



Shinnston Lions Club Will Host Annual Veterans Day Parade

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arrive at high school hill at 10:30 a.m. for line up. The Lions Club greatly encourages all school groups, clubs, sports teams, floats, businesses and government leaders to be a part of the parade.

The annual parade aims to salute the men and women who have served in our armed forces. This year, three Shinnston natives and members of the Lions Club will also participate as Parade Marshals.

Joseph Sheppard of the United States Marine Corps,

enlisted August 16th, 1972 on the “buddy plan” with his friend, David Eagle. In exchange for their enlistment, Kenny Sipe was awarded with ten more days leave. Mr. Sheppard attended bootcamp in Parris Island, South Carolina. He was stationed in Korea and Japan and was honorably discharged August 23rd, 1974.

Additional Parade Marshals include Navy man Terry Robey. Mr. Robey enlisted in the Navy in 1960, spending his entire four-year enlistment



TERRY ROBEY
on the ship U.S.S. Traverse County, advancing himself to the rank of Third-Class Quarter Master. He and his shipmates took part in the blockade during the Cuban missile crisis and he commented that, “he, his crew and the entire military were at Defcon II; that is how close the United States came to nuclear war.”



JOSEPH SHEPPARD
The third attending Parade Marshal is Mr. Kenneth R. Sipe who initially joined the United States Marines in January 1972, serving until January 1974. Mr. Sipe later went on to enlist in the United States Army in May 1974, serving until May 1979, attaining the rank of E-5. His third infantry battalion



KENNETH R. SIPE
was the official ceremonial unit and escort to the President of the United States, as well as, the oldest active-duty infantry unit of the Army. Mr. Kenneth Sipe was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, and the U.S Army Achievement Medal. He finalized his active

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‘Boxing It Up To Give Thanks’ Season Kicks Off Again This November



Student volunteers from West Virginia Wesleyan have established roots on the campus as a “WE LEAD” advocacy program which involves community youth in fundraising, leadership, and poverty reduction.



Campus fraternities such as Chi Phi and Alpha Sigma Phi are leading the way in “flocking” local yards in Buckhannon with turkey signage.

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Celebrating their 5th year of student-led volunteer servitude, Boxing It Up To Give Thanks – a local food insecurity program, kicks off their season of giving once again this Thanksgiving holiday. Located in North Central West Virginia, the program’s success has continued to grow amidst the uncertainties of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Fulfilling dire food needs in local communities is but one of many accomplishments of the Boxing It Up team. In recent years, student volunteers have delivered one thousand Thanksgiving meals

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Ascend WV Aims To Attract Out Of State Talent

By DAWN HENSIL
News & Journal Staff Writer

A new program is trying to bring new and talented residents to the mountain state. The program is called “Ascend West Virginia” and is aimed at attracting ‘Pioneers’ to relocate to West Virginia and work remotely. West Virginia native and Intuit Founder and Chairman Brad Smith and his wife Alys founded the program within the WVU Outdoor Economic Collaborative with a \$25 million endowment last year. The goal of this effort is to attract more talented individuals to call West Virginia home, with a mission to share West Virginia’s unbeatable quality of life.

Participants of the program will receive \$10,000 to relocate to the state during their first year. This money is to help offset the costs of the move as well as any other expenses. As incentive for the second year, participants will then receive another \$2,000 for continuing

to be a resident of West Virginia. They will be required to stay in the state during the two years although it is strongly believed that they will grow to love all that the state has to offer; it is hoped that participants will choose

to stay here after their two years are over. Another incentive that participants will have available to them is a year of free recreation such as rafting and climbing.

The response for this
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Faded Signs



Building Amazing Cities

By JIM HUNT
author, speaker, consultant

One thing that is often forgotten when we talk about infrastructure, is all the little things that make up the road and bridge systems. Over the past several years, the technology in modern vehicles has grown to include the ability to “read” street signs, pavement markings and traffic signals. While this has received a good bit of press when discussing driverless vehicles, most newer cars have some of this technology incorporated into the driving system. Some vehicles will beep when the car goes too close to the center lane or to the berm of the road. The way that this is done, is the vehicle can sense the pavement markings and send a signal to the driver. This can avoid an accident

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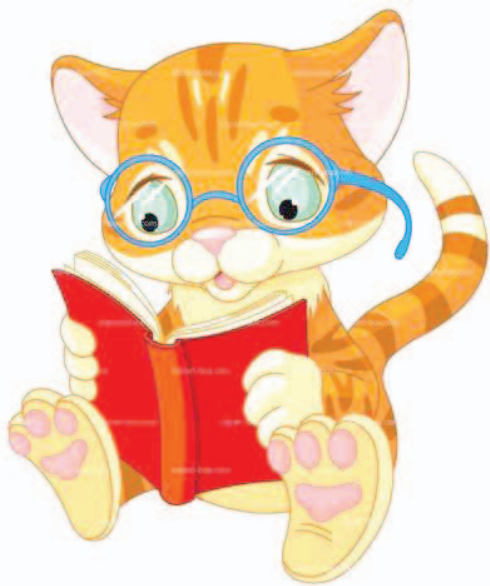
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Cat Tales



The next several weeks the Journal will be running a series of poems written by local resident, Rick McIntyre, for his grandchildren about their family cat, Clara Belle. Each poem has a theme intended to teach as well as entertain. We hope you, and perhaps your children and grandchildren, enjoy the 'Adventures of Clara Belle'.

Clara Belle Brings Charlie Rose Home

Charlie Rose is Introduced to Her New Home

Come with me little Charlie Rose, kitten without a home,
I'll show you where I live and I know you will be welcome.
You may stay with me and my family, a little girl and a little boy,
They will feed you, love you, and give you a new toy!

Clarabelle's excitement to introduce her new-found friend,
Grows as they near the house just around the bend.
With the children jumping and playing noisily in their yard,
Clarabelle tells Charlie Rose, "They love kittens, this won't be hard!"

Sally sees the children playing, having fun galore,
Charlie Rose walks behind slowly, still very unsure.
When Sally spots the new kitten coming near,
She yells for her brother, Tom, to quickly "come here"!

"How cute you are little one, says Sally to Charlie Rose,
Where did you get that handsome little pink nose?
Hurry Tom, let's bring her into our house!
Let's feed her and let her play with that gray rubber mouse."

Tom picked up both kittens and hugged Clarabelle,
"I knew that was you, when I saw your great big tail!
I'm glad that you are back," he said looking down,
And I see you brought a new friend, is she from town?"

Clarabelle hugs on Charlie Rose and lovingly begins grooming,
Getting close to her new friend just as thunder starts to booming!
"We must go inside, says Sally, before it begins to rain,
Let us show Mom and Dad our new kitty that we must begin to train."

"Our responsibility to feed and clean is now just beginning,
We must care for her every day", a happy Tom says grinning.
With the help of Mom and Dad, Charlie Rose must visit the cat doctor,

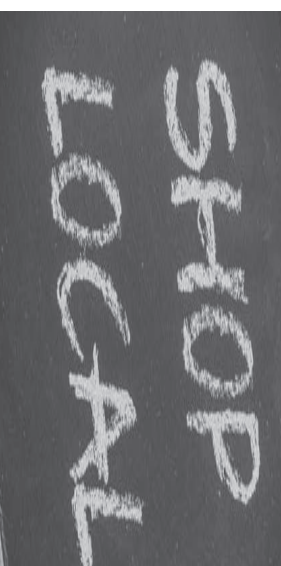
A veterinarian will check her over, look in her eyes, and a whole lot more."

With Clarabelle and Charlie Rose the family is complete,

Sally and Tom think that it is really kind of neat.

To have two kittens who are so cute and smart,

They are full of love and laughs for all, a happy family part!



