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Moving Gifts Help Veterans Go Places

By Dawn Hensil
 Staff Writer

The Shinnston American Legion Post 31 recently received a gift from Derek Sutphin, whose parents are a former member and a current Legion Auxiliary member. Sutphin, who has a disability himself, wanted to give back to a veteran in need and decided to donate

his wheelchair to the Legion so that he could help a disabled veteran have more mobility, greatly improving their life.

Post 31 works with the Paralyzed Veterans of America and has received multiple used wheelchair donations. Among those involved include: Tom Jenkins, member and trustee; Tom Willis, service officer for Post 31;

Commander Bruce Grimes; Melvin Sows; and Frank Nicholson. So far they have donated 4 wheelchairs and a ramp to the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

In honor of Sutphin, the post hosted a dinner and signed a card in gratitude. "Thank you, Derek, from the bottom of our hearts and God bless you," said Robin Shingleton, Post 31 public affairs officer/

historian. The wheelchair would have cost over \$20,000 new at purchase. Members have not yet selected a recipient.

On one occasion the post received a ramp as a donation. Members went to the donor's home, removed the ramp, took it to a new location and set it up for the recipient.

The American Legion
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Tom Jenkins, left, of the American Legion, honors Derek Sutphin at a Paralyzed Veterans of America dinner for donating a new motorized wheelchair to the American Legion Post 31 of Shinnston. Submitted Photo.

A Rock-Solid Airport

Building Amazing Cities



By JIM HUNT
 author, speaker, consultant

My first memory of the North Central West Virginia Airport was a warm summer afternoon when my parents took me to the "Penny a Pound" flights at the airport. About a dozen kids waited on the tarmac, as local pilots volunteered their small planes to give these wide-eyed youngsters the thrill of a lifetime. I remember that we flew over Clarksburg, and I tried to locate my house and other landmarks. When we landed, I looked over at a huge silver plane, with the words, "Lake Central Airlines" and couldn't imagine that I would ever be so lucky to walk up the long metal steps and fly off to some exotic location.

About fifteen years later, I had completed college and was chosen to attend a youth conference in the Soviet Union. I finally got to walk up those silver steps, to fly to New York City, before flying to Moscow, USSR. This was years before 9/11 and the Benedum Airport, as it was known at that time, was still fairly small and you could walk out to the plane and walk up the steps with your family waving at you from behind the chain link fence, just feet from the plane. The airline that was operating at the airport was named Aeromech Airlines and was owned by Angelo Koukoulis, a fellow that I got to know better later in life. Angelo was a pioneer in the airline business and operated Aeromech until 1983, when they merged with Wright Airlines of Cleveland.

In the years that followed, I flew out of Benedum Airport dozens of times, often going to Pittsburgh International Airport or the Washington National Airport on small, propeller-driven aircraft that would bounce and bump the entire flight. As I flew into other airports, I realized how small the Benedum Airport was and how much it needed to be expanded if we were to ever be competitive with other states. When I served on the Harrison County Development Authority, it would often be discussed that businesses were not considering our area, due to the short runway and the lack of proper facilities to serve business clients. We worked very hard to lobby for the runway extension when the FBI chose Clarksburg for the site of its CJIS Division. The runway was extended but the facilities were woefully lacking, and fewer and fewer passengers were choosing to fly out of Harrison County.

It was about that time that a young man, who lived up the street from me in the Stealey Addition of Clarksburg, was appointed as the director of the airport. I don't think many people had high hopes that anyone could save the airport, but Rick Rock had other ideas. He set about rebuilding the airport from the ground up. Slowly but surely, the enplanements started to grow, and a few additional flights were scheduled. Rock made pleas to the Harrison and Marion County Commissions and Clarksburg and Bridgeport to provide funding for advertising and flight guarantees, and his positive attitude swayed some skeptical politicians to

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Joy to the World



Shinnston's green space is decorated for the season, ready for Christmas Day on Saturday.
 Photo by Erin Beck.

Davisson Brothers Bring Nashville Home

By Dawn Hensil
 Staff Writer

For the second year in a row, The Davisson Brothers Band is planning a New Year's Celebration at the Robinson Grand Theater.

"We grew up in that theater and played many shows there as well," Chris Davisson said. "That means that anytime that we perform there is special to us."

At this year's celebration, The Davisson Brothers plan to bring Nashville back to Clarksburg with them. "We want to

bring the best of both worlds to Clarksburg," Davisson said.

The band includes singer Donnie Davisson, who "commands attention with his working-class, Van Zant-like vibe," according to a press release. The band also includes "guitar player extraordinaire" Chris Davisson, the release states, and drummer Aaron Register.

The Davisson Brothers have been hard at work on their new album in Nashville with producer David "Ferg" Ferguson, known for



his work with Tyler Childers, Margo Price, Sturgill Simpson, and Brent Cobb, so their return trip home for the holidays and a celebration in their hometown couldn't make them more excited.

Chris Davisson said, "While working on this upcoming album, we were made aware that the majority of our songs were about our home state and we look forward to coming back to our hometown".

"The theater was closed for many years, but when we heard that there were plans to restore and reopen The

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Council to Purchase Street Sweeper

By Erin Beck
 Editor

Shinnston City Council members unanimously authorized the purchase of what they described as a much-needed street sweeper at their Dec. 13 meeting.

The City of Shinnston received two allocations from the federal American Rescue Plan Act: \$880,000 that went directly to the city, and \$300,000 it

received as part of a larger allocation sent to Harrison County.

"The street sweeper is \$187,797.00 and we are buying it from Bortek Industries on a state bid," City Manager Chad Edwards said, in response to an email seeking more information.

During the meeting, Edwards recommended using the \$300,000 allocation for the street sweeper. City

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Shinnston City Manager Chad Edwards, left, describes plans for city funds at the Dec. 13 meeting. Anthony Tate, city economic development coordinator, right, announced at the meeting that he would be leaving after the new year for a new position. Photo by Erin Beck.

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Erin Beck: Growth Comes Gradually

By the time you read this, the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year will have passed. That means the days are slowly stretching in length. The rebirth and renewal of springtime is coming, but not all at once — bit by bit. Multiple cultures have celebrated the return of the sun during this time of year. But the astronomical start date of winter, based on the earth's position to the sun, was Tuesday, the winter solstice. Meanwhile, the meteorological start date, based on weather patterns and temperatures, was Dec. 1.

Before Roman dictators set the year's start date for Jan. 1, an earlier Roman calendar set the year's start in March. That earlier calendar had ten months, six of 30 days and four of 31 days, making a total of 304 days and leaving an unaccounted-for gap of time each December, according to Britannica.com.

I like the idea of floating through this season. Life slips away from us as we constantly remind

ourselves to “live in the moment,” as the saying goes. If time, as a concept, was permitted to gradually slip away from mind, would the pressure to live in the present fade away, too?

I think the disagreement throughout history about when the new year begins illustrates why it's best to just observe what the world around us is saying to us.

As the days gradually grow and we inch toward spring during another cycle around the sun, we may notice how we, too, change little by little, but mostly, we follow cycles. And we do best when we achieve balance while we follow those patterns — if we gift ourselves the rest we need when we work, and the healing we need when we are hurt.

