

# Stars Were Aligned For Moonlight Marathon At Blackwater Falls State Park



Pictured here, Moonlight on the Falls Marathon runners and spectators captured memories of the beauty of Blackwater Falls prior to the race.

By **LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD**  
*News & Journal Editor*  
People have certainly learned through this lingering experience

with COVID that things often have to be handled differently. Doing things differently means ‘change’ and sometimes varying from the ‘norm’

is not pleasant. BUT, sometimes it can also be enjoyable.

Here is a prime example! At the end of August, the Canaan Valley Running Company hosted a brand new event that was nothing short of ingenious – and no doubt, it was particularly appreciated by runners who often sweat buckets running in summer heat! So imagine running a nighttime race when average nighttime temperatures in the mountains of Canaan Valley in late August are about 55 degrees.

The Canaan Valley

Running Company got a little creative and cleverly staged the ‘Moonlight on the Falls Marathon’, an event that went over so well, plans are now to make it an annual event. The race was held at Blackwater Falls State Park in Tucker County, WV, and calling it a ‘moonlight marathon’ was key to drawing lots of attention. The race featured a quarter marathon, a half marathon, as well as a distance challenge – all held on an approximate 6.5-mile looped course that began and ended at

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# Amy Reasinger Allen, An Advocate For Cancer Prevention & Control For 23 Years

*The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal has named Amy Reasinger Allen as September’s Citizen of the Month, a program sponsored by Dorsey Funeral Home in Shinnston – locally owned and operated.*



Citizen of the Month Amy Reasinger Allen (left) is pictured here with Stephanie Kennedy-Rae, Director, Cancer Prevention and Control at the WVU Cancer Institute.

By **DIANA BEDELL**  
*News & Journal Staff Writer*

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Amy Reasinger Allen,

assistant director of Cancer Prevention and Control at the WVU Cancer Institute has seen many positive changes in outreach and education during

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# Upcoming Fall Cleanup Details Offered For Clarksburg Residents



By **LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD**  
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Spring is not the only time when families devote some time to cleanup! When approaching autumn weather brings a

little cooler temperatures, this is also a prime time to perhaps do a little more than alter our wardrobes. Garages, basements and storage spaces may have become ‘home’ to larger, bulky items that you would like to dispose of,

and the City of Clarksburg will soon be providing that opportunity when it once again prepares to host its Annual ‘Residential Only’ Fall Cleanup.

Open trucks will be paying visits to neighborhoods in Clarksburg for residents to rid themselves of such items that are not typically accepted on normal garbage pickup days. This is limited, however, to one truck load per residence.

Large items such as stoves, washers, dryers, hot water tanks, and even

dried out paint cans are a few examples of items that will be picked up during this event. Items such as refrigerators, air conditioners, and freezers are also eligible for pickup, but they must be properly tagged, noting that all Freon has been professionally removed. Without proof of Freon removal, these items will NOT be picked up. Normal household garbage will not be taken during this event.

Due to recent changes in

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# Fairmont State Extends Suspension Of ACT/SAT Admissions Requirements

Students interested in attending Fairmont State University between now and the fall 2022 term are eligible to apply for admission without submitting an ACT or SAT score. Fairmont State announced the testing requirement

waiver last fall due to situations related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the University will continue to honor this admissions policy through the next enrollment cycle.

“Fairmont State University continues

to rise to the challenge and help students overcome hardships presented by the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Fairmont State University President Mirta M. Martin. “We must, and will, continue to educate the work-

force for the next generation. We will do all we can to remove the barriers to getting the education our future students need to achieve their goals.”

The suspension of testing requirements

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# Courthouses In WV



## Building Amazing Cities

By **JIM HUNT**  
*author, speaker, consultant*

Over the past month, I have had the opportunity to visit over thirty counties in West Virginia and while I have been in some counties many times, it was my first visit to some. I have been working with a company that is helping the county’s tax departments collect delinquent business and personal property taxes and we meet with the Chief Tax Deputies and the Sheriffs to explain the program and answer any questions that they might have.

One of the side benefits of visiting these counties is to see a hidden gem in West Virginia. The fifty-five County Courthouses are some of the most beautiful buildings in our state and reflect the history and the diversity of our state. Many of these buildings are over a hundred years old and have stood the test of time very well.

Some of the courthouses are located on city streets with little greenspace and others are situated

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Food For Thought

By Leigh Currey Merrifield

Editor

# Fitness Is More Than Meets The Eye

I wrote a story for the front page a couple of weeks ago about “packing on the pandemic pounds”. Being cooped up at home for months was stressful, and it was easy to turn to food for comfort. Fresh air, walking, biking, etc. were suggested to get ‘fit’. But working toward a more perfect physique is just ONE form of fitness. I hope you read on; there is a good reminder at the end.

The names have been changed for protection, so we’ll call this guy “Bill”. He was taking some jabs from his friends and co-workers for packing on a few too many pounds, and the pokes at his growing paunch kind of bothered him. He wife “Nancy”, being a thoughtful person, decided to buy him a week of private training at a local health club for his upcoming birthday. Though a little hesitant, Bill called and set up his training sessions. He would be meeting with Jane, who would be his personal trainer. On his initial visit, he saw that working closely with Jane just might make the week bearable. She was in her twenties, blonde and beautiful. She doubled as the club’s aerobics instructor as well and also modeled athletic apparel. This might not be so bad after all, Bill thought!

Here’s how the week went. On Day #1, Bill crawled out of bed at 6 a.m. and found Jane, looking like a goddess at that ungodly hour, waiting anxiously for him when he arrived. She gave him a tour of the facility and showed him all the machines he would be trying and started him out on the treadmill. She took his pulse after a few minutes and found it a little high, but Bill didn’t worry; he thought that

just working with his beauty may have been responsible for that! Jane was encouraging and they moved on to sit-ups; Bill’s muscles were already aching – maybe from holding in his gut while talking to her!!!

On to Day #2 and Bill had consumed a whole pot of coffee to get out the door and ready for the club. Jane had him lying on his back pushing a heavy iron bar up into the air. This made him a little uncomfortable since his athleticism in high school had only won him a seat on the varsity chess team! But he continued as she added weights to the iron bar. When his arms grew weak, they went back to the treadmill and he made it a full mile! She smiled at him so that made it worthwhile!

Now it’s Day #3 and Bill felt like he was developing a hernia. Even driving the car made him ache, and he was thankful the road to the club was fairly straight because even turning the wheel was an effort. Jane was a little annoyed that he was a few minutes late, and as he tried the stair ‘monster’, she asked him not to groan because it might disturb other club members. Bill questioned the need for this stair thing since everyone used an elevator; Jane didn’t appreciate his humor!

By Day #4, Bill’s arms were so sore, the only way he could brush his teeth was to lay his toothbrush on the countertop and move his mouth back and forth over it. However, he had shown up on time! Miss Frowny Face seemed anxious to watch him lift the dumbbells again. After a few minutes, he found the men’s room and hid there until Jane’s partner Tarzan came looking for

him; he was assigned to the rowing machine as punishment!

On Day #5, Bill was a half hour late; it took him that long just to tie his shoes. Jane was waiting with her vampire snarl. He decided he hated her more than any human being! If there was any part of his body that was not in extreme pain, he would hit her with it! She wanted him to work on his triceps today, but he had news for her. He would not be responsible for the damages if he dropped the barbells on the floor causing dents.

On Day #6, he heard the message Jane left on the answering machine, but couldn’t reach to pick up the phone. He didn’t even have the strength to use the TV remote! He sat in the chair all day and watched eleven straight hours of the weather channel.

Finally, Day #7 arrived, and Bill was so thankful the week was over. He really didn’t care how many ‘fat’ jokes the people at work threw at him. He also hoped the next time his wife wanted to do something nice for him, perhaps she would give him a gift certificate for a root canal!

Moral of this story? When you look in the mirror, if you’re satisfied with the person you see looking back at you, don’t pay any attention to what others say. Remember that beauty is only skin deep – it’s what’s on the INSIDE that needs to be “fit” too.

