31/21) to discuss whether or not to hold Frontier Days as planned.

DISCUSSION ITEMS included:

Police Chief Jon Harbert spoke to Council regarding a proposed Downtown Camera Collaborative with businesses involved. He noted that Mannington is already doing this and Clarksburg and Bridgeport are both looking at it as well. It would involve cameras in place at 13 different locations along Rt. 19 from McDonald's at one end of town to Jimmy's Diner on the other end of town. Chief Harbert said this would be of significant help in aiding SPD in working on investigations within the community, allowing them to use camera footage that could be used as evidence for prosecution purposes.

Harbert introduced Eric Husted with RCO Security who has helped SPD at no charge on several occasions. Cameras are already in place at one business location in Shinnston, so 12 more would be needed. Mr. Husted explained the system and its cost and fees in detail and noted that

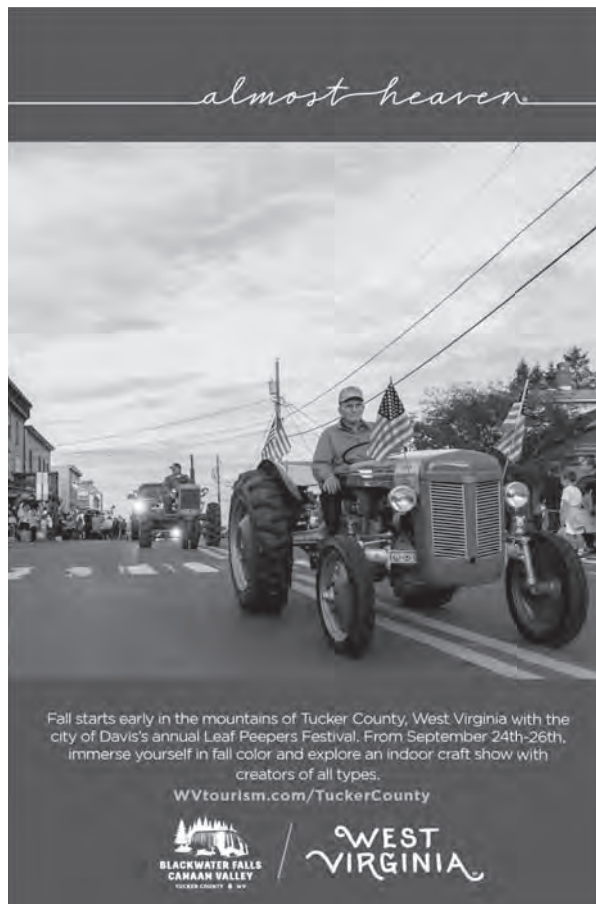
having the community businesses taking part in this collaborative would result in a safer environment for their businesses to operate.

Mayor Kovalck said he could see that it would be a benefit to local businesses and would be a tax write-off as well. He suggested that this be an action item at Council's next meeting, giving Mr. Husted permission to call on community businesses for support.

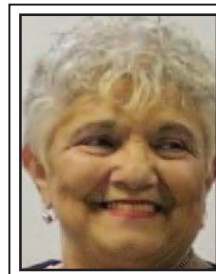
An overall financial review of fiscal year 2021 to the present time shows more receipts than expenses thus far and it was noted that a lot of what shows in the accounts is Care's Act funding.

The City Manager recommended that funding gathered through the county for dog taxes be used to help the Harrison County Humane Society as it has been hit very hard during the pandemic. Edwards stated, "They have truly been inundated with animals during COVID and have many needs right now. I think it is the right thing to do to put this funding in their hands to assist them in caring for these animals."

With no further business, the meeting adjourned and went in to executive session to discuss personnel matters.



WVHF Cancelled Again... Trust Me, It Will Be Back!



GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

This time of year, my mind always seems to be filled with memories of the West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival. Especially, since it has been canceled for the last two years; seems we still cannot look forward to and count on events happening at this time.

First a little history: I was a part of the planning committee with Merle Moore in 1978. We all worked so very hard getting it ready to happen on the streets Labor Day weekend, 1979. No one ever guessed how successful that first event would be and how hard we would have to work to continue to have a first-class event.