Instead of attempting to reinvent a new version of myself this New Year's Day, I'm going to try to remember that nature changes gradually, but also constantly. I'll remind myself that like the earth, it's natural to follow

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Super Crossword

BROODING SEASON

- ACROSS**
- 1 Examined by touching
 - 9 Smart — (know-it-all)
 - 14 Alphas' opposites
 - 20 All across the region
 - 21 Indian city on the Yamuna River
 - 22 “Gil Blas” novelist Alain-René —
 - 23 Blemish-resistant bar seat?
 - 25 Male flower part
 - 26 Earth lighter
 - 27 Autumn chill
 - 28 Sentry allowing nobody to nap?
 - 30 Monet, say
 - 34 Interstices
 - 36 — roll (hot)
 - 37 Shoulder-hugging, horn-honking driver?
 - 42 Thin and supple
 - 47 Duck cousin
 - 48 Actress Messing
 - 49 More plucky
 - 50 Lt.'s inferior
 - 53 “I see mice!”
 - 56 Ear-related
 - 58 Indian city on the Yamuna River
 - 59 Vehicle in a chase scene
 - 63 Decorative pins worn by jockeys?
 - 67 Yellow-and-black bird
 - 68 16-Down, to Jacob
 - 69 Flagged auto
 - 70 Mao — -tung
 - 71 Bit of pasta that's really hard to find?
 - 77 Bodily pouch
 - 79 Spanish for “that”
 - 80 Big pet food brand
 - 81 “Infinite” rapper
 - 84 Have pain from bending forward too sharply?
 - 89 Tire type
 - 90 Tolkien terrorizers
 - 91 Up — (stymied)
 - 92 — Lanka
 - 94 Butter holder
 - 95 More hideous
 - 97 — liver (meat product)
 - 100 Harvestable
 - 104 Work layoff, slangily
 - 105 Dive to attack with perfect form?
 - 111 Texter's “I think ...”
 - 113 Neeson of “Darkman”
 - 114 GMC pickup
 - 115 Decide on Domino's for dinner?
 - 122 Taylor of “Cleopatra,” for short
 - 124 Los Angeles' Playa — Rey
 - 125 Regular practices
 - 126 Botching an April 1 prank?
 - 131 Crops up
 - 132 Ickily sticky
 - 133 Enlarge
 - 134 Quick
 - 135 In any way
 - 136 Power-supplying socket
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Volkswagen model
 - 2 Maestro Toscanini
 - 3 Simple shed
 - 4 — gow (casino option)
 - 5 Grain beard
 - 6 Up to, informally
 - 7 Paradise
 - 8 Blueprint
 - 9 TV spots
 - 10 “Show me”
 - 11 College town in North Carolina
 - 12 Toy train, when doubled
 - 13 Quantity in a narc's bust
 - 14 Former NFLer Merlin
 - 15 Annual ritzy NYC fundraising event
 - 16 Biblical birthright seller
 - 17 Explorer Vasco da —
 - 18 Antiquing aid
 - 19 Ship off, say
 - 24 Petty quarrel
 - 29 Saldana of the screen
 - 31 “— so you!”
 - 32 Hem, e.g.
 - 33 Lilted syllable
 - 35 Prof's deg.
 - 38 United
 - 39 Israel's Abba
 - 40 Opiate, e.g.
 - 41 Raiment
 - 43 Apple option
 - 44 Close, as a community
 - 45 “— to you!”
 - 46 Rub out
 - 49 Person rubbing it in
 - 50 Prefix with warrior
 - 51 And not
 - 52 Final washer phase
 - 54 Noted Deco master
 - 55 Furry fruit
 - 57 Rocket paths
 - 60 Pigeon noise
 - 61 Balm plants
 - 62 Betelgeuse or Antares
 - 64 Clangor
 - 65 How balloons float
 - 66 Trump replaced him
 - 72 Thief's bagful
 - 73 “Bali —”
 - 74 Autos such as Gremlins and Pacers
 - 75 Belgian river
 - 76 Spain's El —
 - 77 Teapot part
 - 78 “I'm so frustrated!”
 - 82 Water, to Gigi
 - 83 Rangers' and Rays' gp.
 - 85 Brunei locale
 - 86 Mean whale
 - 87 High point
 - 88 One-named sports legend
 - 93 Lyric penner Gershwin
 - 96 Lived
 - 98 Ball of mashed chickpeas
 - 99 — -fi movie
 - 101 Electees, say
 - 102 Greek letter
 - 103 She baas
 - 105 Swab
 - 106 Film score composer Schifrin
 - 107 Iago's wife
 - 108 Hard trial
 - 109 Bully's threat ender
 - 110 Warehouse platform
 - 112 Hardly tidy
 - 115 Cartoonist Addams
 - 116 Celestial instrument
 - 117 Off-Broadway prize
 - 118 French river or department
 - 119 TV actress Swenson
 - 120 — suit (1940s duds)
 - 121 Reverse alphabetical order
 - 123 Bronze metal
 - 127 Olive of “Popeye”
 - 128 Lt.'s inferior
 - 129 “Despicable Me” villain
 - 130 Dewy, e.g.

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This Week in West Virginia History

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Dec. 23, 1987: Lynette “Squeaky” Fromme escaped from the Federal Prison Camp in Alderson. Fromme, who was serving a life sentence for trying to kill President Gerald Ford, was captured two days later near the prison.

Dec. 24, 1852: The last spike was driven on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad between Baltimore and the Ohio River. The event occurred at Rosbys Rock near Moundsville. To mark the spot where the final spike was driven the following words were carved upon the rock: *Rosbbys [sic] Rock Track Closed Christmas Eve 1852.*

Dec. 24, 1942: The Committee on Fair Employment Practices

ordered that Jehovah's Witnesses be reinstated to their jobs at Pittsburgh Plate Glass in Clarksburg. The workers had been fired for refusing to participate in union-sponsored flag-salute ceremonies.

Dec. 25, 2002: Jack Whittaker, a Putnam County contractor, won the \$314.9 million Powerball jackpot. At the time, it was the largest single lottery jackpot in history.

Dec. 26, 1917: Instrument maker Harold M. Hayslett was born in Putnam County. Hayslett's violins, violas and cellos have received awards for tone and workmanship, and are cherished by collectors and players alike.

Dec. 27, 1797: The county seat of Ohio County was moved from

West Liberty to Wheeling.

Dec. 28, 1879: Brigadier General Billy Mitchell was born in France. As chief of the Army Air Force, Mitchell ordered aircraft of the 88th Squadron to perform reconnaissance during the 1921 Miners' March on Logan.

Dec. 28, 1978: The last trains ran on the Greenbrier Division, a branch line of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway. Unlike most C&O branches in West Virginia, the Greenbrier Division was not a coal-hauling line but served the valley's timber industry.

Dec. 29, 1861: Confederate soldiers burned most of downtown Sutton. The town slowly rebuilt but remained small until the local timber industry boomed in the 1890 to 1920 period.

Dec. 29, 1970: John Denver and two friends completed the song “Take Me Home, Country Roads.” Denver performed “Country Roads” in West Virginia on several occasions, notably for the opening of the new Mountaineer Stadium in Morgantown in 1980.

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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).

HOLY TRINITY SERBIAN LITURGY SCHEDULE

Liturgy schedule for Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Mission, 408 Morgantown Ave, Fairmont is as follows: Dec. 25th - 10 a.m. Rev. Sasha Nedich (724) 966-7428 www.holytrinityserborthwv.org

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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provide support to the airport.

