



## It's Harvest Time At The Pumpkin Farm At Saltwell; The Pyramid Is Fully Stocked!

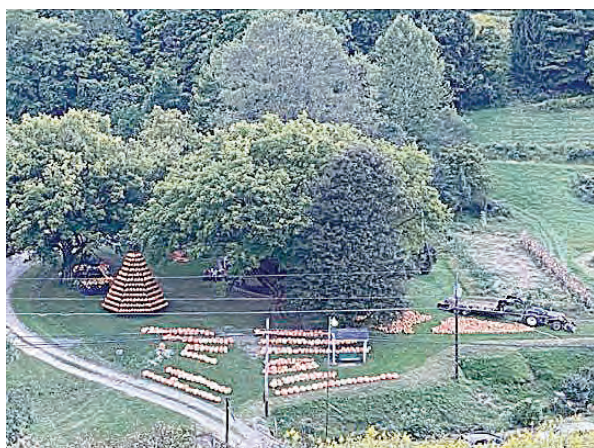


Shown here is the pyramid of pumpkins that is fully stocked for the season. When full, the pyramid holds approximately five tons of pumpkins!

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

*News & Journal Editor*  
It's officially "pumpkin time" ... or at least it is at The Pumpkin Farm at Saltwell, located, as its name indicates,

along Saltwell Road between Shinnston and Bridgeport. It officially opened this past Saturday and is hard to miss; just look for the very visible, GIGANTIC pumpkin pyramid on the farm property.



This aerial view of The Pumpkin Farm at Saltwell shows that it is truly "pumpkin time" at the Ash Farm on Saltwell Road ... and whether you choose to pick your own or opt for one from the pyramid, now is the time to pay them a visit!

Operator Patrick Ash explained the pumpkin farm's history, noting that his parents Roy and Shirley Jean Ash started it in 1978 (when Patrick was just two years old) and continued what became a seasonal tradition every year for 20 years. After being closed for 22 years, Patrick decided last year to reopen the pumpkin farm.

"For years, my dad

brought a lot of joy to area families as fall approached, and I just got interested in doing the same thing – offering people an outdoor event and something a little different they could do as a family," Patrick stated.

When he reopened last year, he admits that he was a little wary, wondering if there would still be an interest, and he was

stunned by the turnout. "I was really surprised by the crowds we got, especially since the pandemic was affecting everyone's lives. But I think that may have helped in a way. So many fall fairs and festivals were cancelled and people were just ready to get out and have a little fun after being cooped up for so long," he added. "At the time, the governor's mandates didn't affect so much, and since our farm offers plenty of space to social distance while looking around, we felt our visitors would be safe. This year, we're expecting good attendance again."

Patrick is still using the pyramid that was built by his father in 1987. He says that although he has replaced some of the wood paneled shelving, the original steel structure is still intact.

How the idea for the pyramid display for pumpkins came to be is an interesting story. Patrick related that his father had attended a pumpkin festival in Ohio in 1986 and noticed pumpkins arranged on a structure that was 6 to 8 feet tall and had four sides. Being a welder by trade, his father returned from this festival with his own building idea!

"My dad's concept was a much larger one. Its foundation sits six feet in the ground, is 27 feet high and has six sides; each side features 12 shelves that showcase the pumpkins of various sizes ... AND he made his structure spin! From helping my father all those years, I learned that when placing the pumpkins on the shelves, in order for it to spin, there must be an even distribution of weight, so it has to

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## Clarksburg Water Board Continues To Investigate & Identify Lead Service Lines

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

*News & Journal Editor*  
For a number of years, The Clarksburg Water Board (CWB) has been recognized on numerous occasions as one of the best water systems in the state of West Virginia. More recently, it has been in the spotlight following concerns about isolated cases of elevated lead levels in water. They assure customers that the water leaving their plant is safe drinking water; however, there is a possibility of lead contaminants being in the service lines leading to customers' homes –

particularly older homes – due to lead pipes having been used back when those older homes were built.

"Many homes in the Clarksburg area are classified as older homes, and at the time they were built, lead lines were an acceptable material. Other older cities in the state are going through this as well or will be in the near future because of the current lead and copper rules in the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Act," stated Jason Myers, General Manager of the Clarksburg Water Board. "This is just the start of what other cities



Clarksburg Water Board treatment operators are shown here loading water test kits to be sent for lead analysis at a lab in Westover.

will be facing and they should be preparing for what we are now going through and establish their service line inventories."

Myers noted that

when CWB samples are sent out for testing, they are tested for both lead and copper because even with copper lines, lead soldering may have

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Customer Service Supervisor Clyde Lowers points out different types of water service lines in neighborhoods to Clarksburg Water Board president Paul Howe.

## Eat'n Park



Building Amazing Cities

By JIM HUNT

author, speaker, consultant

About 29 years ago, I participated in the ribbon cutting for the new Eat'n Park restaurant in Clarksburg. It was an exciting time in the history of Clarksburg with the newly constructed Eastpointe Shopping Center and new businesses opening every month. The new K-Mart had opened and was experiencing record sales, along with Radio Shack, Kroger and dozens of other shops.

The part of the development near the Eat'n Park was also growing with the Lazy Boy Shoppe, The Spa Fitness Center, Bonanza Steak House and Meineke Muffler. The intersection to the shopping center was one of the busiest in town and people would drive for many miles to shop the many new stores in the area.

Jim LaRosa was the developer of the Eastpointe Shopping Center and was one of the most visionary people that I had ever met. Being on the Clarksburg City Council gave me a front row seat to this incredible development. We would meet with many of the people who were looking to locate in the center, and we always knew what was coming and who was checking out the sites to find

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## To Travel? To Stay Close To Home?

*Do BOTH Right Here In 'Almost Heaven' ... What A View!*



A look in any direction, West Virginia never fails to offer colorful scenery during the fall season. Who wouldn't agree that this is a dazzling view?

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

*News & Journal Editor*  
NO ONE likes 'bad news', but recently Dr. Clay Marsh, often referred to as West Virginia's 'COVID czar', compared the current monumental resurgence of the COVID-19 Delta variant to a "raging fire" that will continue

to be a threat unless vaccinations are taken more seriously and precautions are still observed. Obviously, the pandemic has not disappeared as everyone had hoped it would, and it has hurt businesses, families, school routines, and more.

A new national survey was conducted on behalf of the American Hotel

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## Council Authorizes Approaching Businesses Regarding Security Camera Collaboration

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD

*News & Journal Editor*  
Shinnston City Council met at the Woman's Club and via Zoom on Monday, September 13th. The

minutes of the August 9th and August 30th meetings were approved with one addition. No citizens petitioned to speak to Council.

In his executive report, Mayor Kovalck

stated that he and City Manager Chad Edwards had attended a Mayor's Association meeting in Salem on September 9th which was attended by numerous WV Delegates. He said

that the mayors in the county had banded

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# Food For Thought

By Leigh Currey Merrifield  
Editor

## It Pays To 'Shop Around'

There are pros and cons to just about everything, and when it comes to opinions, we have to be careful — especially when offering them without being asked. When it comes to personal things, the recipient may believe it's none of our business! But when we seek an opinion, that can be a different matter. Often when we are considering something that is pretty important, we may turn to friends, family, or experts for suggestions or advice.

Since today's situation had led many of us to do more online ordering, we may even turn to online reviews to help us make good choices. Switching gears here to a rather 'sore' subject, sadly I must report that my bedroom/bathroom update is STILL a work in progress (grrrr!). Although I can't find enough spare time to actually do some of the dirty work required to make significant progress, I do find time periodically to look ahead to the finished product and I've 'shopped' online for artwork — only because it's easier than driving from place to place for something that 'wows' me. I found a couple of things that I was interested in; however, I feel that these items' online reviews were a great help in changing my mind and avoiding what might have been a big mistake!

When it comes to bigger things like buying a car, though, have you ever asked questions about a

particular vehicle model from someone who owns one? Or maybe you sought someone else's opinion about their experience with a specific dealership? And, of course, comparing price points is always a consideration. It always pays to shop around.

OR, if you need a new roof, for example, don't you usually check with several roofing contractors on pricing and perhaps ask for references to get an opinion on the quality of their work? The same thing applies if it's time to replace major appliances; you check out the features, warranty, service reliability of the business you're buying from, and once again, pricing!

And when it comes to your health, do you always trust the first opinion you get? Or do you 'shop around'?

Okay, that's enough unsolicited advice from me! But here is a good example ... and in my 'opinion', it's always good to end with a little humor ... so here goes ....

A gentleman was having trouble sleeping. In fact, this had been an ongoing problem for him since his childhood. He always thought he'd outgrow this problem, but as an adult, it was still plaguing him. He was beginning to wonder what was wrong with him so he consulted a psychiatrist.

On his first visit he explained to the shrink, "I've got problems, Doc. Every time I go

to bed, I think there's somebody under my bed and it scares me. It's been like this since I was a kid. I wonder if I'm going crazy!"

The doctor said, "Just relax and put yourself in my hands for one year. You come and talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears you're having."

The man asked, "How much do you charge?" to which the doctor replied, "\$150 per visit." The gentleman said he'd 'sleep on it'.

Six months passed and the doctor ran into the man on the street one day and asked, "Why didn't you come to see me about those fears you were having?"

"Well," the man said, "I did the math and \$150 a visit three times a week for a year was going to be a payout of \$23,400. A bartender cured me for just \$10. I was so happy to have saved all that money, I went out and bought a new pickup truck."

With a bit of an attitude, the psychiatrist said, "And just how, may I ask, did a bartender cure you?"

The man replied, "When I explained about my lifelong fear, he told me to just cut the legs off my bed. Ain't nobody under there now, and I'm doing great!"

See? It's good to shop around and get a second opinion!

This week's dessert: "Giving advice often makes us accountable for the conduct of those we advise." ~ Norm MacDonald

## 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](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

Sept. 23, 1922: Five men were struck and killed at the Glen Rogers mine in Wyoming County when equipment fell during the construction of a deep shaft.

