



CVB To Launch A Brand New Weekend Event In Clarksburg In Early December



By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD
News & Journal Editor
Autumn has officially arrived and our trees have not yet shed their leaves, so your

thoughts are probably not quite ready to focus on winter at this point. However, Tina Yoke, Executive Director of the Clarksburg Visitors Bureau, and her planning committee

have already been working for months to organize something new that will create holiday excitement in downtown Clarksburg.

Yoke noted that shortly after she was named director of the CVB, there were family members, friends, business owners and public officials suggesting the need for some sort of winter activity for people in Clarksburg and the surrounding area to enjoy. She listened and was motivated!

“These folks offered a lot of wonderful ideas,” she commented. “I knew that Jackson Square could play a huge role in such an event since it is under roof yet outdoors, and I also felt confident that I could count on the citizens of this community to come together to make it happen. Our planning committee has been meeting every month for some time and we have representation from nearly 20 organizations, civic clubs, churches, and community

volunteers. We’re all very enthusiastic about offering everyone in the area this event to kick off the holiday season.” WinterFest Weekend will begin on Friday, December 3rd and continue on Saturday, December 4th with activities throughout the downtown area and at Jackson Square.

Yoke explained what will be happening at Jackson Square, saying, “We’ll be hosting a ‘Winter Market of Artisans’ at Jackson Square and we invite anyone who makes items by hand to participate. Whether they fashion

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Paint Grant For Local Businesses A Topic At Council Work Session

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD
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Shinnston City Council held its monthly work session at the Woman’s Club (and via Zoom) on September 27th at the Woman’s Club.

Two citizens petitioned to speak. Joe Roberts once again addressed the issue he has about cash disbursements from the excess levy funds, although it had been clarified previously that the name ‘cash disbursements’ was how the accounting system listed payments made and that there should

be cancelled checks to prove where this money had gone. Roberts threatened to go to an attorney to investigate this matter further.

The second citizen to speak was Willard West who complained about a fight at a recent bocce tournament. He also questioned lighting that was done at the park and wondered why the bill had not yet been paid. It was explained to him that the City was trying to be fiscally responsible and wanted to ensure that work was done as it was supposed to have been done before payment was made.

A representative from Suddenlink was scheduled to appear that evening with public information and to field questions from the public in attendance; however that individual failed to show up. Because there were a number of people there to ask questions, they were invited to submit questions that would be forwarded to the representative who is now scheduled to be at the October meeting.

In his departmental report, City Manager Chad Edwards offered the following remarks:

WATER – Divers have been employed to clean out intake screens; cost is \$2,500.

SEWER–The Lincoln

Apartments project is moving forward. Both Edwards and Mayor Kovalck will meet with two members of Greater Harrison to discuss the possibility of bringing more residences and businesses in, which could mean an investment in a plant expansion. Drains on Duffy Street have been cleaned and further drain cleaning will continue. Work was halted to deal with work at the plant after the pool was drained and it was noted that they are operating on one clarifier. The cost to replace the clarifier is \$4,985.

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STOMP’s Performance A Sellout; 2nd Show Now Slated



Imagine being entertained without words being spoken, but that is what STOMP accomplishes using household and industrial objects and movement to bring about visual comedy.

It didn’t take long after the announcement was made that STOMP was coming to the Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center on November 13th and it was sold out! So now, The Cultural Foundation of Harrison County is pleased to say that this international percussion sensation will remain

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Eastern Panhandle



Building Amazing Cities

By JIM HUNT
author, speaker, consultant

As I continue my travels throughout West Virginia, I had the opportunity to visit the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia, including the cities of Keyser, Romney and Martinsburg. Even before the changing of the leaves, the mountains of West Virginia are beautiful and worth the trip at any time of the year. You do have to prepare yourself for some winding roads and the occasional deer, squirrel, groundhog and even a black snake crossing in front of you. There are numerous small farms along the road, and most are well cared for

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Falcon Family ‘Homecoming’ Activities To Be Celebrated This Weekend



LLOYD WHITE



MATT SWAIN

By LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD
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Fairmont State University will celebrate its Homecoming event this weekend with lots of activities, beginning

with a bonfire on Thursday evening and concluding with what is hoped to be a win at its Homecoming football game on Saturday afternoon when the Falcons host Alderson

Broaddus University at Duvall-Rosier Field.

Homecoming is always an exciting time when many alumni return to the Fairmont campus, and this year the University will honor some very deserving members of its ‘family’. On Friday afternoon, an Alumni Celebration will be held at which time the 2020-2021 Alumni Award Winners will be honored. Honorees will include: Porter Stiles (1981) and Rocco Fucillo (1984) – Outstanding Alumnus;

Devanna Corley (1997) – Outstanding Alumna; Randal D. Farley (1978) and Col. Robert W. Vincent, USAF, ret. (1969) – Alumnus of Achievement; Kathy Hypes (1986) – Alumna of Achievement; Eric Moffa (2005) and Frankie Wilson (2015) – Outstanding Young Alumnus; Stacey Bowers (2007) – Outstanding Young Alumna; and Charles L. Reese (1966) – Lifetime Achievement Award.

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Food For Thought

By Leigh Currey Merrifield
Editor

Part Of The "Family"

Have you ever given any thought to the differences are between humans and animals? There really aren't many dissimilarities! If you have pets in your home, you have simply added to your family - except they are not claimable on your income taxes like your children are. You bring them home and nurture them, love them, clap for them when they do something right, scold them when they misbehave, laugh at them when they 'perform' for you, worry when they get sick, and care for them as they age. Perhaps there are just a couple of differences - they will never literally "speak" your language; you don't have to save for their college education; and you don't have to worry about trusting them with your car! Otherwise, they are pretty much 'human' and very much 'family'.

I'll go back a few years to a case in point about just how much they ingrain themselves into your heart! My girlfriend and her family are pet lovers. At one time, in addition to their children and grandchildren of course, they were down to just one dog and three cats in the family. When she told me this story, I kept sympathetically saying "Ahhhhhh". And she kept repeating, "No, wait, that's not all", and "No, wait, there's more". As the story progressed, it became almost laughable! It all began when a

stray kitten found its way into their yard and into their hearts. Shortly after it established residence with them, it incurred a little accident. Being small, quick and playful, it managed to get its leg caught under someone's foot, an unfortunate mishap that broke its leg. This little accident involved surgery to put a pin in its leg to the tune of \$600 and the kitten required careful watching for some time afterwards.

Then there's cat #2 who developed itching problems which resulted in half a dozen office calls to the vet, specially ordered cases of non-allergenic cat food, and steroid shots. Because the problem persisted and continual steroid usage can result in liver damage, they were recommended to a College of Veterinary Medicine on the campus of Virginia Tech for allergy testing in the dermatology department to get to the root of the problem. So ... a trip to Blacksburg, VA, 3 days off work, high gasoline prices, lodging, meals and a diagnosis of hypersensitivity to fleas was the result. Being a house cat, the blame had to be placed on cat #3 who wandered in and out and, at 17 years old, had definitely become a member of the family through the years. More costs mounted with having the house flea-bombed recommended.

Now that brings us to their dog, who cried from depression when her mother passed and

became somewhat neurotic. At 8 years old, she had only been in season 4 times, and the last time, she unexpectedly got pregnant by a stranger - name and address unknown. When it was time for delivery, the normal signs were all there - pacing, nesting and restlessness. After four days with nothing happening, they were concerned, took her to the vet and a C-Section was performed, followed by a hysterectomy due to damage done by the large puppy being lodged. Add to that a day in intensive care. Grand total of all these pet costs was nearing \$3,000 and that was some time ago!

This family should be a "poster family" to advertise the advisability of purchasing pet health insurance or perhaps they might be good candidates for one of those MasterCard commercials - - loving your pets and nursing them back to health ... PRICELESS! They certainly had more than their share of bad luck but through it all, they cared for their pets much like they would care for their children. Don't let anyone tell you that pets aren't part of a family!!!! And worth every cent!!!

This week's dessert: "If having a soul means being able to feel love, loyalty, and gratitude, then animals are better off than a lot of humans." ~ James Herriot

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't Neglect Long-Haul Covid In The Panic Over Delta

Dear Editor, "Long Covid" is one of many scary phrases that has barged into our vocabulary since the pandemic upended global life. Those who have it are afflicted with a Covid that seems never to go away. With the present panic over the Delta variant, there's a danger that we will not accord this slow-burn condition the attention it deserves.

With symptoms ranging from severe fatigue and l i g h t h e a d e d n e s s to anxiety and, in some extreme cases, psychosis, these long-haul patients are begging for help. Studies indicate that as many as three out of 10 people infected with Covid-19 may experience long Covid. Yet, doctors struggle to find an explanation.