In the last several years, Rick Rock and the Airport Authority have done something that few believed possible. A new terminal is being designed and earthmoving is preparing the site. Construction cranes are putting steel into place for new businesses that are bringing hundreds of jobs. Funding is coming from the federal

government and the new infrastructure funding is going to significantly help the airport. This economic generator will provide our area with untold billions of dollars in the coming years and give stability to our whole region.

Every great project needs a solid foundation, and our airport has a foundation of solid rock, in the person of Rick Rock, an amazing guy!

"Veterans" cont. from page 1

is "the nation's largest veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow servicemembers and veterans," according to the West Virginia chapter website.

Post 31 helps veterans in need in several ways. Once a month the members go to the VA Food Pantry and collect food for veterans in need. Willis said, "We have

some individuals who count on our food donations."

The post also takes part in other charitable programs, such as donating fruit baskets to patients and residents of the West Virginia Veterans Nursing Facility and the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center. They also collect money for a program for the patients of the veteran's hospital. Those patients can come into a shop set up for them and they can pick out gifts for family members or loved ones, since many of the patients are unable to go out and shop for

Christmas. If the veteran does not have anyone to shop for, they are welcome to pick out two items for themselves.

Post 31 members said they strive to do as much as they can for our veterans and members of the community. They have given scholarship money to graduating seniors, sponsored students to attend Boys and Girls State every summer, and donated money to Lincoln High School Band towards the band trailer for parades.

"We invite anyone interested to come by and see what we do,"

Willis said. "We are a family here."

The Post offers dinner every Sunday to their members and friends from 5 until 6 p.m. Willis said they extend open invitations to those in need of a meal.

He was also excited to talk about their newest program: Together with Veterans. "It's a national program focused on preventing veterans' suicide," he said. More information on that program is to come.

Post 31 is located at 76 Bridge Street.

"Davisson Brothers" cont. from page 1

Robinson Grand, we decided to make this our home," he added.

"The sonics are based on old-school rock 'n' roll, while the messages support all-American fundamentals: family, self-determination, and satisfaction in a job well done," the release continues. "The Davisson Brothers Band, hailed as Rolling Stone Country '10 New Country Artists You Need to Know,' boasts musical foundations that are classic, obvious, and etched in

stone."

The band brings two openers to join them. The first will be Nashville-based artist/songwriter Ben Chapman. According to the Robinson Grand, "Ben Chapman has garnered early attention for his soulful voice and country-blues guitar playing. He is heavily influenced by the sounds of the '70s, pairing groove-driven music of bands like the Allman Brothers with compelling, pithy lyrics akin to those of Guy Clark and Roger

Miller, cooking up a tasty serving of country jam band ear candy."

Following Ben Chapman is Paul McDonald. "Paul McDonald's voice is immediately recognizable and impossible to ignore," according to the news release. "Often compared to legends like Mick Jagger and Bob Dylan, the poetic story-driven narratives and deeply catchy hooks in his music are delivered by a raspy yet refined voice reminiscent of

another era yet that demands to be heard right now."

This celebration is sure to be an exciting one with the return of a town favorite as well as some new faces to the Robinson Grand.

Tickets are available at therobinsongrand.com or by calling 855-773-6283. Tickets are priced in three tiers: \$29, \$45, and \$59, depending on the proximity of the stage. The show is set for Dec. 31 at 8 p.m. with the doors opening at 7 p.m. Concessions will be available.

Fantastick Patrick-Fun for the Whole Family

RGPAC, Clarksburg, WV – Get ready for a show unlike anything you have ever seen! The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center is proud to present Fantastick Patrick on January 28, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. for community members of all ages to enjoy!

Fantastick Patrick is an international performer that specializes in variety entertainment. What is variety entertainment you ask? Well, in Patrick's case, it is unique entertainment that combines situational improvised comedy with a backdrop of absurd tricks and daring stunts that give life to a truly unparalleled experience. From a ten-foot unicycle to improvised songs on the ukulele, balancing step ladders, and juggling, we never know what's going to happen at a Fantastick Patrick show! Fun, exciting, and entertaining for ALL ages!

Fantastick Patrick is a juggler, comedian, and variety artist based in Los Angeles, CA. He has performed over 25,000 shows, visiting 489 cities in over 17 countries. He just loves performing in front of an audience and often brings audience members on stage to take part in the fun.

Bring the whole family out to experience Fantastick Patrick at the Robinson Grand! Tickets are on sale now and are priced in three tiers and range from \$12, \$15, and \$20 in respect to proximity to the stage. There are two ways to get tickets in advance. Go online at tickets.therobinsongrand.com or purchase tickets over the phone by calling (855)-773-6283 on Monday through Friday, 10a.m. – 11p.m. Popcorn, candy, soft drinks, beer, and wine will be available in the concession/bar areas.

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I Wish a Very Merry Christmas to all my Readers



GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

Members of the community gathered in the festively decorated dining room of the Uptown Event Center to observe the 100th anniversary of a few of the businesses in Harrison County. The PWA was among those participating in this special event and was joined by Sutter Roofing, Davis Funeral Home, Horner Brothers, and James and Law. Members of the Diane Urchak family joined the group as a sponsor of the event. A short history of the PWA was presented and each guest received a brochure outlining the

100 years of the PWA, formerly the YWCA. Michael L. Queen, a representative of the office of the Secretary of State, served as MC. Lieutenant Dixon Pruitt led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and Rev. J. Harris gave the blessing for the meal. A gift of a 'Time Flies' clock was presented from the PWA to the other 100th anniversary firms and each representative spoke briefly about their organizations. Sponsors of the event, Davis Funeral Home, the Diane Urchak family and Laura Goff



Individuals (l to r) representing firms in Harrison County observing 100th celebration are Jocelyn Wilson, Heather Daughtery-State Distributors, Rosalyn Queen, PWA President, Rev. J. Harris-Davis Funeral Home, Jeannie Harris-Horner Bros., Bill Brown, Nancy Brown-James and Law and Margery Toohey-Sutter Roofing

Davis were introduced and thanked for their continued support. The meal was catered by Brickside under the supervision of Randal Lynch and Mary Childers. Queen installed the 2022 PWA officers: Betty Waddy, President; Laura Goff Davis, Vice President; Sharon Twentier, Secretary; and Rosalyn Queen, Treasurer. A very Merry and Blessed Christmas to all my readers. May your season be filled with happiness and all your dreams come true. Surround yourself with family and friends and especially remember "the reason for the season." Until next week "Now You Have Heard It Through the Grapevine."

Harrison County Student Achievement Fundraising Begins



The Harrison County Student Achievement Board of Directors (HCSA) is pleased to announce that fundraising for the 2022 scholarship awards has begun. With a goal of exceeding the number of scholarships distributed to 2021 graduating seniors, the need for additional funding from local supporters is important. "The Harrison County students that receive the scholarship awards, go on and do great things for themselves, their families and this community," stated Bob Greer, local attorney and Chairman of the HCSA Board. "I run into past recipients regularly and see the impact this financial support makes on their college careers."