Sept. 23, 1938: The Mingo Oak was cut down after succumbing to the fumes of a burning coal refuse pile. The Mingo Oak, which stood near the Logan-Mingo county line, was more than 500 years old and may have been the largest white oak in the world.

Sept. 24, 1918: George Spencer "Spanky" Roberts was born in London, Kanawha County. He entered aviation cadet training with the first class of Tuskegee Airmen and became the first African-American

military pilot from West Virginia.

Sept. 25, 1864: George Smith Patton was killed at the Battle of Winchester. Patton, a Charleston lawyer, had organized the Kanawha Riflemen, a Virginia militia company. He was the grandfather of Gen. George S. Patton of World War II.

Sept. 26, 1816: David Hunter Strother was born in Martinsburg. He was an artist and an author who used the pen name "Porte Crayon."

Sept. 26, 1863: The Great Seal of West Virginia was adopted by the legislature. The seal, which has remained unchanged, was designed by Joseph H. Diss Debar.

Sept. 27, 1914: Author Catherine Marshall was born in Johnson City, Tennessee. Her family moved to West Virginia and lived in Keyser during the late 1920s and the 1930s. Her best-loved novel, *Christy* (1967), was based on her mother's girlhood in the southern mountains.

Sept. 28, 1955: Labor activist Sarah "Mother" Blizzard died at the age of 90. Blizzard was deeply involved in the United Mine Workers of America, from the organization's early beginnings in the late 19th century.

Sept. 29, 1861: The Kanawha Valley experienced severe flooding. The Kanawha River reached 46.87 feet in Charleston, more than 16 feet above flood stage.

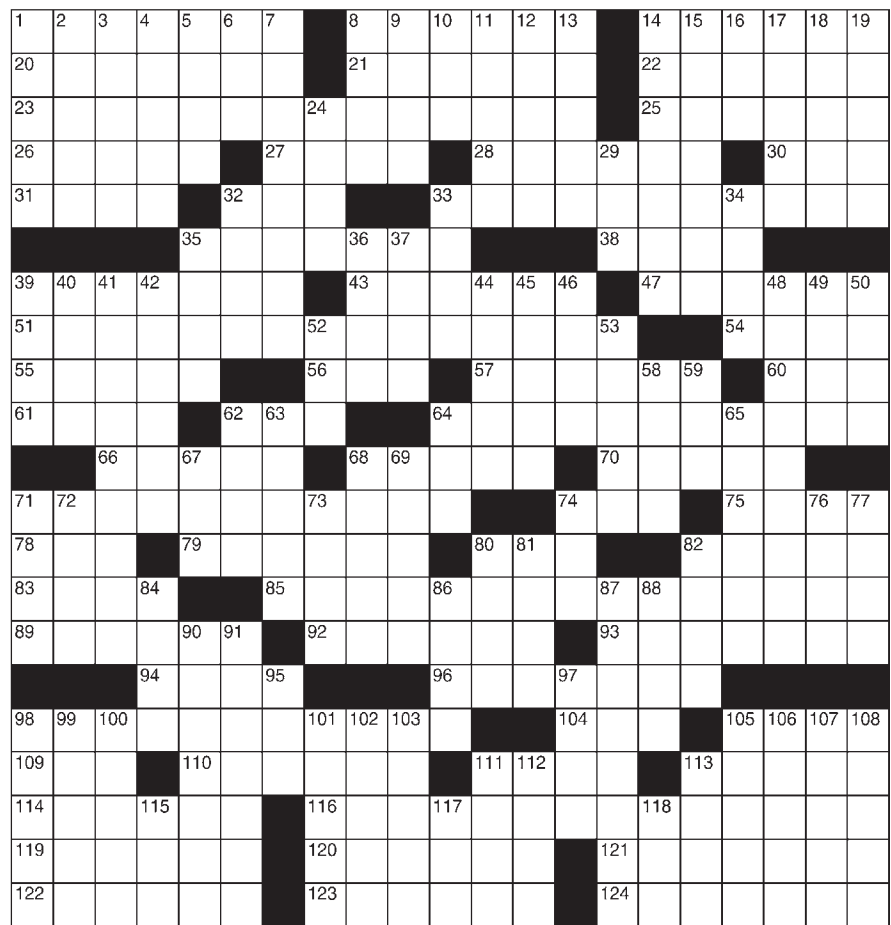
Sept. 29, 1927: Artist June Kilgore was born in Huntington. She was an abstract expressionist painter who spent 30 years as an art professor at Marshall University.

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## Super Crossword

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|--|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>ACROSS</b>  | 54 Aquaint, e.g.                          | 98 "Alice" waitress who specialized in serving Dad's soft drinks? | 8 Fodder storer                        | 45 Actor Keach of "Man With a Plan" | 88 Actress Best of "The Man Who Knew Too Much" |
| 1 Gallery display  | 55 Quaint newspaper sections              | 56 Very little  | 9 "Move it!"                           | 46 Errand, e.g.                     | 90 Chest protector, of sorts                   |
| 8 Bits of fabric, e.g.                                     | 57 Enter gently                           | 60 Actor Ron  | 11 BP gas brand                        | 48 Most hard and cold               | 91 Thieving type                               |
| 14 "Quit that!"  | 60 Golf club                              | 62 Saints' org.   | 12 Carrier founded in 1927             | 49 Rights gp.                       | 95 Dress border                                |
| 20 Low-cost and inferior, informally                       | 61 Like                                   | 64 Like someone who has moved to America again?                   | 13 La — (opera house)                  | 50 Reasons                          | 97 Southwest art mecca                         |
| 21 Apple ad catchphrase                                    | 66 Coup group                             | 68 Like a black chimney   | 14 Rescuers                            | 58 Monogram letter: Abbr.           | 98 Foe   |
| 22 For a short period                                      | 68 Like a black chimney                   | 70 Nothing, in Latin  | 15 Hostess classic                     | 59 Final degree                     | 99 Antipasto bit                               |
| 23 Actress Freeman who lived in a European gambling mecca? | 71 Parasite on a passenger flight?        | 71 Mil. rank  | 16 "So that's your game!"              | 62 Papa's ma                        | 100 Cindy Brady player Susan                   |
| 25 Cello relative  | 74 Mil. rank                              | 75 Sonar sound  | 17 Stove light                         | 63 Edible fruit part                | 101 Goes very quickly                          |
| 26 Classic Ford  | 77 Sonar sound                            | 78 Groom's vow  | 18 Of a pelvic bone                    | 64 — choy                           | 102 Facade                                     |
| 27 Animated one, in brief                                  | 79 Hound breed                            | 79 Hound breed  | 19 Extra inning                        | 65 Rap genre                        | 103 Mature nit                                 |
| 28 Like some radio shows                                   | 80 Laugh loudly                           | 82 Cut off with scissors  | 20 Chess piece                         | 67 Chest protector, of sorts        | 105 "The Practice" actress Sokoloff            |
| 30 Cereal grass  | 82 Cut off with scissors                  | 83 T-man Elliot   | 21 Classic Ford                        | 68 Holey utensil                    | 106 "Barry Lyndon" star Ryan                   |
| 31 Palmist, e.g.   | 85 Be too busy for a health-resort visit? | 89 Stun guns  | 22 Burrito's kin                       | 69 Musical piece for eight          | 107 Situation                                  |
| 32 General —'s chicken                                     | 89 Stun guns                              | 92 Go to bed  | 33 Very little                         | 71 "— life grand?"                  | 108 Filled fully                               |
| 33 Two-masted sailboat                                     | 93 Acclimated                             | 94 Essence  | 34 Sword sort                          | 72 Brain flash                      | 109 Singer Laine                               |
| 35 Oahu beach  | 94 Essence                                | 96 Making a snug home   | 35 Nintendo game consoles              | 73 Old autocrat                     | 112 A smaller amount of                        |
| 38 IV flow   | 96 Making a snug home                     |   | 36 Not engaged                         | 74 Slalom, say                      | 113 Valuable sire                              |
| 39 Land of ska   |   |   | 37 Petty of NASCAR                     | 76 Neck area                        | 115 Conjunction in Cologne                     |
| 43 King or czar  |   |   | 39 Actress Ryan of "Boston Public"     | 77 Alum                             | 117 Wordplay bit                               |
| 47 Fluctuate   |   |   | 40 God of love                         | 80 Bygone days                      | 118 Actress Best of "Nurse Jackie"             |
| 51 Really hurt the feelings of?                            |   |   | 41 Bikers' competition on a dirt trail | 81 Former foes of Navajos           |  |
|  |   |   | 42 In no key, musically                | 82 Forest buck mo.                  |  |
|  |   |   | 44 Take — (plop down)                  | 84 Labor Day                        |  |
|  |   |   |  | 86 Madre's boy                      |  |
|  |   |   |  | 87 Postal slot                      |  |



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### BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

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### LOWE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

### BAKED STEAK DINNER CANCELLATION

The baked steak dinner scheduled for September 19 at St Ann's Catholic Church has been cancelled as a precautionary action due to the increase in COVID cases in surrounding areas.

### BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Bridgeport Public Library will be having a book sale Sept. 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, & 30. Included will be DVD's, Audiobooks, & Puzzles @ \$.50 each. All books \$.25 each or \$3.00 per bag. For questions call 304-842-8248.

### HOLLY TRINITY MISSION LITURGY

Holy Trinity Orthodox Serbian Mission, 408 Morgantown Ave, Fairmont will be holding a Liturgy on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 10:00 am. Fr. Sasha Nedich (724) 966-7428.

### MONONGALIA COUNTY BEEKEEPERS MEETING

The Monongalia County Beekeepers have a meeting at Mylan Park in the new Monongalia County Extension Service and 4-H Center on the first Tuesday of every month; however, meetings have been cancelled until further notice due to COVID-19. Please contact Debbie Martin for more information at 304-367-9488 or [debbee7@yahoo.com](mailto:debbee7@yahoo.com) We look forward to helping you start your beekeeping journey and will help you every step of the way!