I can remember all the essential things we had that reminded us of Italy but I also remember those events we planned that were attributed to Italian culture. We planned an Italian film festival with films made in Italy starring Italian actors. We planned operas with different pieces from Italian operas. We also sponsored Italian ballet. Most of the individuals in these events were from WVU.

The Salvador Dali Art Exhibit was also sponsored. We held it at the Robinson Grand

with about forty of his paintings. This exhibit was loaned to us from the Dali collection. We also sponsored cooking school.

With all the music and food on the streets, we also wanted to accommodate those individuals who enjoyed different aspects of the Italian culture. Most of these events were not packed but I always felt good that we took the time to present them.

I suppose the most popular item was the food, then the music and dancing. The parade was always popular and drew a great crowd.

The most spectacular event was the Mass. It was almost impossible to believe that an area where thousands ate, drank and danced was transformed into an area where hundreds gathered to worship.

There were years when we had a Grand Finale Dance on Sunday night but it proved to be too much for all those hard-working individuals (who had worked for three days) to attend just one more event.

I started out with those who did the planning but a lot of the success goes to those individuals who came back year after year to enjoy and honor their heritage. Yes, the streets have been empty for two years, but trust me, the festival will be back in true form and plan on enjoying it as you have in the past.

Have a safe and healthy weekend and until next week, "Now You Have Heard It Through the Grapevine."

Memories Of The First Day Of School 'In The Good Ole Days'



Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny

Not much has been happening this week, so it's time for some ramblings. When I started school back in the mid-20th Century, I was never too fond of Labor Day. Not for the holiday itself, I thought it was great to honor the working man. It was because the Tuesday following the holiday was always the first day of school. There were two good things I liked about the first day: one, I got to wear new store-bought clothes and new shoes; second, school was only half a day and you received a list of the books, workbooks, folders, binders, paste (Mucilage), scissors, construction paper, protractors, crayons, pencils (#2), erasers, water colors (I can still smell them), etc. that would be needed for the year.

Then, the rush would be on for everyone in the county to get to James and Law Company in Clarksburg. They were the only ones who had the books and materials required by the school board. The place would be a mad house for a week. When I started, the parents had to buy all the textbooks and then the first county school excess levy was passed in 1955 which eliminated that problem and expense.

We started writing with a dip pen and ink (In the inkwell) when I was in the third grade...what a mess. We were not allowed to use any ballpoint pens because they said the pens didn't conform to our little hands, but during the year the Zaner-Bloser ballpoint pen with blue ink was approved. It was harder to handle and the ink skipped more than it wrote. Naturally, they were more expensive and in short supply. I hated doing the ovals and push-pulls. My ovals looked like pears and the push-pulls looked like an EKG readout.

Starting in the first grade, each student had to have a handkerchief and a comb. At the beginning of class, you laid your clean handkerchief on one front corner of the desk, clean comb on the other corner and then, placed your hands at the back of the desk exposing your fingernails. The teacher would randomly pick a student to go around and check each student's cleanliness...that job was humbling. Wonder how this would go over now?

Also, the dress code was quite different than today. Boys could not wear blue jeans, a shirt had to have a collar, and they could only wear leather shoes (Back then, tennis shoes [Keds] didn't have an arch support). Girls had to wear dresses or skirts even in the dead of winter. I always felt sorry for the girls in cold weather. They could wear pants underneath their dress but had to take them off in the coat (Cloak) room before classes started. Male teachers wore suits and female teachers wore dresses (Professional appearance).

I remember in grade school during the winter, the boiler that supplied the heat was down for three days. The teacher had us keep our coats on and every half hour we would get up and walk around the room a couple of times and sit back down. You had to be tough!

Back then, only rich people could afford air conditioning and the school board wasn't rich. Sometimes, it would get pretty hot in the building and that's where the tall windows in each classroom came into play. They were raised to let fresh breezes in (More hot air) and provided ample sunlight. Unlike today where most classrooms are like a four walled cell. I've never liked that closed in feeling. There are areas in a few local restaurants where I won't sit because I can't see outside. It's a psychological thing...Freud would understand.

Until next time, have a great week and remember our thirteen servicemen that paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Ace

"Downtown Demolition"

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and done nothing to better them, Kisamore has every intention of taking further action. His objective is that within the next year, a concrete foundation will be put in place and within two years a building will be erected for a business that he may himself own.