In 2021, the HCSA awarded 50 scholarships, which due to the pandemic's impact on our business community, was fewer than what was awarded in 2020. The board recognizes that the recovery is ongoing but hopes that the local community continues to expand their support for this worthy cause. "As a local business owner myself, I see and feel the impact the pandemic had on our region and across the state,"

stated Greer. "It is our goal to not let COVID to continue to have an impact on our students. We want them to be successful, the virus has already taken so much from the kids in our community." Sponsors of the HCSA fall into three categories: Harrison Honor Society (\$1,000 or more) Superintendent's Circle (\$500) Principal's Partners (\$25-\$499) Each year hundreds of seniors attending Harrison County schools complete an application for the scholarships. The applications are evaluated, and the winners selected with the awarding done during a reception in the Spring before graduation. "We need as much support as we can get, not only for our students, but for the community that they will impact after they complete their studies," commented Greer. "I encourage Harrison County businesses and families to get involved in this great cause with a donation." To learn more information about Harrison County Student Achievement, including the student requirements for the scholarships visit

Christmas Comes Sooner Every Year



Pine Bluff News

Last Friday morning, Kim and #2 Phillip came in from Virginia to get paperwork done at the DMV in Clarksburg. They got most of it taken care of and will have to go back again...forgot a document. Saturday morning, Lee came down to have coffee with his sister before she departed for Virginia; those two are a hoot together. They are constantly cutting each other down and then laughing about it. I know they keep it clean when I'm with them, but Lord only knows what they say when I'm not around. Then, they always get into which one their mom liked the best...it's a humorous circus. If each believes they were their mom's favorite, then Mom did her job. Monday, I ventured into the new Kroger Store on Bridgeport Hill just to check out what they had in the store. They have about anything you can think of, and I can also report that it is huge inside. I think I counted 46 aisles...I'm only good for 12. Tuesday morning, I drove down to the Worthington Barber Shop for a haircut. I wanted to get one before Janet and Frank leave for Florida next week. They won't be back until April, so, I told Frank to give me a haircut to last 4 months...and he did. Christmas is upon us again and I think I'm ready. It seems to come sooner every year. My family will be gathering here on Christmas Eve. We'll say a few Hail-Marys and have SVFD on speed-dial before lighting the fireplace. I wrote the following in a column several years ago. "When my brothers and I were wee lads, we didn't have a gazillion presents under the tree on Christmas morning. Our parents couldn't afford it. We would each get one or two toys along with new clothing articles (Clothes don't count as toys). As we grew older, our dad (Santa) would also include a football, basketball, and a set of boxing gloves (To hone

our pugilistic skills) under the tree. I hated those boxing gloves. Being the youngest and smallest, boy, did I take a thumpin'! My late brother Jack (Middle one) was always big for his age and it would take both John and me together to whip him. When Jack wanted to spar, he'd throw me a pair of gloves. If I refused to put them on, he'd say, 'either the gloves or we'll go at it bare fisted!' So, what does a fellow do...he puts the gloves on. The back wooden door in our bedroom ended up with numerous dents from 5' up. The dents were made by the back of my head bouncing off the door from jabs and uppercuts...today, they would call the dents, 'concussions'. After three months, the football and basketball inner bladders would be sticking through the outer skin from our gentle handling, but, only after a month, the boxing gloves would somehow mysteriously disappear...? I don't want you folks to think that I had anything to do with that; however, I do remember seeing boxing gloves floating down Binghamon Creek a few times." Until next time, have a great week and remember our Veterans. Ace



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Museum Notes: The Bromley Tabernacle

By Debra Herndon
Director, Bice-Ferguson
Memorial Museum

In Shinnston in 1914, local churches joined together to bring about a revival of their flocks. Rev. Henry Walter Bromley and his party was asked to come and hold a meeting. Born in Glencoe, Gallatin County, Kentucky in 1879, Bromley attained Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees at Kentucky University and Ashby College.

Rev. Bromley would travel with his wife, Caroline Davis Queen, and two to four other persons to hold evangelistic

meetings. Prior to his arrival, a tabernacle was constructed to hold the meeting. The Bromley Tabernacle in Shinnston was constructed on the property that now holds St. Ann's Church. The tabernacle had a seating capacity of 1,500 and cost \$1,400 to erect.

Along with his wife, who was in charge of the Women's Department, Rev. Bromley was accompanied by William H. Myers, who worked with the choir (which was made up of choir members from participating churches) and D.L. Anderson, who was

Bromley's private secretary and was in charge of working with the young men during the campaign.

From the minutes of a local church: "The meeting to say the least was a great success. Rev. Bromley brought the message of the old-time religion, preaching a crucified and arisen Christ with such power and persuasion that something like 700 took a stand for Christ." At the conclusion for the four-week meeting, many people joined their local churches and faith was placed on a higher plain. The Bromley party was

very well-received, and the free will offering was \$3,050.00.

The Bice-Ferguson Museum recently acquired a poster from the Bromley campaign of 1914 from the collection of W.O. Koon/Dorothy Hurst. The tabernacle itself stood for many years and was used for many public gatherings.

Accounts of Bromley meetings in other areas are available online. According to a story on the front page of the Webster City Freeman in Iowa from 1916, Bromley had an "advance man" who would help the



An advertisement promotes the arrival of the Rev. Henry Bromley, an evangelist who came to Shinnston in 1914 to promote religious revival. Submitted photo.

churches prepare for the that hundreds took meeting and build the Rev. Bromley's words tabernacle. A Behind to heart at a New the Lens column by Martinsville meeting. Chuck Clegg says

Low Public Library Notes

Submitted by Director Debbie Starkey

The library will be closed Jan. 17 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Curbside delivery is available if needed.

The Hungry Book Club met on Dec. 17 for a book discussion and to enjoy a gift and recipe exchange. Different genres of books are discussed at meetings. There were several attending and a great time for all. The club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. New members are always welcome.

January Events:

Hungry Book & Recipe Club: Jan. 11 at 2 p.m.

Thursdays for Toddlers (includes a story and craft): Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 1 p.m. For ages 2 to 4 years.

New DVDs available for checkout: Cruella, A Little Christmas Charm, PAW Patrol, Queen Bees, National Lampoon's Christmas Vacations (all five), Home for Christmas, When Calls the Heart: The Greatest Christmas Wish.

New best-sellers available: "The Judge's List" John Grisham; "The Wish" Nicholas Sparks; "The Stranger in the Lifeboat" Mitch Albom; "Fear No Evil" James Patterson; "Flying Angels" Danielle Steel; "The Dark Hours" Michael Connelly; "Mercy" David Baldacci; and "Autopsy" Patricia Cornwell.

Other new additions: "Dear Santa" Debbie Macomber; "The Christmas Wedding Guest" Susan Mallory; "Midnight Lock" Jeffrey Deaver; "Impossible Promise" Jude Devereaux & Tara Sheets; "Santa Cruise" Fern Michaels; "The Santa Suit" Mary Kay Andrews; "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Big Shot" Jeff Kinney; "Clive Cussler's The Devil's Sea" Dirk Cussler; "Game On: Tempting Twenty-eight" Janet Evanovich; "The Playing Fields" Stella Cameron; "Going There" Katie Couric; "State of Terror" Hillary Clinton & Louise Penny; "The Lake" Natasha Preston and "Gladys the Magic Chicken" Adam Rubin. Please check our Facebook page for additional information and cancellations.