Super Crossword

CELEBRITY DOINGS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Costco rival
 - 9 Machine arranging sheets
 - 17 "That's icky!"
 - 20 Short, amusing tale
 - 21 Made a rustling sound
 - 22 Debate side
 - 23 "Beverly Hills 90210" actress competing in a bee?
 - 25 Capitol Hill VIP
 - 26 Suffix with propyl
 - 27 Fish eggs
 - 28 Beatle bride of 1969
 - 29 —'Pea
 - 30 "V for Vendetta" star doing wickerwork?
 - 38 Later time of life
 - 41 Kind of PC screen
 - 42 Most reserved
 - 43 "Lullaby of Birdland" composer clipping rams?
 - 50 Actress — Dawn Chong
 - 51 Yarn coils
 - 52 Ontario border lake
 - 53 The "E" of QED
 - 55 Manhattan sch.
 - 56 Bridal gown material
 - 58 Hindu sage
 - 63 "Charlotte's Web" star using fireplace bellows?
 - 68 Tarzan, e.g.
 - 70 Was inactive
 - 71 Minnesota port
 - 72 "A Brief History of Time" author peddling goods?
 - 79 Transparent kitchen wrap
 - 80 Actor Haim or Feldman
 - 81 Fair-hiring inits.
 - 82 Batting avg., e.g.
 - 85 Rocket org.
 - 86 See 109-Across
 - 89 Lead-in to mo or pitch
 - 90 "Paracelsus" poet making toast?
 - 96 Dazed state
 - 98 Atty.'s gp.
 - 99 Epic poem by Virgil
 - 100 "Tom Jones" novelist catching pop flies?
 - 107 Nothing but
 - 108 Week unit
 - 109 With 86-Across, "You bet!"
 - 110 Discontinuity
 - 113 Actress Gasteyer
 - 114 "Family Huddle" co-author rowing?
 - 122 Kindled
 - 123 Legendary lost island
 - 124 Employees' clip-ons
 - 125 Milwaukee-to-Miami dir.
 - 126 Soda jerk's workplace
 - 127 Locale of Iraq and Israel
 - 5 Successors of LPs
 - 6 Cut (off)
 - 7 In — surgery
 - 8 Less than
 - 9 15-season CBS show
 - 10 Have
 - 11 Sawmill sight
 - 12 In need of a refill of
 - 13 See 49-Down
 - 14 Pound
 - 15 20-volume ref. work
 - 16 Tpk., e.g.
 - 17 High hairdo
 - 18 Welcomes
 - 19 Sincere
 - 24 Director Ang
 - 29 — terrier
 - 30 Laugh sound
 - 31 Trendy Aussie boots
 - 32 Techie type
 - 33 "Oh, woe!"
 - 34 Pre-TiVo device
 - 35 Cruel Amin
 - 36 Court legend Arthur
 - 37 That gal
 - 38 Shrek, e.g.
 - 39 Name in jets
 - 40 "The Sound of Music" refrain starter
 - 44 Shipped out
 - 45 "Hey there"
 - 46 Ample, in dialect
 - 47 — pot (nasal cavity rinsers)
 - 48 Big smile
 - 49 With 13-Down, do some karaoke, e.g.
 - 54 Florida city
 - 56 Serpentine
 - 57 Debate side
 - 58 Ugly remark
 - 59 Cardiff locale
 - 60 Not-to-be-missed thing
 - 61 Gathered
 - 62 "Sorta"
 - 64 Madeline of "First Family"
 - 65 Single bill
 - 66 "... even — speak"
 - 67 Rx safety org.
 - 68 Burro
 - 69 Sch. org.
 - 73 Va. neighbor
 - 74 Emcee
 - 75 Sheik, e.g.
 - 76 Frau's "no"
 - 77 Former Spice Girl Halliwell
 - 78 Frayed
 - 83 Jai follower
 - 84 Sondheim's Sweeney
 - 85 Brand of spongy toys
 - 86 Goose's kin
 - 87 The same, in French
 - 88 Brand of luxury Swiss watches
 - 90 Be behind schedule
 - 91 Grand Ole —
 - 92 Male tyke
 - 93 "Cool!," '90s-style
 - 94 Honshu sash
 - 95 ICU staffers
 - 96 Sandbanks
 - 97 Nadal's sport
 - 101 Rustic verse
 - 102 Bother badly
 - 103 City northwest of Grenoble
 - 104 OB — (med. specialist)
 - 105 West African nation
 - 106 Tangential remark
 - 110 Ardently fond
 - 111 Son of Hera
 - 112 Furtive "Hey there!"
 - 114 Dawber of "Mork & Mindy"
 - 115 Platonic "H"
 - 116 Utmost
 - 117 "O Sole —"
 - 118 Deadly cobra
 - 119 Rockets' org.
 - 120 Long-snouted fish
 - 121 Poem variety

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

AARP: Congress Must Act Now To Give Americans Fair Drug Prices

Carl from Charles Town, W.Va., is a perfect example of older adults worry about the cost of prescription drugs. AARP has tracked price trends for nearly two decades, and our research consistently finds that the prices for brand name medications most often used by seniors are increasing much faster than prices for other goods and services. Our newest Rx Price Watch Report looked at specialty drugs that treat complex, chronic conditions and found that the average cost to use one of these drugs for a year was \$84,442 in 2020. That's nearly three times the average annual income of

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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).

WALLACE VFD BINGO

The Wallace VFD will be hosting a \$2,000.00 CASH BINGO event on November 6, 2021 at the Lumber port VFD Activity Building. Doors open at 12:00 pm Early Birds-12:30 Regular 20 Game BINGO-1:00pm. Pre-sold Packets of 20 games \$30.00. Earlybirds-\$2-JACKPOT\$2-must purchase Packet to be eligible to play JACKPOT. Extras available 50/50-Raffles-Door Prize-Pull Tabs-Concessions. Contact Becky Wade-Janie Shaw by Messenger or call Wallace VFD on Thursday evenings at 304-796-4014 for your Packet Ticket. Will accept Pay Pal or cash. Must be 18 years or older to participate.

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 debbee77@yahoo.com We look forward to helping you start your beekeeping journey and will help you every step of the way!

HOPE, INC. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP

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

KIDDING AROUND YOGA

Kidding Around Yoga is being held every Thursday at 6p.m. at the Progressive Women's Association/Uptown Event Center, 305 Washington Ave., Clarksburg. These yoga classes are free. So, bring your kids ages 2 to 12 to Kidding Around Yoga every Thursday. For more information, please call 304-624-6881. Certified instructor Erica Perry.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

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

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Simple Tips To Adjust To Time Change

Daylight Saving Time ends Nov. 7, and if you are already dreading the adjustment, you are not alone. The physical and mental effects are real, and many people undergo mood shifts, fatigue and stress as their bodies adjust.

To "fall back" this fall stress-free, try these techniques:

- Adjust slowly: Rather than wait until DST ends to shift your sleep schedule by a full hour all at once, start to adjust incrementally in 10-to-15-minute segments over the course of four to six days. This method will help you sleep more soundly and be less tired. If possible, adjust your meal times

accordingly as well. For an easy transition, get the entire household in on the evolving schedule, including children and pets.

- Get a great timepiece: The simplicity of having your watch adjust automatically to the correct time will help ensure you are awake and where you need to be in the days ahead. To that end, consider updating your timepiece to one that's Bluetooth-enabled. Those in the Edifice lineup are especially useful for travelers and those who work with people around the world, as they analyze current time and positioning data and reset automatically

four times a day to always display the accurate time in your location, as well as locations globally.

- Seek sunlight: With the sun setting at an earlier hour, you may find yourself in the dark as your work day ends. Sunlight is a source of vitamin D, which is vital to your health. It also boosts happiness hormones to help beat depression and stave off Seasonal Affective Disorder. If possible, take a walk midday or sit near a window at lunch to ensure you get a daily dose of sun exposure each day.

- Create a routine: You can avoid the pitfalls of fatigue that many

experience when DST ends by carving out an evening routine that prepares your body for bedtime. Whether it's a half an hour of screen-free reading, meditation, journaling or enjoying a cup of herbal, caffeine-free tea, such rituals can help signal the body and mind that it's time for sleep. Likewise, a morning routine – such as performing a set of dynamic stretches, jogging or eating a protein-rich breakfast, can energize you for the day ahead.

While time changes are never fun, you can help ease the transition with new habits and innovative tech tools.

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that can feed a family of six, and distributed nineteen thousand pounds of Thanksgiving food to fifteen pantries across Harrison, Doddridge, Marion, Monongalia, Upshur, and Taylor counties.

They have established a food insecurity reading program with the publication of "Mella's Box", donating one hundred and fifty copies of the book to libraries and elementary schools across fifteen West Virginia counties. Guest readings of "Mella's Box" have been led in elementary schools with the goal of educating our local youth about food insecurities and mentoring them about becoming leaders in their communities. The volunteer team has established roots on the campus of West Virginia Wesleyan College as a "WE LEAD" advocacy program through the Center for Community

Engagement to further the program's mission of involving community youth in fundraising, leadership, and poverty reduction.

"Boxing It Up's current focus is on fundraising," said program organizer Hannah Povroznik. "We are persevering through year five amid the pandemic. The implications of COVID-19 remain and have transcended our capacity to fundraise. Inflated food prices and shortages complicate access to Thanksgiving essentials, especially the anticipated need for 1,000 turkeys. Price Cutter has been on Boxing It Up's journey every step of the way and continues to be an asset to the program." Hannah stated. There has been a seven-thousand-dollar increase in food expenses just this year. Boxing It Up To Give

Thanks relies heavily on incoming donations to continue serving our communities. To help attain program goals, two initiatives have begun. Coffee sleeves are being dispersed from Stone Tower, Fish Hawk Acres, Dough Re Mi in Buckhannon, as well as Winnie's Café and Farmhouse Ice Cream in Bridgeport. The sleeves contain QR codes for anyone interested in reading more information about Boxing It Up. The second initiative is the "You've Been Flocked" fundraiser. You've Been Flocked is geared toward awareness and student involvement on the Wesleyan campus. Campus fraternities such as Chi Phi and Alpha Sigma Phi are leading the way in "flocking" local yards in Buckhannon with turkey signage. Signs may be purchased for a \$25 donation to Boxing

It Up.