Another problem is that almost all studies of long Covid focus

on the unvaccinated. Little research has been done on "breakthrough infections" -- the contracting of Covid-19 after vaccination. Preliminary research suggests that symptoms can endure for up to six weeks in breakthrough cases.

What makes long Covid so puzzling is the variety of possible symptoms, of which there are potentially hundreds. Patients report shortness of breath, fever, difficulty concentrating, and skin conditions. Some patients experience hearing loss. Still others report fatigue so severe that they struggle to get out of bed. There's no diagnostic test for long Covid, and brain MRI scans and other tests fail to yield results.

But this list of symptoms also gives researchers multiple vantage points from

which to study the condition.

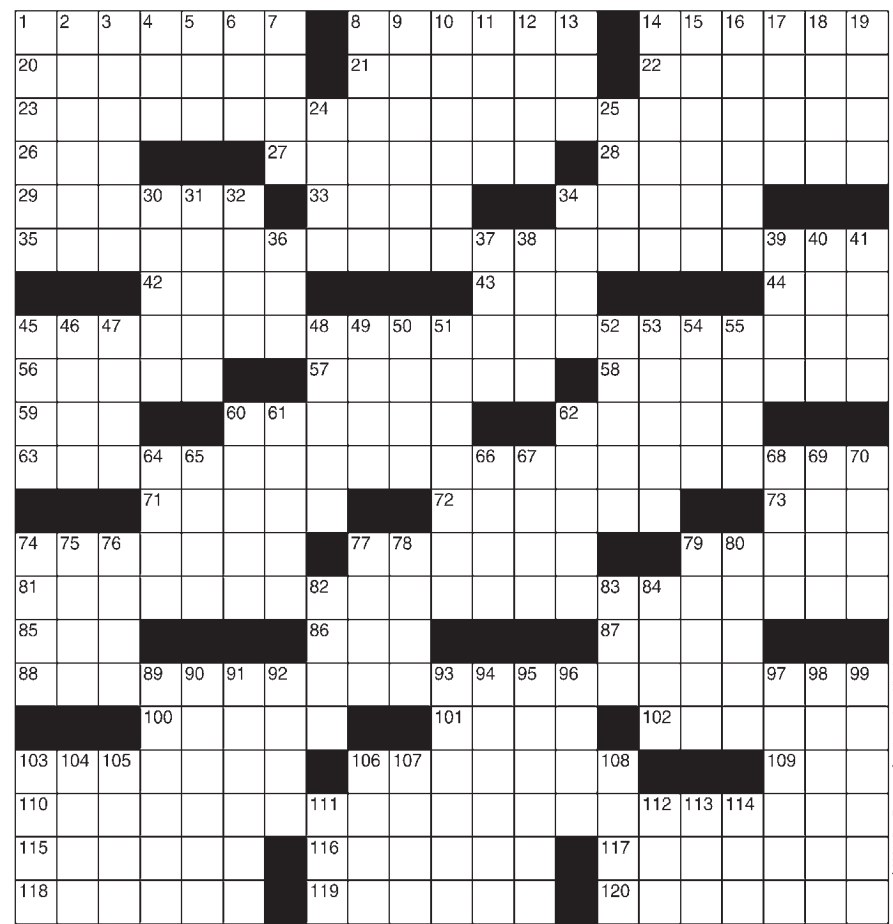
Some scientists theorize that fighting Covid-19 leaves behind viral particles that trigger a generalized cycle of inflammation long after the body has defeated the pathogen itself. Others think the virus may burrow in human tissues, allowing it to surface sometime later when immunity weakens.

In select cases, doctors have diagnosed patients complaining of long Covid symptoms with a rare condition known as postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome (POTS). The condition often appears suddenly following a viral infection.

Any theory or link to a known condition offers hope for patients. In guidelines released mid-June, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Verbal quirk from the 43rd U.S. president
 - 8 Actor Gabe
 - 14 "Go ahead" hand gesture
 - 20 Diplomatic agreement
 - 21 "Stop already!"
 - 22 Workweek ender
 - 23 Disturb calm piccolo players?
 - 26 Alley —
 - 27 Card game with melding
 - 28 Chef Emeril
 - 29 Rival of Bing
 - 33 Singer Wilson with the 1977 hit "Telephone Man"
 - 34 Diner patron
 - 35 Most agile men of the cloth persevere?
 - 42 Moreno of film
 - 43 Goddess of dawn
 - 44 — Na Na
 - 45 Noisy baby toys make an aspiring actress jump?
 - 56 Hilo "hello"
 - 57 Related to fat, in biochemistry
 - 58 Neighbor of a Syrian
 - 59 Tiny drink
 - 60 Directive to Danno on "Hawaii Five-O"
 - 62 French actor Delon
 - 63 More sickly-looking buccaneers wander around?
 - 71 Tiny bits
 - 72 At minimum
 - 73 Above, to poets
 - 74 It links England and France
 - 77 Retina part
 - 79 Actor Romero
 - 81 Shows where a few food-industry calves are hiding?
 - 85 Rage
 - 86 Suffix of sugars
 - 87 Yale attendees
 - 88 Threw away the most rigid filaments?
 - 100 Salk vaccine target
 - 101 "— pronounce you ..."
 - 102 Make certain of a
 - 103 Add to a database
 - 106 Munich's state
 - 109 Actor Romero
 - 110 Doorkeeper's purplish-red uniform ID?
 - 115 River through the Carolinas
 - 116 Devoted fan
 - 117 "Let's do this now"
 - 118 Letter-shaped tracks in metalworking
 - 119 Softhearted
 - 120 Operating room knives
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Enshrouds in haze
 - 2 Remove a lasso from, e.g.
 - 3 Mental torpor
 - 4 "— So Fine" (1963 hit)
 - 5 Bank acct. earnings
 - 6 Fr. nun, maybe
 - 7 Former div. of Ford
 - 8 More acute
 - 9 Actor Aziz —
 - 10 Anson Williams' role on "Happy Days"
 - 11 Liza Minnelli's half sister
 - 12 Water, in Lorna
 - 13 Sabres' gp.
 - 14 In the recent past
 - 15 Diane who played Helen in "Troy"
 - 16 Hindu lutes
 - 17 May 15, e.g.
 - 18 Needlefishes
 - 19 Wall Street market inits.
 - 24 Exit incline
 - 25 Lickable envelope part
 - 30 Waist size
 - 31 Actress Arcieri or Kenzie
 - 32 Punta del —, Uruguay
 - 34 To be, to Nero
 - 36 Prof's aides
 - 37 Alien-seeking proj.
 - 38 Recounted
 - 39 Dot on an ocean map
 - 40 Silverstein of kiddie lit
 - 41 Comic actor Jacques
 - 45 Filing tool
 - 46 Inter — (among others)
 - 47 Summits
 - 48 Splashes liquid on
 - 49 — torch (luau light)
 - 50 Mimicker
 - 51 Lovey stuff
 - 52 Riverbed deposits
 - 53 Old Russian autocrats
 - 54 Opera tune
 - 55 Hindu queen
 - 60 Chewed leaf stimulant
 - 61 Spoken exams
 - 62 Give — of approval
 - 64 Fork point
 - 65 39-Down off Scotland
 - 66 Series of gigs
 - 67 Jazz legend Fitzgerald
 - 68 Ask, as a question
 - 69 Char
 - 70 Blows it
 - 74 Lit — (univ. course)
 - 75 Mr., in Berlin
 - 76 Middle layer of the eye
 - 77 Arizona city
 - 78 Say to be so
 - 79 — terrier (Toto, e.g.)
 - 80 "It's nobody — business"
 - 82 Arty area of NYC
 - 83 Doc for pets
 - 84 K-12
 - 89 Swimsuit brand
 - 90 Certain wasp
 - 91 Best-of-the-best groups
 - 92 Merrill of old movies
 - 93 Shift, as attention
 - 94 Glossy paint
 - 95 1957 Jimmy Dorsey hit
 - 96 Mattress size
 - 97 Mom's sis
 - 98 Saw things while asleep
 - 99 Marsh plants
 - 103 Pre- — (replace)
 - 104 Scottish turndowns
 - 105 Neutrogena shampoo brand
 - 106 Expressed, as a farewell
 - 107 Lots
 - 108 Blue dye
 - 111 Comedy bit
 - 112 — loss
 - 113 Rivall of AOL
 - 114 Misc. abbr.



Find the Super Crossword Answers on Page 8!



recommended doctors focus their approach on patients' specific symptoms.

Thus, in the fight against long Covid, doctors should target the symptoms patients are experiencing with treatments already proven to address those indications.

For patients experiencing high blood pressure, for instance, doctors can prescribe beta-blockers to slow their heart rate. Those patients who feel extreme fatigue can benefit from medicines used to treat chronic fatigue syndrome. Some patients with a POTS diagnosis see positive results from a drug called ivabradine.

