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## LOTS To Celebrate At Lincoln High School



2021-2022 LINCOLN HOMECOMING COURT

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By **LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD**

*News & Journal Editor*  
Lincoln High School will hold its Homecoming festivities this weekend, and this year will be very different from last year; the students have returned to school full

time thus far and they are ready to celebrate with some of their traditions.

Lincoln Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Holly Hawkins noted that the students were cheated out of persistent classroom time last year due to COVID, and their

Homecoming was certainly not what they were accustomed to.

“They missed out on a lot – there were no pep rallies, no Homecoming parade, no floats, and much more – all the typical things that offered pre-homecoming excitement,” Mrs. Hawkins said. “Through no fault of our students, many of their customary activities were rather makeshift and not up to their standards. But this year, they have brought their creativity back into play and this week there is Cougar spirit

everywhere!”

She also commented on how stressful last year was and how doubly eager both students and staff are to be able to have at least some form of normalcy after not just one year, but really two years where many extra school activities were scaled back due to potential pandemic risks.

“Those who are sophomores now have never experienced a ‘normal’ homecoming, and our freshmen class has never experienced this. Our Student Council does

a wonderful job with planning Homecoming activities, and this year they have a real opportunity to show their leadership and creative ideas,” she added.

This year’s homecoming theme is “Hollywood Homecoming”, and if you stroll the halls at Lincoln High School, you see every homeroom door decorated with movie themes from the 1980’s – 2000’s. Homecoming Princesses and their

elected escorts have been chosen by their peers as well as the Homecoming Parade’s Grand Marshal. Every day this week there has been something going on to enhance pre-homecoming hype!

The Lincoln Homecoming game will be played this Friday, October 15th with the Cougars hosting Elkins. At the time information for this article was gathered, the Lincoln Cougar football team was undefeated and

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## Homecoming Choir Announces This Year’s Concert Schedule

By **LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD**

*News & Journal Editor*  
Music has been called a ‘universal language’ in that its melodies seem to have the ability to extend across cultural and linguistic boundaries in ways that can’t be ordinary language can’t. Regardless of what

language you speak, a harmonious melody still has the power to evoke feelings and draw an emotional response.

You can ask Edgar Wayne Southern, and he would tell you just how much power music has. It has been a part of his life for years. He has

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## Consider Sharing Your Creative Skills With Family During COVID Confinement

By **LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD**

*News & Journal Editor*  
In today’s world, families juggle a lot. Adults manipulate housework, yardwork, cooking, laundry,

perhaps some civic commitments, their jobs, running their children to school activities and sporting events while also finding time to help them with homework. While COVID may

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## Jewel City Church To Host ‘Fall Fest’ This Weekend; A FREE Family Fun Afternoon

By **LEIGH C. MERRIFIELD**

*News & Journal Editor*

There are still some warm, sunny days to enjoy before the air turns nippy, the leaves disappear from our landscape, and falling temperatures demand a coat along with more ‘inside’ time, so be sure to get out and enjoy the weather while you can! Jewel City Church in Shinnston will soon be offering a wonderful opportunity for people in the area to do just that

... spend some family time together outdoors, participating in a variety of activities that will be fun or all – and free!

Kristi Barnard, who is in charge of the arrangements for this event, noted that the church’s annual fall community outreach activity that is always open to the public was not hosted last year due to COVID, but this year it has returned and bigger and better than ever.

Jewel City Church  
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## Too Much Growth?



### Building Amazing Cities

By **JIM HUNT**

*author, speaker, consultant*

According to the 2020 United States Census, West Virginia lost more population than any other state in the country. This has caused the loss of one Congressional seat and has the state scratching its head, wondering how to reverse the trend of out migration of the population. And where are the citizens who are leaving the state going? Mostly south. Texas and Florida are seeing large increases in population and states like South Carolina have seen an increase of close to four hundred thousand people in the last ten years. As someone who often travels to these fast-growing states, is it fair to ask if there can be too much growth in an area?

On a recent trip to visit my daughter in South

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# N&J Briefs

FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

“Briefs” is a calendar of events listing provided free of charge to churches and non-profit organizations. Items will be published one time only and will be listed in the order in which they occur. Please submit your ‘briefs’ two weeks prior to the event (if possible) by 4 PM on Friday. Fax your information to 304-592-0603 or send via e-mail to newsandjournal@yahoo.com.

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 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).

ST. ANN’S SPAGHETTI DINNER

St. Ann’s Catholic Church, 610 Pike St., Shinnston will be having their second biannual spaghetti & meatball dinner. Curbside pickup (no dine in) on October 24 from 11:30-2:00. Meal includes salad, bread & dessert. \$12.

FLU SHOTS FOR VETERANS

The Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center will be holding unscheduled Saturday and evening flu vaccine clinics for Veterans Only at the main facility and four community-based outpatient clinics as follows: October 14th (4-6pm), 16th (8am-noon), 28th (4-6 pm) 30th (8am-noon). Locations include Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center (Clarksburg, WV), Braxton County CBOC (Gassaway, WV), Monongalia County CBOC (Westover, WV), Tucker County CBOC (Parsons, WV), and the Wood County CBOC (Parkersburg, WV).

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY ONGOING BOOK SALE

Bridgeport Library has an ongoing book sale October 13,14,15,18,19,20,21,22,25,26,27,28 . All Books and Music CD’s \$.25 each /\$3.00 bag. DVD’s \$.50 each.

HOLY TRINITY SERBIAN ORTHODOX MISSION LITURGY SCHEDULE

The October Liturgy schedule for Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Mission, 408 Morgantown Ave, Fairmont with Fr. Sasha Nedich (724) 966-7428 is as follows: Saturday, Oct. 16th Liturgy at 10AM and Saturday, Oct. 30th Liturgy at 10AM.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 31 MEETING

The Shinnston American Legion Auxiliary will hold its monthly meeting at Post 31 on Thursday, October 21 at 7 pm. All members welcome.

MONONGALIA COUNTY BEEKEEPERS MEETING

The Monongalia County Beekeepers have a meeting at Mylan Park in the new Monongalia County Extension Service and 4-H Center on the first Tuesday of every month; however, meetings have been cancelled until further notice due to COVID-19. Please contact Debbie Martin for more information at 304-367-9488 or debbee7@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.