Monetary donations can also be made in the following ways:

Please visit: gofundme.com/boxingitup2021. Follow their Facebook page @boxingitup or donations by check may be mailed to: Hannah Povroznik (c/o Boxing It Up) 403 Tupelo Lane Bridgeport, WV 26330. "We could not do what we do without community sponsors like Winnie's, About You Monograms, Diamond Street Car Wash, Bridgeport Express Care, TGI Friday's, corporations servicing West Virginia like Intercoastal Mortgage, and neighbors, service groups, churches. Because of them, we are 57% funded to date," states Hannah. This year's boxes will be distributed to local pantries by November 21ST.

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program was much larger than expected. With over 7,500 applicants, fifty-three participants have been selected in this inaugural group. These individuals will be relocating to Morgantown, WV to begin their new life. Many are excited for this change and are looking forward to exploring the state and experiencing the

culture here. Due to Ascend's acceptance rate for its first class being 1%, the applicants also were encouraged to resubmit their applications for future classes and locations. The program will welcome more than 1,000 new remote workers to the state over the next five years.

Those who were not selected for the

inaugural Morgantown class now have another offer. They will be eligible for a \$2,500 mortgage assistance from the program and a partnership with Rocket Mortgage, allowing them to have another opportunity to make the move that much easier.

The program's second round in the application process opened on

September 2nd and will close on October 31. These applications are for the next host city which will be in Lewisburg. Another city being promoted is Shepardstown. It has also been announced that the program will once again open for Morgantown in 2022. For more information on this program visit www.ascendwv.com

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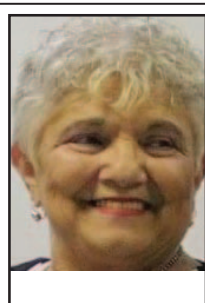
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I Attended The Showing Of "Romeo Must Hang" – A Harry Powers Documentary At RGPAC



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By Rosalyn Queen

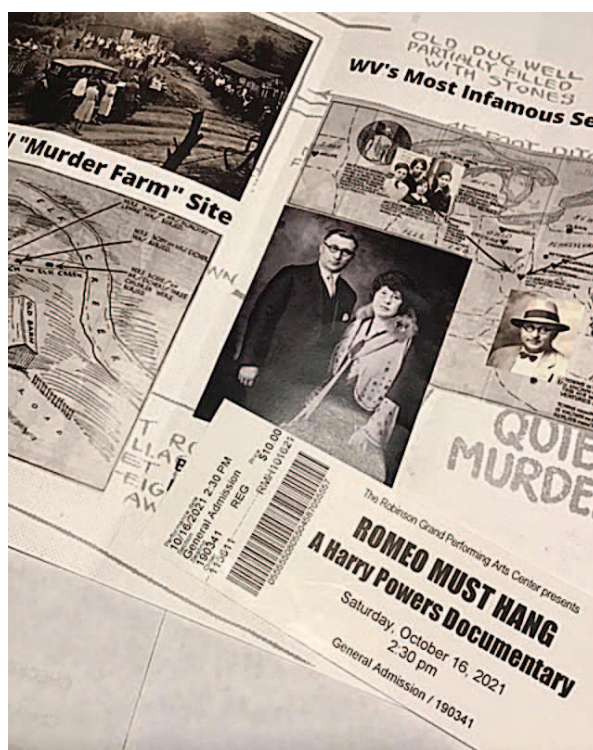
Throughout my entire life and especially as a little girl, I heard about the Murder Farm and about Harry Powers. Anytime I heard anyone speak of this, I really had an eerie feeling. Many times, my father would take us for Sunday drives and we would pass by this farm and I was always afraid that I'd see something scary, but I never did.

This past week my son, Michael, purchased tickets for Cathy and Dan Fisher, Fray Queen, Lisa and Abe Gibson, Leslie and Dixon Pruitt and me. We went to see the documentary 'Romeo Must Hang' which was showing at the Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center. Approximately 450 people were in attendance.

Preceding the film, a video was shown of the Gray Agents, a local band singing the Murder Farm. Members of the group are Davin Seamon, John Farmer, Phil Wyatt, Bob Workman and Brian Cottrill.

This documentary came about when Jeffrey Tinnell was in Clarksburg at the Waldomere working on a film about Gray Barker, a local gentleman who had a large collection of items relating to space (Gray had written several books about this subject). The idea of the documentary about Powers came to Tinnell, and after discussing it with Bob Wilkinson (who was the director), the idea came to life with Tinnell as the producer.

This all happened around 1931/32 when a mother and five children were killed. Powers' trial was held at a local movie theatre, the Moore's Opera House. He was found guilty and sentenced to hang, which occurred in Wheeling.



The Clarksburg History Museum has an exhibit of West Virginia's most infamous serial killer; it is located on Main Street and Mike Spatafore is the board president.

This story came to be immortalized in a classic film, "Night of The Hunter" starring Robert Mitchum and Shelly Winters. Ironically, the novel was written by a local author, Davis Grubb.

Just a little "the rest of the story." My good friend, Merle Moore, who was the librarian and lived in a little garage apartment on Main Street, had a great mix of friends and you could find them squeezed in her apartment on Saturday night enjoying a glass of wine and educating me on the local culture. On one occasion, I had the pleasure of interacting with both Davis and Gray.

Miss Moore is included in the documentary making comments about the Powers story. After retiring, Miss Moore moved to her home on the river in Webster Springs.

Take care and until next week, "Now You Have Heard It Through the Grapevine."

I've Discovered Microsoft Doesn't Speak Hillbilly



Pine Bluff News

Saturday, Lee came down and spent the afternoon watching college football with me; I always enjoy that. We pretty well see 'eye to eye' on everything and that makes it even more enjoyable.

In the evening, the Pine Bluff Treasured Memories Club had a Halloween trunk or treat party for the local kids at the community building. For some reason, I thought the party was next weekend. Later, I saw pictures of the event and talked to Julia. She said all the kids had a great time and the adults did as well.

Sunday morning, #3 Grandson Shane stopped in to see how I was doing. He's going to some kind of music festival in Florida for a couple of weeks. After he left, Santana showed up to visit and do some house cleaning (she is still pretty as ever). While Santana was here, Bernadine stopped in, so, I didn't get to watch much football...the Steelers weren't playing anyway.

Wednesday afternoon, I drove over to Harmer's Funeral Home in town to pay my respects to Jean Currey and her family. She was the mother of the recently retired Editor of the Shinnston News & Journal, Leigh Merrifield. Many years ago, Mrs. Currey worked at the N&J and I remember my parents speaking very highly of her. She was a very nice and gracious lady.

While there, it was nice talking with Al Cox.

He knew that back in the day I flew in helicopters, and he wanted to tell me about his exhilarating experiences riding in helicopters over the years... he had a couple of good stories. I met Al around five years ago at a fundraiser dinner at the community building. He was there with other dignitaries and when Al and I started chatting, for some reason, he seemed familiar to me, but I couldn't figure out from where. He finally said that he used to be a DJ on WHAR Radio back in the sixties and that his DJ name was Al 'Newton'...Bingo! As I've mentioned before, I'm a rock 'n roll diehard and I remembered the name and recognized his voice from listening to him spin the Top 40 hits back in my 'pimpily faced' youth.

Also, it was nice talking with Bill and Susie Meredith of Cunningham Run. Bill and I graduated together from SHS with the Class of '64. Damn, that was a loooooong time ago.

The leaves in the area have finally changed this week. I always love driving down through PB at this time of the year with the hills and bluffs ablaze in color. Thinking back, I've only missed witnessing this scene three times in life. As you can tell, I didn't make it far from PB.

Recently, I installed Microsoft 365 on the computer and I'm starting to get used to it...well, it's also starting to get used to me. I drive the spell check and grammar features crazy. It keeps suggesting to change the written grammar to their standards...apparently, my standards ain't that high. I've discovered Microsoft doesn't speak hillbilly.

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

Ace

FSU Nursing, Fairmont Medical Center Hosting Stuffed Animal Drive Through Nov. 10



West Virginia University Medicine's Fairmont Medical Center and Fairmont State University's College of Nursing are collaborating in a toy drive for pediatric patients through November 10.

For pediatric patients, a trip to the emergency room can be a frightening experience; not only are they dealing with illness or injury, but they may also be battling nerves and uncertainty while they wait for hospital personnel to assess their needs.

As a nurse in the emergency department at West Virginia University Medicine's Fairmont Medical Center, Jenny Wilson, also an assistant professor in Fairmont State University's College of Nursing, often witnesses that very scenario first-hand. However, a simple token of comfort – like a toy or stuffed animal – can help ease the anxiety the young patients may be feeling. When Fairmont Medical Center recently organized a stuffed animal drive to collect toys for pediatric patients visiting the

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"Faded Signs"

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and even save a driver's life if they were falling asleep or otherwise distracted.

As engineers rely on clear and visible pavement markings and traffic signals to utilize the new technology, road maintenance, in many areas, is not keeping up with the need for visible markings, traffic signals and signs. Vandalism and graffiti also damage tens of thousands of signs each year and cost taxpayers millions of dollars. A missing sign or a lapse in marking a newly paved road or renewing the marking on faded lines can be disastrous for motorists.