A Look Back at 2021

By Chad Edwards
City Manager

2021 was a trying year for all of us. But as we close out the year, we should remember we achieved major accomplishments as a city. In 2021, Shinnston:

- replaced the roof at the Shinnston Pool and made significant improvements to the lighting

- replaced the sidewalk rails by Lincoln High School

- cleared the brush and shrubbery around the basketball court so

it can be seen from the highway

- decommissioned the Lincoln Apartments' wastewater plan and established a collection system for that area in compliance with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection

- replaced several sewer lines throughout town

- put new designer signs throughout the downtown area

- launched a business security camera program to deter crime

- restarted community watch meetings

- paved fourteen streets and alleys

- fixed the roof at the amphitheater and stained the sides

- created new parking spaces for the green space and downtown businesses

The Shinnston Volunteer Fire Department also received a lower ISO rating from the State. We went from being a class 4 city to a class 3 city, a status enjoyed

in the downtown area and restarted community watch meetings

by a mere 15% of the nation's volunteer fire departments. This is big for all of us as it should result in a decrease in our homeowners' insurance policies. It is also a testament to what we can accomplish when we all work together like the City of Shinnston and the Shinnston Volunteer Fire Department did.

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Garden Club Honors Thomas with Scholarship

By Debra Herndon
Shinnston Garden Club
Treasurer

During a meeting of the Shinnston Garden Club Nov. 18, Vice President Wanda Ashcraft read a

resolution proposing that the club give a one-time scholarship to a Lincoln High School student interested in criminal justice in memory of recently departed Tommy Thomas, who was a police

officer in Shinnston and well-liked in the area.

The club met at 1:00 pm at Jimmy's Diner with President Dorothy Rota presiding.

Members accepted the resolution, and the

scholarship will become available to the successful candidate in the amount of \$500.

Holiday-themed door prizes were won by Ashcraft and Paula Harrison.

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old patterns.

But I'll also remind myself that like the earth, I am changing constantly, if imperceptibly. I, too, can make small

changes slowly. A little more sunlight shines every day, then you look outside to find the world in bloom.

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The Bottom Line
By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

In boys basketball action, Bridgeport hosted crosstown rival Robert C. Byrd this past weekend. It proved to be a tale of two halves with the Indians jumping out to a big lead and the Flying Eagles made an impressive comeback. When the dust had finally settled, the Tribe had claimed a 60-48 win, their first home victory in this series since 2017.

Bridgeport came out of the gate red hot from deep. Mitchell Duez led the charge nailing three of the Indians seven three pointers in the opening half. Robert C. Byrd suffered a pair of substantial setbacks early in the affair when guard Braydon Thomason and big man Nathaniel Junkins garnered their second fouls. Their absence for the majority of the first half proved to be a huge factor which enabled Bridgeport

to go on a 17-5 second period run that provided a 34-19 lead. The Flying Eagles started the third frame at full force and with Thomason and Junkins back on the floor, the visitors made their move. Jeremiah King was finally able to focus his efforts on scoring the ball and he collected eight of his teams 18 third quarter points. Robert C. Byrd cut the deficit to two points and had control of the ball in the final segment.

Bridgeport once again got offensive, hitting key shots down the stretch to preserve the hard-fought win. The Tribe was led by Duez (23 points) and Anthony Spataphore (13 points).

The Flying Eagles were led by King's 17 points. Robert C. Byrd will be off until December 27 when they play in a tournament in Lewis County.

The Lincoln girls

basketball team picked up their first win of the season this past week. The Cougars claimed a 72-35 win over Braxton County. Lincoln used strong efforts in the first and third quarters of play to outscore the Eagles 43-10. The Cougars shared the ball well with nine different players finding the scoring column. They were led by Ashlyn Riley's 21 points. Brooklyn Davisson also scored in double digits with 16 points on the night.

Lincoln will compete in a two-day tournament at Doddridge County next week.

Golf's greatest player of all time made his return to the game after a car crash that nearly took his leg. The crash last February had doctors contemplating amputation of his right leg. Woods has since put in lengthy hours of rehab in hopes of returning to the game. His major motivation has been his son, Charlie. It has been one year since Tiger's last competitive round when he and Charlie

paired up in the PNC Championship. It is extremely difficult to tell children "no" when they ask for something that you want as well. That was the case for Tiger when his son wanted him to play in this past weekend's event. Tiger showed flashes of brilliance and made shots that reminded fans of days gone by. It was an early Christmas gift to golf fans that have been looking forward to his return.

Speaking of Christmas, I would like to wish each and every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Always remember that every gift is a blessing and every blessing comes from the man above. Don't take them for granted because they can be gone tomorrow. Take time to appreciate every single one of them no matter the size and if you do, many more are sure to come your way!

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

Harrison County EMS



Athletes of the Week

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 Lincoln's Ashlyn Riley and South Harrison's Corey Boulden.

Cougar basketball player, Ashlyn Riley helped her team to a win over Braxton County. Riley scored a game high 21 points, pulled down four rebounds, and recorded four steals in the victory.

Hawk hoopster, Corey Boulden had a double double (25 points and 15 rebounds) in a win over Gilmer County on Wednesday. Boulden also scored 26 points in Saturday's victory over Moorefield.

Congratulations to Lincoln's Ashlyn Riley and South Harrison's Corey Boulden for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week!

A Time for Family and Friends



From The World Of Parks & Recreation
By Doug Comer

Christmas has always been special to me. As a kid, every Christmas Eve would be spent at my grandparents' house in the North View district of Clarksburg. Just like many of us normally do, we would celebrate with family and friends and on the next day we would open the gifts from Santa. Of course, it is the day of Jesus' birth which is very special to me. And the day prior is equally as important. Let me explain.

As mentioned, on the 24th we would gather round at my grandparents to feast on a wonderful holiday meal consisting of the usual. My maw-maw was an amazing cook and the meal was well worth the 364-day wait. From turkey to the rolls, everything was perfect to me.

Peg Bennett has been one of the most important people in my life. Even though I only knew her for half of my life, those precious years brings back so many memories for me. She lived a block from where I grew up and was always a stopping place on my way home from school or a day playing at the park. There was no better place to be than at their house.

I remember getting to stay overnight as my parents would have a couple's night out. Today, I know why they needed that adult time. So, around dark, I would get dropped off with my favorite pillow and probably a toy to occupy me when needed. But, I never needed it. Her and my grand-daddy would have me play checkers and other activities. The most important time of the evening for them was watching Lawrence Welk and Hee-Haw. Even today, those songs run through my head.

On Sunday morning, she would get me up and dressed for church. After the sermon and the final prayer, I thought the day would be over. Lookout pepperoni rolls and a coke because I am ready to eat! But, it was not. Along the route home she would stop at different homes and visit those who could not make it to church. Always with the church program in hand, she would give a brief synopsis of the sermon and be on her way to the next stop. She was an angel doing God's work.

Later in life, she would be diagnosed with cancer and later succumbed to the disease. One of the most heartbreaking days in my life. It was a great fight, but the man upstairs had her room ready and my granddaddy waiting to see that beautiful face with arms wide open. He was ready to relieve her of the pain and put her in a place of eternal happiness.

I was mad at God for taking her from me and rarely stepped into a church for many years because of that. But, there are times where you come across something and take it as a sign. I learned that I was being selfish for wanting her to live with all the pain and this was the best plan for her to live without it. As soon as I learned and understood the message, the anger lifted from me and I was at peace.