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## Lincoln High School Announces September Students Of The Month



BROOKLYN FAZZINI

Lincoln High School is proud to announce that the September Students of the Month are Brooklyn Fazzini and Savannah Jones.

Brooklyn is the daughter of David and Amber Fazzini of Hepzibah, West Virginia. She is the grandchild of Rocky and Kathy Dodd of Glen Falls, and Dave and Marlene Fazzini of Clarksburg. She has maintained



SAVANNAH JONES

a 4.0 or higher GPA throughout all four years of her high school career, taking multiple Dual Credit and AP courses within her four years. She is a four-year member and Captain of Lincoln’s girls soccer team, and a four-year member of Lincoln’s girls basketball team. Brooklyn is Student Council President, a Senior Board member of Key Club, and Vice

President of National Honor Society. Brooklyn enjoys being part of Jewel City’s UNITE Youth Group, where she leads worship. She currently is undecided on both a college and major but plans to either study Pre-Professional Medicine or Forensic Biology.

Savannah is the daughter of Matthew and Kathy Jones of Bridgeport and the granddaughter of Dan and Sue Glover and Terry and Sharon Jones. Savannah has maintained a 4.0 GPA or higher all throughout her high school career all while taking many dual credit and AP classes. Savannah is a four-year

member of the dance line and the track team. She advanced to the state track meet her freshman and junior season and hopes to return for her senior season. Savannah is a member of many organizations at Lincoln. She is a Natural Peer Helper, a member of the National Honor Society, President of the Key Club, and two-year Secretary of the Student Body. Outside of school, Savannah enjoys playing guitar and singing in the worship band at Simpson Creek Baptist Church. As for future plans, Savannah has been accepted to West Virginia University, but she is undecided on her major at this time.

## “Homecoming Choir”

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been directing music for 66 years, and initiated Coon’s Run Baptist Church’s ‘Homecoming Choir’ for two decades. Each year vocalists participate in this group’s presentation in early November. Talented vocalists and musicians – not just from the Coon’s Run Baptist Church, but those from all over the local area – join together to rehearse for weeks to perfect the annual presentation that never fails to draw large attendance and connect those who listen with an experience to treasure.

Mr. Southern, who plays the piano and organ by ear, noted that music came easy to him and has always been his ‘love’. “When this Homecoming Choir got started, it was so well received and I have continued it through the years because it spreads so much joy and we love to share that with others. This is one of the ways I serve the Lord, and I it brings me pleasure to know that our music lifts others up,” he stated.

Unfortunately, last year’s concert was cancelled because of COVID, but this year’s rehearsals have resumed and just began

this past Friday. “We are trusting in the Lord that it will be His will to keep everyone safe who attends,” he added.

Southern explained that this year’s concert theme will be “In This Very Room” and will include songs that revolve around all that takes place in a church.

“The church setting is so important to many people. It is a place we become familiar with as we grow up; it is where we gather for joyous occasions like baptisms, weddings, holiday celebrations ... and where we come for comfort during a loss. Our concert music will

emphasize the value of what transpires within the walls of your church – wherever you attend.” For anyone who may be interested in participating in this year’s Homecoming Choir, rehearsals will be held each Friday evening at 7 p.m. (October 15th, 22nd, 29th and Nov. 5th) at the church. The concert schedule will include two performances – one on Saturday, Nov. 6th at 6 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 7th at 2:30 p.m. Both concerts will be held in the sanctuary of Coon’s Run Baptist Church and plenty of parking is available.

## “Jewel City Church Fall Fest”

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will this year introduce “Fall Fest” and the plan is that most of the activities will be held outside. Fall Fest will be held on Sunday, October 17th from 3 to 6 p.m. on church property.

“We are fortunate that our church property is pretty sizeable so there is plenty of space for families to spread out and safely enjoy all that is planned. Mask-wearing will be up to everyone’s discretion. We also have a new gym facility that is open yet under roof, so in the event of showers that afternoon, we can adapt to it ... but we’ll be holding the Fall Fest rain or shine,” Kristi stated.

The event is not just for Jewel City’s church family; they welcome all families in the area to attend and enjoy themselves.

Jewel City Pastor Robert Shingleton explained that Fall Fest is a transition from the church’s former Trunk or Treat autumn activity, but the purpose is the same – enjoying family time together.

“Families today get so busy and are drawn in so many different directions that families suffer. Couple that with the fact that the cost of everything continues to rise, making it difficult for them to do something together and have a good time. This event can be attended and that good time can be enjoyed free of cost. Even if it’s just for a few hours, this is an opportunity for families to have a little fun with one another, and that is needed in our society now,” he added.

The church has rented some games from MPE Rentals in

Morgantown, and there will be amusement for adults as well as kids of all ages!

Children with lots of energy, for example, will enjoy bounce houses that will be on site. The Barnyard Petting Zoo will be coming from Pennsylvania with a petting zoo featuring an amazing variety of animals – everything from a baby camel, to mini piglets, lambs, goats, a miniature horse and donkey, a baby llama, and much more! There will also be pony rides, tractor rides, face-painting, and balloon twists, to name a few. The church property will also have a pumpkin patch where kids can feel free to choose a pumpkin to take home and carve.

For teens and adults, they may prefer games like inflatable axe-

throwing, a balloon pop game, an inflatable basketball hoop game or a fast pitch baseball speed gun game.

Free hot dogs, drinks and kettle corn will be available for free, or if you prefer, several food trucks and even a coffee truck will be participating in Fall Fest as well.

“We hope we’ve covered all bases to give families and kids of all ages something to enjoy at our Fall Fest. What we want to stress more than anything is that families need time together, a distraction from their everyday routine, and time to just enjoy doing something pleasurable as a family unit. And since it’s free, there is no reason to stay home saying – ‘There’s nothing to do’! Be playful for a few hours; come and join us,” Kristi concluded.

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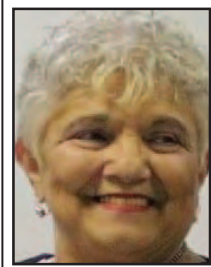
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## GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

My sister Cathy has been bringing communion to me on Sundays since I have not been attending mass due to the pandemic. This past week, she brought me an envelope from Sister Maria; I was not sure what it was until I opened it up. Inside was a certificate certifying me as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Now many of you who are not Catholics may not understand just what this means. It certifies that certain individuals in the church, after having received special instructions, may assist the priest in distributing communion at mass. Every several years, classes are held to update us on any changes

in the mass according to the guidelines of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. If my memory serves me right, the bishop approved this in the 90’s.