It is also important to keep grass and trees maintained. Overgrown vegetation can cut visibility and obscure signs and markings. In the South, plants like Kudzu have taken over the sides of the road and can cover acres of land in just a few months. While it is expensive to properly maintain the rights-of-way, it is imperative to invest in proper mowing and removing debris to keep our roads safe. Even snow removal is important, since a heavily covered roadway can confuse the sensors in our cars and make it more dangerous to drive.

Technology can revolutionize the way we travel but it is important to remember the "hidden" infrastructure and invest money in road signs, pavement markings and vegetation management to insure a safe highway system. In fact, the future of our roadways may include a host of improvements that will change the way we travel. We are seeing some lighted LED signs used that are easier to see and can change as road conditions change. New pavement design can contain reflective materials that are easier to see, and embedded sensors can improve the ability of electronics in the vehicles.

We are probably a few years away from seeing driverless cars in our neighborhoods, but they are coming. Already, several companies are exploring how deliveries can be done for packages and things like pizzas. It should be an exciting future and one that will be safer and more efficient if we invest in keeping our roadways up to date and in proper repair. Another 'Amazing' step in the world of technology.



ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The International Union of Operating Engineers Local #132 JATC proposes to select additional Apprentices for the trade of Heavy Duty Equipment Operators.

■ Applications will be accepted January 3-21, 2022.

■ Applications will be available online at www.iuoe132.org or by calling 304-273-4852.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a High School Diploma or equivalent and a valid WV drivers license. Applicant must also be a WV resident for at least one year prior to making application and live within the geographical boundary of one of the areas where applications are being taken.

The International Union of Operating Engineers Local #132 JATC will not discriminate against apprenticeship applicants or apprentices based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, genetic information, or because they are an individual with a disability or a person 40 years old or older. The International Union of Operating Engineers Local #132 JATC will take affirmative action to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship and will operate the apprenticeship program as required under Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 30.

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BUSINESS MATTERS

J&R Sporting Goods and Pawn Has A History Of Catering To Local Hunters and Fishermen

The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal, in conjunction with North Central West Virginia Airport, has named J & R Sporting Goods as November Business of the Month.

By **DAWN HENSIL**
News & Journal Staff
Writer



J & R Sporting Goods in downtown Shinnston has a large inventory of hunting and fishing equipment for area hunters and fishermen. Also pictured is part of their collection of taxidermy they have gathered over the years.

Hunting and fishing is one of the most important traditions in the state of West Virginia and due to the considerable number of sportsmen in the state, the demand for quality supplies is high. For decades, J&R Sporting Goods and Pawn has met that need.

J&R Sporting Goods and Pawn is nestled in downtown Shinnston, located at 34 Rebecca Street near the rail trail that runs through town. J&R has been in business for over forty years supplying the

residents of Shinnston and the surrounding area with all their hunting and fishing needs. Owners Jack and Ruthanne Van Slyke opened the doors of J&R Sporting Goods and Pawn back in 1980 and continue to operate the business to this day. They are the only shop in town that offers items specifically catering to local hunters.

November is the month where many area residents have one thing on their mind, hunting! J&R works to assist in anything that their customers could need for their hunting and fishing excursions. J&R is unlike other shops because they specialize in hunting

and fishing while other sporting goods stores sometimes specialize in other sports as well. Inside you will find the shelves full of many different items needed to make any hunting or fishing trips a success. Operator Sam Nestor says, "Times are tough right now in the gun business. Things are just not yet moving like they ought to at this time of year but we work hard to make sure to keep the shelves stocked". One item that is hot this year is the use of crossbows and anything related to crossbow hunting.

Sam explained that right now they maintain items for fall trout season as well. "The

state began stocking trout recently and we have fishing tackle, salmon eggs, flies, and all sorts of things needed," remarked Sam.

Entering into the shop you will also see an impressive collection of taxidermy. Sam showed me some of the more interesting pieces. He has a beaver skull sitting on the counter that a relative had caught and cleaned. They also have unusual items like an Ostrich egg and a rattlesnake...not alive of course!

The hours of operation for J&R are Monday through

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2 Million From American Rescue Plan To Support New Processing Facility In Morgantown

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced this month \$2 million from the American Rescue Plan to the Morgantown Utility Board to support water infrastructure improvements needed for a new beverage processing and packaging facility at the Morgantown Industrial Park. This funding is distributed through the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) as part of the \$300 million allocated in the American Rescue Plan to support coal communities, and is expected to create 300 good-paying jobs and generate \$250 million in private investment.

"For years, I have fought for dedicated funding to support the coal communities who built this great nation and are feeling the impacts of the changing energy economy. Today's announcement is the first award from the \$300 million for coal communities in the American Rescue Plan, which I successfully fought for to help all West Virginians. This investment in water infrastructure upgrades that serve the Morgantown Industrial Park is a good first step in supporting impacted coal communities," said Senator Manchin. "The American Rescue Plan continues to deliver critical relief to West Virginia communities by creating good-paying jobs and spurring economic growth and diversification, and I will

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Secretary Of State's Office Reports 1,214 New WV Business Registrations For September 2021

The West Virginia Secretary of State's Office registered 1,214 new businesses statewide during the month of September 2021 according to Secretary of State Mac Warner.

Pleasants County led the state in the percentage of new business registration growth for the month with a total of seven new businesses, a 2.54% increase. The Secretary of State's Business & Licensing Division reported that Summers, Hardy, Brooke and Gilmer counties also had notable growth during the month.

A total of 17 new business entities registered in Summers County in September 2021. In Hardy County, 15 businesses registered. Brooke County saw 12 new business registrations and Gilmer County registered five new businesses with the Secretary of State's

Office. Counties that lead the state in total businesses registered for the month of September were Kanawha, Monongalia, Berkeley, Cabell and Putnam. Kanawha County successfully registered 97 businesses in September 2021. Monongalia County reported 79 business registrations. In Berkeley County, 76 businesses registered. Cabell County saw 47 new businesses register with Putnam County totaling 43 registrations for the month. Statewide, West Virginia registered 15,995 new businesses in the previous 12-month period, from October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021. Summers County led all 55 counties with a 17.44% growth rate for the year. To review county-by-county growth, visit our Business Statistics Database.

'Kidpreneurs' Invited To Enter Small Business Pitch Contest



WV Kids Business Expo & Small Business Pitch Contest in 2019 as a fundraiser to help provide fun fitness activities within the community.

The Fun Fitness Foundation Inc. and Financial Literacy Boot Camp are inviting kids between of the ages of 6 and 18 to the 2021 WV Kids Business Expo & Small Business Pitch Contest. This virtual event is scheduled for Nov. 20. November is National Entrepreneurship Month. "Kidpreneurs" can enter the Small Business Pitch

Contest by submitting a 1-minute video to funfitnessfoundation@gmail.com and describing their business idea and how they would invest prize money in that business.

The first-place prize is \$300. Second is \$200, and third is \$100, with an additional People's Choice Award.

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State's Small Business Development Center Earns National Accreditation

The West Virginia Small Business Development Center (WV SBDC) has earned full accreditation from the Association of Small Business Development Centers. Federal statutes mandate the accreditation review once every five years to continue program eligibility and funding.

America's SBDC is the national accrediting body for Small Business Development Centers

under contract from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

"The goal of accreditation is the long-term continuous improvement of the organization," said WV SBDC State Director Debra Martin. "Earning the accreditation also assures our clients and partners of the tremendous value of our professional services. No other publicly-funded

program undergoes the accountability examinations that SBDCs experience to confirm our management strength, financial accountability and economic impact."

In July 2021, the America's SBDC team conducted in-depth reviews of the WV SBDC's staff, programs, performance and other relevant factors. On Sept. 17, the committee voted

to accept the team's recommendation to accredit the WV SBDC with no conditions.

"Congratulations on the significant milestone," wrote ASBDC Accreditation Committee Chair Jody Keenan in her letter announcing the review results. "Considerable planning and effort have gone into attaining the goal of full accreditation and the West Virginia

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"Come In, We're Open" Campaign Extended Through End Of 2021

The "Come In, We're Open" campaign launched in June by the West Virginia Small Business Development Center (WV SBDC) is now being extended through the end of 2021.

The campaign encourages small business owners to showcase that they are open and ready for West Virginians to show them support. To participate, small business owners can download, print or pick up a "Come In, We're Open" sign, hang it somewhere visible in their storefronts, and then post to their social media channels with #WeAreOpenWV. "The 'Come In,

We're Open' signs and 'WeAreOpenWV' social media hashtag help small business owners spread the word that despite COVID-19 challenges, they are resilient and that their business endures. Now they are back to work for you, for all of us," said Debra Martin, WV SBDC state director. "The effort asks West

Virginians to put their money where their hearts are: with the small businesses that shape the character and economy of their local communities."

The WV SBDC is extending the campaign to continue to muster support for businesses, especially in light of the ongoing pandemic.