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A number of drugs, FDA-approved for other ailments, are finding welcome additional use in the treatment of Covid. Empagliflozin, commonly used for Type-2 diabetes, promises to protect against Covid-related organ failure. Baracitinib, an anti-inflammatory drug developed for rheumatoid arthritis, has shown notable effectiveness in reducing Covid-related mortality.

Patients experiencing respiratory problems may benefit from a new drug known as Tavalisse, which has FDA approval for use in patients suffering from a rare condition known

as thrombocytopenia. Meanwhile, a recent study found that low-dose naltrexone -- a therapy for chronic fatigue or chronic pain -- shows potential to safely and effectively disrupt Covid-19's ability to attack the body.

Curing long Covid requires dedicated research and investment. Even repurposing existing drugs requires expensive clinical trials. With tens of thousands of Americans getting infected with Covid-19 every day, the scientific community must double down on finding cures for this condition.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jeffrey Gold, MD
Marblehead, MA

N&J Briefs

FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

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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).

MONONGALIA COUNTY BEEKEEPERS MEETING

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

HOPE, INC. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP

Hope, Inc., a task force - support group on growing free from domestic violence, will meet on Thursdays at noon at Koupal Towers, 916 West Pike Street in Clarksburg. For more information, call 304-624-9835 or email asnyderhope@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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Since the outbreak of Covid 19 in the US, both addiction and alcohol use are on the rise. Alcohol sales showed a tremendous increase as on line alcohol sales skyrocketed. Learn more about alcohol addiction and what can be done by visiting: <https://www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/blog/signs-that-alcohol-use-is-getting-dangerous.html>

ADDICTION SCREENINGS - Narconon can help you take steps to help those suffering from alcoholism. Call today for free screenings or referrals. 1-800-431-1754

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The Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center is seeking qualified volunteer drivers to support the Volunteer Transportation Network. The drivers will assist Veterans with their transportation needs to and from scheduled appointments at one of five locations throughout North Central West Virginia,

including the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg and Community Based Outpatient Clinics in Westover, Parkersburg, Parsons and Sutton, West Virginia. Drivers are particularly needed in the following counties: Barbour, Braxton, Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Lewis,

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and safety training course, both provided by the VA. Volunteers are recognized annually at a volunteer recognition ceremony. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Voluntary Service at 1-800-733-0512 extension 3669 or visit www.clarksburg.va.gov and click on the Volunteer tab.

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in town to deliver a second performance the following day – on Sunday, November 14th at 4 p.m.

STOMP is a unique combination of percussion, movement and visual comedy that utilizes household and industrial objects as musical instruments. The characters ‘wordlessly’ entertain and communicate through dance and drum.

Due to the significant

spread of COVID-19 in Harrison County, the first performance of STOMP on November 13th will require all guests 12 and older to be fully vaccinated for COVID and must show proof of vaccination along with a photo ID at the time of entry into the theater with their valid ticket. Guests under the age of 12 (accompanied by an adult that meets the vaccination requirements) or guests who need reasonable

accommodations due to a medical exception or a sincerely held religious belief must provide proof of a negative COVID antigen test taken within 24 hours of the performance start time, or a negative COVID PCR test taken within 72 hours of the performance start time along with photo ID. COVID tests must be administered by an official testing center; self-administered tests will not be accepted.

Tickets for STOMP's November 14th performance will go on sale to the public on Monday, October 11th at 10 a.m. Tickets will again be priced in three tiers and range from \$39, \$55, and \$69 in respect to proximity to the stage. Tickets can be purchased either online anytime at tickets.therobinsongrand.com or over the phone by calling 855-773-6283 Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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POLICE – K-9 training was to be done throughout the week.

OFFICE & ADMIN. – Two employees in the water office at the City Building are out with COVID-19, so the office will be closed to the public for a few weeks. Because many who enter the premises to pay their bills are not wearing masks, to keep the remainder of the staff safe, customers can pay their bills via credit card over the phone or use the drop box to leave a check or cash in a sealed envelope. This will be updated on a week-to-week basis.

Edwards and Jon Olson will be meeting with WVU's Public Administration department to discuss interns to assist with a data tracking and resource management

system. **ECON. DEV. & PARKS & REC** – The pool has been drained, cleaned up and winterized.

The city will be having a store decorating contest for school spirit week and they encourage business store fronts to show their Cougar pride. Olson will be getting volunteers together to help decorate the city building and city facilities such as the greenspace.

Discussion Items included:

AMR UPDATE – The AMR meters are now arriving and work is being done to put up the towers for the AMR infrastructure. Public Works supervisor Perry DelRio brought a sample of the AMRs to the meeting to show them to Council members.

LINCOLN APTS.

UPDATE - The Sanitary Board has met and is moving forward with the temporary fix at the Lincoln Apartment; they will meet again in October to discuss the potential larger sewer project.

SDA DISCUSSION – Anthony Tate has been appointed as the interim president of the SDA organization to replace Jill Fratto who resigned. New officers will be selected at the next meeting and it is hoped that this group will once again become active (if COVID allows).

71 STATION ST. DISCUSSION – A few people have expressed an interest in purchasing this property (owned by NAJ) to either restore or tear down, but the \$20,000 lien against it has been an issue. As NAJ had offered to give this property to the City, that may be considered since,

otherwise, the property will go for taxes and the City would not recover the lien anyway.

PAINT GRANT – Community Development Coordinator Anthony Tate and Councilman Andrew Kisamore are working together and involving WV Prevention Solutions on the possibility of gathering workers who need community service hours to do painting for businesses in town that might be interested in an update. Interested businesses would choose the paint and offer to give, for example \$250 toward the paint cost, to which, WV Prevention Solutions would match that amount. The matching funds would be up to \$700 per business.

As there was no request for Executive Session and no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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foster Falcon Family enthusiasm than a parade! And this year, Fairmont State students and alumni, along with local community residents and all Falcon supporters will be able to enjoy the return of the Homecoming Parade that will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning. The parade route will commence at Palatine Park and continue to Locust Avenue.

The University is proud to name its parade marshals Matt Swain (Fairmont State Chief of Police and Emergency Management Director) and Lloyd White (Marion County Health Department Administrator), two individuals who worked diligently to safely guide the campus and the entire community through the challenging times brought about by the global COVID-19

pandemic. Fairmont State University President Mirta M. Martin stated, “These gentlemen have been on the front lines of our COVID response, and each of us has benefited from their insight, vision and hard work. I urge everyone who attends the parade to demonstrate our gratitude to these two men for their tireless efforts to keep the Falcon Family as well as our community safe.” Swain was tasked with overseeing the University's COVID-19 testing protocols, reporting exposures to, and confirmed cases of, the virus, and organizing ongoing campus vaccine clinics, among other duties.

Swain said, “Throughout the pandemic, the University has acted out of an abundance of

caution to protect our campus and surrounding communities, while also providing a sense of normalcy to the Falcon Family. Our Task Force has worked tirelessly to ensure our Homecoming activities may resume, and we look forward to safely welcoming our community and alumni back to campus for this long-awaited celebration.”

White, in addition to conducting community-wide testing, surveillance and vaccination efforts throughout Marion County, has worked closely with Swain to provide guidance and support to help protect Fairmont State students, faculty and staff.

White commented, “The health and safety of our community has been at the forefront of our minds over

the last 18 months. Though navigating this pandemic has been a challenge, the cooperation for Matt Swain, as well as the entire campus community at Fairmont State, has been instrumental in our ability to continually adapt to the circumstances at hand.”

Homecoming celebrations on university campuses are a tradition for students and alumni, reveling in pomp and circumstance as well as merriment and excitement. The Falcon Family and its supporters will gather this weekend to commemorate this tradition. Memories will be made and revisited ... school spirit will be abundant ... and maroon and white will be the predominant colors this weekend in Fairmont!



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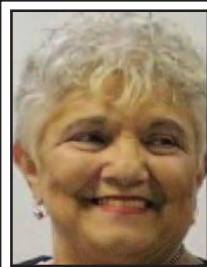


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GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

Looking at the calendar this morning it tells me that the month of October is here. I feel like it was only last week that we welcomed the month of September, but I guess time waits for no man. I know that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and I strongly advocate getting your mammogram this month; I am an example of a life saved by a mammogram.

Like a child, I welcome October with a happy smile because it is my birthday month. I was born October 6th in East View to Bill and Florence Roberto Burnett. I was born in a little White House on Hanover Street and was delivered by Dr. C. O. Post. I spent most of my life (until I was 60) residing in East View. I hope to return there in the very near future ... that creek must run through my veins.

I try to remember all of my birthdays, but with 82 they seem to run together. Those birthdays in junior high and high school were always celebrated with a party in the basement of my home with friends. After getting married, most birthdays were observed with family. There were several years we took our annual trip to Rehoboth Beach and came home with a car full of mums. Then there was the 50th surprise party planned by my family; I will admit, it was truly a surprise. To be totally honest, I really like birthday parties. Not because of the cake, ice cream or gifts, but because of my friends and family gathering together.