At our church, there were three individuals commissioned first and then about nine months later, a second group was commissioned. I was in that second group and have served continuously since that time; unless corrected, I think that I am the oldest and longest serving minister in our church. Generally, individuals are assigned different masses to serve. For about twenty years, Frannie Phares, Bill Rota and I served the seven o’clock mass every Sunday. Then due to a shortage of priests, mass times were changed and then I served as needed at other masses. I have served at funerals, wedding masses, and I have also visited shut- ins from the parish with communion. Of all of my appointments, this is one of my proudest.

A big thank you to all who helped me celebrate my 82nd birthday. Until next week, “Now You Have Heard It Through the Grapevine.”

# Help Support The PB Treasured Memories Club- Place Your Pizza Orders Today



## Pine Bluff News

By Pat Matheny

The PB Treasured Memories Club is having a pizza sale next month. They will be taking orders until the last of October. The baked or unbaked pizzas are priced at \$7 each or two for \$12. The pizzas can be picked up at the community building Friday and Saturday, November 5th and November 6th from 11 am to 6 pm. To order, call President Julia Martin at 681-443-1122 or contact one of the members.

Saturday morning, I made a trip to the Walmart Pharmacy on Bridgeport Hill to pick up meds for sister-in-law Bernie and dropped them off at her home in Fairmont. Her car is presently broken down. I arrived home in time to watch the plethora of football games on the agenda - that’s where the big screen TV comes into play. The only bad thing is, now, I can watch WVU lose...in a really big way. A good friend asked me why I bought an 82” TV, I replied, “Because they didn’t have a 90” available”.

Sunday, Kim came in from Virginia to entertain/harass me for a few days. Her children, Santana and #2 Phillip, came over and all four of us went to the Cracker Barrel in Fairmont (the pepper shakers are still lacking). Santana is still serious when wielding the fork between plate and mouth, but somehow Phillip inhales his food. I don’t know how he does it.

Monday morning, Lee came down and had coffee with his sister. When those two get together, there is never a dull moment. They’re always cutting each other down and then

laughing about it. Sometimes Kim will swear or say something risqué and I’ll ask her, “Did your mother know you talked like that?” She’ll reply, “She’s the one I learned it from!” I didn’t get to spend much time with both, because I had to drive down to Ruby Hospital in Morgantown for some testing. I didn’t get out of there until 5:00 pm, but I did get to experience one of my favorite things on the way home - rush hour traffic on I-79.

Tuesday, Kim and I went over to the cemetery and placed mums on Susie’s grave...sure miss her. Then, we drove up to the FOP Restaurant in Nutter Fort for something to eat; they have nice pepper shakers. After returning home, I caught up on the mowing. I haven’t spotted any hornet nests this year. They usually build one under the eaves of the community building. Over the years, I’ve knocked down six or seven nests from the eaves. I definitely keep my eyes peeled when mowing around that area.

Wednesday, I drove down to Fairmont and picked up Bernie; she wanted to spend the day with the family. Kim and Phillip were already here, so I hit Heavenly Hoagies in town to get us something to eat. Later, Nephew Robert stopped by to visit with everyone. Santana and Andrew showed up in the evening after fishing all day and brought pizza. They were planning on going hunting the next morning but I don’t know if that materialized or not. They just celebrated their 2nd Wedding Anniversary.

As you can tell, there isn’t much excitement going on in PB, except for occasionally a car going up and down the road with a muffler dragging. Tune in next week for another episode of “How the Mop Flops”.

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

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# AG Morrissey Announces October Mobile Office Hours

Attorney General Morrissey said.	Clarksburg	Buckhannon
Patrick Morrissey announced a representative from his office will meet with north central West Virginia residents in October to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.	Oct. 14: 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Lowe Public Library, 40 Bridge St., Shinnston	Oct. 25: 11:00 a.m. to Noon – Barbour County Senior Center, fourth floor, 47 Church St., Philippi
“These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with our consumer representatives,”	Oct. 18: 11:00 a.m. to Noon – Mineral County Commission Meeting Room, 150 Armstrong St., Keyser	Oct. 28: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Randolph County Commission Meeting Room, 4 Randolph Ave., Elkins
Attorney General 500 W. Main St.,	Oct. 19: 11:00 a.m. to Noon – Lewis County Senior Center, 171 W. Second St., Weston	For information on additional requirements specific to any location, attendees are encouraged to contact Pam Krushansky at 304-741-5834.

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## 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

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# “Too Much Growth?”

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Carolina, I experienced some of the growing pains associated with the population growth. She lives in Lancaster, South Carolina, which is close to the Charlotte, North Carolina area. Her subdivision is one of hundreds in the area and hers is around four thousand homes and growing. Traffic is a constant and going out to eat or to take the kids to a soccer game, can be a nightmare. The schools are crowded and they are building new ones as fast as they can. We went to pick up my granddaughter at school and the traffic was lined up along the highway with hundreds of cars crowding into a pickup lane at the school.

The housing and commercial construction is all around them and beautiful horse farms are being bulldozed for hundreds of new homes or strip malls to fill the space. I’m sure that officials in the states that are losing population would beg for problems like South Carolina, but be careful what you wish for. The infrastructure to support this growing population is expensive and developers are notorious for taking shortcuts or using materials that will not stand the test of time. Because much of the growth occurs in unincorporated areas, you have new shopping areas located next to junk yards or vacant buildings, waiting for the next developer to purchase at inflated prices.

This is not a knock on growth, but more a comment on the lack of proper planning. Too many places have been overtaken by this fast-paced growth and it leads to expensive problems later on ... roadways that are over capacity on the day they were built and schools that are bursting at the seams. While gated communities have beautiful parks and swimming pools, many families are left with a cheap basketball hoop on the street as they dodge cars on a too narrow roadway. Sewer, water and broadband are undersized and require massive investments when everyone wants to hook on to the system. All of this can be solved by proper planning but the haphazard methods of construction are, many times, only concerned with the current situation and not projecting the issues with growth.

