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First Lumberport Fest a "Little Reunion

Shannon Lopez, left, helps six-year-old Bradon Hanna make "snow" during Lumberport Fest Saturday. Jacee Crone, 9, looks on behind Bradon. Lopez organized the event, the first of its kind in Lumberport. Photo by Erin Beck.

By Erin Beck

Editor

Lumberport — Rainy weather didn't keep people from Lumberport and nearby areas from attending a Christmas

festival Saturday.

Attendees vendors inside the old s'mores. fire department building during

Outside, they lined up Key Club community the reindeer, Jones said. along the street to listen service group from

to performers while Lincoln High School organizer Shannon Lopez,

bought children wrote letters helped with the Letters to Lumberport Fest, set up food and crafts from to Santa and toasted Santa station. Children a snowmaking station. made "reindeer food" Children made mock who was there with Rebecca Jones and from oats and glitter — snow from baking soda her 6-year-old greatdrizzle. three members of the the glitter was to attract and shaving cream and nephew Bradon Hann, formed it into snowmen. appreciated it.

Saturday

of Lumberport's festival. holiday Beatrice

"I hope they continue

VISTA Volunteer Plants Seeds of Service



Jon Olsen, AmeriCorps VISTA

By Dawn Hensil

Staff Writer

The City of Shinnston's AmeriCorps **VISTA** member, Jon Olsen, helped build a new Shinnston Community Garden during his time in service over the past fourteen months. He hopes the garden will continue to grow — in size and community effort — after he leaves later this month.

"The garden has been one of the proudest things that I have done, and I am very lucky to have had this

experience," he stated, Thailand. in an interview.

members help local program nonprofits, build their capacity to fight poverty, including through volunteer recruitment, fundraising, writing, and research, according to the AmeriCorps website. The VISTA program (Volunteers in Service to America) began in 1964. AmeriCorps, a federal agency, refers to its VISTA participants as program members.

Shinnston's AmeriCorps **VISTA** member, Olsen, was a teacher and a resident of Virginia. For nine years he taught children speak English in

Olsen said he turned AmeriCorps VISTA his focus to the VISTA after organizations, including sister began working public agencies and with them out of New York. He filled out an application and chose a location that was closer to his home. That led grant him to Shinnston.

His original contract was for twelve months, but he applied for an extension to stay for an additional two months.

Olsen's focus was beautification and attracting more volunteers to the city. His largest project was the community garden.

Olsen said that some years ago, Shinnston its community lost garden. Over the past year, he worked with other organizers to

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Lions Look Out for Kids' Vision Problems

By Erin Beck

Editor

Some Shinnston sixth graders may start doing better in school, be less likely to get hurt, and feel more comfortable and confident playing sports and games with their friends, thanks in part to the Shinnston Lions Club.

That's because last week, the club offered free vision screenings to more than 100 sixth graders Lincoln Middle School — and because poor eyesight makes it harder for kids

to participate in normal activities.

David Minor, president of the club, the Shinnston Lions Club offers eye exams to Big Elm Elementary School and Lincoln Middle School each year.

Members used the "Spot" electronic device, which quickly scans for signs of vision problems.

"It's close enough to know whether they need to see an eye doctor or not," Minor said. "It gives them a



A member of the Shinnston Lions Club conducts a free vision screening for a Lincoln Middle School student on Dec. 7. A similar event will be held at Big Elm Elementary School in the new year. Submitted photo. **Continued on Page 4**

Webster Springs, WV



Building **Amazing Cities**

By JIM HUNT

author, speaker, consultant

West Virginia, I had opportunity to visit the county seat of Webster County to attend a meeting of the Webster County Commission. Addison is the incorporated name for the town, but it is more commonly known as Webster Springs. My traveling buddy, Bobby works Monroe, for DataMax, a company that helps cities and counties recover revenue and we presented our program to the County Commission.