If truth be known, my 80th party was the most

memorable. After having gone through cancer treatment, divorce, and moving, I had to prove to myself that I was still in one piece and could welcome each day with excitement. I want to thank all those who were so instrumental in getting me through this tough period of my life. Our family motto is "Tough Times Never Last but Tough People Do".

If I allow myself to reminisce, I realize that in these 82 years I have done things that some people only dream about. First, I have given birth to two sets of twins and to top that off, I have twin grandchildren. I have visited an Indian reservation and eaten Buffalo. I have met five presidents and I have my picture with the Pope. I have travelled to almost every state in the Union and I received a presidential appointment to serve as chairman of the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation. I have visited Italy several times and found the birthplace of my father. I have served on committees too numerous to mention, but hope that my efforts helped our community. I have been the wife, mother and grandmother of an elected official.

Also, I have written a cookbook which is a collection of Italian recipes and customs that has sold about 10,000 copies. Proceeds from the sale was donated to scholarships.

If my memory serves me right, I could go on and on, but now it is time for me to concentrate on what the next year will bring. I dedicate it to Faith, Family and Friends; Faith that I will be granted strength and patience, Family that I will always be surrounded by, and Friends that will always be there for me.

Happy Birthday to me and to all those October babies and until next week, "Now You Have Heard It Through the Grapevine."

My Susie Was A Bright Spot On The Darkest Day... Forever Missed, Forever Loved



Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny

October 5th will be two years since my lovely wife, Susie, passed away. And the pain of missing her isn't getting any easier. To honor her, I decided to rerun this write-up by our niece Teri (Debbie's daughter) from back then.

Tribute to Aunt Sue by Teri Kisner

"I've been trying to find the words to write for a couple of days now. How do you find words when your heart hurts and you are trying to figure out how you move forward in this world when one of your favorite people has passed on?"

"Growing up, I idolized my Aunt Sue and Uncle Pat. They had a Mustang and an amazing red and white classic Ford Fairlane that they would take to car shows. They hosted New Year's Eve parties that I longed to be old enough to attend. And after my grandparents passed away, it was the two of them that assumed the role of the head of the family. While I still had my paternal grandmother, they filled the role of grandparents on my mom's side. They were two people that I always wanted to share milestones with, looked to for approval, etc."

"Aunt Sue was a straight shooter. She had no issues telling you what was on her mind. So much in fact, some visits you went fully on guard and just waited until she finally got around to setting you straight on a matter. She was stubborn and opinionated. Yet, she was love, grace, and compassion. No matter what, you knew you were loved."

"She was a great cook and her kitchen always smelled amazing. I always thought Uncle Pat was the luckiest man alive based on the meals she cooked for him. I think my love of meat and

potatoes stems from that kitchen. She made the BEST pumpkin rolls and peanut butter balls. You could always count on RC and in later years Coca Cola in the fridge and something yummy on the counter to dig into."

"She loved ice cream. She loved music and to dance. She loved her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She loved each of her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. It didn't matter how many of us there were, she always made you feel like the most special person in her world when you shared moments with her. And, she made it a point to keep up with me, my accomplishments, and my boys. She loved seeing pictures and hearing about what my boys were up to. I never felt like we were lost in the sea of all of the other extended family."

"She loved the color red and looked fabulous every time she wore it. Aunt Sue was the best dressed, most glamorous person I knew. She was the epitome of class and style. In my eyes, there was not a single person who dressed or looked better. She was one of those people who could pull off the flashiest outfit when no one else could. Her hair, jewelry, and nails were always perfection. And don't even get me started on her shoes! Her shoe collection would put Carrie Bradshaw to shame. I remember how sad I was when I realized my feet had stopped growing and I wouldn't be able to take any of her shoes because they would be too big. LOL!"

"She was the heart and the soul of the family, our Queen Bee. My Aunt Sue was a bright spot on the darkest day. She was a warm hug that always hit the spot. She was the escape you needed from the rest of the world. Her laughter was music. Her smile was the sun. She will be forever missed."

Amen...thanks Bear.

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

Ace

WV Extension Service Offering Livestock Grazing School

There will be a Livestock Grazing School on Oct. 18-19 held near Buckhannon from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you have any interest at all in extending your grazing season, learning about grazing management, or increasing profitability, this school is for you!

Day 1 will include sessions on Managed Grazing, Forage Supply & Demand, Stocking Rates/Capacity/Density, Forage Budgeting, and Forage Species & Selection. Day 2 will include sessions on grazing principles, developing a grazing plan, hay production, soil fertility/testing, and livestock fencing. To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/31OKqae> or call one of the following Extension Offices: Harrison County 304-624-8650 or Upshur County 304-473-4208. Registration is limited to 30 participants and is \$25 to cover the cost of lunch.

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"Eastern Panhandle"

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and ready to harvest the corn and hay for the long winter season.

Keyser is a short drive off Interstate 68 and is the home of Potomac State College, a part of the West Virginia University system. The college was founded in 1901 and recently started a nursing program, which graduated its first cohort of nurses in the Spring of 2021. The town of Keyser has a rich history and much of it surrounded the Civil War and the battles that commenced over the city. The labor movement also figured prominently in its history with an 1877 strike between workers and the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. The company prevailed in breaking the strike, but the unrest spread throughout the country and led to the formation of the modern labor movement. Today's Keyser is not the bustling town that it once was but is working to revitalize the downtown business district and adjoining neighborhoods.

A short drive from Keyser is the town of Romney that sits at the intersection of Route 50 and Route 220. Romney has a population of just under 2,000 and is a quaint city with historic buildings and homes. The downtown business district is well kept and filled with flowers situated in flowerpots along Main Street. Romney has the distinction of being one of the oldest towns in West Virginia and houses the West Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind. Being the county seat for Hampshire County, Romney has a beautiful courthouse located on Main Street that houses county offices. In talking with an old gentleman sitting in front of the courthouse, Romney is like going back in history and enjoying a quieter form of life and I would have to agree with him.

In order to drive from Romney to Martinsburg, you must dip into Virginia and get a glimpse of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Martinsburg has always been one of my favorite cities in West Virginia and I always enjoy seeing the brick buildings on Main Street and the assortment of shops and restaurants that dot the downtown. Located a short drive from Washington, DC, Martinsburg has a robust tourist business, and the weekends are always filled with people looking for an interesting visit to one of West Virginia's most historic cities. On this visit to Martinsburg, we visited the county offices located in the Dunn Building, which was formerly the Factory Outlets, known to many in West Virginia. As we walked into the building, I remembered many visits to the outlets and getting ice cream at the shoppe in the Dunn Building. Although it now houses the county offices, it still is very familiar to those who used to search for bargains at the factory outlets. If you get a chance, look for the large water tower outside the Dunn Building and peek inside, it will bring back memories.

These are only a few of the many sights and attractions of West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle. It is an easy drive from Central West Virginia and offers dozens of activities to see and do. I look forward to returning soon and checking out some of the other attractions.

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BUSINESS MATTERS

HOPE INC. In The Business Of Supporting Victims Of Domestic Violence

The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal, in conjunction with North Central WV Airport, has named HOPE, Inc. as October's Business/Philanthropic Entity of the Month.



Just as its name implies, HOPE, Inc. offers hope by sheltering and providing confidential supportive services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence as well as to their family members.

By DIANA BEDELL
News & Journal Staff
Writer

For anyone watching the news of late, you know the importance of a certain business in our county, as well as those surrounding us. HOPE Inc., a task force on domestic violence and sexual assault offers shelter and confidential supportive services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, as well as to their family members.

According to Michelle McCord, executive director of HOPE Inc., in the past five years, the group has also added a human trafficking piece, whether it be sex trafficking or labor trafficking.

To bring this business even more in the public eye, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and it is a good opportunity to stress the importance of HOPE Inc.'s work. While the shelter and main office is located in Marion

County, the agency also has satellite offices in Harrison, Doddridge, Lewis and Gilmer counties. Each office is important to the internal workings of the agency and Kim Nicholson, HOPE's outreach director, has advocates that report to her in each county and assist victims with sheltering, representation in court hearings on domestic violence and provide support and counseling services. HOPE Inc. also operates a hotline 24/7

for victims to contact at 304-367-1100.