This week’s dessert: “Discover and create a love of self from the inside not from the outside of self.” ~ Christine E. Szymanski

# 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. 30, 2010: Facing an economic downturn and foreign competition, Wheeling-La Belle Nail Company closed. The company was founded in 1852 as LaBelle Ironworks. By 1875, the city was known as the Nail City, and La Belle was Wheeling’s leading nail producer.  
Oct. 1, 1896: Rural Free Delivery began in West Virginia’s Eastern Panhandle. Before this, there was no rural mail delivery, although more than half the country’s citizens lived in rural areas.  
Oct. 2, 1923: Medal of Honor recipient Woody Williams was born in Fairmont. During

World War II, Williams neutralized seven concrete pillboxes at the Battle of Iwo Jima.  
Oct. 2, 1949: The first class began training at the State Police Academy in Institute. The 20 cadets graduated on Dec. 20, 1949.  
Oct. 3, 1935: A patient at Weston State Hospital started a fire in the main building that destroyed six men’s wards and caused a cupola to fall through the roof. The building was repaired, and the hospital remained in service for nearly 60 more years.  
Oct. 4, 1934: Sam Huff was born near Morgantown. Huff was part of a fearsome defense that led West Virginia University to a 38-7 record between 1952 and 1955, including three consecutive wins over rival Penn State.  
Oct. 5, 1992: Andrews

Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton was designated as a National Historic Landmark, one of only 16 in the state. The first Mother’s Day observance took place at the church on May 10, 1908.  
Oct. 6, 1864: Labor activist Sarah “Mother” Blizzard was born in Edmond, Fayette County. Blizzard was deeply involved in the United Mine Workers of America from the organization’s early beginnings in the late 19th century.  
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Super Crossword

OPENING FROM PAUL

ACROSS

1 Prickly plant

7 Seaport in Argentina

14 Aim high

20 Musician using reeds

21 The Who's "The Kids Are —"

22 "Frozen" studio

23 Less pudgy

24 Bertie created by Wodehouse

25 Piddling

26 Like adults

28 "Oops, I'm at fault here"

30 — Angeles

31 — Paulo, Brazil

33 Hairy "Add-ams Family" cousin

34 Locker-room motivator

39 Is distressed over

46 Declare

47 Opposite of 60-Across, in France

48 Pantry insect

49 Java holders

50 Looked like

53 Ontario metropolis

55 Loses control

56 Baba au — (alcoholic cake)

57 Sportscaster Albert

59 Declare

60 Direction of sunrise

61 Crack pitcher

62 Explosive stuff

63 Actor Holm

65 NYT staffers

66 "You think I didn't already know that?"

72 Put down, to a hip-hopper

75 Hoppy brew

76 Ltd., in the U.S.

77 U.S. spy gp.

78 Gelatin in petri dishes

82 Put into effect

84 By — of (due to)

86 Sturdy — oak

88 Geography class spinner

89 Like the sky's color

91 A long time from now

94 Sound off

95 Sendai sash

97 Former U.N. chief Kofi

98 Last Greek letters

99 Popular Christmas hymn

102 Paramount

103 Suffix for hexa-

104 Canonized Mlle.

105 Note below la

106 Title song lyric fol-

lowed by the first words of seven answers in this puzzle

111 Group that had a #1 hit with 106-Across

118 Be a pilot

119 Gory film

122 Most parched

123 Small finger

124 Exit ramp

125 Restlessness

126 Precipitates pellets

127 Brings in from abroad

128 Human

DOWN

1 Pepsi, e.g.

2 Cain's sibling

3 Fuel that can get shoveled

4 Crystal-hitting sound

5 Exploiter

6 Sauntered

7 Grassy yards

8 Baseball's Matty or Felipe

9 Stage object

10 Fleur-de- —

11 T-man, e.g.

12 Organized crime

13 "Give it —"

14 Owns, as an error

15 Noon nap

16 Exam for jrs.

17 Actress Swenson

18 Smell terrible

19 Brontë's Jane

27 Stir-fry pan

29 Outward appearance

31 Passable

32 Fall seasons

34 Out of style

35 Justice Kagan

36 Entreaties

37 Seduces

38 Gets older

39 Ballet skirt

40 Diane who hosted a longtime NPR show

41 Actor Bert

42 Ram into

43 Sound off

44 Not married

45 Pre-Soviet rulers

47 Actor Milo

51 Formed an upward curve

52 Airport part

54 Ditty

58 Brand of eye drops

61 Hole tool

62 Mom's forte, for short

64 Alicia of "Falcon Crest"

67 Stable feed

68 Fey of "Date Night"

69 Contest hopeful

70 Investor Carl

71 Journalist Cronkite

72 Messing of "Will & Grace"

73 Relative via marriage

74 Spa hot spot

79 Extort from

80 The "A" of James A. Garfield

81 Shortstop Pee Wee

83 Large town

85 "Correct me — wrong"

86 Comic Meara

87 Asterisk

88 Forrest played by Tom Hanks

90 Toasted people, e.g.

92 Playwright William

93 Bungled

96 Nuptial ring

100 "OK already!"

101 Safe place

102 Weep

105 Feudal workers

106 Flaps one's gums

107 Demonic

108 Trig topic

109 Grab hold of

110 Italian wine town

111 Marvel hero

112 Lift to test the weight of

113 Obama cabineteer

114 Arena level

115 Meadows

116 Gas brand in Canada

117 Anna of "Nana"

120 Dada artist Jean

121 — -cone

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### BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY

Bridgeport library is open to the public. Also, readers can access the library’s catalog by reserving books on their website at [www.youseemore.com/bridgeport](http://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).

### WVSILC MEETING

The next WVSILC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 6, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Because of COVID-19 we will be holding the WVSILC meeting by ZOOM. Please use the link below to log in on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. To join the Zoom meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88028763393?pwd=T3VrNTlXUHJDWWVhbytac3dPRDJvZz09> Meeting ID: 880 2876 3393 Passcode: WVSILC

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For assistance, contact the SILC office at 855-855-9743 or 304-766-4624 or e-mail [wvsilc@wvsilc.org](mailto:wvsilc@wvsilc.org).

### 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](mailto: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](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.

### CELEBRATE RECOVERY

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

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# American Legion Post 31 Holds Annual Family Picnic



American Legion Post 31 and the American Legion Family (Auxiliary, Sons and Riders) recently held their annual family picnic at the city park in Shinnston. There were approximately 150 members and guests in attendance. Traditional picnic fare of hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings, green beans, tomato, potato and macaroni salads and dessert were enjoyed by all. The children enjoyed swimming and prizes including bicycles, skate boards, gift certificates, tricycles and scooters (every child received a prize). There were also several raffles for adults which were a fire pit, won by Robin Shingleton, an afghan, won by Valerie Bartlett and last, but not least, a 50/50 drawing won by Sari Duckworth.

## Tyler Norman Enrolls At The University Of Findlay

Tyler Norman, of Clarksburg, has enrolled at the University of Findlay for Fall 2021. New students began their studies at UF on Aug. 16. Norman is pursuing a degree in biology. Located in Findlay, Ohio, the University of Findlay is known not only for science, health professions, animal science and equestrian studies programs, but also for cultivating the next generation of business leaders, educators and global citizens through a dedication to experiential learning, both in and outside of the classroom. Established in 1882 through a joint partnership between the Churches of God, General Counsel and the City of Findlay, the University of Findlay has more than 80 majors leading to baccalaureate degrees and offers 11 master’s degrees, and five doctoral degrees. More than 3,500 students are enrolled at Findlay, and the University is nationally recognized by U.S. News and World Report and the Princeton Review.

## “Fall Cleanup” cont. from p. 1

Landfill policies, this year the City will be picking up electronic equipment such as televisions, microwaves, and computers. Vehicle parts, batteries and tires along with liquids will NOT be picked up. Auto Zone at 106 W. Main St. will accept used motor oil. Clarksburg Scrap Metals (702 N. Ohio Ave.) and Nicholson Auto, Inc. (169 Peck St.) receives old vehicle parts and all appliances. This is a FREE service, and Clarksburg residents who want to take advantage of this should place their items at the curb or in the alley where their normal garbage pickup is made. They do ask residents NOT place items out before their scheduled day. Small items must be boxed, bagged or tied. Nothing loose will be taken, and all containers must be disposable and of a size and weight that one man can lift it up into the dump truck bed. Please note that no materials from contractors’ jobs will be included in this free service. Neither will yard waste be included in the pickup but will be picked up by the City’s Compost Department truck on the designated day. Clarksburg’s Fall Cleanup will run for three weeks during October. (Week 1- Oct. 4-8; Week 2 – Oct. 18-22; and Week 3 – Oct. 25-29). To view the neighborhood routes and their corresponding dates, visit <http://www.cityofclarksburgwv.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=362>. Anyone who has further questions may contact Clarksburg’s Public Works Center at 304-624-1611 or 304-624-1612.