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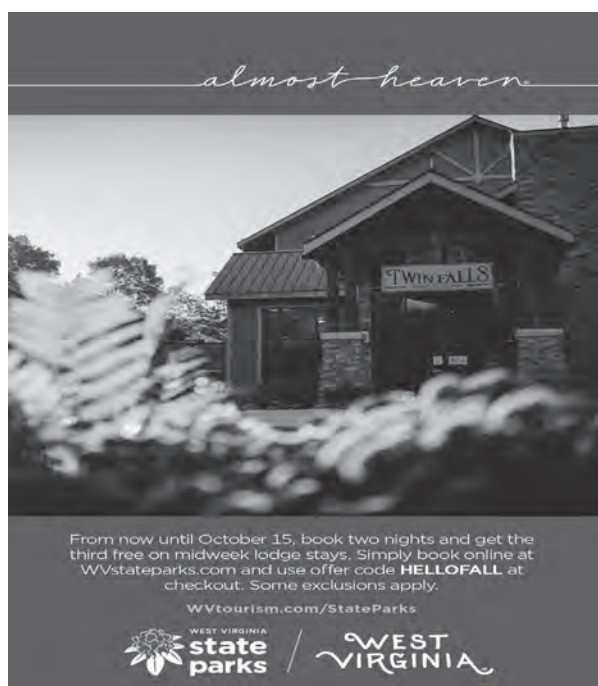
Hope, Inc., a task force - support group on growing free from domestic violence, will meet on Thursdays at noon at Koupal Towers, 916 West Pike Street in Clarksburg. For more information, call 304-624-9835 or email [asniderhope@yahoo.com](mailto:asniderhope@yahoo.com).

### 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.

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# "Pumpkin Farm" cont. from p. 1

be loaded evenly. It was well made and has withstood the test of time all these years. It was never disassembled – even during the 22 years the pumpkin farm ceased to operate," Patrick continued. "When it's full, the pyramid – or pumpkin tree as some call it – holds about five tons of pumpkins!"

Of the farm's 23 acres, only four acres are reserved for growing pumpkins. Patrick reports that last year's biggest one weighed 150 pounds, and this year, a few may be even larger. It all depends on the type of seed that is planted; some grow larger pumpkins than others. Although last year's 150-pound pumpkin WAS purchased by someone, he says he has no idea what they did with it! Most people, he noted, prefer just the regular, normalized pumpkins that are used for decorations or perhaps hollowed out

to use for favorite fall-flavored recipes.

Patrick works a regular job, but from May 10th through the middle to end of June, he spends his spare time planting pumpkins in seven fields. Now it's time to harvest them, but he promises that two fields will be left unharvested because some customers prefer to pick their own and they are welcome to do that ... while the supply lasts.

The Pumpkin Farm at Saltwell is still a 'family affair', and Patrick doesn't do it alone. His wife and children are also active in preparing for this seasonal event. And while he doesn't get into 'entertainment' per se, he enjoys making it a good family environment with more than just pumpkins. Every Saturday, a couple of food trucks will be on the property as well as some local vendors with local, hand-made products such as ceramics,

crafts, etc. Two local children's book authors will also be on hand and a disabled veteran who makes wooden American flags will be there as well.

"We enjoy supporting local vendors and giving them an opportunity to sell their products," he added. "We are also open to hosting school field trips. All they have to do is contact me to schedule a visit by calling 304-672-6872."

Don't think for a moment that The Pumpkin Farm at Saltwell isn't a busy place! During the farm's earlier years, they used to keep a guest book, and it clearly revealed that although there were a lot of local area customers, they also had visitors from surrounding states – with signers from as far away as California, Alaska, and even Italy! The Pumpkin Farm at Saltwell also has a Facebook page, and Patrick stated that just recently he had received

a message from someone in Ireland!

The Pumpkin Farm at Saltwell opened Saturday, September 18th and will be open until the last weekend of October – unless they run out of produce! Of course pumpkins are the big drawing card, but they also have gourds and squash.

Hours of operation are Mon. – Fri. from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Saturdays are typically their busiest day, so if you want to avoid a large crowd, plan accordingly. Patrick concluded, "Many people in the area remember visiting the pumpkin farm in its earlier days when they were young kids themselves, and now many are returning with children and grandchildren of their own. We're so pleased that this is still thought of as a family environment where generations come back to make memories of their own."

# Road Closure

The West Virginia Division of Highways advises motorists that there will be a Road Closure on I-79, Northbound Rest Area, Mile Marker 122.6, beginning on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:00 a.m. through 6:00 a.m. (24/7) with an end date to be determined.

The purpose for the Road Closure is concrete pavement repairs for ramps

and parking lot. The Northbound Rest Area (Mile Marker 122.6) will be closed while crews perform concrete pavement repairs on the exit and

entrance ramps, as well as the car parking lot area. The closure will be 24 hours a day until work is complete. Motorists are advised to plan ahead and allow

additional time for their commute. Please note that inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances could change the project schedule.

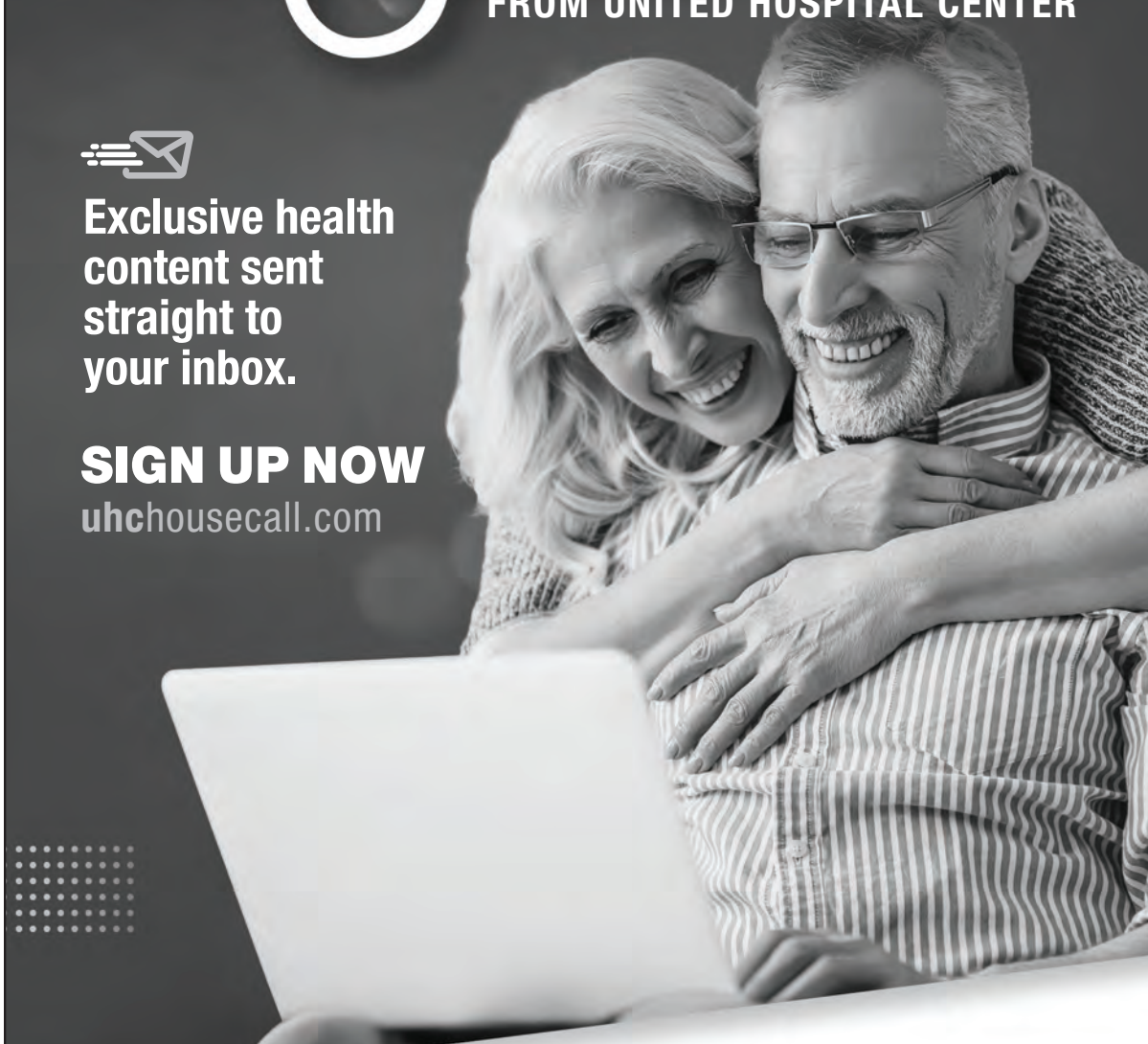
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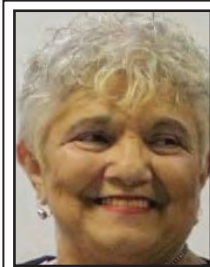


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## I Had A Nice Day In Morgantown With Michael Last Week



### GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

This past week I had an appointment at WVU to see my eye doctor. After three surgeries, it seems that we may have corrected the problem. Although my vision is not 100%, it is getting better and I look forward to a complete healing.

Michael was the appointed child to take me this time and after receiving the good news from the doctor, he decided to treat me to a trip around Morgantown. I had never been to the Pierpont section and was delighted when this was where our tour led us. Our first stop was at the Almost Heaven Coffee Shop. Victoria Simmons, daughter of James and Patty, is running the shop. It is larger than the Bridgeport location but is decorated in such good taste. There is also outdoor seating and the menu seems to be the same as the Bridgeport location. After a coffee and bagel, we proceeded to our next stop.