An old engineer once told me, “It costs twice as much to fix it than to do it right the first time!” I know my position is not a popular one but I believe that building public infrastructure needs to account for the future generations and not just focus on the present. Some of the great cities across the world are great because of the vision for the future that took place, often centuries before.

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# HCSCC SPOTLIGHT

Featuring news from the Harrison County Senior Citizen Center

## Senior Center Book Club – A Good Outlet For Promoting Conversations



Pictured l-rt are members who joined HCSCC’s most recent discussion group: Bill O’Field, Book Club Leader; Janet Dotson; Margaret Davis; Carol E. Brown; Jill Rafter; and Julia Todd.



JILL RAFTER

The Harrison County Senior Center’s Book Club continues to meet and welcomes new participants to join them! If you’re an avid reader, you know that reading is not just ‘fundamental’ as the saying goes; it is also just ‘FUN’ AND a wonderful way to spend leisure time. It can take you away from your daily worries and put you in the midst of someone else’s life as you become acquainted with the characters’ circumstances.

## Flu Shot Clinic



While much attention is still being focused on COVID vaccinations and remaining COVID-free, don’t forget that flu season is also nearing! The Harrison County Senior Center will be hosting a flu shot clinic (standard & high dose for those 65 years

and older) that will be administered by the Bridgeport Walgreens. This will take place in the Center’s Kinley Café area from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 2021. Please bring your insurance or Medicare/Medicaid card and your photo I.D.

If you’re not familiar with exactly what a book club is, here is a brief explanation. A book club is a group of people who read the same book and then meet to discuss it and express their opinions, likes, dislikes, etc. If you are a member of a book club like this, it may be a good idea to finish the book a few days before the group meets, which will

allow you time to think about what you’ve read. Members can even write down page numbers so they can easily access passages that they might like to discuss. Book clubs are also great social experiences since they promote conversations with your peers. Each reader may have a different opinion and each one matters. There are no right or

wrong answers in a discussion group. It is merely an exchange of ideas that are expressed from your take on a particular book and what you may have learned from it or found particularly interesting. Most recently, the Senior Center’s Book Club met on Wednesday, September 8th to discuss Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow. Participants

welcomed Clarksburg Harrison Public Library Director Jill Rafter, who led the discussion. The next Book Club meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 20th at 12:30 p.m. in the Center’s Boardroom. Anyone who might be interested in joining the group may contact Bill O’Field at the Senior Center (304-623-6795) to learn what the next selection will be.

## HCSCC Board Reports On September Special Meeting



Pictured here, HCSCC Board President Bill O’Field swears in new board member Betty Waddy.

The Harrison County Senior Citizens Center Board of Directors held a hybrid in-person / Zoom special meeting on Monday, September 20th with the following

Board actions taken: Approved changes to the HCSCC By-Laws regarding the guidelines for grant funding. Adopted the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

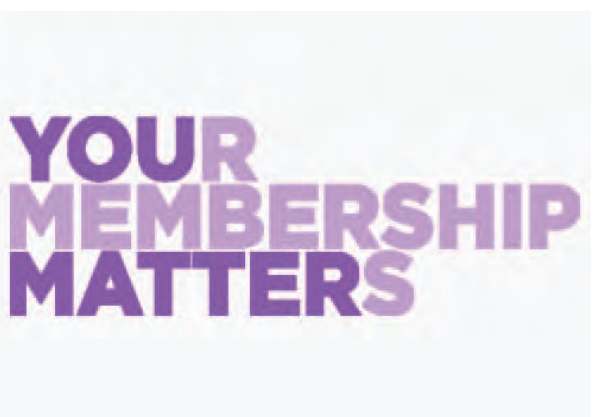
Appointed Betty Waddy to fill a board-appointed position. Amended the HCSCC Reopening Plan for June 22, 2021, to require masks in the Center when Harrison County is in red or orange as identified by the Governor. Approved the Director to create a job description for Transportation Scheduler to be effective immediately, and to fill the position as soon as possible. At the meeting, newly appointed board member Betty Waddy was sworn in by HCSCC Board

President Bill O’Field. The next Board meeting will be another hybrid in-person/Zoom meeting on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. The HCSCC Board members now include: President Bill O’Field, Vice President Ryan Kennedy, Secretary Donna Stuart, Treasurer Donald Burton, Janet Dotson, Franklin Hairston, Sharon Hamilton, Harley Jeffries, Gary Keith II, Sandra Mossor, Bill Phillips, Susan Thomas, and Betty Waddy.

## New Membership Cards Now Available

The Harrison County Senior Citizens Center’s new permanent membership cards have arrived! Members with a satellite affiliation, please contact your satellite president to obtain your card. Members without a satellite affiliation,

please contact the Senior Center to request printing of your card and advise us when you will come to the Center to pay the \$10 dues and pick up your card. The new cards are permanent cards! Dues will be collected yearly to maintain a valid card.



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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TITLE V Food Service Workers are needed for the Senior Center’s Kinley Café for (20 hrs. per week). Applicants must be at least 55 years of age, unemployed, a resident of WV, and have a

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# The Showdown At One Eagle Way



## The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor  
*Sports Editor*

Robert C. Byrd took a huge step towards a potential playoff push with a 35-13 win over Lincoln last Friday. It was billed as the Class AA game of the week and the play on the field lived up to the hype. The Cougars came into the contest ranked No.1 in Class AA. The Flying Eagles, for the first time this year, found themselves out of the playoff picture.

Robert C. Byrd had the advantage of having an extra week to prepare for this key matchup and it helped the host tremendously. The Flying Eagles jumped out to a quick 21-0 lead which put Lincoln in a precarious position that they couldn't recover from. Flying Eagle running back, Jeremiah King needed 205 yards to break Santino Cava's record. Cava had been the king of rushing yardage in Harrison County for several years and Jeremiah King has been in hot pursuit of that record for years.

The game plan was

simple for Robert C. Byrd's Head Coach, Josh Gorrell...ride King all game long. King responded early, scoring the first of three rushing touchdowns on a 46-yard run. He picked up his second score on a 10-yard run to give the Flying Eagles a 14-0 lead after the first quarter of action.