"My thought is to have a small eatery with food and tap beer with enough space still available for someone else to put something in as well," he said. "I also intend to keep outdoor seating available with a venue for music and entertainment ... a place for social gathering."

The picture he visualizes includes

shrubby, suspended white lights and perhaps a mural. The outdoor area could be used for Christmas tree lightings or even organizations, with permission, could use the area to sell their wares.

Studies have been conducted across the country for years that examined the importance of aesthetics to a community's downtown presence. The findings confirm that among the significant factors of community appeal are housing values, good schools, safety, recreational and cultural opportunities, AND aesthetics ... the image portrayed to visitors.

Kisamore admits that redeveloping a community's presence takes time; however, he sees positive things beginning to happen already in Shinnston.

"Visitors to Shinnston can see that the Peking restaurant has new a new awning and signage, Casey's restaurant has a new and improved look to its storefront, an impressive new building is being constructed for Home Style's upcoming move ... and all of this is visible throughfare," Kisamore continued. "These properties I have purchased have been sitting there for at least two years and they would only

deteriorate more in time. So these were prime candidates to better the look of our downtown area and I decided to do something about it."

It only takes a few to get involved ... with the goal to promote a community as a destination for new businesses, residents and development.

"Looking ahead, there may be other opportunities that present themselves, and if that is the case, I would likely do this again in the future. As long as I live here, I will try to fix up and dress up what is lacking and try to make a difference in the place my family calls 'home,'" he concluded.

"Land of the Sun"

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The Biltmore was designed by a student of famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright and is one of the nicest hotels I have ever stayed in. The resort was built in 1929 and was originally only open in the winter, as air conditioning was not available. The grounds of the resort have seven swimming pools and gardens of native flowers and trees.

The restaurants in the hotel were excellent and the service was great. We ventured out one evening for some Southwestern fare and found a nice Mexican restaurant named Manuel's. It was also nice to sit around the pool in the evening and enjoy drinks at the outdoor bar.

We met a lot of Mayors and Council members from throughout the state and learned some interesting things about many of the cities. Places like Tombstone and Yuma have rich histories and were part of the "Wild West" during the early days of our country. The Native American influence is evident throughout Arizona and many cities have Native American officials. The state is growing in population and many cities that we spoke to had huge population growth in the last census.

It was great to get back on the road and the trip to Arizona allowed me to see lots of old friends and meet some new ones. I enjoyed the flights and things went as well as possible. While you need to be careful, travel is still fun and if you have a little patience, it can be Amazing!

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HCSCC SPOTLIGHT

Featuring news from the Harrison County Senior Citizen Center

Senior Center Accepts Presentation From Local Photographer Victoria Clutter



Pictured here (left to right) for the photograph presentation are: Bill O'Field, Patty Murphy, Ruth Randolph, Lynne Clutter, Victoria Clutter, Tom McCarty and Sharon McCarty.

Local professional and award-winning photographer Victoria Clutter presented a copy of her photograph "Summer Morning" to the Senior Center on August 24th during the Marshville Senior Satellite's regular meeting at HCSCC. "Summer Morning" is an idyllic setting on Rock Camp Road in Harrison County. Clutter is a member of the Marshville Senior Satellite. Clutter stated that she "wanted to share happiness with the Center and to show support for the Center's upgrades during its closure due the COVID-19 pandemic" from March 2020 through June 2021. A plaque inscribed "Photo Donated by Victoria Clutter and Presented by Marshville Chapter to Harrison County Senior Citizens' will hang near the 12X18

color photograph. The Satellite supported the gift donation with the purchase of the framing for the photograph and the plaque.

"I want to thank Victoria for her beautiful gift to the Center," announced Ruth Randolph, Marshville Satellite President. "Our Satellite always wants to support the Center, and this is another way to show our support."

Clutter reported that she has opened a studio to showcase her work at Hometown Marketplace in Eastpointe Plaza (210 Emily Drive, Clarksburg). Many prints are available either matted or matted and framed. Greeting cards are also available,

so there is a price point for everyone. The ceramics room at the Senior Center followed by lunch in the Kinley Café. For more information, please call month at 11 a.m. in 304-623-6795.