If you are looking for good Italian food, you must make a point to stop at San Marzannos Market. It is located just a short distance from Almost Heaven. In it you will find almost every Italian meat and cheese you could ever want. I came out with prossitto, capocoli and several different salamis. Delallos and Oliverios had a large selection of

their products there. It was around lunch time and there were many people getting sandwiches and salads. I urge you to stop there for special treats. I was pleasantly surprised (while checking out) to run into Father Tony Cincinnati. He was getting a sandwich and he informed me he is at St. Francis in Morgantown. We took a few minutes to catch up on everyone in Clarksburg. He looked great and it was so nice to see him again. I am sure, if you are like me, there is a lot to see in Morgantown, so, plan an afternoon browsing there.

I would be remiss if I did not mention COVID. I am at the point that I am getting scared; I stay confined to my home most of the time. I keep myself busy reading, sometimes a novel a day, thanks to the wonderful Bridgeport librarians.

I plan on getting my booster. I personally think that everyone should get vaccinated, but then that is a decision each individual must make for themselves. It did not seem to affect me until close friends and family started to pass. It almost seems that I am a boat on the water without oars and cannot direct myself in the right direction. I guess we are the safest by staying at home. Those trips to the drug store, the market and the post office require a mask for our own safety. However, it is safe to plan an automobile trip to the mountains to enjoy the beautiful leaves. I think they are going to be so pretty this year.

A happy birthday to my friend Becky Sprout... we had a wonderful luncheon.

I pray that each of you will be safe and will stay healthy and until next week, "Now You Have Heard It Through the Grapevine."

## I Enjoyed Several Family Visits Last Week



### Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny

Last Friday, I had another appointment at the VA hospital (What's new) ... sure miss the valet parking. This time the appointment was with Cardiologist Dr. Finkel - A very nice gentleman. He tweaked one med and added another. I have an appointment again in two weeks to see if meds are working. Someone else had taken my friend Jim's place behind the big glass window this time. He was either off for the day or on a two-hour break.

Dr. Finkel's last name always reminds me of Johnny Carson's "Carnac the Magnificent" skit. He would ascertain the questions to answers in envelopes handed to him by Ed McMahon. Ed would say, "The answers are in these envelopes. A child of four could see these envelopes are hermetically sealed. They have been kept in a mayonnaise jar on Funk and Wagnall's porch since noon today". Maybe it's just me?.

After the appointment, I did some shopping on Bridgeport Hill. I noticed they've torn down the old Ryan's Restaurant and I think it's being replaced by an Olive Garden. I never was officially notified.

In the evening, my Santana came to spend some time with me. She is still pretty as ever (Inside and out). Her husband, Andrew, was on duty at a Clarksburg Fire Station. She caught me up on her latest happenings and I tried to catch her up on my latest (Medical) happenings.

Saturday morning, I ran over to Price Cutters in town to stock up on some junk food before

the afternoon football games started. I enjoyed a couple of upsets. I had to stream the WVU/LIU game through ESPN+ on my desktop computer. It got a little interesting when I was trying to sync up Tony Caridi's broadcast on sports delay radio to the action on the screen. Neal had the boys playing pretty good football this week. I hope the trend continues so we can beat Virginia Tech.

Sunday, Kim drove in from Virginia to spend a few days. She, also, is still pretty as ever (Inside and out). Before the evening was over, Santana, #2 Phillip, and Lee stopped by; we all had a good visit. The thing I enjoy most is they all know that this is still their home. Everybody knows where the junk food, real food, and drinks are kept. They're not afraid to rummage through the refrigerators, cabinets, and the pantry looking for something to eat and then fix it. That's the way Susie and I wanted it to be.

Monday, Kim and I stopped at the Wesbanco in town to conduct some business and then drove up to the FOP Restaurant in Nutter Fort. Kim ordered an antipasta salad and I swear the container it was served in was the size of a wok, but she took care of it. They have nice pepper shakers.

Tuesday, Kim and Phillip spent the day running around. I drove down to the Worthington Barber Shop for a haircut and Janet cut it this time. I always enjoy chatting with Frank and Janet...they are very nice people.

In the evening, I attended the weekly meeting at the Morgantown Vet Center. It is always good to see and chat with my old buddies. As I said before, we're all fighting Father Time and he's slowly catching up.

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

Ace

## Bridgeport Native Participating In SRU Dance Concert

The first dance from Indiana, who is performing and at Slippery Rock University may have a title fit for a carpenter's tape measure, but "60 x 60 x 60" has a little something for everyone. The SRU Dance Department will present its 60 x 60 x 60 dance concert, 7:30 p.m., Sept. 23, at Swope Music Hall, featuring 60 dance performances to 60 pieces of music that are 60 seconds long. Kaylee Smith, a junior dance major from Bridgeport, will be participating in the performances.

"What makes this a good experience for the audience is every piece is different and (it) won't lose your attention because it changes every minute," said Halle Angelo, a senior dual communication and dance major

from Indiana, who is performing and providing technical support for the event. "One piece can have ambient sounds and be slow moving and then the next one might be traffic noises and be very technical."

The annual 60 x 60 x 60 concert includes an interdisciplinary element, and for this year's event the Dance Department invited art students to contribute different paintings that will be projected onto the dancers and the performance area.

"We are thrilled to have the Art Department collaborate with us on yet another concert," said Andy Hasenpflug, SRU dance musician and director of the concert. "The interdisciplinary nature of the 60 x 60 x 60 concert is a wonderful

way to showcase how departments in the arts can work together to create an exciting event."

The paintings for the concert were created by 30 students from a studio painting class taught last semester by Heather Hertel, professor of art. The paintings range from abstracts and landscapes to specific objects, such as an eyeball or a cube.

The music and sounds can also be out of the ordinary, such as one spoken-word soundtrack that Angelo found amusing.

"There's one with a guy repeating that he likes doughnuts, so it's very weird but fun," Angelo said. "(As performers and choreographers), we don't get to pick the music. Andy assigns the

music to us in advance and we have to create (a performance)."

Although there are 60 individual pieces, some are solo and some are group performances and a few students are participating in multiple dances. In all, there are more than 50 students who are performing and/or choreographing, in addition to the contributions of 30 visual artists.

"I love the collaborative aspect," Angelo said. "Having other forms of art involved is challenging but it's also helpful because it sparks different interest. As choreographers, sometimes we get stuck, so being able to look at another form of art or music can inspire different creative movement."

## "Eat 'n Park"

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the perfect location. On a few occasions, I would be at work in downtown Clarksburg and Mr. LaRosa's station wagon would stop in front of my office and blow the horn. When I went out to see what was happening, he would say, "Get in, I have something to show you." He would then head out to Eastpointe and show me the site for a new store.

When the Eatn'Park restaurant opened, I started going there for breakfast a few times per week. It was bright and airy and the perfect place to have breakfast and read the morning paper. The food was good, and the service was excellent. I would often have meetings at the restaurant; they had a large meeting room in the back, which worked great for my meetings. The large salad bar was popular, and it was always filled with a large assortment of vegetables, soups, and dressings. It wasn't long until I would take my grandkids to Eatn' Park for breakfast. They loved the large cookies with the smiley face that they received after every meal. Since the waitresses knew me from my frequent visits, my grandkids were impressed that they knew my name and what I liked to order. I would joke with them that I had a special booth, which was partly true, since I usually sat in the same place each time.

It will be a sad day when Eatn' Park closes, and many local residents will miss their favorite spot. The staff will also have to look for other jobs and I will miss their smiling faces. Over the years, there have been many employees that have worked at the restaurant, and I consider many of them friends. The current crew includes some special people to me and I will miss Mindy asking me if there is anything interesting in the paper and teasing Laura about how I was going to give her a bad review on the survey that was attached to the receipt. Cathy was the baker and she produced some of the best homemade pies that you could find anywhere.

I'm sure that I'll find another breakfast spot but I doubt that I will ever duplicate the friendliness of the place with the big smiley cookies. My grandkids will also miss joining me for breakfast and having everyone know my name and what I liked to order. Much like Cheers, Eatn'Park was a place where everyone knows your name! I'll miss it!

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# Good Health Guide

## Experiencing Our Feelings



**Words of Wellness**  
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Life is moving fast, and a lot is happening. Do you ever find yourself thinking “I will deal with those feelings later?” Our lives are so fast-paced we don’t even have time for our own feelings. The problems with this are many -

suppressed feelings and emotions lead to depression, stress, anger, and physical illness. Taking the time to understand and accept our feelings saves much distress in the long run. Not only does it take time, but it also takes

courage to spend time with our feelings and let them work their way out. Sometimes the feelings are painful and we have to surrender to their power. I have found that amazing shifts happen when you embrace feelings, rather than resist them. Miracles even happen. By accepting the feelings for what they are, the universe has the chance to step in, allowing energy to move so that our problems get taken

care of for us. It is not uncommon in our society to want to push aside our feelings. Our culture has not always supported, let alone nurtured, emotional intelligence or awareness. As more and more people become educated about the connection between our bodies and our thoughts, feelings, and emotions, we create space for people to sit with their emotions, accept what they are experiencing,

and really grow. The more we understand our feelings, the more emotionally intelligent we become, the better decisions we make for our authentic selves. If this concept is new to you, you can start by just sitting quietly and allowing yourself to feel. Don’t judge what you are feeling or try to change it. By allowing emotions and feelings to flow, we make space for them to be released. This

powerful technique leads to letting go of old emotional wounds and pain. This in turn, can even result in improvements in physical health, relationships, or other situations where we feel stuck. All we need to do is allow our feelings to be felt, and let the process unfold, sometimes creating space for more feelings to flow, sometimes providing sustenance for growth.