Bobby is from North Carolina and visits West Virginia several times each week. He remarked that the road from I-79 to Webster Springs was one of the curviest roads he has traveled in many years. The road gives you some idea of why they refer to "Wild, Wonderful, West Virginia" as one of the most beautiful states in the country. Peaceful streams flow

continuing along the roadway with throughout rhododendron, the West Virginia state flower, growing on the rocky outcroppings. As approached Webster Springs, we could see it far down in the valley. It reminded me of my visits to the Alps in Switzerland, as you look down and see the sleepy little villages nestled far below.

Webster Springs is a town of about 800 residents and has a nice downtown with several shops and cafes. The town was famous in the late 19th and early 20th centuries for its numerous salt sulfur water wells that people believed had medicinal qualities. In 1897, Senator Johnson Newlon Camden built a 265-room hotel that was larger than the famous Greenbrier hotel in White Sulphur Springs and was the largest wood frame hotel in West Virginia. The hotel was known far and wide and attracted people from throughout Continued on Page 3

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Erin Beck: It's OK to Avoid the Consumerism

It always seems antithetical to me that during the season in which we long for rest, we are bombarded with directives to shop to excess and dress to impress. They say the holidays are about giving to others. But companies have long used their knowledge of human desire for acceptance and connection to tempt us to consume more, even buying for ourselves, this time of year.

The shiny ads and displays, the upbeat music, the cinnamon and pine-scented candles, the new, often sequined and glittery eye-catching styles of clothing dropped just in time for Christmas shopping season - every year, it tempts me to resist that urge to retreat. The theme is attentiongrabbing and exhibition, instead.

As the sun goes down earlier, I feel pressure to spend dark evenings in brightly lit stores. And as I've grown more reliant on the Internet and social media, the people I follow on Instagram and other social media sites are less likely to be people I know and more likely to be corporations and business owners trying to sell me something.

I think it's natural to feel a sense of scarcity when everywhere you look, companies are promoting excess. It also might be a particularly effective message this time of year, when it's cold and can be lonely. But historically, we've spent the spring, summer and fall sowing and harvesting all the abundance we need to prepare for cold days spent

As I scroll Instagram though, it can be hard to remind myself that I'm enough as is, and I don't need to accumulate any more clothes or home furnishings to demonstrate value to anyone.

As you're barraged with some of the same messaging this holiday season, I hope it's helpful to know you aren't the only one experiencing some of these feelings, and that it's actually part of a calculated effort to influence your spending this time of year. I know the items that seem like musthaves right now won't seem so mesmerizing in a few months. And for those of you more concerned with gift-giving, I've seen kids get just as excited when an aunt or uncle hands them a \$10 bill for a

It's OK to stop scrolling, to avoid stores as much as possible, and to directly ask loved ones what they'd like for Christmas. It's OK to rest and recharge and not to worry about appearances. You are enough. And with the constant push to consume this time of year, it's also OK if you have to keep reminding yourself of that.

Erin Beck is the editor of the Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal.

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This Week in West Virginia History

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history.

Dec. 16, 1893: Alexander Martin

died at the age of 71 in Greencastle, Indiana. Martin was the first president of the Agricultural College of West Virginia, which was renamed West Virginia University at his recommendation in 1868.

Dec. 17, **1957**: The J. L. Stifel & Sons calico plant at Wheeling closed. For most of its history Stifel & Sons produced indigo-dyed prints and drills for clothing manufacturers. At

its peak, the plant

produced 3.5 million yards of cloth per month. Dec. 18, 1842:

U. S. Senator Nathan B. Scott was born. Scott rose to become one of West Virginia's four richest and most powerful men by 1900. Dec. 18, 1864:

General Harry Hill Bandholtz was born in Michigan. Bandholtz was commander of the federal troops that intervened to end the West Virginia Mine Wars in 1921. Dec. 18, 1816: Lewis County

named for Colonel Charles Lewis, killed at the Battle of Point Pleasant. Dec. 19, 1794: A 40-acre

tract of George

was formed. It was

Clendenin's land was selected as the site of Charlestown, later renamed Charleston. Clendenin, born in Augusta County, Virginia, in 1746, was one of the first settlers in the Kanawha Valley. Through Clendenin's influence the Virginia Assembly authorized the formation of Kanawha County from parts of Greenbrier and Montgomery counties in 1789. Dec. 19, 1832:

The town of Ripley received its charter. It was probably named for Harry Ripley, a popular, circuit-

riding Methodist minister who drowned in Mill Creek in 1830. Dec. 20, 1943:

German fighter pilot

the heavily damaged B-17 bomber flown by Charlie Brown as it made its way from enemy territory back to England. The two war veterans met in 1990 and remained friends until their deaths. Dec. 20, 2002:

Grote Reber died. In 1937, Reber built the world's first parabolic radio telescope in his backyard. The Reber Telescope was moved to the National Radio Observatory at Green Bank in the 1960s and was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1989. Dec. 21,

1798: Wood County was established by the Virginia General Assembly. It was

named for James

Franz Stigler protected Wood, governor of Continued on page 3

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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).

VA NURSING JOB FAIR

The Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center will host a Nursing Job Fair in their main entrance lobby, Dec. 18, 9 a.m. -3 p.m. for RN, LPN and CNA. Contact Nurse Recruiter Ashton Carder, RN 304-266-7774 ashton.carder@va.gov Email resumes to: vhaclanursing@recruitment.va.gov

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY 31 **MEETING**

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31 monthly meeting is scheduled for Dec. 16 at Covered dish dinner/Chinese gift exchange followed by meeting at 7 p.m. Bring covered dish/ gift for exchange.

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.

AMERICAN LEGION CHRISTMAS PARTY

The American Legion Post 31 family annual children's Christmas party for children of Post 31 family members will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the American Legion Bridge Street location. Please bring your little ones out to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus.

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the country to enjoy the Turkish, Russian and steam baths. Unfortunately, on the night of July 20, 1925, the hotel caught fire and burned to the ground. It was said that the sky was a bright red color up to 19 miles away.

When we attended the Webster County Commission meeting, I mentioned to the Commissioners that the two things I knew about Webster County were the Custard Stand that was on the television show. Shark Tank a few years ago, and the lumberjacking Cogar family. I was surprised to find out that County Commissioner Anna Carpenter's daughter is the owner of the Custard Stand. She also let me know that Arlen Cogar, Sr., the famous wood chopper, had passed away at the age of 87, just a few weeks before our visit. Mr. Cogar was named "West Virginian of the Year" in 1994 and had cut down Christmas trees for President John F. Kennedy and President Jimmy Carter. He was a resident of Webster County his entire life and traveled throughout the world to wood chopping competitions.

Naturally, we had to stop at the Custard Stand on Main Street to consume some of their famous hot dogs and they didn't disappoint. The restaurant is neat and clean and has several tables and booths for eating in. I ordered two hot dogs with everything, and they were heaped high with relish and chili. Bobby had two hot dogs and fries and before we left, he ordered one more. We thanked the two young ladies at the counter

and got in our car for the ride back to I-79. If you are looking for a fun place to visit for a day or a weekend, Webster Springs is a great choice. It retains a lot of the charm from many years ago and has a natural beauty that is hard to beat. And don't forget

to stop and have a few hot dogs before heading home!

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to have it next year," they hadn't seen in she said. "It's good for some time. the kids."

Shinnston

Lopez said organization the event including "since COVID has been around for the on Main Street. last year and a half, holiday."

She said local people event next year.

were running into friends

Harrison County

Olivia Spino sang she seasonal songs, "Let Snow," for onlookers

"We need to make for everybody to kind the snow to get rid of of get together again all this rain," Lopez as a community and said to one of the kids. just celebrate a nice "Don't we need a white Christmas?"