"The campaign has

seen great success. More than 70 small businesses have participated so far," Martin said. "Keeping the message in front of the public reminds us all to get behind our small businesses. They are the backbone of our state's economy."

The WV SBDC "Come In, We're

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Big Wins On The Gridiron Last Week!



The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

The high school football season has provided its fair share of big wins for Harrison County teams. This past week was no exception. Every county squad was in action with only one intra-county lock-up. If you take away the Liberty-Robert C. Byrd tilt, the remaining three schools (Bridgeport, Lincoln, and South Harrison) were a combined 3-0 and outscored their opponents 163-41. There are three of the five teams (the Indians, Cougars, and Flying Eagles) on their way to postseason play. The Big 10 Conference is looking to add four more members into the postseason mix. North Marion, Grafton, and Fairmont Senior are strong candidates while East Fairmont isn't out of the discussion. Here is a look back at last week's matchups that were very impactful on area teams.

Bridgeport remained undefeated and moved their record to 8-0 in

Class AAA with a 63-27 win over Musselman. The Tribe jumped out to a three score lead at the end of the first quarter. They would duplicate that point production (21 points) in both the second and third periods showing offensive consistency in the process. Landyn Reppert picked up 261 yards on 14 carries (an average of 18.6 yards per attempt) and four touchdowns. Quarterback, Cam Cole had 177 all purpose yards (146 on the ground) and had a part in four scores. Cole ran for three and threw for one in the win.

Lincoln moved to 8-1 with a 56-0 shutout of Philip Barbour in Colt Country. It was the Cougar's first shutout of the campaign and the fourth time they have held an opponent to one or fewer touchdowns in a game. Lincoln earned 551 yards of offense with 467 of them coming on the ground. Veteran mentor, Rob Hawkins decided to

share the wealth as five different players picked up 62 yards or more on the ground. Antwan Hilliard led the way with 103 yards on 12 rushes. Hilliard also ran for three scores in the outing. Levi Moore hit John Lopez on a 73-yard scoring strike and Easton Gibbs found pay dirt on a 64-yard scamper to account for the big plays offensively. The Cougars play host to Bridgeport in a key battle which has county, conference, and playoff implications.

South Harrison claimed a 44-14 victory over Braxton County. Jacob Haddix returned the opening kickoff 85 yards for a score and ran for 106 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Parker Bunch added 81 yards on eight carries including a 35-yard score. The Hawks moved to 3-6 and finish their regular season against Tucker County.

Robert C. Byrd blanked Liberty 41-0. The Flying Eagle defense garnered their second shutout of the season and forced three turnovers in the affair. Evan Warne recorded five sacks and forced

a fumble to lead the stoppers. Warne also found the end zone on a seven-yard run. Robert C. Byrd quarterback, Nick George passed for 110 yards and a pair of touchdowns to Nathaniel Junkins. Jeremiah King ran for 88 yards and a score on nine attempts.

Mountaineer running back, Raiden Childers picked up 125 yards on 20 carries. Childers also recovered a fumble to start third period play.

RCB finishes the regular season at Philip Barbour while Liberty will host North Marion.

WVU picked up a signature win (38-31) over Iowa State last Saturday. Head Coach Neal Brown silenced his critics with the victory over the then #22 Cyclones. The win evens their record at 4-4 and is a second consecutive victory. The Mountaineers look to make it three in a row this weekend as they host Oklahoma State. The Cowboys are coming off of a 55-3 drubbing of Kansas and head to Touchdown City with a 7-1 record.

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 Robert C. Byrd's Fran Alvaro and Evan Warne.

Flying Eagle volleyball player, Fran Alvaro led her team to a regular season ending win over Elkins. Alvaro had 21 kills and 17 digs in the victory over the Tigers.

Flying Eagle football standout, Evan Warne helped his team to a victory over cross-town rival Liberty this past week. Warne was impressive on both sides of the ball against the Mountaineers. Warne recorded five sacks and forced a fumble while scoring on a seven-yard touchdown run.

Congratulations to Robert C. Byrd's Fran Alvaro and Evan Warne for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week!

Fall Enrichments Are Back!



From The World Of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

Director Mike Book has made his living mostly doing one thing – providing kids with activities. Now, do not get me wrong, he wears many hats and has a ton of responsibilities. But, if I was to ask him what his job's main objective would be, he would put on a smile and definitely give you the same answer.

Whether it is recreational activities, summer parks programs, dinosaurs or enrichments, Book has a game plan unlike any other Recreation Director. It is needless to say that this guy looks outside the box. And that box is the huge box that lies behind the back of the Christmas tree and would be the finale that Santa brought on the holiday's eve.

And with the announcement of school where kids will be in the classrooms, we wanted to see if we could get back to normal business and get back to mixing our recreation programs in with education. For those who may not recall, our department provides field days to classes throughout the area and normally this time of year would be our "Outdoor Adventures" program. The kids have outdoor activities including hiking, outdoor classes, campfire and even some playground time. It is a wonderful program and Book takes pride in these as he explains.

"We have been working really hard on our trails and we think we have a pretty special little area here along the property. The classrooms who registered for the enrichment can expect to be outdoors the entire time walking on the trail and learning about the environment. And, of course, they will get some free play on our nature themed playground before the day is capped off with a tasty campfire treat. We have plenty of fun and safe activities for the kids to participate."

The walking trail will be broken down into different parts. First and foremost, the star attraction is the animal scavenger hunt where animals have been placed throughout the trail for kids to find, identify, and later receive some information on them. To add, there are three classrooms where you can sit and have classroom activities including the importance of bees, echo location used by bats and even a section on the many species of birds that surround the area. All classrooms are interactive and there will be many items for the kids to handle and ask questions.

"This program is specifically designed to bring the class outdoors for the kids to learn," said Book. "We provide everything you can learn in the book, but we put you in the environment to see and feel it. The kids will have access to a ton of activities including a craft and other stuff that a book cannot provide. It is a great experience for the younger kids and all the way through grade school."

You know, when I think about Book's comments, he mentions that there are some things that he provides that cannot be found in a book. Well, for most of the kids that will have a chance to experience the enrichments this year, they will find that their favorite 'book' is named Mike.

2021/2022 Shinnston Little League Board Of Directors Announced

The Shinnston Little League board met on Sunday, October 24 at Game Day in Shinnston. The new Board of Directors for 2021/2022 were elected

and are as follows:

President – Derek McIntyre

Vice President Major/Minor – Hunter Moore

Vice President c-ball/t-ball – Stevie Buckhannon

Player Agent – Curtis Gilbert

Safety Officer/Field Maintenance - Jason Belcastro

Secretary – Craig Holt

Treasurer – Robin Righter

Umpire Chief –

David Posey

Fundraising / Sponsorship – Adam Dillon

Concession Coordinator – Jeremiah Gaston

Executive Members – Dan Dyer, Brian Robey

Members: Corey Hagan, Dan Poe and

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Lincoln Middle School Girls Soccer Team Plays For County Championship



A foggy, early morning championship game between the Lincoln and Bridgeport Middle School girls soccer teams at Stydahar Field last Saturday saw Bridgeport go home with the win (2-1) and the county championship.

Photo by Josh Stark.

The Lincoln Middle School Girls soccer team played in the county playoff game at Hite Field in Clarksburg on Monday, October 25 against WI Middle School. The Lincoln Wildcats came away with the win with a score of 5-0. Scoring goals in the affair were Haleigh Hyre- two goals, Gracey Fortney- two goals and Lilly Toth with one goal.

The Wildcats then went on to play Bridgeport Middle for the county

championship at Stydahar Field in Shinnston on Saturday, October 30. Even the rain didn't damper the excitement of the players and the fans during the hard-fought battle. At the half, the score was tied 1-1 but with 13:06 minutes left in the second half, Bridgeport

scored another goal which proved to be the winning goal. Congratulations to both Lincoln and

Bridgeport on a successful 2021 season.

Lincoln High School Hosting 2021 Region II Cheer Competition



Lincoln High School will be hosting the 2021 Region II Cheer Competition this Saturday, November 6 in Shinnston for both Single A and Double AA. Doors will open one hour prior to competition times – Single A begins at 10 am and Double AA begins at 2 pm. Be sure to come out and support these dedicated and talented athletes. Pictured are the 2021 Lincoln High Cheerleaders.

Fall Trout Stocking Returns To West Virginia

Fall trout stocking will began last week and will include some changes to give anglers more opportunities to enjoy a fishing trip. The stocking of the streams and lakes also coincides with several hunting seasons, which gives hunters and anglers plenty of outdoor adventures to choose during the fall.

The West Virginia Division of Natural

Resources is adding two lakes to its stocking schedule and will be stocking state parks and forests with trout, according to a new DNR news release.

Gov. Jim Justice said the goal is to get more families and children outdoors.

"We have so many families with young children getting out and exploring, seeing just

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MARILYN LOU GREENLIEF

Marilyn Lou Greenlieff 78, of Fairmont, passed away Thursday, October 21, 2021

after a long courageous battle with cancer. She was born December 4, 1942, in Adrain, WV, a daughter of the late Russell Dale and Pebble Erma (Elswick) Cunningham.