Center Closes For Training Day For Staff Members & Volunteers



Steve Hinerman from the Harrison County Health Department prepares to teach the on-site Food Handlers Safety Class to 54 staff members and volunteers.

The Harrison County Senior Citizens Center was closed to members and the public on August 11, 2021 for its annual Training Day for staff and volunteers. During the training sessions, staff and volunteers received a routine COVID test.

Participants received training on CPR, First Aid, HIPPA, and Infectious Disease Control.

Following lunch, Steve Hinerman from the Harrison County Health Department conducted a Food Handlers Safety class for all staff and volunteers. Several members and satellite members also attended this class.

Various departments conducted job specific training after the group training sessions concluded.

A special thanks is extended to Travis Jenks, owner/operator of "The Cheesecake Whisperer" and son of HCSCC van driver John Jenks, for his donation of delicious, specialty cheesecakes for dessert. Appreciation is also offered to the several staff members and volunteers who made additional side dishes for the lunch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HCSCC continues to provide FREE COVID TESTING Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with no appointment necessary. Call 304-623-6795 to let us know you are at our large garage door in Traders Alley for a COVID test. If possible, call ahead and give us an estimated time of arrival.

Caregivers are needed for HCSCC's In-Home Services Program; training will be provided. In-home caregivers will assist Harrison County seniors to remain in their homes with light assistance. They will offer personal care, light housekeeping, meal preparation, grocery/errand shopping, and laundry, but DO NOT provide medical care. Caregivers must have reliable transportation to and from clients' residences. Call 304-623-6795 for more information.

TITLE V Food Service Workers are needed for the Senior Center's Kinley Café for (20 hrs. per week). Applicants must be at least 55 years of age, unemployed, a resident of WV, and have a household income below 125% of the federal poverty level. For more information, call Fern Oset at 304-623-6795 or visit the Center in person at 500 W. Main Street in Clarksburg.

HCSCC Board Of Directors Reports August Meeting Action



Pictured here, new HCSCC Board member Will Hyman is sworn in by Board President Bill O'Field.

The Harrison County Senior Citizens Center Board of Directors held a hybrid in-person (and Zoom) meeting on Thursday, August 26, 2021 with the following Board actions taken:

Approved changes to the HCSC By-Laws.

Approved the 2021 Board Committee Assignments.

Approved the Director's request to begin exploring the fundraising activities

to replace the ballroom banquet chairs.

Approved the Director's request for full board input on the HCSC response to the current and/or future COVID situation which will first be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration.

Approved the HCSC Title III FY 2022 grant submission.

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In addition, at the meeting the Board President swore in new board member, Clarksburg City Council member Will Hyman, who replaced the current grant Council member Gary "GK" Keith.

New Dishwasher For HCSCC



As if conditions haven't been hard enough to endure during the pandemic, finally when the Harrison County Senior Center was permitted to reopen, another issue presented itself! After 40+ years, the Center's original commercial dishwashing machine broke down and, unfortunately, could not be repaired so a replacement was required. Couple that with production and transportation delays, and it took five weeks for the new one to arrive. However, A.F. Wendlings installer Lynn Miller now has it installed and it is running smoothly!

New Membership Cards Now Available

The Harrison County Senior Center's new membership cards have arrived and will be effective October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Members with a satellite affiliation are advised to contact their satellite president to obtain their card. Members without a satellite affiliation should contact the Center to request printing of their card and inform them when they will come to the Center to pay their \$10 dues and pick up their card.

The new cards are permanent membership cards. Dues will be collected yearly to maintain a valid card.

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Bridgeport, Robert C. Byrd, and South Harrison Earn Wins!



The Bottom Line By Bill Nestor Sports Editor

A pair of coaches earned their first victories while a veteran mentor gets his 10th in the last 12 outings. Bridgeport's Tyler Phares and South Harrison's Brett Hathaway earned their first wins at their respective schools while Flying Eagle Head Coach, Josh Gorrell kept the momentum going from 2020.