Even so, Lopez said were already talking the crowd had been about holding a similar steady. Dozens of people were there at "It's kind of like a about 5 p.m. The event little reunion as well," started at 1 p.m., and a she said. She noted parade was scheduled also for 6 p.m.



Hallie Lasure, 8, mails a letter to Santa during **Lumberport Fest Saturday. Lincoln High School** Key Club members volunteered at the letterwriting station. Photo by Erin Beck.

VISTA"

bring the could make use of it.

garden is used to The supply Pantry will go to the pantry.

raised beds to rent out to more information. individuals who There are five raised Community beds available. Five Warrior's spring, he said.

have done more, but evenings. he was still extremely proud of what the owner small group of volunteers was able to produce.

Olsen said Try This reads:

garden a \$3,000 grant to help His goal was fund the community to expand the garden garden. Try This WV so that more citizens is focused on health and wellness in the A portion of the state of West Virginia.

He said Walmart Lord's donated lumber for fresh the project and the produce for those in local Boy Scouts have During this committed to building year alone, the garden the raised beds. Rent produced 151 pounds for the raised beds of produce. He hopes will be \$15 a year. that as the garden Anyone who would be grows, more produce interested in renting a raised garden bed He also worked to can call the city office garden at 304-592-2126 for

Olsen has would like to grow been working on a their own produce. live nativity at the Garden. Chapel beds will be built this donated and built the manger, he said. Live Olsen said that he nativity scenes will would have loved to take place on Friday

Kim Southern, of the Shinnston Subway, donated a new sign for the garden, which "Shinnston WV awarded the group Community Garden"

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Lee Reger Builds workers put up the new Shinnston Community Garden sign. Submitted photo.

"Lee Vision Continues."

whose husband Lee fruit. originally started the

leave a blueprint for the Dec. 22.

Reger's Community Garden so that it can continue to Olsen wanted to expand. He suggested thank others for their that in the future, involvement, including volunteers could plant Kathleen Panek for all fruit trees, available for her tireless work, as anyone walking down well as Beth Nuzum. the street to be able He said Phillis Reger, to stop and pick some

Olsen plans to garden, is thrilled to see stay in touch after his his vision and memory time with Shinnston is over. His time with He is working to Shinnston ends on



"This Week in History"

Virginia from 1796 to 1800.

Dec. 22,

1928: Radio station WMMN of Fairmont began operations as one of West Virginia's pioneer stations. For nearly two decades

beginning in 1935, WMMN was an important outlet for country and western music performers. The highlight of this era was the "Sagebrush Roundup," a Saturday-night liveaudience show which

began in December 1938 and was broadcast weekly for nearly ten years.

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The Clarksburg Holiday Parade was a **Huge Success**



Hats off to the Clarksburg Visitors Bureau on the success of their holiday parade. along with other members of the Progressive Women's Association, participated in order to reintroduce ourselves under our new Also participating were the young women and men who are a part of our organization.

We were near the end of the parade lineup but once we got moving it was a great experience. Our group was in a red Hummer and Mary Childers and I walked, passing out candy to the bystanders. Immediately behind us was Laura Goff Davis with one of the little ponies that seemed to be one of the hits of the parade. A very well-behaved animal, he went from one side of the street to the other interacting with the children. Then behind them was a float where our young members rode; they decorated it prior to the parade.

I have participated in other parades but the surprising thing to me was the large crowd. They were two to three deep and even more along the route. There was a lot of excitement

and it created a lot of Christmas spirit in me. During this time with the affected economy and the pandemic, I truly hope that this gave all of us the boost we need to have a happy

An issue that I want to address this week is gift giving. When someone asks 'what you want or need' and then follows it with, 'well let's just don't exchange gifts', my opinion is that this is just a lazy excuse. Sure, there are a lot of people who are hard to shop for, but with a little effort you can come up with a thoughtful gift. How about an enlarged framed family photo, a nice scarf, a pair of gloves, a nice purse or some bubble bath and lotion. Put your thinking cap on and do not be a 'lazy gift giver'.