## UHC Revised Visitation Guidelines



As COVID-19 Delta variant cases are on the upswing, United Hospital Center (UHC) is asking that visitors respect

and follow the updated COVID-19 visitation guidelines. We appreciate your cooperation and patience during this time,

as we find it necessary to implement revised guidelines beginning Friday, September 17. General guidelines for

visitation at UHC\*: Visitation remains restricted to those 16 years of age or older. An adult patient admitted to the hospital is limited to one adult visit per day during designated visiting hours. Visitors are not permitted to exit the hospital and return in same day. A Labor and Delivery patient is limited to one adult support person visit per 24 hour period. A Pediatric patient (pediatric patients only) is limited to one adult

support person visit per 24 hour period. All approved visitors must wear a mask at all times, and will be screened upon entering the facility. If visitor screening is positive, visitation will not be permitted. Visitation for COVID-19 positive patients or COVID-19 persons under investigation (PUIs) may be ordered, as per West Virginia House Bill 2368, through a department manager. All visitors will receive and must wear a visitor badge to indicate they have been screened. Approved visitors for inpatient locations will be confirmed at the entrance Welcome Desk. Adult patients are encouraged to attend any diagnostic appointments alone. Patients are asked not to arrive for their appointment more than 15 minutes early. UHC is encouraging all adult patients to attend

their clinic appointments alone, although one visitor may accompany the patient to the exam room and remain in the room during the entire visit. Pediatric clinic patients may have two approved visitors accompany the patient to the exam room and remain in the room during their entire visit. In an effort to minimize the number of people entering its clinics, UHC is requesting that, when possible, family members and friends stay at home or wait in their vehicles in the clinic parking lot during adult patient appointments. Patients are asked not to arrive for their appointment more than 15 minutes early. \* Exceptions to visitation will be made based on patient condition and on a case-by-case basis by the department leader and/or house supervisor.



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## “To Travel Or Stay Home” cont. from p. 1

& Lodging Association (AHLA) to determine what effect the rising COVID-19 cases will have on leisure travel among Americans. The livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of hotel workers have already been hit quite hard due to the pandemic and a huge number of other hotel-supported jobs were and still are at risk ... so they were very interested in travelers’ input. The survey of 2,200 adults was conducted in mid-August with most of the respondents leisure travelers. The results produced key findings that – 69% are likely to take fewer trips in 2021 – 65% are likely to take shorter trips and with smaller groups – 55% will likely postpone existing travel

plans until a later date while 43% will cancel existing travel plans with NO plans to reschedule – and 72% will only travel to places nearby that they can drive to. ‘Traveling to places that are nearby and drivable’ are key words here! With the fall season approaching and leaf-peeping season being a part of that, residents of West Virginia DO still have some travel options open to them ... even a getaway for a day trip or a weekend for family members to enjoy together! There are so many possibilities; just travel within West Virginia and enjoy the spectacular colors of autumn as the colors begin to take over the landscape. Why do you think

West Virginia is called ‘Almost Heaven’? It is at least partially because particularly during the fall season and especially if you enjoy leaf-peeping, the Mountain State is truly like a visit to paradise because of the incredible fall beauty that abounds here. Typically, it lasts for about a six-week period (late September through the first week of November), but ‘peak’ foliage appears at different times in different locales depending on the elevation, so be sure to check the color progression dates for the area you’re heading to prior to planning your trip! West Virginia is the third most forested state in the country, and each of WV’s nine

travel regions boasts scenic parks, forests, and overlooks that offer breathtaking views and wonderful family photo opportunities. Some are located near quaint small towns, and some offer outdoor activities if that’s what your family prefers. Within the state’s nine travel regions, when autumn approaches our state has been known to be called a “fairyland” of magnificent color. Make it just a family jaunt – for a day or a weekend – and you don’t have to leave our state’s boundaries! If this sounds doable to you, here are a few nearby suggestions that don’t require a lot of travel-time. You might head north to Coopers Rock State Forest where its main

overlook provides a stunning view of fall color for as far as the eye can see! If it’s a day trip, take along a picnic lunch. Located just 13 miles from Morgantown, visitors can hike or bike its 50 miles of trails, camp, or even climb if you dare! Peak foliage there is usually late September to early October. Or there are other nearby places in Mountaineer Country that also have great views such as Tygart Lake State Park in Taylor County, Valley Falls State Park or Pricketts Fort State Park, both in Marion County. Another option might be to take a short drive south to Lewis County and visit Stonewall Resort situated within Stonewall Resort State Park. Surrounded by rolling mountains and tranquil

lake waters, visitors there can stroll the lake’s 82 miles of shoreline, fish, golf, kayak, go boating or canoeing, or simply view the brilliant colors from the lakeside patio. A lodge, cottages, campgrounds and several restaurants are also available if you choose a weekend getaway there! The colors in this region typically change from early to mid-October. Just remember when you’re planning your day or weekend trip, if it’s an autumn panorama that you want to see, peak season first arrives in the higher elevations and then gradually descends to lower elevations. But you don’t have to travel far to get a glimpse of what is in your own backyard right here in Almost Heaven.



# Lincoln And Bridgeport Stay Unbeaten!



## The Bottom Line By Bill Nestor Sports Editor

Harrison County has just two unbeaten football teams remaining after action this past week. Lincoln (last Thursday over Nicholas County) and Bridgeport (last Friday over Fairmont Senior) moved to 3-0 and would be in the playoffs if the season would end today. The Cougars went to Summersville eluding the speed traps and the Grizzlies, claiming a 21-13 victory. Nicholas County was determined to slow down Lincoln's rushing attack. They accomplished that goal but they received more than they bargained for from the passing attack. "They did a good job of shutting down the run," explained Head

Coach Rob Hawkins. "We knew that they were going to load the box and we had to make some plays in the pass game." The Cougars were forced to play from behind the majority of the night but their 'never say die' attitude paid off when they took the lead in the fourth quarter. Quarterback, Nick Kellar connected with John Lopez for the go ahead score that would also prove to be the game winner as the defense would put the clamps on the Grizzlies to preserve the win. The stoppers generated three second half turnovers and their play proved pivotal in the triumph. "They

scored 13 points. One score was on a short field and the other was on a kickoff return. Other than that, every time they were able to get into our territory the defense would stiffen up," explained Hawkins. "We had two interceptions and a fumble recovery in the second half to preserve the win."

Nicholas County had to feel like they were starring in the movie Groundhog Day. The combination of Kellar to Lopez happened over and over as they hooked up to account for all three Lincoln touchdowns. Kellar was 16 of 24 for 219 yards while Lopez hauled in seven balls for 123 yards. The big advantage for the Cougars is a break before a key lockup with rival North Marion this week.

The Tribe found themselves in an unfamiliar position, trailing heading into the fourth quarter of play. Fairmont Senior utilized big plays, finding paydirt from 60 yards or more on all four of their touchdowns to build a 28-21 lead. Bridgeport stayed with its bread and butter (the rushing game) and garnered a pair of fourth period scores to pull out a 35-

28 victory. Quarterback Cam Cole earned a game high 143 yards on 18 carries with three scores to propel his team past a game Polar Bear squad. Landyn Reppert chipped in with 88 yards while Ryan Hall added 59 yards and a pair of touchdowns in the win.

The Indians make the trip across town tomorrow to play Robert C. Byrd in a key Big 10 lockup.

Liberty got back on track with a 34-26 win over Philip Barbour in Clarksburg. The Mountaineers received a big boost from Raiden Childers. Childers ran for a game high 192 yards on 25 carries and hauled in a pair of Jayce Bartley passes for 71 yards.

Childers found the end zone four times, three of them came on the ground on runs of 26, 2, and 9 yards respectively while the other was a 71-yard pass reception. Liberty evens its record at 2-2 and will play on the road for the first time this season, travelling to Grafton for a conference matchup tomorrow evening.

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 Notre Dame's Zyla Lanham and Lincoln's dynamic duo of Nick Kellar and John Lopez.

Fighting Irish volleyball player, Zyla Lanham had an impressive week. Lanham had 11 kills, five aces, and seven assists in Monday's win over Hundred. She followed that effort with 17 kills, 15 assists, and nine aces in Thursday's loss to Clay Battelle.

Cougar football players, Nick Kellar and John Lopez propelled their team to a 21-13 win over Nicholas County last Thursday. Kellar was 16 of 24 passing for 219 yards. Lopez caught seven passes for 123 yards. The "Cougar Combo" hooked up for all three Lincoln touchdowns in the victory.

Congratulations to Notre Dame's Zyla Lanham and Lincoln's Nick Kellar and John Lopez for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week!

# Champs Again!!!

The duo of Lou Belcastro and Lou DelRio are champs once again. On Saturday, September 11 they repeated as winners of the Annual Two-Man Bocce tournament at Ferguson Park in Shinnston.

The team of David DeCosta and Jeff Swiger took second place in the tournmanet.. Third place finishers were Joey and Lacy Allen. A One-on-One Tourney was held at the city park on Saturday, September 18.

# Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall!



## From The World Of Parks & Recreation By Doug Comer

It never fails that when that second or third football game of the season gets here, so does the change in the weather. The cold mornings, warm afternoons and cool nights seem to be the schedule compared to hot, hot and hot in the same order that summer brings. Humidity drops but there is still a window of opportunity to get some outdoor activities in during the day.

Right now, the parks and recreation department is encouraging hitting the outdoors by taking a hike in the woods. Not the same "take a hike" meaning that you would say to someone who is annoying you, but the actual physical act of walking in the woods or on a scenic trail somewhere in this great county of ours.

And we are doing our best to improve our trails for your enjoyment as there is a multitude of little tracks located around our property at the Recreation Complex that is not only built to aid in exercise, but to educate. Director Mike Book wanted to make sure that the trails created had something that most do not as he explains.

"We did not re-invent the wheel concerning the trail systems in America, but we did put our little flair (that we are pretty proud of) at our park. We feel that getting to one with nature is something needed with many kids but to educate them about the surroundings is something that separates us from a walk on the Veterans trail or some local spots located throughout Harrison County."

Book frequents the Smokey Mountain region to visit family every few months and part of his journey includes walking the trails and learning about the area. His uses his own experience as a blueprint for how he wants his trails to look. But, always being an educator, he added classrooms and stopping points to talk about some things either about the area or about nature itself.