## “Fairmont State Requirements” cont. from page

will be in effect for the second seven-week term of the fall 2021 semester, the 2021 winter term, and both the spring and fall 2022 terms. The TEAS exam will still be required, however, for students applying for admission to the College of Nursing. “Fairmont State University is a student first institution and we will continue to keep our students’ best interests at the forefront,” said Fairmont State University Vice President for Student Success Ken Fettig. “The suspension of the ACT and SAT testing requirement further demonstrates the University’s commitment to student success. We support our students throughout their entire college journey, including the application process.”

Fairmont State University’s cozy, tree-laden hilltop campus is located in Fairmont, along the state’s growing high technology corridor. Fairmont State is a comprehensive, student-centered, state-supported institution offering 41 degree programs and over 90 programs of study in the arts and sciences, engineering and technology, teacher education, nursing and business administration. The institution is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. For more information, please visit [www.fairmontstate.edu](http://www.fairmontstate.edu) and to apply for admission, visit [www.fairmontstate.edu/fairmontstate.edu](http://www.fairmontstate.edu/fairmontstate.edu)

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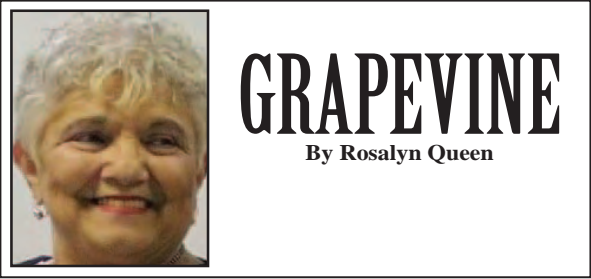
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# STAY FOCUSED on Your Goals



## The PWA Has Several Fundraisers Planned For The Fall



### GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

There is no arguing that Fall is here. The turning of the leaves and the cool nights are proof. I know that most of you probably have your gardens cleaned off. There is just one more thing that we need to do to get ready for winter... Apples are ready to be picked and preserved however you like best.

One of my favorite apple recipes is apple butter. Several years ago, I came upon this recipe and have used it every year since. I take about six cups of peeled and sliced apples, place them in a crock pot, add two cups of sugar, and two tablespoons of cinnamon. Turn the crock pot on high for one hour, then put it on low. Let the apples cook overnight and for the best part of the next day (it may take longer for the apples to turn dark brown). Stir occasionally, tasting and add more sugar or cinnamon if your taste dictates. Apple butter will turn very smooth and great for spreading. Store in plastic containers and place in freezer. It is great on toast on cold winter mornings.

Another great recipe for winter to use up your

apples is the apple cake. It is a very moist cake that is delicious served with whipped cream or ice cream.

The Progressive Women’s Association held their monthly meeting on Wednesday evening at the Uptown Event Center. The nominating committee presented a slate of officers for the coming year. At the next meeting nominations will be taken from the floor prior to voting. Write in nominations will also be accepted. To be able to vote, dues must be paid.

There will be three fundraisers for the holidays. Chances are being sold for a full size black, red and white quilt. A Christmas wreath with approximately \$500 worth of gift cards will be raffled. The ladies will also be making pita piata the week after Thanksgiving. Orders can be placed by calling 624-6881.

It was agreed upon that meetings for the winter months will alternate between noon and 5:30 p.m. (lunch will be served free at the noon meetings). If the pandemic allows, a special Christmas dinner will be held for the installation of officers; the raffles will be held at this meeting. The observation of the 100th anniversary is temporarily on hold but tentative plans are to include it in the Christmas dinner.

If planning a special event, remember to rent the Uptown Event Center. A new commercial kitchen has been installed and is available to the public.

Take care, stay healthy and until next week, “Now You Have Heard It Through the Grapevine.”

## A New 82 Inch TV & Football...What A Great Combo!



### Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny

Last Friday, I had a front tire replaced on the Explorer. I hit a bad place somewhere along Bingamon Road a few evenings before and it busted the tire’s sidewall. Thankfully, the rim was not bent. I called Nephew Bobby for help because I couldn’t handle the lug wrench (Whining about the wrists again). He came down and put on the donut tire so I could make it to a tire shop...he’s a good boy.

I do not care for low profile tires because the sidewalls blow out too easily. It’s the second front tire I’ve replaced on the vehicle for that reason. Then again, maybe my driving skills ain’t what they used to be.

Monday, I ran into neighbor Ray at the mailboxes. He said that he officially retired last Friday. He drove a beer truck in Morgantown for several years. Now, I wonder who is going to keep the students supplied.

Saturday, I spent most of the afternoon and evening watching football. WVU played like gangbusters in the first half, but had to stave off a late second half comeback by VT. The boys played well; now, if they can just take out Oklahoma next.

Since the eyesight isn’t what it used to be and with football season in full swing, I decided to buy a bigger TV for the living room. After spending many hours (At least two) on the computer searching for the size I wanted, I finally settled on an 82 inch from Best Buy in Morgantown. I purchased it by phone, but they couldn’t deliver and set it up until the middle of next month...I wasn’t waiting.

Tuesday morning, I jumped in the Ranger and took off for Morgantown. After being stuck in traffic from a wreck for a half hour on I-79 and then making a detour onto Rt 73 at the Prickett Fort exit, I finally showed up at the store. Because of the size, the TV could not be laid down and I didn’t take any straps with me. Also, the box was eight inches longer than the truck bed.

Obviously, I had never really thought this whole thing through. So, I had to run to Walmart to buy some tie-down straps. The helpful guys did a decent job in securing it down and I had to leave the tailgate down, although I have a bed extender. After gingerly driving down the interstate, dodging raindrops and avoiding potholes on secondary roads, I made it home at 4 pm. When I pulled in the garage, the box just cleared the top of the door by half an inch.

Wednesday afternoon, Santana, Andrew, and #2 Phillip stopped by to help grandpa. They carried the new TV in, set it up, plus programmed everything for me...great kids. I forgot to mention that the TV weighs one hundred pounds...kind of hefty.

One evening I talked to neighbors Josie and Kevin. Kevin had been in the hospital due to COVID, but he is slowly recovering.

The first day of fall started out with a bang on Wednesday. The afternoon temperature dropped from 85 degrees to 68 degrees in an hour due to a cold front and storm moving through. The high on Thursday was only 62 degrees. I broke out a long-sleeved shirt and had a jacket in hand when I went out. I am not handling the cold weather very well already. So, I don’t know if I’ll make it through the next six months or not. Remember, I’m very delicate.

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

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## Local Volunteers Lend Helping Hands In Painting Adaland Mansion’s Garden Deck



Pictured are members from the Horizons Church of Junior who volunteered to paint Adaland’s garden deck.

A recent Fall day at Adaland Mansion at Philippi saw numerous volunteers from Horizons Church of Junior painting Adaland’s large garden deck. This deck is used by visitors wanting to walk through the gardens

and by brides, grooms, and bridal parties as they proceed to the garden wedding area

Horizons Church of Junior painting Pastor Jeff Burnett led a volunteer team of members from his church in the painting project. According

to JoLynn Powers, Adaland’s executive director, the men painted until the last bucket of paint was empty. She says the paint job will be completed in the near future

Powers extends a heartfelt thank you to

## “Courthouses”

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on large green lots that take up an entire city block. The architectural styles are varied and many feature cut stone as the main construction material. As some counties grew in population, many of the courthouses outgrew their space and the counties constructed annexes for additional space. In many counties, the courthouse is the most impressive building in town and is regularly visited by hundreds of people each day. Almost all of the courthouses that I have visited this past month have security screenings before you can enter, and this has limited the number of entrances for the buildings.

While all of West Virginia’s fifty-five courthouses have unique features, I have some favorites that stand out to me. The Barbour County Courthouse is a beautiful building sitting on an entire city block in the heart of downtown Philippi. The grounds of the courthouse are beautifully landscaped and feature benches and statues. There is available parking completely around the courthouse and there is always a space or two available for the public. The main steps to the courthouse are filled with beautiful flowers that bring an array of color to this magnificent building.

Another courthouse that stands out to me is the Cabell County Courthouse in Huntington. It also sits on an entire city block and has a large greenspace surrounding the building. The interior has some beautiful accents, especially the large dome that sits in the center of the building.