You see, my maw-maw was born on Christmas Eve. The family gatherings was not only for the celebration of the season, but it was for her. To celebrate a real-live Angel. She was always so giving to her family and was a Saint to many outside of the bloodline. I love her for being the person she was and for being the angel on my shoulder today. She will always be in my heart and I wish that my kids had the chance to meet her.

Happy Birthday and know we all still miss and love you.

FSU Student Athlete Featured in National Campaign

Fairmont State News - An opportunity to represent the Fighting Falcons on the volleyball court led junior Amelia Moore to explore Fairmont State University during a recruiting visit three years ago.

"I immediately fell in love with the campus," she said.

But it was more than the institution's cozy atmosphere that sealed the deal for the Mansfield, Ohio native. Moore was looking for an all-inclusive student experience that would allow her to meet new people and hone her athletic prowess while gaining knowledge that would prepare her for a future career; Fairmont State fit that bill. Now,

the [national security and intelligence](#) and [political science](#) double major is just one year from earning her degrees and says she has a lot to show for her time at Fairmont State.

"I have always felt that Fairmont State has been like a second family to me," she said. "President Martin is extremely welcoming, the National Security and Intelligence Program has allowed me to gain more experience than I ever could have expected, and I have created some extremely good friendships through the [volleyball team](#)."

Not only has Moore's experience as a Falcon enabled her to pursue the goals she set for herself as a high school senior, but it has also provided her



FSU student athlete Amelia Moore excels in all areas...education and athletics alike. the chance to grow and explore interests and skillsets she didn't know she had. When Moore first enrolled in a [Spanish](#) course at Fairmont State, it was simply a means to fulfilling her academic program's foreign language requirement. The experience piqued Moore's curiosity, though, and soon she decided to declare a minor in the subject.

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Christmas With a Falcon



For the second year in a row, Fairmont State University's Student Government Association has partnered with Marion County Schools to deliver Christmas gifts to local children and their families through the Christmas with a Falcon sponsorship program. Thanks to generous donations from the campus community, area residents and local organizations, as well as matched dollars from SGA, the program raised \$15,000 to purchase gifts for 125 students across 14 Marion County schools.

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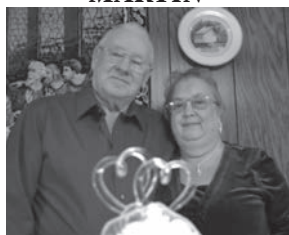
Susan Marie Harris, 57, of Clarksburg passed away December 9 at United Hospital Center with family by her side. She was born December 27, 1963 in Arlington, VA, daughter of the late Ray Okey Hayes Sr and Betty Jean Carle Hayes.

Susan was a homemaker. She enjoyed riding the bus, socializing and never knew a stranger. She loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Susan is survived by three children, Melissa Ann Harris, Clarksburg, Desiree Dawn Harris, Broadway, NC, Joseph Daniel Roberts and Georgeann, Lost Creek; nine grandchildren, Jady, Emma, Jayce, Raven, Chase, Michael, Ty, Troy, Zaedyn; siblings, Judy Ann Modesitta and Tom, Parkersburg, Larry Lee Hayes, Clarksburg, Ray Okey Hayes Jr; Cathy Lee Hayes, Clarksburg, Connie Sue Hayes, Clarksburg, Tammy Sue Blair, West Milford, Roy Allen Hayes and Roberta, Clarksburg, numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Susan was preceded in death by her husband Elton Jerry Harris in 2008 and one sister, Terry Lynn Hayes.

A funeral service was held on December 14 at the chapel of Davis Funeral Home with Pastor Tom Modesitta as officiate. Interment followed at Stonewall Park Cemetery, Stonewood, WV. Online condolences can be at www.davisfuneralhomewv.com. Davis Funeral Home and Onsite Crematory is honored to assist the Harris family.

MARTHA ALICE MARTIN

Martha Alice Martin, 74, of Shinnston, passed away December 15, 2021, at Mon General Hospital. She was born November 27, 1947 in Little Bingham, daughter of the late Kenneth Eugene Luke, Sr. and Julia Darlene (Tucker) Luke.

Martha is survived by her husband of 55 years, Postal Martin; son, Denver E. Martin of Pine Bluff; daughter, Julia E. Martin and fiancé Scott DeLaney of Pine Bluff; granddaughter, Desiree Martin; grandson, Colton E. DeLaney; great granddaughter, Riley Ann Disabatino; sister, Judy D. Martin of Bridgeport and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Kenneth E. Luke, Jr. and sister, Shirley Luke.

Martha was a housewife. She liked to cook, play bingo, make

quilts and go camping. She loved her church family and church community building. Martha was a member of Pine Bluff United Methodist Church.

Martha received her WV Volunteer Home Leadership 50-year pin from CEOS.

A funeral service was held December 20, 2021 at Dorsey Funeral Home with Pastor Harry "Buzzy" Holbert as officiate. Interment followed at Pine Bluff Cemetery.

DENISE MARIE (PERRY) BLACKWELL

Denise Marie (Perry) Blackwell, 67, of Bridgeport, passed away December 15, 2021 at United Hospital Center. She was born December 8, 1954 in Miami, FL to the late Clarence Richard "Dick" Perry and Doris Leah (Eby) Perry.

Denise worked as a cashier at Wal Mart in Clarksburg for 23 years and also worked in bookkeeping at First National Bank in Fairmont for 7 years. She was a loving and caring wife who cared for her husband and family. She loved the Lord and read her daily scripture every day. She loved animals, travelling and especially loved her Wal Mart coworkers.

Denise is survived by her husband, Douglas Blackwell of Bridgeport; daughter, Michelle Blackwell of Worthington; son, Eric Blackwell and wife Katie of Shinnston; two granddaughters, Isabelle Blackwell and Emily DeBorde; grandson, Eli Blackwell; two sisters, Debra Perry of Madison, WI and Diane Martin and husband Fred of Fairmont; brother, Douglas Perry and wife Sylvia of Royersford, PA as well as many nieces and nephews.

Private services were held on December 21, 2021 at Dorsey Funeral Home. Graveside services followed at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery with Pastor Charles Madaus as officiate.

CARMEL GAY SPROUT

Carmel Gay Sprout, 58, of Mannington, passed away unexpectedly December 11, 2021 at her home. She was born February 4, 1963 in

Michigan a daughter of Sandra Kerns White who survives and the late, Michael Fetty.

In addition to her mother, Carmel is survived by her children, Christopher Gooden, Amanda Higginbotham and her husband Benjie, and Ernest Gooden and his companion Kelly Fluharty, all of Mannington; her grandchildren, Austin and Damion McDougal, Corbin Gooden and his girlfriend, Desarey Sadler, Chance and Wyatt Gooden; as well as her brothers, Jeffrey Fetty and his wife Shelly, Joshua Fetty and his wife Trina, and her sister, Melody Arnett.

Carmel was also preceded in death by her brothers, Danny, Mikey, and Matthew Fetty.

She graduated from Lincoln High School and, later in life, went on to graduate as Valedictorian from the WV Junior Business College. For many years, Carmel volunteered her time to the care of special needs children. For over ten years, Carmel was employed by Deepwell Energy Services. She enjoyed taking trips to the beach and walking in the sand. Her most loved time was spent with her children and grandchildren.