Ms. Greenlieff is survived by one daughter, Lisa Jefferies Kerns and her husband Jeffrey L. Kerns of Fairmont; three grandsons, Mason and Mathew Kerns, and Mark

Jefferies and his wife Bre of Enterprise and their children Elianna and Owen; one sister, Mrs. William (Sharon) Stout and one brother Roger Cunningham, both of

Fairmont; one stepbrother, Aaron Cunningham of Fairmont; four nieces, Monica Schoonover and her husband David, Carla Hollabaugh, Angela Huff and Susie Hollabaugh; five

nephews, William (Billy) Stout Jr., Roger Cunningham Jr., Stephen Hollabaugh, Robbie Huff and

Donnie Moss Jr. and wife Joy; two great-nieces, Patti Cunningham and Tabitha Brown and husband Brad; nine great-nephews, Mark Williamson and his wife Nikki

and their son Glenn, Joseph Moss, Elijah Cunningham, Shandon and RJ Schoonover, Stephen Hollabaugh Jr. and Ezra Stout; and many cousins.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Carolyn Moss

and Phyllis Cunningham; one brother-in-law, William Stout; one sister-in-law Mary Cunningham and two nephews, Mark Glen Stout and her son-in-law Mark Jefferies.

Ms. Greenlieff was the owner and operator of Marilyn's Beauty Shop for over 45 years in Enterprise, WV. She cherished her family and friends with all her heart.

A funeral service was held at Harmer Funeral Home on October 26, 2021 with Pastor Kevin Nuzum officiating. Interment was at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at Harmerfuneralhome.com

REVEREND CLYDE DELMAS MURPHY

Reverend Clyde Delmas Murphy, 79, of Clarksburg, WV passed away on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at the VA Hospital Center in Pittsburgh, PA. He was

born in Clarksburg, WV on March 16, 1942, to the late John Wilbur and Genevieve (Burrough) Murphy.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Sue (Kyle) Murphy, whom he married in 1962. In addition to his parents and wife, he was also preceded in death by one son, Michael Delmas Murphy.

Reverend Murphy proudly served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. He worked for the US Postal Service until retiring in 2004. He was a minister at Lodgeville Baptist Church and Isaac Creek Baptist Church. Currently, he was attending Lambert's Run Church.

He enjoyed to hunt and fish. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially time spent watching his great granddaughters grow.

He is survived by his daughter, Sandra K. Glaspell and husband Jack of Clarksburg, WV; granddaughter, Amberly Rose Osbourn and husband Josh; grandson, Ryan Michael Glaspell and wife Hannah; great granddaughters, Callie May Glaspell and Amelia Rose Osbourn; his brother, Dana Murphy and wife Patty, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Reverend Murphy was a man of God and gave his testimony, even in his last hours. He will be truly missed by friends and family.

A graveside service was held on October 19, 2021 at the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery with Pastor Larry Kyle officiating.

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

RICHARD LEE KESLING

Richard Lee Kesling, 55, of Hepzibah, passed away on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at the United Hospital Center in Bridgeport, due to complications of COVID-19. He was born in Clarksburg, October 10, 1966, a son of the late Brenda H. Walls Kesling and Richard Neal Kesling and his companion Cora Mae Whaley.

Surviving is his wife, Elizabeth J. "Libby" Love Kesling, whom he married June 16, 2005; his children, Jordan Kesling and Misty, who was a very special daughter-in-law, Salem, Gary Abel, and Nash Love, Kansas; grandchildren, Arianna and Averyanna Love, and his best friends who he thought of as brothers, David Bunnell, Craig Costello, and the Oldaker Twins, and many other friends.

Lee was a security guard and was formerly employed by Salem

College and then the United Hospital Center for 22 years. He was an avid trophy hunter and fisherman. He loved spending time with his son and coon hunting with his father. He enjoyed spending time at his cabin on the Buckhannon River. He loved all of his family and will be sadly missed by all.

Cremation services were provided to the family and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com

LEONA MARIE SHUMAN MANEAR WRIGHT

Leona Marie Shuman Manear Wright, 87, of Folsom passed away on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at her home with her family by her side. She was born November 6, 1933 in Earnshaw, WV a daughter of the late Hansel Herman and Dorothy Mildred Batson Shuman.

Leona was preceded in death by her first husband, Jack David Manear, as well as her second husband, Karl DeWayne Wright.

She is survived by her son, Larry Jack Manear and his wife Sharon of Folsom; her daughter, Rebecca Ann Rittenhouse and her husband, Michael of Mt. Clare; and her son with whom she made her home, Danny Manear and his wife, Debbie, who provided devoted care for Leona; step-children, Bill Ludwig and his wife Terri, Bill Wright and his companion Mary Richards, and Margie Hoffman and her husband John, all of Pennsylvania; grandchildren, Tina Earnest and husband Paul, Annie Earnest and husband Leroy, Jessica Rittenhouse, Trampus Price, Jason Manear and wife Jennifer, Katie Ludwig and Luke Ludwig; 11 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren and one on the way; several nieces and nephews, and her life-long friend, Pauline Swiger of Folsom.

Leona was the last surviving member of her immediate family. In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by her son, David Benjamin Manear.

She retired from the Exponent Telegram as a delivery driver. Leona was a member of the Pentecostal Church of

Out Of The Past

Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



A group of friends 'neath the 'Big Elm Tree'. Taken May 1909. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

God in Folsom. She enjoyed going to yearly church camps. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star Augustus Chapter #6 in Mannington. Leona was always smiling and happy. She was in her seventh heaven whenever she was with her family.

The family would like to extend a thank you to Dr. Vasicek, Heather Lowther and Tessa Yost of WVU Hospice for their excellent care. Also, her caregiver, Sandy Luchuck and all the neighbors that brought gifts, food and come to pray with Leona.

A funeral service was held at Perine Funeral Home on October 26, 2021. Pastor Rita Robinson officiated the service. Interment followed at the Ten-Mile / Wallace Lions Club Cemetery. Online condolences can be shared with the family at www.perinefunerals.com

GENE R. CHIPPS

Gene R. Chipps, 70, of Hepzibah, WV, passed away on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at his residence due to an extended illness. He was born on July 15, 1951 in Doddridge County to the late Jack Chipps and Ruth Ash Ware. He was raised by his late paternal grandparents, Virgil and Blanche Chipps.

Gene is survived by the love of his life, his wife, Charlene Chipps; mother-in-law, Dolores J. White; son, Ricky Dennison and companion Heidi Roush of Clarksburg; daughters, Deanna Stire and husband Charles, of Hepzibah and Jennifer Akers and husband Steven of Indiana; Jimmie Patton and Husband James of Stonewood, Kandy Jeffries of Stonewood, Karen Nutter of Clarksburg, and Debbie Godfrey and husband Tim of Clarksburg;

grandchildren, Steven Paugh, Sandi Dennison, Zach Cottrill, Makali, Raley and Pason Akers, Kesha and Bella Flint, James Jeffries, Shyann Crayton, Lisa Nix, Kimberly Wilson, Delbert and Loretta King, Billy Reed, and Matthew Nutter; siblings, Chuck Chipps of Wyoming, Jackie, Terry, Larry and Sandy Chipps of Indiana, Kathy Malarkey and Drema Daniels of Pennsylvania, Chrissie Hewitt of Enterprise, Anna Martin, Alvin and Chuck Ware, and Joyce Jones of Clarksburg; brothers-in-law, Steve and Brenda White, Rick and Darlene White; sisters-in-law, Donna and Ryan Martin and Kim White, as well as several great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and paternal grandparents, Gene is preceded in death by two sisters, Judy Robinson of Salem and Elaine Davis of Florida; father-in-law, John A. White and son-in-law, Mark Crayton.

Anyone who had the pleasure of knowing Gene knew he didn't know a stranger. He could make anyone laugh or smile. His smile lit up the room. Everyone loved being around him because of his joyful spirit.

He enjoyed being around family and friends. His grandchildren meant the world to him. He enjoyed spending time with each of them. His two fur babies, Noodles and Daisy, were everywhere he was.

The family would like to thank the WVU hospice nurse, Tessa (who he referred to as his doctor) and team Dana, Deb and Lenna. And to Dorsey Funeral Home for their outstanding support and kindness.

Per Gene's request, cremation services will be provided. Dorsey Funeral Home

is honored to be handling the arrangements for the Chipps family.

ROBERT EDGELL FRESHOUR, JR.

Robert Edgell Freshour, Jr., 78, of Lumberport, passed away at the VA Hospital on Monday, October 25, 2021. He was born in Haywood, WV on May 6, 1943 to the late Robert and Mary Way Freshour.

Robert proudly served in the US Navy. He retired after 34 years with Union Carbide. He was a member of Jones Run Farm Club, Board of Directors of Southern States, WV Farm Bureau, Farm Credit Agency and Master Gardener's. He loved to fish, work in his garden and his cats. But he hated to mow grass.