We sometimes take our courthouses for granted and don’t appreciate the many roles they play for the counties and especially the cities where they are located. They are a critical anchor to the downtowns, and many have public spaces that serve as the place for activities. For close to forty years, the West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival has welcomed hundreds of thousands of guests from the plaza in front of the Harrison County Courthouse located in Clarksburg. This has resulted in nationwide publicity and introduced Central West Virginia to businesses and tourists to a national and international audience. In other counties, the courthouse grounds host farmer’s markets, celebrations, and countless other events.

If you are looking for an interesting addition to your bucket list, why not make it a goal to visit all fifty-five WV County Courthouses. And don’t forget to thank your local county commissioner for keeping these historic buildings in good shape.

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## Shinnston Garden Club Hosts Hon. Mac Warner, WV's 30th Secretary of State



Pictured here, WV Secretary of State Mac Warner addresses the Shinnston Garden Club during its August meeting.

The Shinnston Garden Club hosted a gala luncheon on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at the Woman's Club Clubhouse using the theme – “The Red, White and Blue – Rally

around the Flag”. The guest speaker was the Honorable Mac Warner, 30th Secretary of State of WV. He was accompanied by Field Agent Dot Underwood. Wanda F. Ashcraft,

Vice President of the Garden Club, coordinated this meeting, helped by several members.

The Club missed President Dorothy L. Rota, absent due to illness of her husband.

The décor was very colorful, decorated in the theme colors, featuring many unusual items and plenty of flags were waving. The centerpiece at the head table was a beautiful arrangement of red, white and blue flowers flanked by a flag and pictures of Mac and Debbie Warner. Red, white and blue original place cards were used and “special sleeves”

for silverware were enjoyed. Small bottles of hand sanitizer were given as favors.

The centerpiece was given to Mr. Warner to take home to his wife. His gift was an eagle to place on his desk back in his Charleston office.

Garden Club Treasurer Debra Herndon pinned pretty red carnation boutonnieres on Mr. Warner, City Manager Chad Edwards, Mayor Pat Kovalck and Chief Jon Harbert. The men seemed pleased with this gift. Mr. Warner stated he had visited many places but never had been treated in such a special manner.

Vice-President Wanda

F. Ashcraft presided and welcomed all; she asked Debra Herndon, Treasurer and former City Manager of Shinnston, to introduce the head table: Chad M. Edwards, City Manager and Club member; Mac

Warner, 30th Secretary of State of WV; Wanda F. Ashcraft, Vice President and holder of the longest membership in the Garden Club – nearly 60 years; Letha H. Stutler, Secretary; **Continued on Page 9**

## Museum Visit Offers A Look At How Early Miners Worked



Pictured here is a display of the progression of lighting used by miners from back in the very early days when open-flamed candles lit their way.

By DEBRA HERNDON  
Museum Director

They say you've not really experienced darkness unless you've been in a coal mine and someone turns off all the lights. Imagine what it was like for early

miners – if you don't have enough light to work, you can't produce coal, and if you don't produce coal, you don't get paid and your family may go hungry.

Early miners carried open flame candles and hanging lamps into the **Continued on Page 9**

## A More Inclusive Neighborhood Watch

By CHAD M. EDWARDS  
Shinnston City Manager

As most people know, crime in Shinnston is

a lot more than what it used to be. Mayor Pat Kovalck recently went out late at night to see for himself what our police officers deal with when most of us are in bed

asleep. While he was out observing Shinnston after midnight, he came up with a good idea on how to get the community more involved with local law enforcement.

If you have a security camera on your house, you can sign up with our police department at 43 Bridge Street to have

your house registered as one of the places that our police can check if a crime occurs in your area. We will also be offering cloud storage for local businesses who are willing to purchase security cameras. If you are interested in being a part of that effort, please let our police **Continued on Page 9**

## Program On The Big Elm To Be Offered At Museum In October



The Shinnston Historical Association and the Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum will be presenting a program, “The Big Elm, Facts, Lore and Legend.” Robert P. (Bobby) Bice III, Association President, will be sharing unique photos and artifacts during his talk. Local **Continued on Page 9**

## Run To Lowe Public Library For A “Reading Workout”

By DEBORAH STARKEY  
Library Director  
In ‘The Noise’ by

James Patterson, two sisters have always stood together. Now, they're the only ones left.

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## ‘ShakeSwap’ Brought Steel City Actors To Ferguson Park

What do Shakespearean actors and directors talk about when they get together? Recently, the Steel City Shakespeare Center of Pittsburgh and the Rustic Mechanicals of Vintage Theatre Company in Clarksburg, West Virginia had a chat and it resulted in #ShakeSwap!

On Sunday, September 5, 2021, The Steel City Shakespeare Center of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania performed Pericles at the Performance Center at Ferguson Park in Shinnston. The 4:00 P.M. performance was free to the public with a donation box set up to **Continued on Page 9**

## SVFD Details Its August Response Log

Shinnston Volunteer Fire Department Chief Dylan Oliveto reports the breakdown of 104 calls answered by SVFD volunteers during the month of August.

- 41 Medical Emergencies
- 24 Service calls
- 2 Vehicular accidents
- 29 Fire Alarms
- 1 Car Fire
- 1 Brush Fire
- 6 Structure Fires
- 0 Other/Miscellaneous
- 104 Total Call Volume

Ten House volunteers perform with pride and are dedicated to serving the residents of Shinnston and those within their service area. Their objective is to preserve life and property and promote public safety in a professional manner.

SVFD's monthly call log is offered to keep the public informed of the department's monthly activities.

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# COVID & A Cross-Town Rivalry



## The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor  
Sports Editor

This past week Lincoln's football team saw the result of its hard work with a #4 ranking in the Class AA polls. Rob Hawkins and his squad are off to an impressive start, remaining unblemished after wins over Braxton County, Grafton, and Nicholas County. The Cougars were prepared for a clash with North Marion this past Friday. However, COVID issues within the Huskies camp forced a postponement. It's been an ongoing issue for North Marion that has kept them off of the field since the 19th of September at Fairmont Senior.

The initial Husky schedule had them looking for an additional game which they would eventually schedule with Brooke. That tilt was lost to COVID, which led to a match-up with Poca. It was also pushed off of the table by the coronavirus putting North Marion in a precarious situation. In order to be eligible

for postseason play, a minimum of eight games need to be played. As time goes by and lock-ups are postponed, the opportunities to get games in decrease.

If Lincoln can work this North Marion tilt back into the schedule, the Cougars would be back on track to complete a full 10 game schedule. They have a huge clash set in a couple of weeks at Robert C. Byrd. This week offers a potential trap game with a trip to Lewis County on the agenda. Hawkins and his staff will have this team focused on the task at hand which is the clash with the Minutemen.

Lincoln will close out the campaign with three of the last four at home after the trip to Clarksburg...Elkins, then Liberty comes to Shinnston. Week nine offers a trip to Philip Barbour and the grand finale brings Bridgeport to Stydahar Field.

The Indians renewed their cross-town rivalry with Robert C. Byrd this past week

and came away with a 35-17 win. All of the scoring in Clarksburg came in three quarters as each team's defense pitched an opening period shutout. The Flying Eagles garnered the first score of the evening on an 87-yard touchdown run. The Tribe is not known for having a quick strike offense but they displayed one, scoring 14 seconds later when Cam Cole went 90 yards to tie the score.

Cole would find pay dirt again from five yards out to give the visitor its first lead of the night.

Robert C. Byrd started the next drive with 1:01 left on the second quarter clock and after three plays put kicker, Cam Clark in position for a field goal opportunity. Clark delivered with six seconds on the clock cutting the Bridgeport lead to 13-10 at the break.

The Tribe took the second half kickoff, ran off a huge chunk of time and Landyn Reppert finished it with a 16-yard scoring run. The Flying Eagles drove the field and had a fourth down from Bridgeport's 11-yard line. A turnover on downs led to a 76-yard run by Charlie

Brazier which pushed the Indian lead to 28-10.

King picked up a six-yard score and the Tribe would close out the scoring on a 46-yard run. Bridgeport remained unbeaten (4-0) while RCB fell to 2-2.

King earned a game high 240 yards on 29 carries, becoming the only player in modern times to record three 100 yard plus rushing efforts against the Indians. Flying Eagle signal caller, Nick George had a strong showing going 10 of 16 in the air for 101 yards. George hit four different players; his favorite target was Nathaniel Junkins. Junkins hauled in four passes for 56 yards.

Bridgeport had three different ball carriers go over the century mark. Cole picked up 147 yards on 14 carries. Brazier claimed 129 yards on just three attempts. Reppert collected 123 yards on 16 rushes.