Last year, Tyler Phares was an assistant on the Indians staff... this year he is running the show. Phares had to wait an extra week to get this season underway. Buckhannon-Upshur decided not to play in the scheduled game a week ago, leaving the Tribe without an opponent. Phares utilized the extra time to prepare his squad for Morgantown. The Mohigans made their way to Wayne Jamison Field and picked up an early lead on an 88-yard kickoff return.

Bridgeport would even things up when Cam Cole connected with Nathan Lhotsky on a 68-yard score.

The second quarter was the separator for the Indians - they scored 10 unanswered points to grab control of the affair. Aiden Paulsen plunged in from two yards out followed by an extra point from kicker, Taylor Thomas. Thomas then connected on a 22-yard field goal prior to halftime.

A Morgantown TD cut their deficit to three and momentum looked to sway. However, the Tribe would answer with a pair of scoring runs from Tyler Martin and Landyn Reppert respectively. Martin cashed in from 15 yards and Reppert found pay dirt from 10 yards to seal the deal.

The Mohigans would score late but it wasn't enough. Their impressive sophomore and Harrison County native, Caleb Nutter picked up 63 yards on 13 carries.

What a difference a week makes for the South Harrison Hawks. The opener against Doddridge County didn't go as planned but first year Head Coach Brett

Hathaway rolled up his sleeves and went to work in preparation for this week's road showdown at Liberty. The Mountaineers were playing on a short week after their win over Elkins just three days prior.

Liberty scored first on a one-yard run by Preston Buckhannon. Quarterback, Nick Jenson Dodd added the point after to make it 7-0. South Harrison would respond with Jacob Haddix's six-yard run. His two-point conversion gave the Hawks an 8-7 lead at the half.

Neither squad would score in the third stanza. South Harrison would then proceed to score 22 unanswered fourth quarter points to garner the win. Caden Davis (1 yard run), Haddix (1 yard run), and Noah Burnside (35-yard interception return) all found the end zone. Haddix and Parker Bunch both converted on two-point attempts to round out the scoring. Haddix led all rushers with 109 yards on 25 attempts. Liberty was paced by Buckhannon's 50 yards on 10 rushes.

The Flying Eagles had their opener with Keyser postponed and they were excited to host Elkins. Robert C. Byrd jumped out

to a quick 14-0 lead and grew it to 35-0 at the break en route to a 57-0 victory. Seven different Flying Eagles found the end zone last Friday.

Jeremiah King (10 rushes, 177 yards) found pay dirt on runs of 16 and 26 yards to lead the charge. Quarterback, Nick George ran for a score (3 yards out) and threw for another (connecting with Braylon Hilliard on a 30-yard pass play). Aiden Morris (6-yard run), Jaidan Willis (8-yard run) and Latrell Jones (1 yard run) contributed to the RCB point production. Nathaniel Junkins returned a punt 57 yards for six while Braydon Brown converted a two-point conversion for the host. Kicker, Cameron Clark was a perfect 7 for 7 on extra point attempts.

The defense pitched the shutout, allowing just 27 yards of Elkins offense, while making 19 tackles for a loss on the evening.

Congratulations to Bridgeport, South Harrison and Robert C. Byrd for getting their first wins this past Friday.

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



It's that time once again to acknowledge the efforts of Harrison County's student athletes. Each week a panel will take a look at the information collected to make the best choices possible. They will review the performances of the athletes from the six schools (Bridgeport, Liberty, Lincoln, Notre Dame, Robert C. Byrd, and South Harrison) in our county.

The Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week Award is an avenue that is used to promote the youth of our county, while bringing attention to their athletic accomplishments.

This past week's winners are Liberty's Mya Barnes and Hayden Dodd.

Mountaineer soccer player, Mya Barnes recorded a hat trick in a win over Lewis County. Barnes scored three goals in the victory over the Minutemaids this past Tuesday at Mazzei-Reaser Field.

Mountaineer soccer player, Hayden Dodd helped his team to a win over Lewis County this past Tuesday. Dodd scored four goals and dished out a pair of assists in the victory over the Minutemen.

Congratulations to Liberty's Mya Barnes and Hayden Dodd for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week!

Get Ready To Run...Easy!

Genesis Running has a brand new 5k class starting on Tuesday, September 14th! At Genesis Running we're known for teaching new runners to learn to run and to learn to love it. We can teach you too!