In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Lee Cottrell Freshour; his brothers, Paul Eugene Freshour, Dana Lynn Freshour, John Freshour, and Edda L. "Eddie" Freshour.

Robert is survived by two sons, Robert Freshour III and wife Doralynn of Lumberport and James Allen Freshour and wife Jennifer of Lumberport; two grandsons, Duncan Santiago of Shinnston and Gavin Gooden of Lumberport; two granddaughters, Lynnette Santiago of Lumberport and Joshlynn Gooden of Lumberport; special friends, Jason Poth of Bridgeport, Jason McMillion of Bridgeport, and Bill Snyder of Clarksburg.

The family would

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ER, Wilson saw the opportunity to extend the initiative to Fairmont State’s campus.

Numerous College of Nursing students, faculty and staff came together to support the cause, and on Wednesday, October 20, Wilson and Fairmont State Dean of Nursing, Dr. Laura Clayton, presented several donated items to Fairmont Medical Center’s Cari Morgan, Director of Nursing, and Aaron Yanuzo, Vice President of Operations.

“When children are sick and they come to the emergency department, they are often really scared and anxious,” Clayton said. “By giving them a toy or a stuffed animal – something to provide them some comfort and help reduce their anxiety – we can make them more comfortable during that period of

time.” According to Morgan, the support from Fairmont State’s College of Nursing in this endeavor is a tangible symbol of the type of community relationships the medical center plans to forge and nurture.

“When we opened our doors on June 30, 2020, our goal was to reinstate health care for this community,” Morgan said. “With the help of multiple folks in the community and our neighbors here at Fairmont State, we were able and will continue to provide quality healthcare for Marion County.”

The stuffed animal drive will continue through Wednesday, November 10. Any stuffed animals that are donated must be in brand new condition and can be dropped

off in the nursing office within Fairmont State’s Education building.

“Nurses possess a unique combination of caring and courage, of compassion and strength,” said Fairmont State University President, Mirta M. Martin. “And nobody embodies these traits more than our Falcon nursing students and the nursing and education professionals who teach them. This act of kindness demonstrates the true, huge heart of our nursing program.

I’d also like to remind everyone that the stuffed animal drive continues through November 10 – please contribute a new toy or stuffed animal and help make a sick child’s day a little bit brighter.” Questions regarding the toy drive can be directed to Wilson at jenny.wilson@fairmontstate.edu.

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NARCONON DRUG & ALCOHOL REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION

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

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“Small Business Development Center” cont. from p.5

SBDC Network is commended for its success.”

The previous audit was conducted in October 2015. The next review is scheduled for the year 2026.

A division of the West Virginia Department of Economic Development, WV SBDC helps the state’s entrepreneurs to start, improve or grow a business. WV SBDC serves all 55 counties through a network of centers distributed

across the state. The centers are staffed with WV SBDC business coaches, many of whom have been entrepreneurs themselves. The business coaches provide confidential one-on-one guidance at no cost in areas such as exporting, innovation, technology and economic development, finance, management, cybersecurity, and marketing.

WV SBDC service initiatives include the Innovation-

Technology program, which focuses on small technology-driven businesses. The WV SBDC is also a founding member of West Virginia BusinessLink, a one-stop, online location for resources in the state available to entrepreneurs and business owners.

To learn more about the WV SBDC, business coaching services and resources for small businesses and entrepreneurs, visit WVsdbdc.com.

“Come In, We’re Open” cont. from p.5

Open” website landing page, wvsdbdc.com/weareopenwv, provides resources for business owners and the public. The site includes:

Instructions for how to get involved and supporting downloadable materials.

Locations where business owners can pick up free, professionally printed “Come In, We’re Open” signs.

Blog features on businesses participating in the campaign, their services or wares, and

how they pivoted to get through pandemic challenges.

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military tenure serving the Army National Guard from 1980 to 2001 with the rank of E-8 Master Sergeant.

“We hope people will line the streets to show support for our Veterans and how important they are to

us. A free picnic style luncheon is planned at the city’s Lions Club immediately after the parade,” says President of the Lions Club, David Minor. The luncheon is hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary of Shinnston.

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someone on Medicare. This can’t go on. Congress must act and they must act now.

The good news is that bills currently before Congress would save both seniors and taxpayers billions of dollars on prescription drugs—and ensure that Americans are paying fair prices for the medications we need. It’s outrageous that we must pay three times what people in other countries pay for the same medicine.

AARP has urged Congress to act in three key areas.

First, allow Medicare to negotiate the prices to negotiate the prices it pays for prescription drugs. Every year, Medicare spends more than \$129 billion on prescription drugs. Yet it’s prohibited by law

from using its buying power to negotiate with drug companies to get lower prices. Giving Medicare the power to negotiate will save taxpayers and people on Medicare \$117 billion and lower prescription drug costs for all Americans.

Second, create an annual out-of-pocket cap on what people on Medicare pay for their prescription drugs. No one should have to choose between buying medicine and paying for food or rent. We asked West Virginians to share their prescription drug receipts with AARP WV, and so far, we’ve heard from 295 people across our state. Together, they pay \$59,949 each month on their medications. Add that to the numbers

we collected in all 50 states, and you get a monthly “bill” of more than \$12 million... and counting.

Finally, we want Congress to require drug companies to pay a rebate if they raise the price of existing drugs faster than the rate of inflation. Our Rx Price Watch Reports have found that this happens year after year – and Americans would pay far less for their medications if those prices only rose as fast as other goods and services.

Americans are sick and tired of paying the highest prices in the world for their prescription drugs. Congress needs to lower prices now.

By Gaylene Miller AARP West Virginia State Director

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AG Morrissey Warns Of Faith -Based Scams

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey is warning consumers to be cautious when responding to charitable solicitations from their house of worship or faith-based charities.

“We want people to donate to their local church or favorite charity but to do so wisely,” Attorney General Morrissey said. “Consumers need to ensure they are dealing with the correct entity and not someone who

is merely posing as that entity.”

Scammers have been known to hack a minister’s or faith-based charity’s online account. They then email consumers in those entities’ databases saying they desperately need money or must talk about a personal matter. They could claim the pastor is stuck overseas and needs gift cards sent to get home, or they could solicit funds for a worthy project. The emails might

even say where to buy gift cards in the area, adding a local touch that makes the note seem more authentic. They may also reference information about the congregation found on the church’s website. The emails appear to come from the minister or charity. Only careful inspection reveals the communications are fake. For instance, instead of a church .com account, the address might be .net. In one instance, a

parishioner nearly sent \$400 in gift cards to someone they thought was their pastor. In another, congregants contributed to a building fund for a project that never existed. It used to be that church fundraising was a relatively personal, one-on-one endeavor. COVID-19 and related church shutdowns,

however, forced congregations to get creative in order to keep up with expenses. That has provided greater opportunities for scammers to take advantage of good-hearted parishioners. Consumers should beware of emails from a minister saying they need money wired to an account or gift cards sent to them. They should also be leery of egregious spelling errors or unusual use of common words. They should be especially cautious when clicking on links in emails since those could lead to one’s computer or other device being hacked or the possibility of

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Local Dentist Buying Back Excess Candy To Ship To The Troops

One area dentist is redefining the phrase “put your money where your mouth is.” Through November 5, trick-or-treaters can bring their excess candy to any Wilson Martino Dental location, The Smile Defenders or TLC Dental during normal business hours and they will be paid \$1 for every pound of candy they turn in! As a thank you from our community, the offices will then ship all candy to local WV troops who are deployed. Dr. Robert Martino is leading this annual community “THANK YOU TROOPS” event.

“Trick-or-Treat for the troops this year and earn a little money doing it. Pick a few of your favorite treats to keep and then let us buy the rest. A few pieces of candy here and there won’t do much harm to your teeth, but doing away with excess sweets altogether

would really give your mouth a healthy boost,” says Robert Martino, D.D.S., C.E.O. of Wilson Martino Dental, the largest dental organization in West Virginia. “Kids can still have all the fun of trick-or-treating, and now their piggy banks will benefit as well. Plus, these glowing toothbrushes we’re giving out are really cool – kids will love to brush with them.”

Global sugar consumption for kid’s increases by about 2% annually and currently sits at 50 million tons per year, which means that parents need to make sure their kid’s teeth are being cared for more than ever. Candy, as well as hurting children’s teeth, can lead to hyperactivity and weight gain. In some cases, the wrong types of candy can also lead to broken teeth and damaged braces. Candy will be

collected at each Wilson Martino Dental office, The Smile Defenders in Nutter Fort and at TLC Dental, through November 5, during office hours. The candy must be unopened, please no bites. It will then be shipped to the troops serving overseas. Candy drop-off locations include: Bridgeport, Buckhannon, Elkins, Fairmont, Morgantown, Nutter Fort (Smile Defenders), and TLC Dental in Sabraton. Directions and hours for all participating drop off locations can be obtained at www.wilsonmartinodental.com, www.tlcdentists.com or by calling 1-87-SMILE-WIDE.