The recent COVID pandemic has put a crunch on what HOPE Inc. has or has not been able to accomplish in the past year and a half. A candlelight ceremony, memorializing victims of domestic violence, was held in years past on the Fairmont State University campus. The group is still waiting on the nod to go ahead with the annual event this year. According to Kim Nicholson, HOPE Inc. also operates a hotline 24/7

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Blaine Turner Advertising Donates \$35,000 To United Health Foundation



Pictured from left: Scott Griffiths, manager of The Gift Shop at UHC, UHC Pro-Am Golf Tournament Co-Chairman; John Fernandez, Vice President of Operations, UHC Pro-Am Golf Tournament Co-Chairman; Mike Tillman, President of United Hospital Center; Delbert Royce, CFO of Blaine Turner Advertising; Ginna Royce, CEO, Creative Director of Blaine Turner Advertising; and Sarah Rogers, President of Blaine Turner Advertising.

In honor of its 35th anniversary, Blaine Turner Advertising (BTA), a full-service marketing and public relations agency, will donate \$35,000 to the United Health Foundation (UHF), a not-for-profit corporation formed to help support the mission of United Hospital Center (UHC). With this donation, BTA has contributed a total of \$75,000 to UHF since 2019.

This \$35,000 donation marks BTA's third year of support for the UHC Pro-Am as the Title Sponsor. BTA presented a check

during the 3rd Annual UHC Pro-Am Golf Tournament held on Monday, September 27, at Pete Dye Golf Club in Bridgeport, W.Va.

The UHC Pro-Am Golf Tournament, hosted by UHC, UHF, and title sponsor BTA, raised funds to construct a state-of-the-art Women's Health Center and expand the West Virginia University School of Nursing program to its new home on the UHC Campus.

"We can think of no better way to celebrate this milestone anniversary for Blaine Turner Advertising," said Scott Griffiths, manager of The Gift Shop at UHC, UHC Pro-Am Golf Tournament Co-Chairman.

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Sen. Manchin Applauds Toyota's 25 Years In WV

Last week, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) congratulated Toyota Motor Manufacturing West Virginia on 25 years of producing engines and transmission in Buffalo, West Virginia. In 2005, Senator Manchin travelled to Japan to meet with Dr. Toyoda and company officials about manufacturing in West Virginia.

Senator Manchin remarked, "Congratulations to Toyota Motor Manufacturing West Virginia on 25 years of production at the Buffalo Plant in West Virginia. For 25 years, Toyota has been a strong partner for the Mountain State, creating thousands of good-paying jobs and investing \$1.8 billion in

the state. When I served as Governor, I had the privilege of meeting Dr. Toyoda and company officials to reaffirm the commitment between West Virginia and Toyota. Not only has the company invested at the Buffalo Plant, they have invested in West Virginians' lives across the state, including a recent investment at West Virginia University Institute of Technology for a computer science program for students in four counties. Thank you to Toyota for their continued investment and the hardworking West Virginians exceeding expectations at the plant. I look forward to West Virginia's partnership with Toyota for decades to come."

Manchin, Capito Announce \$227k For WV Small Businesses, Agriculture Producers

U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, have announced \$177,817 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to sixteen small businesses and agriculture producers in rural communities across West Virginia. This investment is through the Rural Energy for America Program which helps agricultural producers and rural small businesses purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements. The Senators also announced \$50,000 from the USDA to Woodlands Community Lenders through the Rural

Business Development Grants program. "Investing in West Virginia's rural communities is vital to supporting and growing our state's economy. I am thrilled USDA is investing in small businesses and agricultural producers to help make energy efficiency improvements. These awards will help lower costs for small businesses and producers through renewable energy improvements and installations. I will continue to advocate for funding to support West Virginia small businesses and boost our state's agriculture industry," said Senator Manchin. "USDA's Rural Development program

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PSC Warns Of New Suddenlink Scam

The Public Service Commission is warning customers about reports of a new phone call scam in West Virginia that has been seen in other areas of the country. In most instances, the caller identifies him/herself as a Suddenlink representative and explains the company is upgrading customers' equipment in order to improve the quality of service.

The caller is promised a \$40 credit and free service for the months of November and December. The caller then informs the customer they must pay \$200 for the new equipment and requests the customer's banking information.

"If a caller claims to be from Suddenlink, or any utility, and makes an offer that sounds too good to be true, hang up on them and call the company at the customer service number that appears on your bill," warned PSC Chairman Charlotte Lane. "These scammers are criminals and customers should never interact with

them. Do not share your banking or credit card information with anyone you cannot confirm is a legitimate utility representative. And never share your personal information, including your Social Security number. If you receive a call such as this, call the police and report it immediately."

PSC Public Comment Hearing On Case Affecting Future Of Coal-Fired Power Plants

The Public Service Commission has scheduled a public comment hearing for a reopened case that will affect the future of three coal-fired power plants. On August 4, 2021, the PSC granted Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company a certificate of convenience and necessity to make internal modifications necessary to comply with federal environmental regulations at the Amos, Mountaineer and Mitchell coal-fired generating plants. That Order provided an opportunity for the plants to remain operational through 2040. The Commission also authorized the companies

to implement a surcharge in order to recover the construction costs. On September 9, 2021, the Commission reopened this case on a petition by APCo and WPCo, and set a procedural schedule including an evidentiary hearing date of September 24, 2021. On September 15, 2021, West Virginia Citizen Action Group, Solar

United Neighbors, and Energy Efficient West Virginia, an intervenor in the case, filed a request for a public comment hearing. The Commission held a public comment hearing on September 24, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room of the Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street in

Charleston. Given the current status of the COVID-19 pandemic, masks were encouraged. The Commission held the evidentiary hearing on the issues raised in the Petition to Reopen and responses following the public comment hearing. For more information, go to the PSC website at www.psc.state.wv.us and refer to Case No. 20-1040-E-CN.

Lincoln & Bridgeport Remain Unblemished!



The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

A pair of Harrison County football teams remain unbeaten as we approach the middle of the regular season. Lincoln and Bridgeport share this distinct honor in different ways. The Cougars are led by a veteran mentor while the Indians have a first-year coach taking care of business. Lincoln has had alum, Rob Hawkins at the helm for close to a decade and he has been involved with the program for close to 20 years. The pride Hawkins has is seen in his actions both on and off of the gridiron, which makes his teams 4-0 start that much sweeter.

Bridgeport's Tyler Phares inherited an extremely talented but inexperienced roster. Phares has done a masterful job of developing the youthful players that have complimented the returners quite well, pushing the Tribe to the heights in Class AAA.

The Cougars

entered last Friday's lock-up with Lewis County ranked second in Class AA. The Minutemen, who were drawing emotion from Homecoming, came out playing inspired football, trailing just 7-6 at the break. A scoreless third quarter gave the host belief that an upset bid was a possibility. However, Lincoln did what great teams do putting its foot on the gas, leaving Lewis County in the dust and headed back to Shinnston with a 21-6 victory.

The Cougars were led by Easton Gibbs and Levi Moore. Gibbs racked up 201 yards on the ground on 17 carries. Gibbs also put the icing on the cake with a 56-yard scoring scamper that finished the games scoring. Moore scored the teams other two scores, showing versatility in the process. He found paydirt on a three-yard run in the opening period and he caught

a 10-yard toss from quarterback Nick Kellar in the final frame.

Lincoln now prepares for a huge Big 10 matchup with Robert C. Byrd. The Flying Eagles are 2-2 on the season, losing their last two games against Keyser and Bridgeport. This tilt, scheduled at One Eagle Way, is loaded with playoff implications. A victory for the Cougars could mean the top ranking in Class AA, a spot Robert C. Byrd held a few weeks ago. After suffering a pair of setbacks, the Flying Eagles are looking for a win to get back on track, thus increasing their chances for postseason play. It sets up to be an epic battle.

The Indians were slated to host Parkersburg South this past week, but were forced to look for a new opponent due to COVID issues in the Patriots program. East Fairmont filled the void and made the trip to Tribe territory.

Bridgeport broke open a close game early to claim a 46-7 win. After battling to an early 7-7 tie in the first quarter, the Indians reeled off 39 consecutive points

en route to the triumph. Bridgeport dominated all major categories in the tilt outgaining the Bees 510-198 total yards and doubling up the visitor 20-10 in first downs.

The Tribe was paced by Cam Cole and Zach Rohrig. Cole has been the offensive catalyst all season long and that trend continued against East Fairmont. Cole scored the games first touchdown on a 72-yard run. He also added another touchdown on a one-yard plunge that proved to be the game winner. Rohrig picked up a game high 96 yards on just four attempts. Rohrig found the end zone twice on runs of 2 and 94 yards respectively.

The Indians are scheduled to play Preston this week with an open date the following Friday. Princeton and Musselman follow the break for the Tribe. Lincoln and Bridgeport are scheduled to battle at the end of the regular season with the winner having a leg up on claiming the Big 10 title.

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 South Harrison's Olivia Marshall and Lincoln's Easton Gibbs.

Hawk volleyball player, Olivia Marshall helped her team to a pair of wins this past week. On Monday, Marshall had 18 points (including six aces) and 23 assists in the win over Notre Dame. The next evening, Marshall propelled her squad to a win over Clay-Battelle. She scored 17 points (including six assists) and dished out 20 assists in the victory.