The Cougars started to bear down on the run, prompting Gorrell to go to the air. Junior signal caller, Nick George responded going 3 for 4 in the first half with a 26-yard strike to Aiden Morris giving a three touchdown lead to Robert C. Byrd.

Most teams would toss in the towel; however, Lincoln and veteran mentor Rob Hawkins had a different idea. The Cougars mounted an intense comeback behind the rushing of Antwan Hilliard. Hilliard scored on a seven-yard run to close out the first half. Hilliard found paydirt from six yards out to draw the visitor close heading into the final period.

A one possession game was a product of halftime adjustments by Hawkins and his staff.

King then gave his team a huge boost with a 41-yard touchdown run that gave momentum back to the Flying Eagles. Evan Warne led the defensive charge and made a huge play that sealed the win. Warne intercepted a pass and went 30 yards for the games final score. It was the last of five Lincoln turnovers that proved to be too much to overcome.

The Cougars played well in spite of those miscues and showed why they were ranked in the top spot in AA. They will be a force to be reckoned with come playoff time. Lincoln was led by Hilliard's 97 yards on 22 carries. Quarterback Nick Kellar was 13 of 24 for 128 yards. Levi Moore was the leading receiver with six catches for 55 yards.

Robert C. Byrd's offensive efforts were spearheaded by King's record-setting 266 yards on 29 carries. George finished 3 of 11 for 79 yards. Morris hauled in a pair of passes for 47 yards.

The Cougars are back

in action this weekend as they play host to Elkins. It's one of three home tilts out of the four remaining games. The Flying Eagles travel to the "Friendly City" to play Fairmont Senior. The Polar Bears are the Class AA defending state champions and have had two weeks to prepare for this showdown.

Prior to this homecoming game at Robert C. Byrd, a special honor was bestowed upon one of the most recognizable sports figures in Harrison County. Dougie Layfield has been a team manager for Washington Irving and now for the Flying Eagles. His dedication and love for high school athletics prompted the powers that be to name the road that goes to the football stadium "Dougie Layfield Drive". Dougie was extremely emotional about the honor as several key members of the community were on hand for the dedication. The event reminded those in attendance that good guys can indeed finish first!

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



**Ferguson Park in Shinnston was the site of the Junior Nuzum Memorial Run last Thursday during its inaugural cross-country event.**

The Team Logos For This Week Are Liberty Mountaineer & South Harrison Hawk

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 Aliya Todd and South Harrison's Carter Bowie.

This past Thursday marked a special day in Shinnston. It was the start of a new era, as the new cross-country course at Ferguson Park was opened for business.

The pandemic has closed several businesses and has brought despair to many. The opening of the new cross-country course is an attention getter for all of the right reasons. Athletes from all over the state will have the opportunity to perform on a truly impressive course.

Liberty's Aliya Todd and South Harrison's Carter Bowie were the winners of the inaugural cross-country event this past week.

Congratulations to Todd and Bowie for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week!

## Lincoln High School's Soccer Program Honors Late Duane Gump



**The sleeve patch features a soccer ball, a heart and the initials of the late coach.**

Duane Gump was a strong presence at Lincoln High School's soccer games for years. After his tragic passing this past summer, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director,

Holly Hawkins, along with help from the Boys Soccer Coach, Alexis McCoy, decided to do something to honor Duane's memory. They decided to add patches to the



**Even more special is that Duane's son, Ryan, coaches all the girls' games surrounded by the patches that so easily remind everyone of his father.**

left sleeves of all the uniforms of both boys and girls soccer teams. The patch is made up of a soccer ball, a heart, and the initials of the late coach who was so loved by all

players.

The patches prove a small and kind gesture can have a large impact – much like Duane's commitment to coaching did on his players.

## West Virginia's Archery & Crossbow Seasons Are Now Open

The West Virginia archery and crossbow seasons for deer, black bear and wild boar opened on Saturday, September 26 and will run through December 31, 2021 according to the West Virginia DNR.

By now, you've probably already spent plenty of time out in the woods practicing your shot and scouting the area you want to hunt, so the DNR just wants to remind everyone to be smart and safe, to respect

game laws and other hunting regulations and to purchase your license and necessary stamps before the season starts.

Archery and crossbow seasons for deer and bear open statewide on Saturday while the wild boar season is open only in Boone, Logan, Raleigh and Wyoming counties. Hunters should also note that crossbows cannot be used to hunt deer in Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming Counties, except for those who have a Class Y/YY permit.

Game laws and hunting regulations are in place to protect hunters and make sure wild game is humanely harvested. A lot of hunting incidents occur when hunters aren't being safe or paying attention, so be mindful of your surroundings and use a harness and fall restraint system if you're going to hunt

from a tree stand.

During the archery and crossbow season, resident hunters who purchase RB and nonresident hunters with RRB stamps can take up to two additional deer. Only one deer can be taken with each stamp. Hunters who don't purchase RB or RRB stamps may only harvest one deer on their base license.

If two deer are taken on RB or RRB stamps, one of the two must be an antlerless deer taken in a county open to Class N antlerless hunting. Additional regulations for using RB and RRB stamps and taking antlered and antlerless deer during the archery and crossbow seasons may be found in the 2020-2021 West Virginia Hunting Regulations.

West Virginia hunting licenses and stamps are available to purchase online at wvhunt.com.

## College Intern Making The Most Of Volunteer Hours



### From The World Of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

Louis Carvelli is a pretty busy kid. He is a full-time student, manager for the womens basketball team and a part-time worker for his father's funeral home. Needless to say, the kid maximizes his 24 hours in a day. To add to his day, he will spend the next 100 hours helping out at the parks department.

You see, to help with his degree, one of his professors wanted him to find an internship related to his schooling and he approached us with an idea. All the hard work we have done with the trail needed something different and Carvelli felt that we could do something where visitors can see the 'footprint' he left during his time spent here on property.

Director Mike Book has been impressed with his work ethic and especially his attitude with the project.

"Lou is doing a great job for us at the park," said Book. "He brings a great attitude as well as strong work ethic and took charge of his project from the beginning. Our staff has been influential in the vision of this project and supportive in every means. Once complete, he will do something that will definitely make an impact on what we have here at the facility."