To set up interviews regarding this event, please call 304-677-0152 and ask to speak with Wendy Boyce, Marketing Director. wendyboyce@wilmarmanagement.com

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“Our goal is to get kids thinking about financial responsibility and growing business ideas into reality,” said Traci Phillips, Fun Fitness Foundation executive director. “Our primary focus is inspiring children to be active, and from our experiences with kids, we know they have some fantastic ideas. We want to help them understand how concepts can become real businesses.”

The registration fee is \$10, and they can enter at bit.ly/2021WVKidsBusinessExpo. Sponsorship information is available at that same link.

The registration deadline is Nov. 13. Winners are announced at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 20 on the Fun Fitness Foundation Inc. Facebook Page.

“We’ll also be hosting entrepreneurship prep classes via Zoom to help kids with their small business pitch video,” Phillips said. “We’re with them each step of the way.”

About Fun Fitness Kids Club Fun Fitness Foundation Inc. is a nonprofit organization based in Charleston, W.Va., and focused on curbing West Virginia’s obesity rate. The Fun Fitness Foundation created the WV Kids Business Expo & Small Business Pitch Contest in 2019 as a fundraiser to help provide fun fitness activities within the community. That year, the Expo helped more than 25 youth entrepreneurs showcase their businesses.

Fun Fitness Kids Club LLC. rents soft-play equipment for events, and its Fun Fitness Bus travels the state, hosting a wide variety of fitness and play options for children. They were named the 2020 WV Minority Business of the Year by the WWSBDC & SBA. Learn more at www.funfitnesswv.com. Find them on Facebook and Instagram @FunFitnessKidsClub & @FunFitnessFoundation.

“Processing Facility” cont. from p.5

continue to work with EDA to bring new opportunities to the Mountain State.”

The American Rescue Plan, which passed in March, set aside \$300 million through the Coal Communities Commitment from the EDA to support coal communities recover from the COVID-19

pandemic and to help them create new jobs and opportunities. West Virginia is the largest recipient of the EDA’s Assistance to Coal Communities program since the program began in 2015. In July, Senator Manchin announced that West Virginia is eligible to apply for six programs

totaling \$3 billion from the American Rescue Plan to support economic development across America, including the \$300 million for coal community economic development. This announcement is the first award from the \$300 million Coal Communities Commitment.


“Little League Board of Directors” cont. from p. 6

Chris Kellar

The Board is appreciative of all

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downloading malware or ransomware. If in doubt, parishioners should call the pastor or church office. Houses of worship and charities should consider purchasing domain names that are similar to theirs, for instance buying the .com address if they are .org or .net. They should also avoid using the same password for everyone in the organization. Anyone who believes they have been the victim of a faith-based scam should contact the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-368-8808, the Eastern Panhandle Consumer Protection Office in Martinsburg at 304-267-0239 or visit the office online at www.wvago.gov.

St. John’s Lutheran Church Moving To Its New Location On November 7th

St. John’s Lutheran Church is moving soon. For the past decade, the congregation has worshiped at 125 Meigs Ave in Clarksburg. Beginning November 7th, St. John’s new home will be at St. Barnabas Chapel at 721 Hall St., Bridgeport, WV. Sunday Worship will be held at 11, preceded by Sunday School for all ages at 10am. St John’s will be hosting an open house for the community on Dec 5th from 1-3p. Light snacks and childrens activities will be available. For more information on St John’s, you can contact Pastor Stanley Lacey at 334-430-1537 or visit their website at stjohnsclarksburg.org.

“Business of the Month” cont. from p. 5

Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm. They expect to be busy over the coming weeks due to their long history of excellent service to the community and the demands of fall sportsmen. It was a pleasure talking to Sam Nestor and if you need any items for your upcoming hunting or fishing excursions, stop in and say hello.

“Fall Trout Stocking” cont. from p.6

how spectacular West Virginia is in the fall, and they’re visiting our state parks and forests in record numbers,” Justice said in the news release. “This is an exciting way for our children to make memories that will last a lifetime by giving them more opportunities to catch a big fish in one of our beautiful lakes.” Traditional trout stocking began in streams across West Virginia on Monday, Oct. 19. The following waters are included in the stocking schedule: Pendleton Lake at Blackwater Falls State Park Pipestem Lake at Pipestem Resort State Park Coopers Rock Lake at Coopers Rock State Forest Seneca Lake at Seneca State Forest Watoga Lake at Watoga State Park Cacapon Lake at Cacapon Resort State Park While fishing for trout, all anglers 15 and older are required to have a West Virginia fishing license, trout stamp and valid form of identification.

Companies Concerned About Turnover In Coming Months As Candidates Get Multiple Offers

A Gartner Inc. survey found that 91% of HR leaders are concerned about employee turnover in the coming months and another Gartner survey found 50% of employees hired over the past 12 months have received at least two additional job offers. The former survey included 572 HR leaders and took place in July. The candidate survey included 1,609 job seekers and took place between May and

June. “As the economy continues to recover from the disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, organizations are facing a very different — and extremely competitive — job market than years past,” said Jamie Kohn, research director in the Gartner HR practice. “While many are experiencing a record number of open roles, companies are also trying to mitigate employee

turnover.” Gartner recommends that for employers to stay competitive, they should consider different forms of flexibility such as work hours, location and length of workweek. HR leaders must also help managers conceptualize the potential career paths of their direct reports generally, not just specific next steps. HR leaders must also identify long-term talent gaps at

the organizational level and partner with business leaders to acquire the skills. “Organizations often overlook the potential within their own organization,” said Kohn. “Improving internal mobility can help employers find employees with adjacent skills; boost diversity, equity and inclusion; and tap into nontraditional talent pools that are outside customary recruiting hot spots.”

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like to give thanks to Emily Cook for the love and care she showed Robert as well as the other nurses and staff. Memorial donations can be made to the family. A funeral service was held on November 2, 2021 with Pastor Chad Hutson officiating, at Dorsey Funeral Home in Shinnston, WV. Interment followed at Lumberport Lions Club Cemetery in Lumberport, WV. Full military honors were provided by the US Navy and Harrison County Honor Guard. Dorsey Funeral Home is honored to be handling the arrangements for the Freshour family.

SHARON R. WHITE MOORE



Sharon R. White Moore, 76, of Clarksburg, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, October 29, 2021, at the United Hospital Center in Bridgeport. She was born on Lambert’s Run, April 3, 1945, a daughter of the late Walter and Mary Ellen Clark White. Surviving are her husband, Jim Moore; four children, Jamie

Whitfield and her husband Aaron, Buckhannon, Laura Spry and her husband Lloyd, Lumberport, Max Moore and his companion Jessica Powers, Clarksburg, Bobbi Jo Kelley and her husband Pastor Mike Kelley, Bridgeport; nine grandchildren, Rocky Lindsey, II, Amber Hedrick, Joshua McCoy, Ashley Eakle, Seth Spry, Gunnar Moore, Matt Kelley, Autumn Holipski, and Sarah Kelley; 15 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, and one special niece that she visited often, Debbie Eastep. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by five brothers, Daniel, Paul, James, John, and David White. Sharon was a faithful Christian who loved going to church. She was a dedicated member of Harvest Time Ministries. She enjoyed quilting, going for car rides, and loved spending time gathering with her family. She was always willing to share the Word of God with others and provide comfort and encouragement. She was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother that will be deeply missed until we all meet again. A public graveside service was held on November 1, 2021, at the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery; Pastor Mike

Kelley officiated. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Moore family.

JOHN FREDERICK EPPELEIN



John Frederick Eppelein 71, of Clarksburg passed away on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at his residence due to COVID pneumonia. He was born December 2, 1949 in Buckhannon, WV, the son of the late Earl Victor and Ila Naomi Manley Eppelein. John worked many years at different convenience stores in the area, the last one at the Kompak store in North View. Everyone that met him always said he had a smile on his face. John loved football and his team was the Oakland Raiders, baseball team was the Cincinnati Reds and he was an avid WVU Mountaineer football and basketball fan. John loved life to

the fullest, especially time with the family and fur baby, Toby. In his spare time, he loved reading, watching sports, detective shows, and mysteries. John was an amazing husband, father and pap. John is survived by his wife of twenty seven years, Anna Mae Monroe Eppelein whom he married on September 12, 1994; five children, Lora Wolfe and Rob, Morgantown, Terri Claypool, Tracy Jones and Jerry, Tina Lowe and Doug, Carl Bumgardner all of Stonewood; eleven grandchildren, Shane Wilhelm and Vanessa, Josie Jones, Bridget Williams and Hank, Jesse Cole and Morgan, Nikki Bumgardner, John Bumgardner, Dylan Lowe, Jasmine Lowe, Levi Wolfe and Tori Wolfe; twelve great grandchildren, Juliana, Emma, Branson, Jacee, Mia, Gracie, Olivia, Kendriek, Marilynn, Jessa, Aiden, and Liam; his best friend, Greg Banko; several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his sister, Anna M. Eppelein. Online condolences can be made at www.DavisFuneralHomeWV.com.

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