Cougar football player, Easton Gibbs helped his team to a win over Lewis County this past week. Gibbs rushed for a game high 201 yards on 17 carries. He also earned the last score of the affair on a 56 yard run.

Congratulations to South Harrison's Olivia Marshall and Lincoln's Easton Gibbs for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week!

Parks Trail Continues Improvements Around Rec Complex



From The World Of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

For the last couple months, there has been some additions to the original trail located along the backside of the Recreation Complex which includes new sections, improvements of the fire circle as well as a few more features for enrichment purposes. Director Mike Book has envisioned these changes and now sees them coming true.

"We always would like to expand our trail and include items for learning as well as different territories for exploring and that is where we are right now. There has been a few more trails cut out to add some distance to the trail and expose some of the different sections of the property but most importantly, we have made improvements to our educational aspect of the trail," said Book.

Part-time staff as well as a volunteer working as an intern has taken the reigns of the project with focus on ADA requirements as well as informatory sections of the trail for classroom activities or a section to stop, rest and learn about all things nature. Book remembers when this was once a deer trail and how the transformation all came about.

"My wife and I love to travel and hike. It is great exercise and it connects us with nature. After one such visit, we felt that we could do something like this at a smaller scale and we began to cut a trail on an old deer trail and now we have a great trail that is used for exercise as well as education. We worked hard on this over the last ten years and it has blossomed into something of great pride."

For those who have never seen the trail before, you can start over on the far right side of the property where the beach volleyball court lies. From there you will see a tree with a sign in it telling the kids about an animal scavenger hunt on the trail where bears, butterflies and even skunks loom around looking to be found. There are many sections of the trail where the families can come and learn about different species of birds, legends loop where myths are discussed and these will lead you to our gnome and fairy section before making it to the poor farm cemetery.

"Our little cutaways along the trail were first formed to help with the enrichment program we operate in the Fall. However, as the popularity of the trail grew, so did the interest for families. They visit all sections of the trail and with the newest part of the trail consisting of gnomes and fairies, the kids get a kick out of seeing all parts of the trail and the parents show appreciation in the work we have done," said Book.

What brings the entire trail system together is the easement of walking the area as there is plenty of space for kids to roam through as well as elevation changes where steps have been built to allow a little challenge. And finally, the aspect of learning about what nature does for the environment mixed in with the history of West Virginia topics. It is a great area where you are still in the city limits, but that feeling of a country setting is a great escape.

SHS Graduate Mark Reger Inducted Into Glenville State College Athletic Hall Of Fame



Pictured are Mark Reger and GSC Athletic Director Jesse Skiles.

8th Annual Vaccination Clinic



The Harrison County Animal Control will be hosting its 8th annual vaccination clinic on Saturday, October 16th between 10am - 2pm at the HCACC on Saltwell Road in Shinnston for both dogs and cats. This clinic is in partnership with Mountain State Veterinary Services - Dr. Audra Melton.

The event will be held outdoors and all social distancing and safety protocols will be strictly followed (masks required). Everyone is welcome regardless of county

of residence. All dogs must be on a leash (no choker collars).

Rabies vaccine is \$8 - 1 yr. or 3 yr. vaccine available (proof of previous vaccination required for 3 yr vaccine). Dog DHPP - \$15 and Cat FVRCP - \$15. Payment by cash or check only, credit cards will not be accepted.

Harrison County Tax Tags may also be purchased with an ID to show residency.

For more information you may call 304-592-1876.

Glenville State College has announced the six newest members of the Curtis Elam Athletic Hall of Fame.

Shinnston High School graduate, Mark Reger is among those inducted. Reger played defensive tackle for the Pioneers in the early 1970's, was a member of GSC's 1973 National Runner-Up Team, and was a First Team All-WVIAC selection in 1973. He went on to a distinguished coaching career after GSC. He also had several coaching stints in the high school ranks and

even took a turn as defensive line coach for the Pioneers.

Another 1973 team member, Jimmy "JC" Carter, was inducted also. Carter was a First Team All-WVIAC selection, was a running back on GSC's 1973 National Runner-Up Team, and ran for a school record 949 yards in 1973.

Other inductees include: Larry Gandee '62, Lloyd Willis '87, Andy Jarrell '89, and Monique Johnson '90.

Gandee was a three-year starter who scored

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Lincoln High School To Honor Its Seniors

It seems like the school year just began, but it's already that time of year when Cougar senior athletes and band members will be honored. Parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles and friends are looking forward to acknowledge all the hard work and dedication these students have put in during their four years at Lincoln.

Below is Lincoln High School's schedule for senior night for fall sports and marching band:

Girls/Boys Soccer -

Tuesday, Oct 5 - 7:15 (between games)

Cross Country - Thursday, Oct. 7 - 5 pm

Volleyball - Tuesday, Oct 19 - 6 pm

Football - Friday, Oct 22 - 6:30 pm (before kickoff)

Band - Friday, Oct 22 - 8 pm (halftime)

Cougar fans, come out and show your support for all the hard work these students have given to their school and community. Congratulations to these senior athletes and band members from the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal.

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CLARICE D. DONNELLAN SHAVER



Clarice D. Donnellan Shaver, 76, of Meadowbrook, formerly of Wallace, went to be with the Lord on Friday, September 24, 2021 at the United Hospital Center in Bridgeport. She was born in Clarksburg, July 15, 1945, a daughter of the late Rebecca Ann Furner Donnellan. On July 22, 1962, she married Robert H. "Bob" Shaver who preceded her in death on November 24, 2018.

Surviving are two sons, Robert H. Shaver, Jr. and his wife Alicia, Salem, Terry M. Shaver and his wife Terrah, Wallace; five grandchildren, Nicole L. Shaver Barker and her husband Burl, Rosemont, Jessica R. Shaver, Morgantown, Ivy R. Shaver Goodwin and her husband Brad, Morgantown, Lacey A. Shaver, Shinnston, and Hunter M. Shaver, Morgantown; two great-grandchildren, Holden James Barker and Liam Chase Barker; three siblings, Shirley Catherine Donnellan Oliverio, Michael "Mike" Harvey Donnellan, and John Edward Donnellan; and several nieces and nephews.

Clarice was also preceded in death by her siblings: Regina Ann Donnellan Shaver, Janice Lynn Donnellan Wilson, James Leo Donnellan, Jr., Donna Louise Donnellan, Pamela Paulin "Pam" Donnellan, and Marlene "Mary" Donnellan.

As a mother of two active boys, Clarice most enjoyed spending her time helping and teaching children. She gave of herself to them in any way needed at the time. During ball seasons, she would pick up the entire team and take them to games and practices. One winter when school was canceled for two weeks, she picked up every player and got them to and from practice every day.

She was also known for teaching children to swim. They had a pool and their home was a congregation spot for the whole area. She never minded that her home always had wet towels and dirty feet marks from all the kids running through. What she considered the most important matter in this activity was that she could make sure that each and every child learned how to swim.

She has had many of them come up to her and thank her for that. She taught 100's of kids to swim.

Clarice also was the owner and operator of Homemade Secrets Bakery and Restaurant. The bakery sold bread products in stores in many counties. She was most known for her homemade bread, pies, and pepperoni rolls.

Once Clarice started attending Jewel City Church in 2008, she became involved in several ministries. Her "Hearts Calling" ministry, where she was known as the "Bread Lady", involved baking bread & pepperoni rolls. She also started the ministry at Pastor Eric's request of feeding the youth during church services in the evening. The Funeral Dinner ministry and organizing for the Joy Class were other areas she loved to give of herself in the name of her Lord.

What she loved to say, no matter how she really felt, was "I'm Blessed". She also loved her Pastor who she called "My Shepard" and her beloved Kat.

A Celebration of Life service was held on Saturday, October 2, 2021 with Pastor Robert Shingleton officiating. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com

BRANDON JEREMY MINOR



On September 24, 2021 a very special man to us all, named Brandon Jeremy Minor, passed away. He was a volunteer firefighter at the Worthington Fire Department, an EMT at Harrison County Rescue Squad, a Head Start bus driver, a good man, and a great dad. He attended the Independent Baptist Church in Owings. Brandon always made people light up around him wherever he went and others always looked up to him.

He left behind his wife Leah Anne, 14-year-old daughter Katelynn, and his 6-year-old daughter Amanda. He also left behind his dad and mom, Brian and Becky Minor, brother Travis and Travis' daughter Rossalynn; his mother-in-law Cathy Fluharty; nieces and nephews, Haley (Fluharty) Hadi, Rachael Ennis, Corey Ennis, Kaycie Ennis, Easton McDougal, Chance McDougal, and Wyatt McDougal;

as well as several great uncles, aunts, and cousins.