The family will hold a private graveside service at Lumberport Lions Club Cemetery. Online memories and condolences can be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com

PATTY L. WORKMAN MATHENY

Patty L. Workman Matheny, 79, of Pine Bluff passed away December 13, 2021 with her family by her side at the Stonerise Healthcare Nursing Center in Bridgeport. She was born November 15, 1942 in Boone County a daughter of the late Floyd and Georgia (Perry) Workman.

On June 19, 2021 Patty was preceded in death by her devoted husband, who was her world, John Julian Matheny Jr. The two were married on December 7, 1965.

Patty is survived by her loving sons, Jim Matheny and his wife Atha of Lost Creek, Bobby Matheny and his wife Kathy of Worthington, and Brent Matheny of Uniontown, PA; 11 grandchildren, Derrick Matheny and his wife Kaitlyn Jones, Dustin Matheny, Amber Matheny and her companion Nick Zupper, Harold "J.R." Jones, Heather Gaskins, Jasmine Gaskins,

Out Of The Past

Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



Christmas card from the Hardesty Family, 1962. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

Brittany Matheny, Alyssa Matheny, Tyler Troutman, Kaitlyn Matheny, and Miles Matheny; her great-grandchildren, Ava Nicole Zupper, Rylee and Raylee Bogo, and Atlas and Apollo Jones, her brothers, Luke Workman, Lindsey Workman, Rufus Workman and his wife Mavis, and Troy Workman; her sisters, Lucy Williams and Betty Workman; brother-in-law, Patrick Lee Matheny; sister-in-law, Diane Lee Matheny; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Patty was preceded in death by her brothers, Dallas Workman, Ted Workman, and Floyd Workman Jr..

Patty was very active in her beloved Pine Bluff Community. She retired from Harrison County Board of Education where she served as a school cook at Wyatt, Liberty, Lincoln and Lumberport schools. Patty was a "jack of all trades". She was known to expertly drive a triaxle dump truck, change a transmission in a car, and even do electrical and plumbing work on her home which she built with her own two hands. Her many abilities have left her three sons with an endless list of memories to tell.

A funeral service was held at Perine Funeral Home December 17 with Pastor Harry "Buzzy" Holbert as officiate. Interment followed at the Pine Bluff Cemetery. Online memories and condolences can be shared with the family at www.perinefunerals.com

WILLIAM "BILL" FRANCIS CATON

William "Bill" Francis Caton, 74, of Clarksburg passed away December 15, 2021 at United Hospital Center with family by his side. Bill was born July 7, 1947 in Washington, DC, the son of the late Lester Gilbert and Betty Lou Leimbach Caton.

Bill worked for City Window Construction as an electrician, plumber and a contractor and whatever was needed for thirty-nine years. He was also a firefighter in Maryland for a few years before moving to WV. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, collecting tools and hats. Bill was a jack of all trades. He loved spending time with family, his four-legged companions, Squeaky, Fuzzy, and Peanut and going to Ritzy Lunch.

Bill is survived by his wife of fifty-two years, Carol Ann Weil Caton whom he married on September 7, 1969; two children, Richard Hickman and Phyllis, Mt Clare, Mary Caton, Anmoore; eight grandchildren, William Pratt and Shelby Eddy, Lester "Cory" Caton and Cassandra, David Ray Pennington and Skylar Brady, Skylar Hickman, Robbie Hickman, Billy Hickman, Josh Hickman, Benjamin Cody Hickman, and Justin Hickman; one great grandson, Alistair Pratt; one sister, Kathleen Ann Osborn and William Page, Waldorf, MD; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his

parents, Bill was preceded in death by one son, Robert Hickman and one grandson, Ryan Hickman.

Davis Funeral Home and Onsite Crematory is handling the cremation and honored to serve the Caton Family. Online condolences can be made to [Davisfuneralhomewv.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomewv.com). In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to his Care Fund on his memorial page.

VIOLET ROSE REICH STACKPOLE

Violet Rose Reich Stackpole, of Clarksburg, departed this life to her Heavenly Home December 16, 2021 at Bridgeport Healthcare. She was born on December 17, 1932 in Bridgeport, daughter of the late A.G.T. Reich and Virginia Mae Loar Ferguson Reich Shaw.

Violet was married for sixty-one years to her late husband, George R. Stackpole, who preceded her in death in 2011. She graduated from Bridgeport High School in 1950. She retired from Eagle Convex Glass in 1982 after many years of service. In her later years, she worked as a caregiver not only to family, but friends as well. She was a homemaker who enjoyed gardening and canning. Violet often kept beautiful flower beds. She was an avid reader. Violet's favorite activity was family time and spending time with her grandchildren.

Her gift of poetry was shared with many friends and churches. Violet even had some poetry

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Pomegranate Glazed Pork

Submitted By Debra Smith

Christmas is far and away my favorite holiday. I love everything about it, but mostly, I love having family and friends gathered, and sharing traditions.

Ingredients

- One 6 to 7 pound rib bone-in center cut pork loin, chine bone removed
2 carrots, halved lengthwise
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

Remove the pork roast from the refrigerator 30 minutes before cooking.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Place the rack on the lower middle section of the oven. Place the carrot halves on the bottom of a small roasting pan and set aside.

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I've had some really great professors who inspired me to want to learn more about the world around me," she said. "Spanish is a great way to study a different culture while learning a new language."

of new experiences. That attitude fits in perfectly at Fairmont State, where we match our students' hard work and goals with opportunities, and help make their dreams come true."

Girl Scouts Spread Holiday Cheer

BRIDGEPORT, W.Va.—Does the "Most Wonderful Time of the Year" have you feeling stressed? Area Girl Scouts of Black Diamond helped area residents this week.

Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council serves nearly 8,000 girls in 61 counties in West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio and Maryland.

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Good Health Guide

Words of Wellness
 By Jill Fratto
 Life and Health Coach
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Rebuilding

Our world has changed significantly in the past two years. It hasn't all been bad — I like to say there are two sides of the COVID-19 coin. For a while, I heard people talk about “going back to normal” but we are slowly learning that we aren't going back to exactly the way things were before the pandemic. Too many things have changed:

the way we interact, perceive, and respond. We must learn from this experience and use it to be resilient and to rebuild. It's the holiday season and soon to be another new year. Some have lost more than others, but we are all learning to accept the new normal. It feels like that new normal is coming with constant change:

hurdles thrown in our path to help us learn to embrace change and live through difficult situations. For many, it has increased fear and anxiety. Many are always waiting for the other shoe to drop. As a human race, we are strong and resilient. We can rebuild our social and physical structures and our expectations. To rebuild, we must dig deep and find our

strength and courage. What are your hopes and dreams for the holidays and for 2022? What has changed that creates new opportunities for learning and growing? Opportunity is still all around us; it just may have a new form. To see it, we must change the way we look at other people, situations, and ways of living. We have to open ourselves to new

possibilities as we forge ahead. Anything worth doing is hard and usually has fear attached to it. Use the holidays to let go of the past, hold the lessons we have gained, and give thanks for the abundance that surrounds us. We are still on the edge of our comfort zones, but abundance is possible for everyone. I keep thinking about so

many of our brothers and sisters who have lost their homes and communities because of the recent devastating tornado in the south. Send love to others; help your friends and neighbors; remember that we are strong and connected. Wishing you a joyful holiday and a new year filled with good health and happiness.