There are three class locations and a virtual class to choose from.

Online registration is open and ready. A printable version is available too.

The 2021 season marks our 15th season and over the years we've seen 3500 folks in our classes. If you've ever wanted to run but didn't know where to start, then this is for you! You can learn more about the lead coaches and also watch some past highlight videos to see folks just like you crossing the finish line of their first 5k.

This is a 9-week training program for beginning runners for a live 5k on November 13th. There is no running experience required and this class is for beginner runners. Classes meet on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm beginning September 14th and continue for 9 weeks. Class lessons for both live and online classes will be delivered by email and posted to a closed Facebook group. Live classes will meet once a week for instruction and group runs. The training plan calls for three days a week at your own pace and schedule.

Charleston at Magic Island with Matt Young at 6:00 pm.

Nitro at Nitro City Park with Mac McMillian at 6:00 pm.

Sissonville at Sissonville Middle School with Carmella Crawford at 6:00 pm.

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Live classes are \$90 for general admission for adults, \$25 for kids and \$50 for military and first responders and their families. Online only is \$50 for individuals that want the email lesson, instructional videos and access to the Facebook group. Parents are welcome to share the information with their kids and it's our hope that families will participate together.

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Lincoln Middle School Girls Soccer Team Opens 2021 Season In Shinnston



The Lincoln Middle School Wildcat Girls Soccer team opened the 2021 season playing Bridgeport Middle School last Thursday, September 2 at Stydahar Field in Shinnston. Bridgeport scored the final goal with less than two minutes on the clock to beat the Wildcats 3-2.

Midget Football Is Back In Shinnston



Coaches congratulate the Cougar Cubs after the big win against Elkins.

It's been several years since kids in Shinnston have had a midget football team in which to participate. But on Sunday, August 29 that dry spell came to an end. The Cougar Cubs played Elkins and came away with a big win by a score of 39-0.

Eli Ice had a 5-yard touchdown reception and Nick Glaspell a 49-yard reception for a 51-yard touchdown. Felix Blake led the team with touchdowns: he had rushes of 3 yards and 12 yards, along with 2 passing touchdowns. Talon Evans had

a 4-yard rushing touchdown.

In spite of Elkins effort on the field, the Cub defense only gave up one first down.

The team jerseys didn't arrive in time for the game, so, Holly Hawkins loaned some of Lincoln High

School's old jerseys for the boys to wear. A big thanks goes to Holly!

Team players are Aiden Gunnoe, Ashton Prangler, Braydon Booth, Brock Cottrell, Caemon Bennett, Coleton Lanham, Collin Shriver, Eli Ice, Fleix Blake, Isaiah Ice, Issac Elliott, Jasper Wolford, Nick Glaspell, Roger Duckworth, Steven Ashcraft, Talon Evans, Trent Shaw, Walker Sayers and Zaden Hoinville.

Coaches are Brady Lanham, Caleb Trotter, Cody Glaspell, Johnny Evans, Justin Wolford, JW Sayers, and Roger Glaspell.

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CRYSTAL STAR MARSHOK



Crystal Star Marshok, 57, of Mt. Clare, WV passed away on August 27, 2021 at United Hospital Center as she was fighting a courageous battle of cancer. She was born on April 7, 1964 to James Williams and Dixie Yeager Giordano.

She is survived by her father, James Williams and stepfather, John Giordano; husband, James Marshok, whom she married on August 3, 1997; sons, Jeffrey Moore and Shane Moore; sisters, Tara Williams, Cindy Owens, Julie Giordano; brother, Tony Williams along with 4 grandchildren.

Crystal was preceded in death by her mother, Dixie Yeager Giordano.

She graduated from the Clarksburg Beauty Academy in 2016 and was employed at Mere Image Hair Salon in Nutterfort. Crystal took extra care of her special families as she was a caregiver for many years. She loved to sing gospel music and playing the piano. She loved her fur babies which are Jack Russell terriers, Mitz, Molly, and Mae.

A funeral service was held at Harmer Funeral Home on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. Interment was at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at www.harmerfuneralhome.com

BARBARA JEAN GOODWIN



Barbara Jean Goodwin, 88, of Lumberport, passed away peacefully in her sleep on September 1, 2021. She was born August 26, 1933 in Lumberport to the late Ruben and Bertha (Robinson) Shreve.