The family has seen him fight cancer for 6 years, from lung cancer twice to brain cancer, which took his life. It will be hard not to have him around but they will get through this because they know he is in a better place with the nailed scarred hands that died for him. He will be missed very much; he wouldn't want us to be sad, only happy. We just have to remember a life has been taken, but a rose has been added to the heavenly garden.

He is preceded in death by Harry Trent and Luella Irene "Tootie" Trent, Marvin and Sylvia Minor, Clifford Hyde, Scott Trent, and his father-in-law Joseph "Randy" Fluharty.

A funeral service was held at Harmer Funeral Home on September 29, 2021 with Pastor Ron Johnson officiating. Interment followed at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at Harmerfuneralhome.com

LIDDIE ALICE FREEMAN



Liddie Alice Freeman, 90, of Shinnston, passed away on September 27, 2021. She was born September 8, 1931 to the late Percy Coburn and Myrtle Gifford. Liddie married her late husband, John Freeman on July 12, 1950.

She is survived by her son Douglas Freeman and wife Lillian Lee of Worthington, and daughter Heidi Sypolt and her husband Christopher of Shinnston. She is also survived by granddaughter April Freeman of Shinnston, and her daughters Sara Moran of Pooler, GA, and Hannah Underwood of Shinnston; grandson Christopher Freeman and wife Trisha, and his children Claire, Scarlett, and Maverick of Farmington.

Liddie graduated Shinnston High School in 1951. She was a recipient of the Jefferson Award for her volunteer service at Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg, was a member of Enterprise Rebekah Lodge #108, and attended Family Life Fellowship in Enterprise, WV.

She requested there be no public viewing. A private family

service will be held and Interment will follow at the National Cemetery in Grafton, WV. Graveside service will be performed by Reverend David Harris Sr. of Sounds of Pentecost Church, Grafton, WV.

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SHANE DAVIS



Shane Davis, 35, of Enterprise passed away on September 30, 2021 at Ruby Memorial Hospital surrounded by his wife and sister. He was born August 31, 1986 in Clarksburg. He married Kim Davis on November 28, 2015 and she resides in Enterprise with their four children, Landon, Logan, Clay, and Hailey.

Shane is survived by his father John Davis and sister Crystal Murphy, both of Wallace. He is also survived by his in-laws Marvin and Brenda McBride of Enterprise. Bristol, Shane's fur baby, was his companion and never left his side when he was sick. Shane is also survived by grandparents, uncles, aunts, many cousins, and friends.

Shane worked at Harrison County Coal Resources. He dedicated five years at the Wallace Volunteer Fire Department. Shane was an outdoors enthusiast and enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding dirt bikes, four wheelers, shooting guns, and boating on the lake during the summer. He treasured his children and loved spending time with his family.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery with Pastor Chad Weaver officiating.

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JULIA ANN METZ



Julia Ann (Robinson) Metz, 60, of Bristol, WV, passed away on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at United Hospital Center in Bridgeport, WV. She

Out Of The Past
Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



George A. Ferguson and granddaughter, Lota, about 1918. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

was born in Clarksburg, WV on February 14, 1961, daughter of Warren Robinson, of Lumberport, WV and the late Hilda Joan (Sullivan) Robinson.

Julia was a teacher and librarian for the Wood and Jefferson County areas of WV. She enjoyed music and time spent fishing, gardening and playing golf. Julia was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

In addition to her father, Julia is survived by her husband, James Metz; her three children, Brooke Metz of Salem, WV, Tyler Metz of Martinsburg, WV, and Travis Metz (Hannah) of Lake Floyd, WV; sister, Patty Campbell (Timothy) of Bristol, WV; brother, Kevin Robinson (Charlotte) of Maulsby Cove, WV; one grandson, Sawyer Metz.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at Dorsey Funeral Home with Pastor Eric Miker officiating. Interment followed at Lumberport Lions Club Cemetery in Lumberport, WV.

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

JAMES ANGELO "JIMMY" TATE



James Angelo "Jimmy" Tate, 62, of Meadowbrook passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at his home. He was born December 5, 1958 a son of the late Anthony and Frances Layfield Tate.

Jimmy is survived by his brother, Rocky Anthony Tate; his niece, Angela Tate Jones; his nephew, Rocky Lee Tate; great-nieces and nephews, Kobe, Makayla, Malinda, Dorsey Jr., and Gyanna Jones; and his great-great niece, Isabella Jones, all of Meadowbrook.

Jimmy retired from United Hospital Center where he worked in housekeeping. He enjoyed watching all sports and was an avid fan of the West Virginia Mountaineers, Miami Dolphins, and the New York Yankees. He loved spending time with his friends and family.

A funeral service was held on Sunday, October 3, 2021 with Pastor Jimmy Glaspell officiating. Cremation followed the service. Online condolences and memories can be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com

RANDAL WAYNE LANHAM



Randal Wayne Lanham, 65, of Mannington, passed away on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at his residence. He was born in Clarksburg, April 19, 1956, a son of the late James H. and Lois D. Mayfield Lanham. On October 25, 1986, he married Jackie A. Iser Lanham, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Billy Jo Lanham and Bobby Jo Lanham; seven siblings, James A. Lanham and his wife Ruth, Shinnston, **Continued on Page 9**

“New Weekend Event In Clarksburg” cont. from p.1

jewelry, make pottery or ceramics, do painting or artwork, make wreaths, do woodworking, knitting or crocheting, or handmade crafts of any kind ... we encourage them to share their talents! The Artisans' Market will be held on both days - on Friday evening (Dec. 3rd) from 5 to 9 p.m. and again on Saturday (Dec. 4th) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This may provide some wonderful gift-giving possibilities!"

There will be a \$50 set-up fee that will cover artisans for BOTH days. Anyone who is interested in participating should contact Tina Yoke at the CVB by calling 304-622-2157 and an entry form will be sent to you. Other activities to be

held on Friday will be the WinterFest Parade in the downtown area from 6 to 7 p.m. This will be Clarksburg's Christmas parade, and all local schools are invited to participate. Walking units, mobile units, floats, bands ... all are encouraged to take part.

Another NEW event that will be part of WinterFest will be a Tree Lighting on the Waldomore lawn that will immediately follow the parade. Yoke noted that this is a beautiful space to highlight this new feature and the committee is anxious to add this in 2021.

While Friday's festivities will all take place during the evening hours, Saturday's activities will be

ongoing from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. The Winter Market of Artisans will continue at Jackson Square, but there is more! Other things will include demonstrations of basket-making from years past on 4th Street and plenty of children's activities (games and crafts) on 3rd Street. The Clarksburg History Museum will also be open to visitors to highlight Clarksburg's proud past. In addition, there will be performances from local area schools and a live nativity scene.

A holiday event will also take place at the Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center on Saturday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. with doors opening at

6:30 p.m. It has yet to be confirmed whether this will be a concert of some sort or a movie showing, but more details will be released as the time draws nearer.

Local restaurants and downtown businesses will be open for extended hours during WinterFest and there will also be many local food trucks joining the festivities, so there will be plenty of food, drink and treat options for those attending. And if the weather outside is too chilly, there is always the option to stop in a downtown store to shop or visit one of Clarksburg's eateries.

When asked if, after all these arrangements have been made, are planners concerned about the

possibility of this event being cancelled due to COVID, Mrs. Yoke responded, "Everything will be outdoors and in the midst of colder, winter weather ... and with plenty of space to social distance, we're fairly confident at this point that we'll be able to follow through with it. We have also considered that it is easier to wear a mask during colder weather, so if masks are still being recommended, we're hoping that everyone will respect that and protect themselves and those around them."

WinterFest visitors are invited to spread the word among their family and friends and come to celebrate the

onset of the holiday season in Clarksburg. There are still artisan and vendor spaces available. Any vendors, artisans, community organizations and volunteers who might like to be involved in this inaugural event can contact Tina Yoke at 304-622-2157 or email her at tyoke@exploreclearksburg.com. Check out the Clarksburg WinterFest Facebook page for updates and/or more information.

Mrs. Yoke concluded, "We are excited to give this opportunity to people in the area. We hope everyone will 'come home to Clarksburg' and help us celebrate this special winter event."

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“HOPE INC” cont. from p.5

to Nicholson, other events are planned throughout the five-county area including informational displays in each county library served and in various locations in Doddridge County. Displays will be prominent in Harrison County at the Senior Center in Clarksburg and also the Pierpont Community and Technical College. A clothesline project and a community baby shower are planned for Lewis County. Bras will be hung across the park in Gilmer County in celebration of breast cancer awareness and domestic violence awareness month.

While the HOPE Inc. shelter is licensed to house 11 persons, the numbers skyrocketed, according to McCord, between March and June of 2020. “We had 28 persons in alternative housing options, such as local motels, and that number continues to be high even today,” said McCord. During the same time period, two to three persons shelter employees worked

12 hour shifts and the clients did not leave the shelter often. “It seemed as though we had more numerous situations and more immediate and emergent in nature during that time period,” she added.