"We have classrooms along the trail that we use as stopping points along the walk to help inform kids about nature itself and what to look for and what to avoid. We never encourage them to pick up or touch anything in the woods as we practice to leave the trail the same as it was when you entered it. The classrooms will have discussion groups about the poison in the woods as well as what trees have an everyday affect on the items we use. From toothpaste to root beer, we have so many different types of trees on the trails that the ¾ mile walk could take over an hour if you would hit all the spots," said Book.

Out Legends Loops has been popular for the conspiracy theorist who believes in the Flatwoods Monster, Grafton Monster and even the Mothman. We have a plaque area telling details about the myths leaving the mind to those that read the information and make their own assumption of whether they were real or a myth.

Every day we are evolving our trail and have

# Toughman Schedule Announced



Jerry Thomas West Virginia Sports Promotions has announced the event schedule for the WV Toughman 2022 contest. They will be accepting sign-ups for fighters and ring girls for all January events during September, October 1st they will begin accepting sign-ups for February events and then, on November 1st contestants can sign-up for all March and April events. The following basic rules apply:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be an area resident
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Weight Classes for Men & Woman

Lightweight: up to 139 lbs

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Middleweight: 160 to 184 lbs

Cruiserweight: 185 to 215 lbs

Heavyweight: 216 to 400 lbs

No pros allowed – if you have ever had more than five (5) amateur boxing, Kick Boxing, MIMA fights or any combination totaling more than 5 fights, you are not eligible. Toughman bouts do not count. Fighters & Ring Girls may enter at wvtoughman.com or call 800-296-3897.

The champion in each weight class receives \$1,000 and the runners-up in each weight class will

each receive \$500. Prize money for the Women's divisions may vary depending on the number of fighters. Each weight class champion will receive a Toughman jacket. Each weight class runner up will receive a trophy or plaque.

2022 Schedule

January 7 & 8 - Huntington, Mountain Health Arena

January 14 & 15 - Wiley Ford, Cumberland Airport

January 28 & 29 - Clarksburg, Nathan Goff Armory

February 4 & 5 - Parkersburg, Parkersburg H.S

February 18 & 19 - Wheeling, Wesbanco Arena

March 4 & 5 - Martinsburg, Berkeley Rec Center

March 11 & 12 - Elkins, Elkins H.S.

April 1 & 2- Beckley Convention Center

# Cougar Cubs Suffer First Loss Of The Season

The Shinnston Cougar Cubs suffered their first loss of the season against Buckhannon on September 12 at Buckhannon High School. The Cubs were defeated by a score of 33-12.

During the affair, #73 Eli Ice had the first rushing touchdown. Then, #72 Isaiah Ice had a receiving touchdown.

Number 7, Nick Glaspell will be on the sidelines due to an injury he received during football practice



Pictured on the field during the game against Buckhannon are #73 Eli Ice, #74 Issac Elliott, #72 Isaiah Ice, #20 Talon Evans, #42 Zaden Hoinville, #45 Aiden Gunnoe, #10 Coleton Lanham and #11 Felix Blake.

on September 8. A broken scapula will keep him off of the field for a while.

In support of their injured teammate, the entire team voted to wear the #7 on their

helmets, beginning with their next game which will be at South Harrison.



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**HARLAND EUGENE HARDESTY**



Harland Eugene "Butch" Hardesty, Jr., 63, of Lumberport, WV, passed away on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at home surrounded by his loved ones for the last days of his life. Butch was born on April 5, 1958 in Clarksburg, WV, the son of the late Harland "Skip" Hardesty and Wilma Bevlin Hardesty of Lumberport, WV.

He is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Janie Sampson Hardesty. He is also survived by his sons; Daniel Hardesty and wife Jennifer Hardesty and their children, Trenton, Gracie and Clay of Lumberport, WV and Eric Hardesty and wife Jasmine Hardesty and their daughters, Avery and Ellie, also of Lumberport, WV. Butch had a soft spot for his grandchildren, who will always love and remember their "Pap."

Also surviving; his loving sister Ernestine "Ernie" Hardesty and husband Ronnie Ash of Bridgeport, WV; uncle Ronnie Bevlin and wife Carol of Pennsylvania, uncle Willard Bevlin and wife Linda of Morgantown, WV; uncle Ronald Hardesty and his aunt Lucille Strait, both of Shinnston, WV; as well as several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Butch was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Ernest and Viola Bevlin and paternal grandparents, James and Edna Hardesty.

Butch graduated from Lumberport High School in 1976, where he was an outstanding football, baseball, and basketball player. Butch was an avid hunter. He often spent his free time hunting with his lifelong friends, Melvin Howe and the late James "Monroe" Tasker.

Butch worked at Repair King for the last 30 years welding and fabricating mining equipment. He was a born again Christian and attended Jones Run Church.

Butch will be dearly missed. His memory will be carried on by the loved ones he has left behind, until we meet again.

Many thanks to Pastor Jeff Parsons, Pastor Willard Bevlin, Pastor Tim Sandy and Pastor Tom Bell for their spiritual comforting.

A special thanks

to Jasmine "Jazzi" Hardesty for going above and beyond in caring for her father-in-law.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at Dorsey Funeral Home with Pastor Willard Bevlin officiating. Interment followed at Lumberport Lions Club Cemetery.

**FRANK MUSCAR**



Frank Muscar, 97, of Lumberport, WV, passed away on September 12, 2021 at Clarksburg Nursing and Rehab Center. Frank was born May 20, 1924, in Rosebud, WV, the son of the late Salvatore and Mary Costantino Muscar.

In addition to his parents, Frank was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Amy Zanetti Muscar and one son, Frankie Muscar; four brothers Jake, James, John and Philip Muscar; four sisters Rose McCormick, Thelma Guzzi, Teresa Robinson, and Mary Muscar.

Frank grew up in Lumberport and enlisted in the US Army. During World War II, he fought in the Battle of the Bulge with the 526th AIB, and was awarded a Bronze Star medal for bravery. He retired in 1981 from Consolidated Coal in Grant Town. He enjoyed the outdoors, food and desserts, and spending time with friends and family – sharing stories and advice.

He leaves behind one daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Victor Prospero; two grandsons, Trey and Noah Prospero; one granddaughter, Reannah Muscar and fiancé, Beau Holcomb; two great-grandsons and many nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind many friends among the staff and residents of Clarksburg Nursing and Rehab Center.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at Dorsey Funeral Home with Pastor Gary Reed officiating.

Full Military Honors were accorded by the Harrison County Honor Guard and the United States Army. Interment was in Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

Dorsey Funeral Home is honored to be handling the arrangements for the Muscar family.

**DAVID LEE SIMON**



David Lee Simon, 85, of Shinnston passed away on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at United Hospital Center. He was born March 28, 1936 at his home on Bridge St. in Shinnston, a son of the late Louis and Rosheda Thomas Simon.

He is survived by the love of his life, Diana DeLong Simon, whom he married on August 22, 1974.

He is also survived by his daughter, Beth Simon Romano and her fiancé Philip Oliverio of Clarksburg; his grandsons, Samuel and Jack Romano and their father, John Romano; his sister, Genevieve Griffin of Shinnston; his in-laws, David and Della DeLong of Goose Creek, SC; Dennis and Paula DeLong of Raleigh, NC; and Debra and Bill McQuaid of Lumberport; as well as several nieces and nephews. Also surviving him are his special great-nephew and great-nieces, Will, Maggie and Hallie Webb; his good friends, John Hurst, Wesley Aley, Steve Roth, Wilbur Cook, and many others that he shared coffee with every morning at his store.

In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by his siblings, Mary Simon Tomey, Sam Simon, Rose Simon McLaughlin, John Simon, George Simon and Helen Spano.

David graduated from Shinnston High School in 1954 and went on to serve in the National Guard. He was the owner and operator of the Dairy King in Shinnston from 1968-1972. He was best known as the owner of Dave's Dairy Mart in Lumberport which he meticulously operated since 1973. Over his 48 years in that business, he made strong relationships with the people of Lumberport. David enjoyed golfing in his earlier years. He will be remembered as a kind hearted, quiet and humble man that loved to serve his community.

Diana and Beth would like to thank his many friends, faithful employees, vendors, and loyal customers that supported his business. They would also like to thank his special friend, Donna Aldridge, a long-time employee of the Fairmont Walmart, who would meet David in the parking lot with a shopping cart for his early morning shopping trips.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation services were provided by Perine Funeral Home. There will be no public services. Online condolences and memories can be shared with the family at www.perinefunerals.com

**KATHERINE KAYE KIDD SNYDER**



Katherine Kaye Kidd Snyder, 62, of Shinnston passed away on September 11, 2021 at United Hospital Center. She was born July 18, 1959 in Painsville, OH, a daughter of the late Milton and Dorothy Bonhoff Kidd. She was also preceded in death by her beloved brother, Milton Kidd, Jr.

Kaye is survived by her devoted husband, Paul Snyder, Sr.; her children, Greg Snyder and his companion, Jenna and Paul Snyder and his companion, Missy all of Shinnston and her daughter, Paula Guerrero and her husband Claudio of La Feria, TX; her grandchildren, Claudio Jr., Charizma, Vicente and Cortana Guerrero, Jasmine, Gregory Jr., Zadden and Malichi Snyder, and Aleese Edmond. Kaye was a proud grandmother of four.

She is also survived by her sisters, Pat Jones, Marica Curtis and her husband Ron, Sandy Brewer and her husband George, Clara Donaldson and Gail Thayer and her husband, Buddy, all of Ohio; as well as her mother-in-law, Charlotte Snyder of Shinnston and several nieces and nephews.

Kaye was employed by Family Dollar. She worked several stores in the area, spending most of her time at the Shinnston store.

In keeping with her request, cremation services were provided by Perine Funeral Home. There will be no public services at this time. Online condolences and memories can be shared with the family at www.perinefunerals.com

**CYNTHIA MARIE WATSON**

Cynthia Marie Watson, 46, of Stonewood passed away on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at United Hospital Center. She was born December 22, 1974 in Clarksburg, WV, the daughter of the late Robert Marion Watson and Martha Jean Welch Watson.