She was preceded in death by her husband Marvin Goodwin; sister Cathern Linville (Shreve); and brother Clarence Shreve, USMC Korea, KIA, and special friend Tom Jones.

Barbara is survived by her three children, Dana (Chellie) Goodwin of Lumberport, David (Lisa) Goodwin of Lumberport, and Christie (Tony) Bryant

of Bridgeport. She has six grandchildren, Jared (Jill) Bryant of Williamstown, WV, Justin (Kayla) Bryant of Fairmont, Meghann (Michael) Carpenter of Buckhannon, Dennis Goodwin (Kelsey Monell) of Fairmont, Alura (Ryan) Holbert of Fairmont, and Tyler Goodwin of Morgantown. She also has 6 great-grandchildren, Jayden, Isabella, MK, Ainsley, Ava, and Cooper.

She has been a member of the Lumberport United Methodist Church since 1959. She was also a member of the United Methodist Women's Assoc. (WSCS). Barbara enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, taking care of her rescue animals, and was a member of The Good Time Cloggers, Courtesy Squares, and Blue Flame Auxiliary of Hope Gas.

A funeral service was held at Harmer Funeral Home on Tuesday, September 7. Interment followed at the Lion's Club Cemetery, Lumberport.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at Harmerfuneralhome.com

JOHN DAVID PIGOTT, SR.



John David Pigott, Sr., 74, of Wallace, WV, went to be with the Lord on Saturday morning, August 28, 2021 at his residence. John was born in Clarksburg, WV on August 8, 1947, son of the late Charles Alfred and Mary Virginia (Wable) Pigott.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his son, John Pigott, Jr., who passed suddenly in March of 2021 and his sister, Rebecca Taylor.

John is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Emily and their four daughters; Donna Clifton and husband, Jim of Tulsa, OK, Kim Howe and husband, Melvin of Lumberport, WV, Tammy Tucker and husband, Jimmy of Shinnston, WV and Missy Russell of Shinnston, WV. Six grandchildren; Sean Vincent, Megan Martin, Cody Luchuck, Zach Howe, Sami Jo Luchuck, and Ervin Luchuck, Jr; three great grandchildren; Easton, Adaleah and Presley; three brothers, Mike, Charles and Jim Wable; two sisters, Kathy Stackpole and Dian Luke.

John was a member

of the Wallace Fire Department. He enjoyed being with them and loved lending a helping hand in anything that was needed.

The biggest treasure in John's life was his family. He loved spending time with them. Even when he wasn't feeling the greatest, he brought joy and laughter to all those around him. He loved to cook and grill. He liked creating his "secret sauces" that always tasted so good! John loved the holidays, especially Christmas, decorating the tree with his family.

John was a man of few words but his smile said it all. He will sadly be missed by all who were fortunate to know him. A gentle soul with a big heart. He leaves many precious memories that will always be cherished. God must've needed another Angel to keep watch.

"Our family will never be the same."

At the request of the family, there will be no public service. In keeping with John's wishes, cremation service will be provided by Dorsey Funeral Home.

DAVID LESTER STARCHER



David Lester Starcher, 54, of Worthington, passed away on Monday, August 30, 2021 at his residence. He was born in Fairmont, February 7, 1967, a son of the late Nelson Jay and Karen Sue Cool Starcher.

Surviving are two children: Jessica Lindsey and her husband Jesse, Erie and Matthew Starcher and his wife Samantha, Dola; two grandchildren, Cole Lindsey and Hendrix Starcher; his sibling; Doug Starcher, Worthington, and Shara Schell and her husband Troy, Carolina; his former wife, the mother of his children, and his dear friend, Tresa Starcher, Shinnston; a sister-in-law, Pam George, Mannington; two nieces, Brianna Stottlemire and her husband Brandon, Shinnston, Jaylen Schell, Carolina; one nephew, Haden Starcher, Mannington; two great-nephews: Braddox and Brock Stottlemire, and several special cousins.

David was formerly employed for many years as a cook for Casey's Restaurant in Shinnston and as a bouncer at the Goal Rush in Worthington. He enjoyed shooting guns,

model cars, cooking and woodworking. He loved spending time with his grandsons and getting them Hot Wheels.