The Indians return home to host Parkersburg South this week, while the Flying Eagles have their first of two off weeks in October.

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 Sydney Vilain and Bridgeport's Cam Cole.

Mountaineer soccer player, Sydney Vilain scored three goals in last Tuesday's win over Lincoln in Clarksburg. Vilain not only recorded a hat trick in the victory she also dished out an assist as well.

Indian football standout Cam Cole picked up 147 yards on the ground in just 14 attempts to lead the Tribe to a cross-town win over Robert C. Byrd. Cole also scored a pair of touchdowns on runs of 95 and 5 yards respectively.

Congratulations to Liberty's Sydney Vilain and Bridgeport's Cam Cole for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week!

## Punt Pass & Kick Plus Soccer Challenge On Slate For October



### From The World Of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

With the fall kicking off next week, Harrison County Parks and Recreation will host its annual competitions for football and soccer. The first on the books is the Punt, Pass and Kick competition on Saturday, October 9th at the Summit Park ball fields while the Annual Kirkwood Memorial Soccer Challenge will follow a week later at Nutter Fort Park on the 16th. Both events begin at 10:00 am.

Recreation Specialist Jack Cann, who coordinates both events, hopes to repeat the numbers from the last time they happened. Some local football and soccer programs showed up to participate which gave the event some of the best numbers in recent years. And without the sponsorship from the NFL for the Punt, Pass and Kick, the parks department felt that the competition should still go on as it was an important part of the event schedule that the parks present.

"This is a big event for the kids who love football," said Cann. "Competition is good for the kids and having an event like this is a way for kids (between the ages of six and 15) to test their skills. And even though the NFL did away with the program, we felt we should continue the competition."

The way the event works scoring is based off the efforts of both distance and accuracy. Each participant will get to kick the ball with a tee, punt the ball and throw the ball. The scoring is calculated by taking the distance of each category minus the distance to the left or the right of the line. After each type of activity, the players will have a total combined score.

On the 16th, the 15th Annual Kirkwood Soccer competition will take place at 10:00 am at the Nutter Fort Park Soccer Field. The competition is open to all players between the ages of six and 14 years of age and is based on goals scored. Five designated targets worth different point values determines who wins.

"We moved the event from our property to the Nutter Fort Park simply because of the soccer goals they have up during the year. The event has always drawn soccer teams as well as novice soccer players as it is open to everyone who wishes to participate," said Cann. "Both events are free of charge to all players and there will be awards given to all winners."

And with the current Covid-19 policies, the event will follow those for outdoor functions. The age eligibility for both events will be the current age as of December 31st, 2021. On the day of the events, please practice social distancing and we recommend wearing a mask if in groups. And please have a parent or guardian available for all participants of both events.

Registration will start off the events and once we have all participants ready, then we will begin the competition based by age groups. For more information, please contact Jack Cann at 304-423-7800. Again, these are free events and open to anyone that meets the age parameters.

## 2021 Mountain State Cup Set For November 12-14



Soccer fans are looking forward to the 3rd annual 2021 Mountain State Cup, formerly known as the Friends of Coal

Cup. The 100 plus team tournament will take place November 12, 13, and 14 at the beautiful Shawnee Sports Complex in Dunbar, WV. The soccer tournament, fueled by Chick-fil-A Southridge, is expected to bring \$6-8 million to the region along with a large turnout.

The games will be played on the facility's 127-acre complex featuring six collegiate

size FieldTurf fields, complete with state-of-the-art Musco lighting. Each team will be guaranteed 3 games over the course of the weekend. The event is opened to travel and recreational teams and teams registered either US Youth or US Club (U8-U19).

For further information or team registration visit [www.shawneesports.com](http://www.shawneesports.com).

## Heisman Trophy Executive Rudy Riska Passes Away At 85



Then-NFF President Bob Casciola (left) presents Rudy Riska the NFF Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football Award in 2003.

Rudy Riska, the 2003 recipient of the NFF Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football Award who served for more than 50 years as the executive director of both The Heisman Trophy Trust and The

Heisman Foundation, passed away Sept. 12. He was 85.

"Rudy Riska was a very special person tasked with being the caretaker for one of the most prestigious awards in all of sports, and he did it with a reverence and

a firm commitment to protecting the game for future generations," said NFF Chairman Archie Manning. "Rudy was one of those people who made everybody feel special. He had a sincerity and warmth that made him one of the most popular and influential people in college football for many years. We are extremely saddened by his passing but grateful for his contributions. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and the entire Heisman community at this time of loss."

Born across the street from The Downtown Athletic Club (DAC), of which he would become a lifetime employee, Riska devoted his career to honoring the very best of college football.

An accomplished high school athlete, Riska was signed by the New York Yankees and played professional baseball for three seasons - the final with

the Baltimore Orioles. Following his baseball career, he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served for three years prior to joining the DAC in 1961.

For 30 years, Riska served as the director of athletics at the club while having the prestigious honor of being executive director of the National Association of Club Athletics Directors.

He served as executive director of both The Heisman Memorial Trophy Trust and The Heisman Memorial Trophy Foundation for more than 50 years.

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## One-On-One Bocce Champion Announced

John DeMarco was this year's One-on-One Bocce tournament winner. The tournament was held at the city's Ferguson Park bocce courts on Saturday, September 18, 2021 in Shinnston. The champ defeated

Willard West in the double elimination annual tourney finals. Ending in third place was Lou Belcastro.

The annual United Way Tournament was cancelled for this year due to public health concerns.



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**HELEN “MICKEY” PAUGH**



Helen “Mickey” Paugh, 88, of Shinnston, passed away Sunday, September 19, 2021. Mickey was born May 11, 1933 to the late William and Virginia Ogden. She married Richard “Dick” Paugh on March 15, 1952.

Mickey is survived by her daughter, Rebecca (Forrest) Kozul of Fairmont; grandson, Austin Kozul of Fairmont; brother, Richard “ Dick” (Sally) Ogden of Clarksburg; sister, Rebecca Sue Pellegrin of Fairmont; sister-in-law, Karen Blackwell of Bridgeport and several nieces and nephews, along with hel special extended family.

She was preceded in death by her husband Dick; son, Ron Paugh; and sisters, Dorothy Southern, Phyllis Bogges, and Donna Layman.

Mickey graduated from Shinnston High School in 1951. After graduation, Mickey worked for C&P Telephone in Shinnston. After taking a break to raise her children, she returned to the telephone company in Clarksburg until retirement in 1989.

After her retirement, Mickey was instrumental in helping to raise her extended family’s children, as well as her own grandson, Austin.

Mickey was a member of the First United Methodist Church where she served on many committees, Communion Steward, and member of the choir for over 60 years. She was also a member of Eastern Star, Shinnston Woman’s Club, and the Shinnston Alumni Association.

A funeral service was held at the First United Methodist Church in Shinnston on Thursday, September 23, with Reverend Cindy Boggs officiating. Interment followed at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at Harmerfuneralhome.com

**WENDY CAROTHERS**

Wendy Carothers, 60, of Wyatt, passed away Sunday, September 19, 2021. She was born August 7, 1961 to the late Bernard Smith and Shirley Davis.

She is survived by her daughters Leann Carothers of Wyatt and Candi Blake of Gypsy; sister Diana Clutter and husband Bud of Hepzibah; brother Mike Smith and wife Rachel

of Wallace; grandsons Cameron and Chase Parks of Wyatt, and grandsons Marcus, Zane, Felix, and Xavier Blake of Spelter.

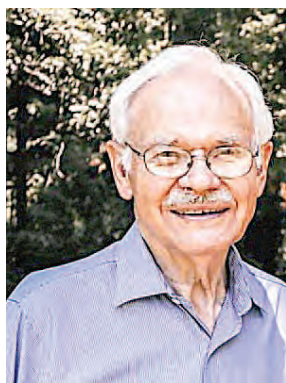
She is preceded in death by her husband Rick Carothers; son David Smith; and brother Eugene Smith.

In Wendy’s spare time, she enjoyed reading, ceramics, decorating, and spoiling her grandkids.

A graveside funeral service was held on September 24 at Hepzibah Cemetery.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at Harmerfuneralhome.com

**ROGER PETERSON**



Roger Peterson, 89, of Bridgeport, WV went home to be with the Lord on September 22, 2021. He was born in Grandy, MN to the late Lloyd Peterson and Mildred (Swanson) Peterson. On June 8, 1956 Roger married Bessie Jo (Johnson) Peterson, who survives in Bridgeport.