This year, each family will have to address the issue of family gatherings and plan according to their interpretation of pandemic guidelines. If you have a large area, then invite all your family members; if not, have them come and go so that you can spend some time with most of them. I cannot truly believe that any parent really wants to spend the day alone. That excuse will only make it easier on them, not you. Do not fall for it.

There is still time to address these situations and come up with a solution. Make plans to enjoy the holiday as though it might be your last, and perhaps it just might be.

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

Happy 52 Wedding Anniversary to Bill & Donna Richards



Pine Bluff News

basketball. In the office, the computer on split screen with two football games playing all the WVU basketball game, I was watching it on the computer screen and listening to Tony young folks out there, I wouldn't recommend without trying this takes years of practice. Whenever a would get really serious, I'd watch it on the big screen in the living room. Those room moves also doubled as my daily exercise regimen.

Sunday Santana and Andrew stopped by.

Saturday, I spent the and I watched football whole day and evening while Santana did some watching football and house cleaning...good girl. While they were I had the TV beside here, #3 Shane stopped in to visit. It was a nice afternoon.

Monday, I did some time; plus, during the shopping in town. While in Price Cutters, it was nice running into Kenny McCoy of Peora. I swear, he keeps getting Caridi call the game on younger every time I see sports delay radio while him. Kenny's late dad, still keeping up with the Basil, was a big man football games. For you and he could do Yabba-Dabba-Doo better than Fred Flintstone.

> Wednesday, supervision...it weather was kind of nippy outside, so, I game finally broke out a winter coat. After starting the Ranger by remote (Greatest invention ever) and letting her heat up, I made a trip to Walmart on Bridgeport Hill. I'm afternoon, starting to figure out where things are. It was Andrew a nice experience except

that definitely needs a front-end alignment. At checkout (With a real Richards of Big Isaac Road near Turtletree Fork (God's country). We started shooting

the breeze while he was waiting on his wife, Donna, to get her hair done. He asked me if I knew where I was 27 years ago today? I told him I didn't have the faintest idea. He said, "You and Susie, Brother John and Patty, Cousin Johnny Matheny and Sheila, Charlie Winans his wife were Donna helping me celebrate our 25th Wedding Anniversary at a Steakhouse on Bridgeport Hill." Then, it dawned on me.

For little background, back in the 80s/90s, our little group would hang out together at car shows, cruise-ins, and restaurants with our old cars. So, when Bill asked Donna what she wanted for their 25th anniversary, she said that she wanted to take our friends out for a nice

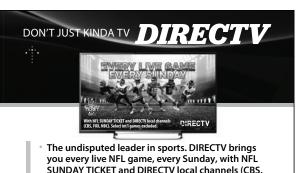
for the squirrelly buggy dinner and celebrate with them. That shows you what kind of nice people they are. I remember live person), I did run everyone had a great into my old friend Bill time and I don't think anyone got a ticket for peeling out, speeding, or loud pipes on the way home. So, Happy 52nd Wedding Anniversary to both.

> evening One week, I put the three Christmas trees up in the front windows of the living room. This little project took longer than I anticipated. After dragging the boxes out of the closet, I had to de-box trees and then spread out the limbs (Which took the longest) and place each tree in its stand and then plug in the lights. Because I had to maneuver some things around to set the trees on. it took forty-five minutes to accomplish...I was figuring thirty minutes tops. I guess I'm getting older. BTW, the fiber option trees are thirtytwo inches high...two green and one silver.

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

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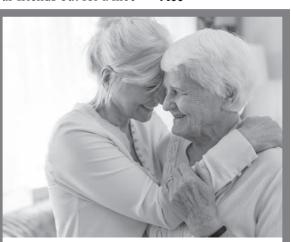
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general idea that their staff. student may be having some trouble."

Dec. 7, school officials notified guardians that 13 kids should follow up with eye doctors for more comprehensive exams.