Long Term Care industry urges Americans to get vaccinated/boosted to protect Seniors against Omicron

Submitted by the American Health Care Association

With the holiday season well underway and the new Omicron variant emerging across the United States, it is critical that members of public do their part to minimize the spread of COVID-19 to protect themselves and our nation's most vulnerable citizens — long term care residents.

The latest data released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows the progress nursing homes are

making with vaccination efforts, including administering booster shots to residents and staff. As of December 5, 87 percent of residents and 79 percent of staff are fully vaccinated. Of those fully vaccinated, 51 percent of residents and 22 percent have received their booster shot or an additional primary dose. Industry leaders anticipate it may take until the end of December to see the majority of nursing homes complete an on-site booster clinic. However, ongoing access to the vaccines

will be necessary for new patients and initially hesitant individuals.

High vaccination rates in long term care are key in protecting residents and staff from the ongoing global pandemic. However, vaccinations in long term care alone cannot fully prevent outbreaks in these congregate facilities. Independent research from experts has consistently shown that community spread is the top indicator for outbreaks in nursing homes, including among staff members. Breakthrough

infections may become more common as new, more contagious variants like Omicron circulate in surrounding communities, eventually finding their way into long term care facilities. The federal government does not allow nursing homes to require that visitors be vaccinated to enter the property. Therefore, the industry is encouraging all Americans to help curb the spread of the virus and minimize possible outbreaks in long term care.

“We need members of the public to protect their elderly or

immunocompromised parents, grandparents, and friends this holiday season,” said Dr. David Gifford, chief medical officer for the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL). “If you haven't gotten vaccinated or your booster shot yet, now is the time to roll up your sleeve. These safe and effective vaccines are all the more important in the face of Omicron and as we head indoors to gather with family and friends. Even if you're not worried about getting sick

from COVID, you can still pass the virus onto others, including someone who lives or works in a nursing home. Get vaccinated and follow the advice of your local health officials to prevent the spread of COVID. The holiday season is about spending time with the ones you love—let's do it safely.”

Last year, AHCA/NCAL launched the #GetVaccinated campaign to encourage vaccine uptake among residents and staff, as well as members of the public.



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As we progress towards flu season, it is important to realize the need for vaccination—especially to the vulnerable age groups. This includes any child 6 months and older as well as the elderly over 65 and anyone who is immunocompromised. Some simple tips to help prevent the spread of the influenza virus beyond vaccinating include covering your cough or sneeze appropriately and proper hand washing. In addition, if you feel ill, you should stay home and avoid contact with other individuals to prevent the spread of infection. If you have not received your influenza vaccine for this flu season, please contact MVA in Shinnston today so you can get immunized.

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Woman's Club Hears From VISTA Volunteer



Jon Olsen, AmeriCorps VISTA member, speaks to Woman's Club members Nov. 16. Olsen, who is departing this month, worked with Shinnston officials on the Shinnston Community Garden. Submitted photo.

By Debra Herndon
Woman's Club
President

The Woman's Club of Shinnston met Nov. 16 at the Clubhouse. President Debra Herndon presented devotions in keeping with Thanksgiving and encouraging an attitude of gratitude. Herndon introduced the guest speaker, Jon Olsen, the departing AmeriCorps VISTA representative with the City of Shinnston. Olsen spoke of his background and the formulation and purpose of the AmeriCorps program.

Olsen provided a three-page

handout detailing his work with the city in building volunteerism – his successes and challenges alike. One success was the restart of the Shinnston Community Garden, which resulted in 151 pounds of food for the Lord's Pantry. The garden has also received a grant for its continued development.

Olsen will finish his commitment to the program at the end of December, but he has developed a roadmap for the next vista, so the work with local volunteers can continue. City Manager Chad Edwards was present and had high praise for the work Olsen

has done. In a short business meeting, members decided to cancel the January, February and March meetings and plan to meet in June, July and August (months the club normally is inactive). It was reported that the Lions Club would be meeting at the Clubhouse during the winter.

Those present not previously mentioned were: Kathleen Panek, Deborah Starkey, Mary Ann Spadafore and Viviane Spagnuolo.

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published. When her children were growing up, she was very involved in their lives; from PTA, being a Girl Scout Leader, chaperoning school dances and trips with the patrols to Washington D.C. Some of the most cherished memories were made with family vacations on the Eastern Shore. Violet was also instrumental in getting #78 F.O.P.

Ladies Auxiliary started locally. She served as President as well as held other offices over the years. As a member of Freedom Baptist Church of Nutter Fort, she enjoyed participating in Mission Trips with fellow members. However, Violet's most treasured role was “Grandma” and was fondly called “G.G.” by the little ones. Violet will be remembered

by her many nieces and nephews for her hospitality and open door to her home.

Violet is survived by two daughters, Cathy Coffman Allman and husband, Steve and Brenda Thomas and husband, David, all of Clarksburg; four grandchildren, George Ray Coffman of

Shinnston, Diana Kay Coffman Riffle Potter of Jane Lew, David Scott Thomas of Clarksburg, and Carrie Thomas Yocco of Bridgeport; eight great grandchildren, Jonathan Coffman, Justin Coffman, Zackary Riffle, Alexis Riffle Chandler, Alivia Thomas, Tucker Thomas, Giana Grace Yocco, and Kiersten Ann Swiger; two

great great grandchildren, Ellayna Grace Coffman and Wyatt Dewayne Chandler.

Violet was the last surviving member of her immediate family. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by five brothers, Perry Ferguson II, James Ferguson, John Ferguson, Charles Reich,

and Thurman Reich; as well as three sisters, Grace Ferguson Swiger, Helen Ferguson Queen, and Betty Ferguson Detamore.

A Private Graveside Service will be held at Sunset Memorial Park in Clarksburg. Online condolences can be made to Davis Funeral Home WV.com

“Council”

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officials will have to approach county officials about the use of the funds.

They discussed whether Harrison County officials would be able to deny the request. Edwards said he didn't expect county officials to turn down the request, but if so, they could revisit the subject next month.

American Rescue Plan Act funds directed to cities and counties are to be used for broadband, sewer or water infrastructure projects, extra pay for workers who've responded to the pandemic, and COVID-19 relief.

Mayor Patrick Kovalck said he believed the purchase should count as an infrastructure investment, since it would help keep storm drains from getting clogged.

Vice-Mayor Andrew Kisamore said city officials had discussed the need for a street sweeper for four years.

According to Edwards' city manager's report, the city is repairing Water Street, where a ruptured sewer line created erosion.

Also according to his report, the

Sanitary Board met Dec. 2 with Harrison County officials to discuss expanding the sewer system to take in Owings, Bethlehem, Willard, portions of Saltwell Road, and Haywood. In other business, councilmembers:

Thanked Anthony Tate, Shinnston economic development coordinator, for his work. Tate said he'll be leaving after the first of the year for a job with a health clinic.

Selected two representatives, Kovalck and Rodney Strait, to work with two representatives from Lumberport as the advisory council for a project: potentially selling water to Lumberport.

Appointed four people to the Shinnston Development Authority: Jason Martin, Shannon Keller, Andrew Minigh, and Maria Cusack.

Met in executive session to discuss personnel and property issues.

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