Cynthia graduated from Lincoln High School, Class of 1993. She was currently a cook at the Parkette

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Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



**Lloyd Riley Hursey (1836-1921), an early Shinnston cabinetmaker and undertaker. Grandfather of the late Mary (Hursey) Chrislip.** Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

for the last seven years and previously was a caregiver and telemarketer. Cynthia enjoyed swimming, time at home and spending time with her family, especially her granddaughter.

Cynthia is survived by three children, Jorden Leigh Hanna and fiancé Harley Stalnaker, Horseshoe Bend, AR, John Jorgensen, Clarksburg, Rebecca Jean Jorgensen and fiancé Trevor Vance, Fairmont; one granddaughter, Payton Lee Minor, and one four legged grandcat, Tattoo; five siblings, Bobby Watson, Shinnston, Christina Paugh and Gary, Stonewood, Cathy Ewers and David Smith, Shinnston, Pamela Howe and Robert, Lumberport, Robert B Watson and Angie, Wolf Summit; her stepmother, Elizabeth Watson, Hepzibah; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents, Cynthia was preceded in death by her brother, Robert "Rob" Scott Myers.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home with Rev. Charles "Chuck" Madaus and Pastor John Langenstein officiating. Online condolences may be sent to Davis FuneralHome WV.com

**LYNETTE HOOTON**

Lynette Hooton, 74, of Clarksburg passed away on Tuesday, September 14, 2021. She was born on September 7, 1947 in Clarksburg, the daughter of the late Kenneth Eugene and Lila Lee Simpson Burnside.

Lynette is survived by her three children; Tonia Colette

Shedd and husband Joey, McDonough, GA, Brian Eric Hooton and wife Teresa, Northview, and Travis Lane Hooton, Clarksburg; grandchildren and great grandchildren, Andrew Costello and wife Gracie and children, Joshua, Lila, and Alice, Allen Costello and children, Isabella, Landon, and Brantley, Ashley Hooton and her children, Xavier and Delaney, Garrett Hooton, Zachary Hooton and his children, Christian and Elijah, Lexus Gaines and her husband Shaine their son Syllas, and Jenna Hooton; one sister, Katrina Sutton and husband Gary, Salem; as well as three nieces, Derika, Mercedes, and Paizley Sutton.

In addition to her parents, Lynette was preceded in death by one son, Charles Kenneth Hooton and one nephew, Damon Sutton.

Lynette was an Optical Technician at Pearl Vision for many years and also a caregiver to many. Lynette was quite the lady. She always had her hair and make-up done, along with a stylish outfit. She always looked her best. She was funny, kind and thoughtful. She had a quick wit, loved telling jokes and pulling pranks. Lynette made the best chili and pineapple upside down cake. She loved watching "The Golden Girls", Blanche being her favorite. But those who knew Lynette, knew she was just like Sophia with all her stories. She loved watching the Hallmark channel

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# "Shinnston City Council"

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together to create a list of infrastructure related items they would like to be considered with the pandemic funding that is coming it. The list totaled items that would amount to about \$50 million in spending.

The City Manager's report included the following details:

**WATER** – In the next few weeks, Edwards sees a need to rent a vac truck to clean out water pools at the water plant before it is treated.

**SEWER** – Edwards and Mayor Kovalck have each spoken to a representative from Greater Harrison about the possibility of running sewer lines out Saltwell Rd. and connecting at our plant. This may be part of the larger sewer project planned around the Lincoln Apartments. The Sanitary Board will meet to discuss this as well.

**POLICE** – The City's Deputy Chief has been off, quarantined after testing positive for COVID. August's response numbers will be provided when he returns. Both the City Manager and Chief

Harbert attended a demonstration by a security camera company at the Bridgeport Recreational Center on the day of the meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS** – Employees spent most of the first part of September reading meters. Equipment for the AMR project has been arriving. Designer signs are up in the downtown area, and Edwards would like to explore the possibility of replacing signs to Ferguson Memorial Park in the same blue color rather than use regular signage. Storm drain cleaning began this week; it is hoped that they can clean 3 to 5 drains per day.

**PARKS & RECREATION** – The pool finished its season the weekend of September 10th after all scheduled pool parties were held. The pool will now be closed and winterizing of the pool will be done. The Pool Manager Sonya McGrady will be getting plans ready for Christmas displays in the park, hoping to host a drive-thru Christmas display at the Park this

year. The Bocce court has been graveled; Willard West and Marsha Duckworth cleaned the supply room at the court, installed new shelves and organized the supplies.

Anthony Tate will begin shifting focus to more economic development work such as grant writing and working on projects that have been on hold such as the waterfront kayak ramp.

**SAFETY** – Safety Coordinator Randy Akers made 27 safety observations, 2 water plant visits, 2 public works visits, 2 sewer plant visits and held 7 employee safety meetings. **FIRE** – The Shinnston Volunteer Fire Department handled 104 calls during the month of August. Billing information from the Bingamon PSD has arrived and fire fee bills will be sent to those people this month.

**ADMINISTRATION** – New signs have arrived to illustrate to the public the projects funded by Excess Levy Funds and the American Rescue Plan Act and

how much was spent. VISTA Volunteer Jon Olsen is spearheading a project with WVU's Public Administration Dept. to design a data tracking and resource management program to determine strengths and weaknesses in the Public Works division. More will be reported as it develops.

Other comments from Council members offered during the meeting included a request from Councilperson Ferris to begin storm drain cleaning on Duffy St. and VanRufus Dr.

Councilperson Strait addressed enforcing the need for home addresses on residences that are large enough to be easily visible in case that address is in need of fire, police or emergency involvement. Mrs. Ferris suggested perhaps printing door hangers to place on doorknobs, giving a friendly reminder to those residents that this display is 'required'.

Strait also referred to a need for a new pump for the water slide at the pool and noted that the water slide needs repairs along with drainage

behind the pool. New pavilions are also being discussed. He will be talking with someone in Fairmont about how they are dealing with demolition in their city.

It was noted that there is still a tree overhanging on the fence at the park by the Rail Trail. Because there are power lines and Frontier lines in that area, the City believes this should be handled by them and not the City; however, the City will put up caution tape to draw attention to this area so that trail users are aware and don't get hurt.

Action Items addressed at the meeting included the following:

Council voted unanimously to approve the proposed revision in the budget adjustments for FY '21 and FY '22.

Council authorized the Police Chief and Eric Husted with RGO Security to begin speaking with businesses about the downtown Camera Project. The City is considering paying for the cloud storage of information but wants to first know what the exact charge for that will

be prior to approving it. Suggestions had been made about the need for new signs announcing the City limits at Saltwell Road and US Rt. 19 and by Bethlehem. Councilperson Kisamore stated that he has someone working on new City limit signage for consideration. Councilperson Ferris also said there was a need for a stop sign by the bridge for those turning left onto the old Bethlehem Road. Anthony is going to look at grant money for this, so it was tabled until further information is available.

Mr. Edwards stated that this year's Pool Manager will return next year and that he would like to expand her position to include heading Parks & Recreation to help free up Tate's time to devote to economic development. This item was tabled until Council determines if the City Manager has the authority to do this.

The public was then excused to allow Council to meet in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

# SNHU Announces Summer Dean's & President's List

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) has announced and congratulates the following area students who have been named to the university's Dean's and President's List.

Those named to the Dean's List are Shawn Taylor-Clarksburg, Robert Goldsmith-Fairmont, Krista Posey-

Fairmont and Jacee Dozer of Clarksburg.

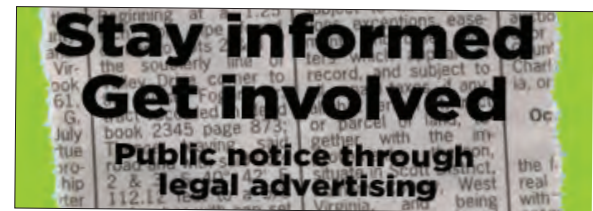
Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online

students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

Area students named to the President's List are Matthew Hines-Fairmont, Devin Lemasters-Fairmont, Brandy Spadafore-Shinnston and Zachary Crites of Fairmont.

Full-time students who have earned a

minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.



**PART-TIME HELP WANTED**  
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## "Parks & Rec" cont. from p.6

had plenty of time in the past month to get some things in play for the fall walks and seeing the leaves change before they close out the season by falling to the ground. We have plans to upgrade our fire pit to include ADA ramps and platforms as well as expand our trail to the outer edge of the

property to add distance to the trail and make that area themed for some of the plants and trees on that branch.

"Primary focus instilled to us involved parks improvements. We have many items on order as well as in the warehouse just waiting to get on the maintenance schedule. Right now,

we are doing the things that we can handle with the limitations of equipment we possess. But, our progress has been impressive and I am sure that those who walk the areas will see all the hard work and thought that went into making this trail for families of all ages," ended Book.



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## “Clarksburg Water Board” cont. from p. 1

been used and it could seep into the water in those pipes.

Myers added, “Our plant has been tested and no detections of lead contaminants have been found. The problem comes in when it gets in the service lines of these mostly older homes – especially when water has remained in that line for an extended amount of time. We are suggesting that concerned customers should flush their lines for two minutes with cold water at the highest flow from the kitchen faucet before consuming it, particularly if they don’t use a lot of water. We have been tracking trends as results come back to us and we’ve noticed that customers who use a lot of water have lower lead results.”

Clarksburg Water Board President Paul Howe explained that this all started because of a wellness test done on a child back in September of 2020. “Thankfully, although the lead levels were

somewhat elevated, no medical attention was needed. However, this information was not passed on to us until May of 2021, which was upsetting. The Regional Health Department out of Fairmont learned of this and passed it on to us immediately, and we began checking and removing lead lines that we found. Testing is for the protection of our consumers, and we have since provided alternative drinking water to those homes that might be involved.”