Kids with vision problems have work harder to learn. and may experience eyestrain, headaches and fatigue, the American Optometric Association states. Early detection is important.

Meanwhile, kids may not say anything because they assume everyone sees the world with the same struggle.

Some kids at the screening event were nervous, while others were excited, according to Minor

"A lot of them don't know what to expect," he said. "Some of them are happy to have it done. But mostly they enjoy having it done because it gets them out of class and they get to associate with different people."

The event also gave kids a chance to see a volunteer group of adults working in service.

Minor said the Lions Club will hold a similar event at Big Elm Elementary during the second half of the school year.

The club worked in collaboration with Harrison schools nursing

The Lions Club also helps people with vision Following testing on problems in other ways. Adults and children in need may contact the group for an application, and those who qualify for financial assistance receive eyeglasses. The Lions Club has a standing arrangement with Dr. Robert Powelson, an optometrist in Shinnston, for that service.

> They also have an eyeglasses recycling drop box at the Price Cutter. According to the Lions Club International website, that effort is part of a global project to provide corrective lenses to people who lack access to basic eye care services, while simultaneously minimizing landfill waste.

The club raises money through mop and broom sales, breakfasts and other efforts, Minor said.

According to Lions Club International website, Helen Keller inspired the group to advocate for the blind and those with other visual impairments in 1925.

THE ONLY THING **WORSE THAN** BEING BLIND IS HAVING SIGHT BUT NO VISION." -HELEN KELLER









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Bridgeport, WV—As families prepare for the holidays, it is a great time to share safety tips for holiday decorating, cooking, and toys. "This is the season for celebrating with family, friends and loved ones, but consumers need to be aware of possible dangers, from Christmas trees, candles, or cooking fires to unsafe toys so that we can enjoy the holidays hazard free," said Whitney Courtney, DO, family medicine physician and faculty at UHC Family Medicine.

The statistics below help to support the safety tips included. I hope you have a Home-Safe-Home holiday season.





Children typically have a lot of fun playing with their toys. Especially this time of year. I want to emphasize that injuries can occur as a result of playing with a toy. Most injuries from toys are minor cuts, scrapes, and bruises. However, toys can also cause serious injury or even death. This happens when toys are dangerous or used in the wrong manner.

WHEN SELECTING THE RIGHT TOY, HOW IMPORTANT IS AGE WITH REGARD TO SAFETY?

When purchasing a toy is important to keep age appropriateness as a priority. You do not want to buy a toy that is meant for a five year old and give it to a two year old. Age recommendations on toys can be helpful, because these guidelines offer:

- The safety of the toy (for example, if there any possible choking hazards)
- The ability of a child to play with the toy
- The ability of a child to understand how to use a toy
- · The needs and interests at various levels of a child's development

WHAT ARE SOME OTHER TIPS TO CONSIDER WHEN MAKING THE RIGHT TOY PURCHASE?

Here are tips to help you choose safe and appropriate toys for your child.

- Read the label. Warning labels give important information about how to use a toy and at what age range the toy is safe. Be sure to show your child how to use the toy the right way.
- Think LARGE. Make sure all toys and parts are larger than your child's mouth to prevent choking.
- Avoid toys that shoot objects into the air. They can cause serious eye injuries or choking.
- Avoid toys that are loud to prevent damage to your child's hearing. Look for stuffed toys that are well made. Make sure all the parts are on tight and seams and edges are secure. It should also be machine washable. Take off any loose ribbons or strings to avoid strangulation. Avoid toys that have small bean-like pellets or stuffing that can cause choking or suffocation if swallowed.
- Buy plastic toys that are sturdy. Toys made from thin plastic may break easily
- Avoid toys with toxic materials that could cause poisoning. Make sure the label says "nontoxic."
- Avoid hobby kits and chemistry sets for any child younger than 12
 years. Those can cause fires or explosions and may contain dangerous
 chemicals. Make sure your older child knows how to safely handle these
 kinds of toys.
- Electric toys should be "UL Approved." Check the label to be sure.
- Be careful when buying crib toys. Soft objects, loose bedding, or any objects that could increase the risk of entrapment, suffocation, or strangulation should be kept out of the crib. Any hanging crib toy (mobiles, crib gyms) should be out of the baby's reach and must be removed when your baby first begins to push up on his or her hands and knees or when the baby is five months old, whichever occurs first. These toys can strangle a baby.