Roger is survived by brothers Richard (Donna) Peterson, and Ron Peterson; sons Phillip (Cindy) Peterson, Paul (Sharon) Peterson, and Mark (Brenda) Peterson. He is also survived by grandchildren Kari (Peterson) and Titus Baugus, Stefan and Megan Peterson, Julia Peterson, Kiki (Peterson) and Jared Steiner, David Peterson, Christi (Peterson) and Kyle Playford, John Peterson, Joshua and Megan Peterson, Bekah (Peterson) and Jared Henry, Sarah (Peterson) and Shawn Skinner, Anna (Peterson) Machesky, Elijah Peterson, and Charissa Peterson. Roger also has several great-grandchildren; Malachi Baugus, Bjorn Peterson, Maria Steiner, London Playford, Sophia Henry, Isaiah Henry, Shiloh Henry, Briel Henry, and Felix Machesky.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and his sister-in-law Sharon Peterson.

Roger never met a stranger, and he loved to tell others about Jesus. He was a Pastor at the Fourth Baptist Church and a professor at Central Theological Seminary in Minneapolis Minnesota from 1957-1986. When he moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, he was on the board for the Christian Training Foundation and the P&B Foundation where he helped teach and

train Pastors all over the world. He attended and served at Kingsway Baptist Church in Lake Wylie, SC. He was also an adjunct professor at Virginia Beach Theological Seminary. For the last three years of his life, he attended Saltwell Road Church. In his spare time, he loved to garden.

A funeral service was held at Saltwell Road Church on Tuesday, September 28. Interment followed at the Saltwell Road Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made to P&B Foundation 1025 Holleybank Drive, Matthews, NC 28105 to be used for missionary projects in Brazil, India, and West Virginia

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**CHARLES FRANK ROBILLIARD**



Charles Frank “Charlie” Robilliard, 86, of Hepzibah, passed away on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at his residence surrounded by family. He was born in Bethlehem, WV, May 24, 1935, a son of the late Augustine and Rose Puccio Robilliard. On July 28, 1956, he married Josephine June Moots Robilliard who survives.

Also surviving are three children: Pam Jolliffe and her husband Frank, Clarksburg, Charlene Haas and her husband David, Morgantown, Michelle Correll and her husband Ron, Hepzibah; three grandchildren: Denell Jolliffe and her companion Tim Panico, Fairmont, Jenna Correll and her fiancé Chirag Desai, Morgantown, Payton Haas and her fiancé Hunter Meadows, Morgantown; his special life-long family friend and personal caregiver, Dolly Arbogast; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Charlie was preceded in death by two sisters, Zelma Salentro and Florence Reed.

Charlie was employed for 33 years by Lockheed Martin where he started as a machinist and retired as a Plant Manager. He was an avid WVU fan and a season ticket holder for both football and basketball for many years. He also enjoyed watching the Pittsburgh Steelers and Pirates. He was a ‘jack of all trades’ who could fix anything and could always be found helping his family. Charlie was a loving and hardworking husband,

father, and grandfather who always made sure he took care of and provided for his family. He was a Catholic by faith and a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Shinnston.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the St. Ann Catholic Church on Tuesday, September 21, with Father Chris Turner as celebrant. Interment was in the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com.

**BARBARA ANN ALLAWAT**



Barbara Ann Allawat, 74, of Clarksburg, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, September 20, 2021 at the United Hospital Center in Bridgeport. She was born in Clarksburg, July 19, 1947, a daughter of the late Virgil Lee and Anna Williams Squires. On July 22, 1968 she married William G. Allawat who survives.

Also surviving are two children, Tonya DeeAnn Shaw and her husband Larry, Salem, Billie Jo Dodd and her husband Tom, Arlington; four grandchildren Bryan Andrew Wright, Thomas Ray Dodd, Jr. and his companion Kari Plybon, Savannah Nicole McLe and her husband Travis, William Dakota Dodd and his companion Mercedes Hurst; four great-grandchildren Christian Andrew Dean, Jordynn Wright, Adaline McLe, and Bentley Dodd; her siblings Ralph Squires, Frazeyburg, OH, Jerry Squires and his wife Judy, Zanesville, OH, Rita Smith and her husband Joe, Frazeyburg, Brenda Squires and her companion Vincent Webb, SC, Mark Squires, Zanesville, OH, Irene Veatch, Frazeyburg, and Virgil Squires and his wife Sherri, Springfield, OH; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three siblings: Elizabeth Drain, Carol Hardesty, and Mary Whitescarver.

Barbara was a homemaker for over 50 years. She enjoyed taking care of her family, cooking, cleaning, and canning. She was a Christian and a member of the Isaac Creek Church.

A funeral service was held at Perine Funeral Home on Friday, September 24, with Pastors Rick Payne and Richard Wilson officiating. Entombment

**Out Of The Past**  
Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



**Raymond Satterfield’s barbershop during the 1950’s in the bottom of the IOOF building at Enterprise - Now the Enterprise Post Office. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.**

was in the Mausoleum at the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com.

**PETER CARL BARTUCH**

Peter Carl Bartuch, 75, passed away on Friday, September 17, 2021 in Clarksburg, WV. He was born February 16, 1946 in Masontown, PA, the son of the late Peter and Veronica Bartuch.

After serving in the United States Army, Peter worked as a bricklayer for many years. He also worked part-time as a tractor-trailer driver. He enjoyed fishing, NASCAR racing, short track auto racing, and was a Pittsburgh Steelers fan. He could often be found restoring vintage cars from the 1930’s and watching his favorite television program, Gunsmoke.

Peter is survived by his daughter, Carla Hess and Derrick, Red Bud, IL; five grandchildren, Lyla LeAnn, Colt Francis, Case Carl, Cody Steven, and Coral Alana; one brother, Michael Bartuch; as well as three sisters, Mary Ann Vecchio of Clearwater, FL, Josephine Porter of Union, KY, and Barbara Butler of Las Vegas, NV; nieces Michele Shuler, Renee Vecchio, and Lisa Harris; nephews, James Kimball, David Vecchio, and Christopher Bartuch; as well as many friends and extended family.

In addition to his parents, Peter was preceded in death by one sister, Antionette Kimball.

A private Memorial will be held at a later date. Online condolences can be made on Peter’s memorial page at www.Davisfuneralhomewv.com.

**TOMMY LEE GUTIERREZ**

Tommy Lee Gutierrez, 63 of Clarksburg, passed away on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at the Salem Center. He was born November 4, 1957 in Clarksburg, WV the son of the late Albert Gutierrez and Mary Ellen Workman Watkins.

Tommy is survived by his two siblings, Bobby Lee “Buck” Gutierrez and Sue Murphy, Clarksburg

and Carmelita “Susie” Workman, Clarksburg.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Sharon Cokley and Rosemary “Rosie” Gutierrez.

Davis Funeral Home and Onsite Crematory is handling the burial arrangements and honored to serve the Gutierrez family. Online condolences can be sent at www.davisfuneralhomewv.com.

**JUDITH ELAINE CHIPPS**

Judith Elaine Chipps, 75, of Bridgeport, passed away on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at Stonerise of Clarksburg. She was born September 1, 1946 in Wolf Summit, West Virginia, daughter of the late Clyde Harley Chipps and Agnes Gertrude Hammond.

Judith is survived by four children, Melodie Manganello and husband Tony, Bridgeport, Beverly Thompson and husband Todd, Bridgeport, Valerie Rathbun, Clarksburg, Robert “Bobby” Jackson, Clarksburg; one sister, Eleanor Chipps, Laurel Valley; grandchildren Tony Manganello, Michael Manganello, Kristin Helms, TJ Thompson, Kelsey Ashcraft, Megan Loy and Corey McDonald, who were raised like her children; great grandchildren, Mila, Liam, Miles, Paisley, Paxton, Aiden, Wyatt, Leah, Adalyn, Asher, and Jayce; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Judith was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Wayne Peeples, Sr., by her soulmate, Robert Franklin Jackson, one son, Kenneth Wayne Peeples, Jr. and siblings, Jeannie Alexander, Harry Chipps, Rita Kennedy, Clyde C. “Sid” Chipps.

Judith graduated from Bristol High School and worked as a waitress and housekeeper. She enjoyed spending time with family, especially her grandkids.