The walking trail has always been a big part of the enrichment programs as well as a form of recreation and ever since the County Commission gave the authority for a part-time maintenance staff, we have really amped up the workload in

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## Cougar Cub Midgets Score Another Win



**The Cougar Cub Midgets played Barbour County on October 3rd in Shinnston and came away winners with a score of 38-0. Baller of the Week was Eli Ice, Sledgehammer of the Week was Coleton Lanham and The Chain of the Week was Zaden Hoinville. Nick Glaspell scored one touchdown and Eli Ice found the end zone twice. Felix Blake scored two rushing touchdowns. Pictured are Fleix Blake and Nick Glaspell strategizing for their next run.**



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### GLORIA JEAN “JEANNIE” RICHARDS



Gloria Jean “Jeannie” Richards, 67, of Shinnston, passed away October 2, 2021 at Cleveland Clinic following a strong battle against cancer. She was born March 13, 1954 to the late Samuel and Wanda Conner.

Gloria is survived by her husband Elmer Richards Jr.; children Lorry Richards and companion Scott Walls, Chad Richards and companion Amanda Chenoweth; grandchildren Mekayla Moore and companion Joe Toothman, Triston Richards, Logan Lanham, Ryleigh Richards, and Thea Richards; great-grandchildren Lillian Toothman and Adreonna Toothman. She is also survived by Samuel Conner and wife Gloria of Harrisburg, VA; Frank Conner and wife Ruth of Fairmont, WV; Karen Petrosino and husband Frank of Bishopville, MD; Delores Leigh of Maryland; and several nieces and nephews.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents and stepfather James Stutler.

She worked at Minnotte Contracting and enjoyed bowling, golfing, gardening, and spending time with her grandkids.

A funeral service was held at Harmer Funeral Home on Thursday October, 7, 2021 with Pastor Ron Johnson officiating. Interment followed at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at Harmerfuneralhome.com

### CECIL S. BERDINE



Cecil S. Berdine, 81, of Wallace passed away on October 2, 2021. He was born on May 16, 1940 to the late James Berdine and Alma Culver Berdine.

He was survived by his loving wife Shirley Berdine and

sons Jeffrey (Betsy) Berdine of Wallace; Robert Berdine of Fairmont; half-sisters, Susan and Sandy; granddaughters, Miranda and Crystal and his dog, Muffin.

Preceded in death are sisters, Alma, Elsie, Dotty, Wanda; brothers Leo, Earl and Jimmy and also his foster parents, William and Marie Welling who raised him from his early childhood. Cecil was a Postmaster of Wallace for 30 years, also an avid guitar player and was Pentecostal by faith.

A funeral service was held at Harmer Funeral Home on October 5, 2021 with John Carnes officiating. Interment was at the Tenmile Cemetery.

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

### DELORIS JUNE SWIGER SISLER



Deloris June Swiger Sisler, age 79, of New Martinsville, WV, passed away Sunday, October 3, 2021, in Wheeling Hospital in Wheeling, WV.

She was born June 5, 1942, in Lumberport, WV, a daughter of the late Stacie and Ruth Campbell Swiger.

She was a member of Ten Mile Baptist Church, Lumberport, WV and the New Martinsville Lions Club where she has served as President, Treasurer, and board member of Board of Directors.

Survivors include her husband of 52 years, Kenneth Sisler; brother, Eugene (Patricia) Swiger of Murphy, NC; 6 nieces, Lisa (Andy) Vanderwerf, Mary Catherine Dickens, Elaine Starkey (Randy) Snider, Lisa Elmore, Wendy Gain and Tracy Shumay; a nephew, Thomas (Jandy) Starkey and several great nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held at Ten Mile Baptist Church in Lumberport, WV on October 8, 2021 with Pastor Jeff Perine and Rev. Robert Perine officiating.

Interment followed in Lion’s Club Cemetery, Lumberport.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at Harmerfuneralhome.com

### TIMOTHY WAYNE SWIGER



Timothy Wayne Swiger, 55, of Shinnston, WV, passed away on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at United Hospital Center in Bridgeport, WV. Timothy was born July 14, 1966 in Fairmont, WV, the son of Paul Zane Swiger and the late Marian Andrea (Pigott) Swiger.

Timothy was a truck driver for West Virginia State Roads, Gore, WV. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with his son Patrick. He was retired from the Shinnston Fire Department as well as Clay Eagle EMS. Timothy proudly served in the United States Army National Guard.

In addition to his father, Timothy is survived by his stepmother, Judy Swiger of Enterprise, WV; two sons, Patrick Swiger of Shinnston, WV and Timothy Paul Swiger of Indiana; one daughter Carrissa Swiger of Indiana; one stepdaughter Amber Hall of Mt. Clare, WV; one stepson Donnie Hall of Meadowbrook, WV; three brothers, Todd Swiger, Thomas Swiger and Scott Sargent all of Enterprise, WV; two sisters, Tammy Delovio and Makana of Hawaii and Tara Riffle and Charles of Meadowbrook, WV; companion, Betty Swiger of Shinnston, WV; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his mother, Timothy was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Harley and Pauline Swiger and maternal grandparents Glenn and Thelma Pigott.

Per Timothy’s wishes, cremation services will be provided. A memorial service will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family.

### JOSEPHINE MOOTS ROBILLIARD



Josephine June Moots Robilliard, 87, of Hepzibah, passed away on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at her residence surrounded by her family. She was born in Dola,

November 14, 1933, a daughter of the late Thomas and Daisy Loria Moots. On July 28, 1956, she married, Charles Frank “Charlie” Robilliard, who preceded her in death just three weeks ago on September 15, 2021.

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; her special life-long family friend and personal caregiver, Dolly Arbogast; and several nieces and nephews.

Josephine was also preceded in death by four sisters and five brothers.

She was retired from Harrison County Schools where she worked as a school cook at the Wilsonburg Elementary School. Josephine was an exceptional cook and avid baker. She was known for her wonderful meatballs and introduced pepperoni rolls to her neighbors when she lived in Marietta, GA. Everyone had to eat when they stopped at her house. She was always involved with her children and grandchildren and never missed an event in which they were taking part. She enjoyed attending WVU games, especially basketball, with her husband. She lived her life for her family. Josephine was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Shinnston.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Ann Catholic Church on Friday, October 8, with Father Chris Turner as celebrant. Interment was in the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com

### DANIEL LAWRENCE ADAMS



Daniel Lawrence Adams, 64, of Clarksburg, passed away at 5:30pm, Saturday, October 2, 2021 at the United

## Out Of The Past

Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



The former Methodist Protestant Church on Main Street in Shinnston. Later known as Christ Church United Methodist and now Warriors Chapel. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

Hospital Center in Bridgeport. He was born in Gary, IN, December 20, 1956, a son of the late George Adams and the late Margaret Adams Handley and his stepfather, the late N.L. Handley.