KITCHEN DURING THE HOLIDAYS?

Four times the average number of cooking fires occur during the holidays than on any other days of the year. Also, in the last two decades, there were 218 fires or scald/burn incidents involving turkey fryers, resulting in 81 injuries and \$9.7 million in property loss. Remember, only fry a turkey outside

and away from your home –not inside your garage or on your porch. Do not overfill the oil in the turkey fryer.

DO YOU RECOMMEND THAT CHILDREN BE INVOLVED IN THE

Keep children away from the cooking area, and keep flammable items like potholders and paper or plastic bags away from the stove and oven. Prevent spills with pot handles as toddlers love to reach.

Only engage older children in cooking. This teaches responsibility and safety. It is important that children learn to never leave the kitchen while using the stove or oven. Wearing oven mitts or using potholders to remove items from the oven or stove is a must. This is a great time to teach older children how to operate the microwave.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT BIT OF ADVICE THAT YOU WOULD GIVE TO THOSE WHO WILL BE PREPARING A HOLIDAY

I recommend that you never leave the kitchen while using the stove or oven. It is also important to always keep emergency numbers handy for ease of access. You never know when you may need to call for help.



FEAST IN THE KITCHEN?

WHAT IS THE RESULTS OF NOT OBEYING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WITH REGARD TO HOLIDAY DECORATING?

Each year we see nearly \$50 million in property damage during the holidays. On average, there are about 200 decorating-related injuries each day of the holiday season, with the majority of the incidents involving falls. Using the most recent statistics available, approximately 18,100 people were treated in emergency rooms and five deaths occurred due to holiday decorating-related injuries.

THE TREE TENDS TO BE THE FOCAL POINT WHEN IT COMES TO DECORATIONS. TELLS US WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER, HERE?

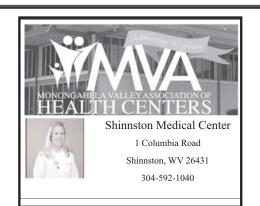
It is important to know that we typically see 100 Christmas tree fires annually. Make sure your live Christmas tree has plenty of water, and look for the "Fire Resistant" label when buying an artificial tree. Only use lights tested for safety by a national recognized testing laboratory. Throw out sets with broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Decorate your tree with your children in mind by making room at the bottom of your tree for ornaments that are safer for young children.

9 WHAT ARE OTHER DECORATING DANGERS THAT WE MAY NOT READILY THINK ABOUT WHEN DECKING THE HALLS?

Typically we see 1,100 candle fires during the holidays. That is why you want to place burning candles in sight, away from flammable items, and blow them out before leaving the room. Make a habit of placing matches and lighters in a safe place, out of children's reach. Avoid novelty lighters or lighters that look like toys.

Also, plants can spruce up your holiday decorating, but keep those that may be poisonous out of reach of children or pets. These include mistletoe berries, holly berry, and Jerusalem cherry. In a poison emergency, call the national Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222.





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WVU Is Going Bowling and Bowling Over a Top Team!



The Bottom Line **By Bill Nestor** Sports Editor

It was West when the Virginia football team earned its big win of the season. victory bowl eligible as they

games. those on Mountaineer now. Nation's wish list but Minnesota's you haven't heard of meant to protect the programs (which have

November innocent, but rather to obtain funding to keep the venue intact. Prior to being the Guaranteed The Rate Bowl, it was the Mountaineers squeaked Insight .com Bowl and by Kansas 34-28. The before that it was the made them Cactus Bowl.