A funeral service will be on Thursday, September 2 at Perine Funeral Home. Cremation will follow the services. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family at the funeral home. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com.

BILL LAYTON

Bill Layton, 54, of Shinnston passed away in his sleep on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. He was born November 13, 1966, a son of the late Charles Layton and Carnis (Anderson) Layton who survives him.

In addition to his mother, Bill is survived by his wife of 31 years, Cathy (Crites) Layton; his brothers, Earl Layton and Charles Layton; his sister, Bettie Sue Gillispie; and his aunt, Ruth Anderson; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Bill graduated from Lincoln High School with the Class of 1985. He was a Pittsburgh Steelers fan and an avid NASCAR enthusiast. Bill loved animals and rescued many stray cats over the years. He was an avid bird watcher and loved feeding the neighborhood birds.

A graveside funeral service was held at the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery on Tuesday, September 7 with Pastor Bill Lanham officiating. Online condolences and memories can be shared with the family at www.perinefunerals.com.

CHRISTOPHER PATRICK JACKSON PRICE

Christopher "Chris" Patrick Jackson Price, 42, of Anmoore, WV passed away suddenly on August 28, 2021. He was born on November 11, 1978 in Clarksburg, the son of Flora Ann Fazio Price of Anmoore and the late Larry J Price.

In addition to his mother, Chris is survived by his former wife, Nykki; one daughter, Madison; his aunt and uncle, Patty and Whitey Price; as well as many cousins and very dear friends.

In addition to his father, Chris was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Pat and Mary Fazio, as well as his paternal grandparents, George and Vieva Price.

Chris graduated from Notre Dame High School in Clarksburg, Class of 1997. He was an avid outdoorsman with a passion for hunting and fishing. He immensely enjoyed gardening and canning his own

Out Of The Past
Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



Richard Shaffer, Edgar Harmer, & Dick Paugh. Taken at the back entrance of Harmer Funeral Home in 1967. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

fruits and vegetables. Chris also enjoyed making homemade wines and beers. He was exceptionally talented as a cook and generously shared the "fruits" of his labor in the kitchen with his entire family and friends.

Chris was most recently the proprietor of Price's Gun Shop, after spending several years learning the trade from his Father, Larry.

Catholic Funeral Rites were held at Davis Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, September 8, 2021. Interment followed at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens. Online condolences may be sent to Davis FuneralHome WV.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations be made in Honor of Chris to the Martha and Mary Ministry, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 8092 Third Street, Stonewood, WV 26301. The Martha and Mary Ministry provides a valuable service to the grieving families of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. Chris always enjoyed their dinners, especially their salad dressing.

KATHLEEN LEONA CALOCCIA



Kathleen Leona (McInnes) Caloccia, 89, of Clarksburg passed away on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at her residence, surrounded by her family. She was

born August 27, 1932 in Cadiz, OH, daughter of the late David Sloan and Leona Daniels McInnes.

Kathleen is survived by one daughter, Carol (Caloccia) Bennett, Clarksburg; one son, William Romeo Caloccia and wife, Joyce, Fairmont; two granddaughters, Bethany Alicia and Hannah Beth Caloccia; one sister, Carol June Smith, Amory, Mississippi; two brothers, Samuel and Mary McInnes, Enterprise and Archie and Kitty McInnes, Ohio; one sister-in-law, Phyllis Caloccia, Clarksburg; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Kathleen was preceded in death by her husband, Romeo Caloccia, whom she married on November 8, 1952; and one brother, David McInnes.

Kathleen graduated from Victory High School, class of 1951 and worked at Clarksburg Mack Sales and Service, Inc. for many years as an Accounts Receivable Clerk. She really enjoyed reading and loved to sew. Kathleen was a member of the Hepzibah Baptist Church for many years.

A private visitation was held on Saturday, September 4, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home with a public graveside service held at Bridgeport Cemetery with Pastor Todd Jarman officiating.

Memorial donations can be made in Kathleen's memory to Alzheimer's Association West Virginia Chapter, 1601 Second Street, Charleston, WV 25387. Online condolences can be made on Davis Funeral Home WV.com.