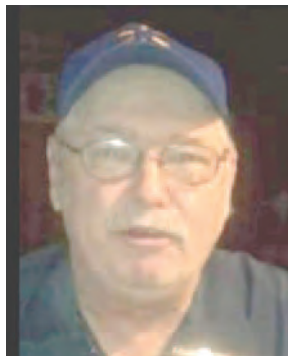
He is survived by his wife, Cindy Mackey Adams, Clarksburg; his children, Nicholas Adams and his husband Aaron Miller, Clarksburg, David Martin and his fiancé Julie Matson, Enterprise, Marlyn Martin and her companion Zachary, Clarksburg, Jessica Molder, Oregon, and Megan Swiger and her husband Paul, Wallace; his grandchildren, Zachary, Timothy, and Kayler Martin, Justin, Madison, and Nathan Martin, and Brantley and Dylan Swiger; his siblings, John Adams, Laura O’Neal, and Timothy Adams.

Daniel was also preceded in death by his son, Justin Adams, his granddaughter, McKenzie Martin, his brother, Steven Adams, and his sister, Lynn San Miguel.

Daniel was a Veteran having served with the United States Navy. He was a welder and a member of the Boilermakers Union. He enjoyed playing with his grandchildren, collecting guns, fishing, and being out in nature. He was a member of the Old Time Baptist Church in Clarksburg.

A funeral service was held at Perine Funeral Home on October 6, with Pastor Leonard Ludwig officiating. Cremation followed the service. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com

### JAMES “JIMMY” ANTHONY CRITES



James “Jimmy” Anthony Crites, 69, of Clarksburg passed away Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at United Hospital Center in Bridgeport. He was born on July 2, 1952, son of the late William “Bill” and Olive Marie Williams Crites.

Jimmy worked in Maintenance at Walmart for over twenty years. He collected everything and anything; his favorites items were lawnmowers and weed eaters. He was superfast with mowing and the yard had to be perfect. Jimmy was an avid Miami Dolphins Fan. He enjoyed hunting and driving through the country. He loved spending time with his family, especially the grandchildren.

Jimmy is survived by his wife of forty-seven years, Judy Kay McIntyre Crites whom he married on October 29, 1973; three children, James Anthony Crites II and wife Brittney, Fairmont, John William Crites and Julia, Clarksburg, Jennie Marie Skidmore and husband Donald, Clarksburg; eleven grandchildren, Seth Crites and Tyanna, Austin Crites, Makaylan Crites, Leonardo Crites, Brittany McIntyre, Lakota Ware and Dustin, Brandi Crites,

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“Creative Skills”

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The late Tresa Lamerato (third from left) is pictured here sharing her pita piata recipe and teaching her daughter and two daughters-in-law how to make them just as she did. They created precious memories and learned something that will be shared for generations to come.

have slowed down some extracurricular activities, that time was then spent adjusting along with their children to remote learning. Kids, too, are kept active being so involved in so many things, and family time may take a back seat. Everyone runs on ‘autopilot’ and time seems to be very scheduled.

That ‘family time’ is too important to be ignored ... not just for the adults but for the children as well. A recent study revealed that adults who participate in creative activities are most likely to be optimistic, happy, passionate and joyful. And for children, too, creativity helps their motor skills, problem-solving abilities and improves their emotional wellness. So what can be done to enhance our happiness as COVID races on again this year?

One solution is for families to get creative at home and find opportunities for cross-generational learning. Get off the couch and do things together. Be creative; involve even the grandparents ... and it can become a strong dose of needed medicine for the whole family. And this can be done right from home!

Grandparents can pass down their hobby and craft skills. Grandparents and parents can teach children the traditions that make up their heritage – many of which are very precious to keep in practice. Even if those in your family are not creative, for example, at woodworking or painting, get online and learn how to do something new together. ‘Togetherness’ is the secret and can strengthen the family even during

the abnormal times that COVID has created. People can tap into many sources through the internet and – who knows – many may find a passion for something they didn’t know existed. Even learning something new – together – can strengthen family bonds while developing new skills that may spark much happiness.

Interestingly, a subscriber to the News & Journal shared just such an example. Phyllis Teague of Warrenton, VA has family roots in the Shinnston area. Her mother, the former Virginia (Spadafore) Jurcak, was one of 13 children who grew up in this area; she graduated from Shinnston High School in 1945. Although Virginia passed away several years ago, many of her siblings still remain here locally.

Phyllis recalls from years ago that her family’s ‘vacation’ was not a trip to Disney World, but a trip to West Virginia to visit family here.

One of her aunts – Tresa Lamerato – practiced sharing her time, her skills, AND their family heritage with her children and nieces.

“Thanks to Aunt Tresa, the tradition of making pita piata has been imparted to other generations of our family. This special ‘family time’ usually began just before the holidays, right after Thanksgiving,” Phyllis noted. “She got all the ingredients and gathered with my cousins, and they baked for several days during the first week of December.”

According to Phyllis, they often made double recipes filled with loads of raisins and nuts and honey, etc. and they were so large, they

would last a long, long time.

“Every year Aunt Tresa always made enough to put in special Christmas tins and mail in cardboard boxes to each of her nieces who lived a distance away. This was a time when families were truly cherished and every one of us looked forward to receiving this special gift made with love,” Phyllis continued. “Although she is now gone, what she shared with her daughter and her two daughters-in-law created memories that will never perish. They now have children and grandchildren of their own and are passing on that tradition.”

However, it may be more than just the time that was spent, the skills that were learned, and the tradition that was shared and can be shared again and again; it was the family time that was spent creating something together that will be such a cherished memory.

Phyllis concluded, “We don’t realize it when we’re young just how much we will some day treasure these times spent together – whether we’re sharing a recipe or some other creative skill. We can’t go back, but those memories are so priceless! As we each age, our years are accompanied by wisdom ... the wisdom of just how much spending time and sharing with family means.”