A funeral service was held at Davis Funeral Home on Thursday, September 23, 2021 with Pastor

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# “Obituaries” cont. from p.7

John Hayes officiating. Inurnment was held at Coplin Cemetery on Friday, September 24. Online condolences can be made on DavisFuneralHomeWV.com

**WILLIAM RALPH KIDD**

William “Bill” Ralph Kidd, 71, of Bridgeport, passed away on Tuesday,

September 21, 2021 at his residence with his family by his side. He was born September 21, 1950 in Clarksburg, WV, the son of the late Bernard Paul and Ruth Bennett Kidd.

Bill is survived by his companion of over forty years, Joyce Ann Nuzum; one daughter, Kristen Renee Reiter and husband John of Myrtle Beach, SC; four grandchildren, Taylor McMillion, Connor Nuzum, Brianna Reiter and Brooklynn Reiter; one great grandchild, Oaklynn Harless; one sister, Karen “Susie” Kidd of Clarksburg; two brothers, Jim Kidd of Jane Lew and David Kidd and wife Doris of Clarksburg.

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**HELEN FRANCES BROWN**

Helen Frances Brown, 88, of Clarksburg went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus and her loved ones who have gone before on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. She was born on February 14, 1933 in Clarksburg, daughter of the late Carl Hunter and Violet Mae Ables Goff.

Brown and wife Linda of Summit Park, Deborah Kay Barnosky and husband Stephen of Quiet Dell, Charles David Brown of Buckhannon, and James Russel Brown and wife, Dawnetta of Salem. She is also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great, great grandchildren, as well as several nieces and nephews.

# “Citizen of the Month” cont. from p.1

her 23-year tenure. “October 2nd is WV Breast Cancer Awareness Day and a lot of activities are planned throughout the state,” said Allen. “There are always awareness walks and it is fun to see how creative groups can be in acknowledging the day in their own way,” she added.

The Bridgeport resident noted that Bonnie’s Bus program was established in 2009 and offers cancer screenings and mobile communication. “We have had two iterations of the bus since that time and it is now on a different chassis in order to better serve rural West Virginia,” she said.

Bonnie’s Bus travels to all 55 counties and since its inception, the staff have performed 23,000 screenings and had over 120 cases involving concerns of breast cancer. “We work in collaboration with other groups in order to get information out to the public regarding this state-of-the art screening,” said Allen.

Locally, Bonnie’s Bus partners with Health Access and makes two stops annually in the Shinnston area, including Shinnston Healthcare.

“Typically, Bonnie’s Bus screens over 2,000 persons a year, both females and males,” stated Allen. “Bonnie’s Bus is on the road nine months out of the year. It’s a true investment in West Virginia.”

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women in our state and according to Allen is the second leading cause of death in our state, second only to lung cancer which is number one. One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and one in 36 will die from the disease.

“Breast cancer screenings save lives,” Allen remarked. “Women are encouraged to talk with their doctor about what screening schedule is best for them. It is important to take time and get screened even during the pandemic – don’t

delay.” Persons can access the Bonnie’s Bus calendar or learn about the program by visiting [www.wvucancer.org/bonnie](http://www.wvucancer.org/bonnie) or connect with the program on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/WVUCIMobile>.

“Mammograms are the best way to detect breast cancer early and lowers the risk of dying from breast cancer,” Allen noted. “It is important to detect it early and seek treatment. No one over the age of 40 is turned away. Grant funds and donations are available to pay for screening mammograms on Bonnie’s Bus for women without insurance coverage. If a woman has no insurance or has deductibles or copays that keep them from getting mammograms, the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program may be able to assist. Call the program directly at 1-800-642-8522 to find out if you are eligible.”

The Bonnie’s Bus program was established through a donation from Ben and Jo Statler to honor Jo’s mother, Bonnie Wells Wilson. The Bus is a partnership between the WVU Cancer Institute and WVU Medicine. Bonnie’s Bus is a \$1.25 million investment into the health of West Virginia women.

“The bus is a 45-foot, state of the art mobile mammography unit that travels throughout rural West Virginia where there is limited or no access to screening mammography,” Allen explained.

Several cancer prevention and control initiatives are available and a full list can be accessed at <https://wvucancer.org/about-us/inside-the-institute/cancer-prevent-and-control>.

“A Facebook page was started 10 years ago and is specific to Bonnie’s Bus, and we have podcasts, videos and 200 online webinars available,” Allen noted. “There is a lot of power on the internet.”

For cancer survivors, Allen recommended a couple of podcasts

including Living Beyond Cancer available at <https://cancer.wvumedicine.org/about-us/podcasts/> and the Living Beyond Cancer Free Online Support Group available at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/livingbeyondcancer>.

“Our newest mobile endeavor is LUCAS, an acronym for LUng CAncer Screening, which is also a national pilot project,” said Allen. “Building upon the success of Bonnie’s Bus, LUCAS will serve patients from across the state with visits to the 42 counties without immediate access to lung cancer screening services. Persons over 50 that have a significant smoking history are encouraged to talk with their health care provider about lung cancer screenings.”

According to Allen, more West Virginians die from lung cancer than colorectal, prostate and breast cancer combined. “Regular lung cancer screening can detect cancer early when it is easier to treat and cure,” she stated. “LUCAS is the only mobile unit for lung cancer screening in the nation that will travel statewide without the need for facility-based power, therefore making it truly mobile,” Allen added.

On a personal note, Allen said that lung cancer screenings could have possibly helped diagnose her father at an earlier stage in the disease process. He passed away in 2014.

Allen stressed, “The WVU Cancer Institute is a great place to work and my 28 co-workers are very supportive. Our outreach has continued to evolve during the 23 years I have been there. Treatments have continued to advance over time.”

The workplace atmosphere has also offered Allen the flexibility to balance her work life and family time. Allen resides in Bridgeport with her husband Mark and sons Nicholas, a student at WVU, and Reese, a senior at Bridgeport High School.

Bill is a 1969 graduate from Roosevelt Wilson High School. He worked over twenty years as a glass cutter for Forco Glass factory. His hobbies were hunting, fishing, and being outdoors. Bill was very observant and got a kick out of watching people.

A private graveside service will be held at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens.

Online condolences can be made on Davis Funeral

Helen married her late husband, Robert Thomas Brown, Jr, on April 17, 1949. She was a member of the Family of God Free Will Baptist Church. Helen was one of ten children.

Helen is survived by one brother, David W Goff of Richmond, VA; five children, F. Darlene Reynolds and companion Michael C. McIntyre of Nutter Fort, Robert Thomas

# “Rudy Riska Passes Away” cont. from p.6

the Heisman has come to represent excellence and achievement on the football field.

Riska’s work with the Heisman Foundation has helped raise more than \$1 million for various foundations and charitable organizations throughout the country.

Riska is survived by his wife of almost 60

years, Lorraine, his two daughters, Elizabeth and Barbara and four grandchildren, Brian, Emma, Jessica and Kristin.

Riska’s family has asked for memorial donations to be made in Rudy’s memory to: The Alzheimer’s Association.

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# “Neighborhood Watch” cont. from p.5

department know. As our mayor pointed out at the last Neighborhood Watch meeting, most of us in Shinnston are good, law-abiding

citizens. A few bad apples should not be able to ruin what we have here. This is an opportunity to get involved and we hope you will consider it.

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## “Moonlight Marathon” cont. from p. 1

Pendleton Point. Runners could run solo, as a two-person relay, four-person relay or a six-person relay team.

Robby McClung, owner and founder of the Canaan Valley Running Company, was more than pleased with the inaugural moonlight race.

“Sometimes all the stars align, and they certainly did for this event,” McClung stated. “We had 600 runners from over thirty different states join us to run under the stars through Blackwater Falls State Park. I couldn’t be happier with the way it all came together.”

In addition to the 600 runners, there were also another 600 spectators who attended. Not only was the nighttime marathon a draw for avid runners, but it also benefitted West Virginia tourism, giving many visitors the opportunity to enjoy one of the state’s most visited and most beautiful state parks ... plus helped to support local businesses in the Canaan Valley area.

“This would not have been possible without the backing of everyone on the Blackwater Falls State

Park team who worked very hard to prepare the park and ensure that our runners and visitors had a fantastic time. We also thank our race sponsors for their support. They helped make this event very successful and one we hope will grow even more in the years to come,” McClung added. “In fact, we’ve already begun planning for next year’s event that will be held August 27-28, 2022. Registration for the 2022 event will begin on November 2nd.”

Interested runners can sign up for the 2022 race by visiting <https://runsignup.com/Race/WV/Davis/MoonlightontheFallsMarathon>.