The pandemic brought many challenges to HOPE Inc. “We had not budgeted for motel costs for the overflow of clients or for laundry supplies and extra meals,” stated McCord. “It was an interesting time because we delivered meals to the motels and set up a classroom at the shelter where the kids attended virtual school via Zoom.” She added, “Interestingly enough the children were all boys and attended class virtually from September through February or March. This was obviously all new to us.”

The Domestic Violence Coalition and WV FRIS held weekly director meetings during the pandemic – that has now been stretched to every

other week. McCord noted, “We were all struggling throughout the state so it was good to bounce ideas off of other directors to see how they handled certain situations.” She added, “We learned to get food deliveries and scrambled to get cleaning supplies, found sources for funding of products like masks and Lysol and did counseling and support services virtually.”

McCord has been HOPE Inc.’s executive director since January 2018, but has come through the ranks during her 21 years with the agency, having served as a case manager, financial manager and chief financial officer.

When questioned about the major changes or focuses she has seen in the last 21 years at HOPE Inc., she said, “Substance abuse and mental health issues have changed the scope of the services offered. Oftentimes those problems can be overwhelming and need to be handled

differently.”

She has also seen the level of services increase and also how much they can do. “We have a rapid re-housing program,” said McCord. “Housing is the biggest barrier to domestic violence victims. Sometimes victims can bypass the shelter, especially if they live too far out to access services.”

While grants have dried up or have been drastically cut back, HOPE Inc. was able to gain assistance through the American

Rescue Plan on the state and local levels, in order for the domestic violence programs to regain strength after the setback brought on by the pandemic. “With this being said, however, VOCA grants are experiencing cuts and we will be facing a couple of lean years ahead,” said McCord. “This will be tough on all of us, especially since all of our offices are fulltime now.”

McCord concluded, “The shelters are full all the time and we turn to area motels when

we need to. It is really sad and is amazing to have an empty bed. Awareness is key and we have a lot more services available today than we have had in years past.”

HOPE Inc. will accept a variety of items to be distributed to domestic violence victims and their families including household items, paper products, cleaning supplies, toiletry item, pillows, sheets and towels or persons may make purchases on the HOPE wish list on Amazon.

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Advertising than by reinforcing our commitment to United Hospital Center,” said Ginna Royce, CEO and Creative Director at BTA. “UHC has been a partner for more than 30 years, and we are

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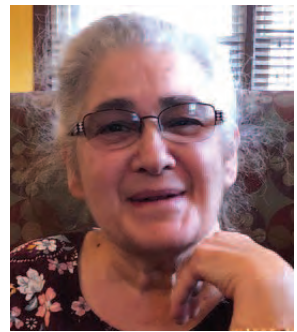
Eugene Lanham and his wife Karen, Shinnston, Timmy Lanham and his wife Linda, Shinnston, Dennis Lanham and his wife Christie, Enterprise, Kelley Delrio and her husband Larry, Shinnston, Connie Lanham, Shinnston, Karen Y. Hill, Fairmont, and several nieces and nephews.

Randal was a veteran having served with the United States Army. He retired from the Green River Group where he worked as a heavy equipment operator. He was a member of the American Legion Post 31, Shinnston. Randal enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping.

Funeral services were held on Friday, October 1, 2021 at Perine Funeral Home with Pastor Chris Shingleton officiating. Interment was in the WV National Cemetery where full military rites were accorded by the U.S. Army National Guard and the Harrison County Honor Guard. Condolences may be extended to the family

at www.perinefunerals.com.

JOAN RENE DRAIN TATE



Joan Rene Drain Tate, 61, of Gypsy Hollow, passed away on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born January 13, 1960 in Clarksburg, a daughter of the late Robert and Opal Sims Drain.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband, Norman Harold Tate, who passed away on September 12, 2019.

She is survived by her sons, Norman Tate and his companion Dakota Yeager of Shinnston, Gervice Tate and his fiancé Cassandra Knotts of Grafton and Robert Tate of Gypsy; her step-son,

Steven Tate of Gypsy; her grandchildren, Destiny, Tori, Heath, Walyn, Jackson and Gunner; and her great-grandchildren, Greyson and Carson; as well as her brothers, Mike Drain and his wife Pam of Shinnston, Danny Drain and his wife Karen of Shinnston, and Robert Drain and his wife Dottie of Jane Lew.

Joan was preceded in death by her sisters, Phyllis Helms, Loretta Curfman, and Norma Jean Scritchfield and her brother, Ronald Drain.

Joan retired from Walmart in Clarksburg. She was a member of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ in Shinnston. She enjoyed watching NCIS, trips to Amish Country and horses. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family.

A private family service will be held. Online condolences and memories can be shared with the family at www.perinefunerals.com

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continues to be a great source for revitalization in West Virginia. The projects announced today will help strengthen a variety of sectors in our state’s economy and foster growth for small businesses and economic development initiatives in West Virginia. I’m proud to help deliver investments like this that empower our communities, provide opportunities for our residents, and improve

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over 1,000 career points in basketball. He later coached at Gwynn Park High School where, as head coach, he tallied a record of 237-74 and led the program to eight state title games, winning six of the eight.

Willis was a four-year starter for the Pioneer Track Team, was a member of the Track & Field WVIAC Title Teams Track & Field in 1984 and 1986, and was a three-year champion in both the long jump and triple jump. He went to Nationals three times (twice outdoor and once indoor) and finished tenth in 1986 at Nationals.

Jarrell was an All-Conference

performer who ran on championship teams at GSC (three in Track and three in Cross Country). He competed three times at Nationals in Cross Country and was the High Point man at the WVIAC Championship in 1986. He also made Nationals twice in the steeplechase and has the second fastest time in school history in the steeplechase, 5,000, and 10,000.

Johnson was a three-time All-WVIAC First Team selection, scored 1,731 points in her

career and ranks fourth All-Time at GSC. She pulled down 684 Rebounds in her career (ranks 17th All-Time at GSC), dished out 271 Assists in her career (ranks 18th All-Time at GSC), and had 152 Steals in her career (ranks 24th All-Time at GSC). She won a league title in 1989, the first in school history.

GSC’s Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 2001 through the generosity of the late Curtis Elam, a 1949 graduate.





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American Legion Post 31 Hosts Belgiumfest Riders



On Friday, Sept. 10th, American Legion Post 31 and the Legion Family (Auxiliary, Sons and Riders) hosted about 40 riders from Belgiumfest. The riders are service veterans and included Legion Riders, Viet Nam Veterans Riders and Legacy Riders to name a few. The auxiliary prepared a buffet of finger foods (meat and cheese, veggie, relish trays and dessert) for the riders. Robin Shingleton, Post 31 Legion Riders Treasurer, was on hand to distribute information on motorcycle safety, insurance, the Legion Riders and other information that was of interest to motorcyclists. The riders went to the Bridgeport Veterans Memorial, American Legion Post 31, the Fairmont VFW, the National Cemetery in Grafton and then back to the Taylor County Fairgrounds. Pictured is Robin Shingleton, Legion Riders Treasurer and Auxiliary members Betsy Turner, Karen Flanigan, Roxie Nicholson, Carla Wilfong, Margaret Yost and Dortha Parsons.

Harrison County Children Attend Horseshoe Summer Camps



Attending the week of July 25 – 31 were front row (L-R), Catherine, Doris, & Lorelei Mulgrew. Back row, Liam and Kayne Girard.



Attending from Harrison County the week of July 11 - 17, were (left-right) Tiberius and Kirk Barron.

Children from across West Virginia broke free from the worries of current events to enjoy a week at Camp Horseshoe, a fun, safe, and supportive learning environment in the beautiful Monongahela National Forest. Each July, Adventure and Governor's Youth Opportunity Camps build teamwork, teach life skills, and promote healthy living. Horseshoe helps 7-12-year-old youth learn and practice social-emotional skills and prevent summer learning loss through fun, engaging outdoor activities that build confidence and character. AmeriCorps VISTA members serve as camp counselors and high school students throughout the state help as volunteers. "These children are given the chance to smile, socialize, and enjoy a real routine full of love," states Iris Kolenich, who is an AmeriCorps VISTA member, WV Wesleyan student and WV National Guard member. Camp Horseshoe has been providing summer camps and other youth development experiences since 1940. The camp is operated by the Ohio-West Virginia Youth Leadership Association and includes partnerships with the State of West Virginia, West Virginia Department of Education, West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services, and many community and individual partners. Horseshoe serves statewide and beyond. For information call 304-478-2481, e-mail horseshoe@yla-youthleadership.org, or check out our web page at www.yla-youthleadership.org/programs/camp

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