So, if you’re looking for something that fosters happiness ... can teach something valuable ... and be done from home, think about gathering safely as a family to share some of your skills or learn a new one together! It can be shared for years to come and those memories will never be erased.

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# Harrison County 4-H Celebrating National 4-H Week/Month

Good day to all! Harrison County 4-H is celebrating National 4-H Week/Month and you’re cordially invited to enjoy our exhibits at the Clarksburg/Harrison Public Library. The exhibits will be available through October 16. Since the onset of the pandemic, an untold number of youth organizations have endured a reduction in membership/participation. The WVU Extension Service 4-H Program has made many on-line activities and workshops available to youth across the state to keep them engaged in an on-going learning environment. Harrison County 4-H has also provided its youth access to virtual Zoom camps, meetings, and a number of other online and at-home activities. Please coordinate your visit to the Library with Edward Pride at 304-627-2237, Ext. 123. He can provide you with any information pertaining to the library, how it supports the 4-H program, and provide any needed library graphics. Samantha Williams, Harrison County WVU Extension Agent, 4-H Program is your point of contact for any questions about 4-H as well as any graphics you might require. You can reach her at 304-624-8650.

## Road Closure

The West Virginia Division of Highways advises motorists that there will be Lane Closure on US 50 from Mile Post 7.18 to Mile Post 13.56 beginning on Monday, October 11, 2021 and will continue through Friday, October 29, 2021. The purpose for the closure is for Joint repair, Milling and Paving. Work will be performed on US 50 Eastbound & Westbound. The Eastbound & Westbound will have one lane open during this time. A Lane Closure will be in place until work is completed. Expect Delays. Motorists are advised to plan ahead and allow additional time for their commute. Please note that inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances could change the project schedule.

## “Parks & Rec” cont. from p.6

making things pretty special. Carvelli’s idea was to find a way to improve travelling through the areas at different sections. Just completed, a set of walking steps was built entering a section of the property and each step will have a different type of surface. For instance, one will have crushed pine cones and another will have rock. There are about five sets of steps and all will have a different surface. This will allow those who use them the chance to feel the difference when walking up to the other areas. Book has been impressed from the initial idea of the project. “We really base our ideas on what will make us stand out from the rest. For instance, the Gnome section of the trail is something that will definitely be remembered and a topic of discussion for those leaving the park after playing. Also, the steps are made for two different reasons - one is for getting to a certain section of the trail while the different surfaces on the steps will give the body a different sense when you step. These steps will be an important piece of our trail.” Carvelli has been an asset to the department as his work ethic and drive to accomplish tasks has been an impact at our facility. Once his time is complete, he will be required to document his work and create a storyline of his work and the reasoning behind it. No matter the outcome of his class, Carvelli gets an “A” from the parks department.

## “Obituaries” cont. from p. 7

Jacklyn Sandy, John Crites Jr, Michael Skidmore and Jacob Skidmore; five great grandchildren, Zoey, Leveonia, Benjamin, Luston and Stoane Jr; seven siblings, Mary Louise Wilson, Morgantown, Lynn Wooldidge, Las Vegas, NV, Karen Howell and Alvin, Lumberport, Regina Walker, Weston, Charlie Crites, Clarksburg, Paul “Eddie” Crites, Philippi, Josephine Shaffer and Willie, KY; several nieces and nephews. Online condolences can be made at [www.DavisFuneralHomeWV.com](http://www.DavisFuneralHomeWV.com). Memorial donations can be made to his Care Fund on his memorial page.

## “Lots to Celebrate” cont. from p.1

**JOHNNY LOPEZ**  
*Parade Grand Marshal*  
ranked #2 in the SSAC rankings of AA schools in West Virginia. Since then, the Cougars have moved into the #1 spot – something else they are celebrating because this is the highest ranking the Cougars have had in the history of the school. Under the leadership of Head Football Coach Rob Hawkins, assisted by Coach Chris Kellar, Coach Drew Toth, Coach Monty Carpenter, and several volunteers, the Cougars are preparing for this weekend’s game in hopes of keeping their losses at zero! Extra precautions are being exercised to keep them protected as much as possible. When traveling, for example, it is one person per seat on the bus and masks are worn when they are indoors or in the locker rooms. Mrs. Hawkins stated there have been few complaints about these restrictions since they don’t want to have any ill effects hinder their desire to keep the momentum going. The Cougar Marching Band also has cause to celebrate! Mrs. Hawkins continued, “Because of the pandemic, since March of 2019 until this school year began, some of our band students didn’t play an instrument at all! We did lose some band students, but we still have nearly 100 participating while some of the schools with very large bands lost about two-thirds of their members. Mr. Fred Channell continues to teach music in the classroom, but there was no one in place to handle field shows and parade attendance until two Lincoln High School staff members offered to assist. Mr. Frank Spadafore and Mrs. Connie Payton are now directing extracurricular band activities, and the Cougar Marching Band just a few weeks ago participated in their first parade in over a year – taking FIRST PLACE as a marching unit in the Buckwheel Festival parade. Drum roll – another celebration – this time for band students! The Cougar Marching Band also led the Homecoming Parade Wednesday evening and has committed to participate in other parades such as Shinnston’s Veterans Day parade on November 11th and the Shinnston Christmas Parade on December 3rd. Many students at the school deserve academic applause as well! Recently, the Academic Achievement Assembly was hosted at Lincoln. During this gathering, students who attained a 3.0 GPA or better during their last academic year were honored with academic letters or pins. Over 300 students received awards; that number is extremely significant because it is more than half the student body enrollment! Another reason to celebrate! Mrs. Hawkins concluded, “We were really hoping that maybe Homecoming would welcome back some Lincoln alumni and they could be present for the dedication of our new fieldhouse addition. But we’re still waiting for the installation of the lockers; otherwise, we are nearly finished with this project. If we’re unable to host the dedication and open house for the fieldhouse this month, then it will likely be on November 6th, so there will be another celebration to look forward to.” Watch for details when arrangements for the Fieldhouse Dedication and Open House are finalized. In the meantime, put on your Cougar attire and get ready to cheer the hometown team to a Homecoming win this Friday evening at 7 p.m.



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