The Canaan Valley Running Company hosts several annual race events, and it looks as if the ‘Moonlight on the Falls Marathon’ will become one of them. All of these races are meant to be a true destination experience that showcases all that Tucker County has to offer.

McClung says that in planning for next

year’s event, they want to offer a festival-like atmosphere for Packet Pickup and Pre-Race on Saturday with live music, vendors, food, and more! In addition to their own festivities, they will encourage everyone to check out the endless outdoor recreation opportunities in Canaan Valley and visit the small mountain towns of Davis and Thomas, sometimes called the ‘twin towns’

because they are just a couple of miles apart.

This area, located just on the outskirts of the Monongahela National Forest, has also been called a ‘hidden gem’, and visitors are often staggered by its beauty and charm. Some have said that after visiting in this area, they fully understand that John Denver was not exaggerating by calling West Virginia ‘Almost Heaven’!

In addition to the scenery, the Blackwater Falls/Canaan Valley area offers lodging, coffee shops, eateries, breweries, live entertainment, quaint shops, and friendly people. It also has a thriving art scene and is a place frequented by golfers, hikers, skiers, or simply people looking for a weekend escape.

Visitors have noted as well that while some people feel out of their

element with limited cell service or wifi, it can also be a blessing because it allows them to more greatly appreciate the simple pleasure of being ‘disconnected from the online world’ and a little more connected with the beauty of the world around them.

Here is another choice to consider if you’d like to travel but don’t want to leave West Virginia! Make it a day trip ... or a weekend getaway.

## “Reading Workout”

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In the shadow of Mount Hood, sixteen-year old Tennant is checking rabbit traps

with her eight-year old sister, Sophie, when the girls are suddenly overcome by a strange vibration rising out of the forest, building in intensity until it sounds like a deafening crescendo of screams. From out of nowhere, their father sweeps them up and drops them through a trapdoor into a storm cellar. The sound only gets worse.....

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~~ October Events ~~  
All scheduled programs, because of

COVID, are subject to change. Please call before attending.

Thursdays for Toddlers: Beginning October 7th at 1:30 for ages 2-4. Please call to register your child.

Virtual reading will be Tuesdays at 2 pm beginning on October 5th.

The Hungry Book Club will meet on October 19th at 2 pm. We will be discussing a book of our own choosing. Please bring a recipe to be entered for a prize. New members are welcome!

~~ Bestsellers ~~  
Bestsellers available for check-out at this time include: “Forgotten In Death”

by J.D. Robb; “Billy Summers” by Stephen King; “The Last Thing He Told Me” by Laura Dave; “The Noise” by James Patterson.

New books available: Lightning Strikes” by William Kent Krueger; “Complications” by Danielle Steel; “Bloodless” by Preston & Child; “Another Kind of Eden” by James Lee Burke; “The World Played Chess” by Robert Dugoni; “Hell’s Jaw Pass” by Max O’Hara; “West of the Big River” by Charlie Steel and “Ice & Stone” by Marcia Mueller.

A new Young Adult selection, “Eyes of the Forest” by April Henry is available,

and numerous easy children’s books have been added as well.

It has been said that “Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body”, so as cooler weather arrives and with continuing COVID concerns, even if you are unable to get out and exercise your body, you can escape with a reading workout! Pay us a visit at Lowe Public Library and keep your mind active! We are always anxious to welcome new patrons. Our hours are Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

“Run” in and pick up a good book!

## “Shinnston Garden Club” cont. from p.5

Jon Harbert, Chief Shinnston Police Department, Dot Underwood, Field Agent, WV, and Pat Kovalck, Mayor of the City of Shinnston.

Mayor Kovalck extended a warm welcome from Shinnston to Mr. Warner and all those present.

Joyce Miker gave the Gardener’s Prayer and asked a blessing on the food. A delicious boxed lunch was served followed by 2 beautiful patriotic cakes to celebrate the Club’s 92nd birthday.

Unique devotions were presented by VP Ashcraft. She displayed pictures of the flag in various modes and after each provided a quotation from a notable person. She ended with prayer.

The Pledge to the U.S. Flag was led by Secretary Letha Stutler. The Pledge to the WV Flag was led by Chad M. Edwards.

The Conservation Pledge was given by Deborah Starkey, Director of Lowe Public Library. Attractive brochures from the Library were at each place setting. The Garden Club is a strong supporter of Lowe Public Library.

VP Ashcraft introduced life members David and Debbie Harbert to Mr. Warner, noting they are the Club’s first life members, so named because of their help to the Club and the community.

The guest speaker was introduced by VP

Ashcraft, who noted Mr. Warner and 3 brothers and 2 of his children were graduates of West Point Academy. Warner spent 27 years in the US Army after graduating from Law School and spent 5 years as a contractor in Afghanistan. His daughter also served in Afghanistan. Warner and his wife Debbie are parents of 4 children and have 4 grandchildren.

Warner is in his second term as Secretary of State and has gained a national reputation for clean elections and recently was chosen to be on the Executive Board of the National Association of Secretaries of State – a very prestigious honor.

Mr. Warner divided his talk into 3 categories and delivered it without notes as he walked around the room: 1. The Story of how the Star Spangled Banner was written, 2. Election laws in West Virginia and 3. The war

in and withdrawal from Afghanistan.

The Vice President thanked Mr. Warner for his presence and service and presented him with gifts from the Club and from herself.

A short business meeting followed with minutes read by Secretary Stutler and a short report from Treasurer Herndon.

Kathleen Panek gave a remembrance for Wanda V. Camp, a recently deceased member.

Ashcraft announced that the next meeting would be Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 1 pm at Jimmy’s Diner.

The door prize of a lovely patriotic lantern was won by Chief Harbert.

VP Ashcraft presented personal gifts to Rota, Stutler, Herndon, Miker, Starkey and Panek for their assistance with the program. Debbie and Dave Harbert received a

prize for making the first reservation and Juanita Pumphrey and Joyce Miker were chosen for prizes for the most patriotic apparel.

Chief Harbert brought his canine unit “Bear” (a favorite of the Club) to meet Mr. Warner and they became pals.

At the conclusion, VP Ashcraft thanked all for attending and asked everyone to participate in a “Blessing Circle” which closed the wonderful occasion, reflecting on the many blessings we enjoy living under our beautiful flag and for the longevity of the Club which has given much to the community.

Present but not previously mentioned were: Marjorie E. Jackson, Linda K. Comer, Jon Olsen, Deloris Minor, Enith Wright, Pam Pumphrey, and Diane Snyder.

## “Museum Visit”

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mines. They would notch out a ledge to set their light on near the area they were digging out. By the mid-eighteen hundreds lard oil lamps were used. These produced an oily smoke. A headlamp had been developed by then which consisted of a little kettle-like structure filled with oil that had a wick which would burn. The miners wore a cloth or canvas hat, which provided them a little bit of protection, but the chief purpose of which was to serve as a mount for the headlamp.

Carbide lamps were invented around 1910. Water was added to the carbide and the resulting chemical reaction produced acetylene gas. The carbide lamps were far less smoky and burned brighter. Still, these

were open flames and the chance of igniting methane gas and coal dust was very high. Safety lamps invented in the late 1800’s were a much safer option, but miners found the safety light cumbersome and it did not give off as much light.

The early part of the 20th century was a deadly time for miners including: Monongah Mines in 1907, killing 362; Cherry Mine in Illinois in 1909, killing 259; and Stag Canon in New Mexico, killing 263 in 1913. Congress established the US Bureau of Mines in 1910 and a search for safer lighting options was launched in earnest, resulting in approved battery-operated individual cap lights that are still used today – keeping the lights on for those who keep our lights on.

## “Big Elm”

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classic, Daughter of the Elm, will also be reviewed.

Those attending are encouraged to share stories of the Big Elm. Light refreshments will be provided.

The program will be offered at the Bice-

Ferguson Memorial Museum at the corner of Pike and Bridge Streets on Saturday, October 16th at 5:00 PM.

For more information, you may contact Museum Director Debra Herndon at 304-677-6650.

## “Shake Swap”

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help defray the expenses of the production.

It had rained earlier in the day and then became a light drizzle, almost completely stopping in time for the performance. The sizeable audience enjoyed the performance immensely.

On Saturday, October 2, 2021 the local Rustic Mechanicals of Vintage Theatre Company will “swap” and wend their way to The West View Hub, 435 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to perform Much Ado About Nothing.

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