Myers stated at the time of our interview last week that more than a thousand testing results have come back from the lab and of those, only about 6% showed a number above the allowed level.

“Everyone in our inventory with a lead line, an unknown line, galvanized line (or other), has received a BRITA pitcher and a replacement filter designed to remove lead from water and with the replacement filter, this will last them for a year. Along with

this, we also gave out educational handouts on drinking water before consumption,” Myers reported. “Now we are looking into corrosion control and recently transported water and harvested pipes to an engineering laboratory in Newport News, VA where experts will perform further tests and do a comprehensive study of the chemistry of what we delivered to them.”

The handouts given to CWB customers provide answers to frequently asked questions such as: it is okay to shower and wash your hands using unfiltered water; you can still wash dishes and be safe with unfiltered water; lead will not soak into clothing when laundered; filtered or bottled water should be used to brush your teeth; pets, as well, should be given filtered or bottled water; tap water can be safely used to water plants.

Howe added, “We are taking this very seriously. When we first learned of this, one of the first things we did

was to check schools, daycare centers and anywhere children in our area might be affected because keeping our kids safe is a priority as they can be most affected. All of those tests were good. All of this testing is being done because we want to learn all the facts so we can make the best decisions possible as we move forward. We are continuing to canvass our entire system and customers with elevated levels will be notified immediately.”

Lead in water service lines is now becoming a major issue nationwide because it is estimated that 9,700,000 homes in the country have lead lines. It was back in 1982 that the EPA banned the use of lead service lines, and the Clarksburg Water Board has not been installing lead-bearing lines since the mid-1950’s.

The Clarksburg Water Board is appreciative of help they have received because all of this has required more work from employees and it has entailed quite an expense. They are grateful for \$12,000 of

funding from the DHHR to help with the cost of lab sampling as well as a \$400,000 grant from the Governor’s office and a lot of support from Congressman McKinley. They also thank their employees, the Clarksburg Fire Department and the National Guard who helped with delivery of alternative water sources. The Water Board has also approved a budget revision to handle added expenses created by the lead response.

Myers says they will look for help in bringing about replacement of lines that are needed even if it involves the entire system.

“We will go at it in a systematic way and may have to do it in phases as a long-range project so that we don’t overburden our consumers, but I’m up to the challenge. I will go after every grant possible to help us; that is my strong point. There is also a \$1.5 trillion bill pending in Congress for infrastructure that would include water

systems, and it would be a good time to have this. With clear guidance on what needs to be done to fix this issue, we’re on a good road now,” Myers concluded. “It was just very unfortunate that someone else’s negligence in reporting this to us promptly became our emergency. Had we been aware of this when it first occurred, we would be well on our way by this time. But we’ll get through this and be able to help other cities who will go through this same experience.”

Any customers who have not had their water tested in their homes are invited to call the CWB office to get their sample kit; any customers who are perhaps without transportation to pick up a testing kit can call to make arrangements to have one delivered to them. The testing kits cost customers nothing and it is an easy process to follow. CWB hours are from 8 am. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call them at 304-623-3711.

## “Obituaries” cont. from p.7

and listening to her oldies music and watching old concerts. Lynette loved music by Elvis, Alabama, Ronnie McDowell and Stevie Nicks. Her all-time favorite song was Kung Fu Fighting. There was never a road trip where that song wasn’t played multiple times. She loved connecting with relatives and friends from school on Facebook, looking at photos and catching up. Lynette found happiness

spending time with her family, playing Candy Crush, putting together jigsaw puzzles, eating banana splits from Toni’s, and playing with her beloved cat Ozzy. Lynette will be greatly missed.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at Davis Funeral Home with Pastor Denver Burnside officiating. A private interment was at Salem I.O.O.F.

Cemetery. Online condolences can be made on [www.DavisFuneralHomeWV.com](http://www.DavisFuneralHomeWV.com).

### DONALD PAUL GODWIN

Donald “Don” Paul Godwin, 79 of Clarksburg, Sycamore Community passed away on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at United Hospital Center in Bridgeport, WV. He was born on August 27, 1942 in Philippi, son of

the late Bertsel Thomas and Gladys Dorothy Findley Godwin.

Don graduated from W.I. High School, Class of 1960. He retired as a salesman from Cardinal Health, formerly Clarksburg Drug, after thirty-two years. He was an avid golfer, fisherman, and hunter and loved the outdoors. He was a member of the Sycamore United Methodist Church.

Don is survived by

his wife of fifty nine years, Sharon Jane Bates Godwin whom he married on August 27, 1962; one daughter, Amy Lindsey and husband Patrick, Clarksburg; brother, Wayne Godwin and wife Sandy, Nutter Fort; brother-in-law, Larry Bates, Fairmont; nieces and nephews, Stephen and Debbie Bates, Fairfax, VA, Marta and Mike Hodge, Clarksburg, Ronald and Leah Godwin and

Monica Godwin all of Nutter Fort; great nieces and nephews, William Bates, Daniel Bates, Alaina Godwin, Malinda Blevins, Jeremy Hodge, Matt Ferree and Seth Ferree.

Davis Funeral Home and Onsite Crematory handled the cremation arrangements for the Godwin family. Online condolences can be made at [www.Davisfuneralhomewv.com](http://www.Davisfuneralhomewv.com)

## Main Street’s Art Stroll Calling For All Artists



Always among the Art Stroll artists are county school students, both public and private. Pictured are some of the art works displayed in a former stroll’s exhibit of elementary school art.

“Whether you’re a visual, musical, performing, or literary artist, we want you to be part of Philippi Main Street’s annual Art Stroll Friday, October 1 from 5-8 pm in downtown Philippi,” says a spokesperson for the Art Stroll.

Main Street’s Art Stroll has been a mainstay in downtown activities since the first stroll in 2011. Each year’s stroll draws hundreds of strollers to downtown Philippi. These strollers enjoy visual artists,

musicians, writers, and sometimes dancers who exhibit or perform in business locations from the Barbour County Historical Museum to Freedom Bank.

To fill the 20 plus exhibit sites, Main Street again calls out to local, area, regional, and state artists to join in the popular evening event. Anyone wanting to participate should contact Philippi Main Street Director Tammy Stemple at 304-457-3700, Ext. 226 or via email [hotpepperbabe@hotmail.com](mailto:hotpepperbabe@hotmail.com).

### Bridgeport’s John Rush Named To Spring Dean’s List At Citadel

John Rush of Bridgeport, is among the nearly 1,100 cadets and students recognized for their academic achievements during the spring 2021 semester.

The dean’s list is a recognition given to cadets and students who are registered for 12 or more semester hours and whose grade point average is 3.20 or higher, with no grade of I (Incomplete)

and no grade below C for work in a semester.

Academics at The Citadel are divided between five schools: the Tommy and Victoria Baker School of Business, the School of Engineering, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Swain Family School of Science and Mathematics and the Zucker Family School of Education.



## FSU Student Government Selling T-Shirts To Benefit United Way



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The Fairmont State University Student Government Association is supporting the Tygart Valley United Way, which represents Marion, Taylor, Randolph, Barbour and Tucker counties, through sales of this year's "Maroon Madness" t-shirts.

Proceeds from the sales will benefit the "Charting a New

Course" campaign, launched by the United Way earlier this month.

"We're thrilled to be partnering with the Student Government Association for their third annual Maroon Madness sale," said Tygart Valley United Way CEO, Brett White. "United Way is fortunate to have these young leaders stepping up to the plate and helping to

raise critical dollars for our community. We encourage all Falcon fans to purchase a shirt and help us chart this new course for our region."

T-shirts will be sold in advance of the annual Maroon Madness football game, which is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, October 2 against Concord University.

"We are super

excited to be helping kick off the United Way's Campaign this year," said Student Government Association Treasurer, Clay Burrows.

The shirts can be purchased for \$10 on the following dates:

Thursday, September 23: from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in the Ruth Ann Musick Library and the Falcon Center

Tuesday, September

28: from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in the Ruth Ann Musick Library and the Falcon Center

Friday, October 1: from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in the Ruth Ann Musick Library and the Falcon Center

"I'm thankful to the SGA for kicking off the United Way campaign like this,"

said Fairmont State University President, Mirta M. Martin. "I urge

everyone to get a t-shirt and show their Falcon Pride. In one gesture you not only show the world what Fairmont State means to you, but you can also show the region the importance we place on 'giving' in our campus community, and help out the United Way in the process."

For more information about the "Charting a New Course" campaign, visit [tvunitedway.org](http://tvunitedway.org).

## Bus Tours Give Travelers A Touch Of Local History



The photo shows the happy guests waving goodbye after their afternoon at Adaland. These tourists are part of the ever-growing rolls of bus tour travelers who have come to Adaland primarily from Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

A bus load of jovial and enthusiastic visitors descended upon Adaland Mansion at Philippi earlier this season. The visitors came for a touch of history via a guided tour of the 1872 house and for a taste of the food that Adaland has made famous throughout the region.

Adaland Mansion is part of the travel itinerary for a number of bus tour companies that line up travel into North Central West Virginia. Frequently, such tours might include visiting the Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum, the Barbour County Historical Museum, and the Philippi Covered Bridge. Connections to train rides via the Elkins depot have also been part of some of the tours.

"Adaland is always so happy to welcome our bus tour guests. They come to us from near and far, and we are able to showcase the history of our area and to treat

them to an outstanding Adaland meal," says Adaland Executive Director JoLynn Powers. Powers further noted that Adaland Mansion has been welcoming hundreds of bus tour guests annually since the late 1990s when Adaland first opened her doors to the public.

Anyone wanting to discuss including Adaland Mansion as part of a bus tour itinerary should contact Powers at 304-516-11124 or via email at [tjcpowers@gmail.com](mailto:tjcpowers@gmail.com).

To learn more about Philippi's historical gem situated four miles north of downtown Philippi, visit [www.adaland.org](http://www.adaland.org) and Adaland Mansion at Philippi on Facebook and Instagram.