It is similar to a evened up their record prom when every guy at 6-6. WVU landed a has a few girls in their spot in the Guaranteed class that are the first Rate Bowl held in pick on everyone's list. Phoenix on December Eventually, the picks 28 vs Minnesota. Their get made and the chips opponent is the Big fall where they will. Ten's #2 team out of Your date might not be the West division. The your first, second, or Golden Gophers own even third pick, but at an 8-4 record and have the end of the day you won 7 of their last 8 are still going to the dance. The ironic part These two programs is that you probably have a combined total were not your date's of 1,478 victories but first, second, or third have never played each pick either. Now that The date and is probably the same the name of this bowl way both of these teams do not match up with are feeling right about I'm sure that none the less, the "Eers coaches, and fan base are still bowling. If didn't hope and pray prior to play this season this bowl, it could be that they would end up because of a couple here. However, it is an of name changes, not opportunity for both

combined to play in 58 wins along the way. This bowl games prior to this one) to pick up one more victory.

This opportunity is big for Mountaineer Head Coach Neil Brown. This will be his second bowl appearance in a row and makes two out of three, singer which Meat Loaf says "Ain't Bad". Brown and company upended Army 24-21 in last year's Liberty Bowl.

There are only a

handful of games that day and this one does not kick off until 10:15 which means that all eyes will be on the Mountaineers. Also, it airs on ESPN which means it's a big draw nationally: it affords Brown a month of legal practice which is invaluable to the program. Now in his third year, Brown is trying to turn the corner and the more time he has with his troops the better chance he has of making that happen. A win over Minnesota would provide a three-game win streak and some momentum heading into next season.

West Virginia's mens basketball team is nearly halfway through its campaign. There have been several lopsided

past week, they claimed their first victory over a top 20 team. U Conn came to Morgantown ranked #15 and left with a loss. Over 12,000 fans (the most in a very long time) witnessed the impose Mountaineers their will en route to the win. WVU was led by Taz Sherman and Sean McNeil. The duo combined to score 39 of their squads 56 points.

This week a trip to UAB followed by a home clash with Youngstown State provide a couple of lastminute tune-ups before Big 12 basketball begins in January.

Year The New brings several chances compete against nationally ranked teams. Out of the ten games scheduled in the first month of the year, five are against top #12 opponents or higher. Four of the five are on the road and no matter what Meat Loaf says, that is bad. But they do provide an opportunity to earn wins and national respect as well.

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

Harrison County



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 Liberty's Emma Elliott and Notre Dame's Jaidyn West.

Mountaineer basketball player, Emma Elliot helped her team to a season opening win over Lincoln last week. Elliott recorded a double double scoring a game high 20 points and hauling down a game best 10 rebounds in the win.

Fighting Irish basketball standout, Jaidyn West led his team to a win over Parkersburg Catholic in Notre Dame's opener. West poured in a game high 23 points, dished out seven assists, and collected four rebounds in the Irish victory.

Congratulations to Liberty's Emma Elliott and Notre Dame's Jaidyn West for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the

Meet my New Friend, Sparkle



From The **World Of Parks** & Recreation

By Doug Comer

I normally do not allow folks to come and interject on my weekly article but this person has been very persistent and considering the time of the year, I must comply with this request. Every year after Thanksgiving, we have a visitor that comes to check on our son Costa. Most know this person as the Elf on a Shelf; we simply know him as Sparkle.

Without further ado, here is Sparkle:

Hello everyone, my name is Sparkle and I like to cause mischief and mayhem when I visit Costa's house around Christmas. My main job is to look over my little friend and make sure that he is doing good things like picking up his toys, being nice to his dog Roxie and listening to his parents. Every night, I fly back to the North Pole and give a report to the jolly big guy in the red suit. Do not tell anyone, but I think he gets his suits off the rack at Penney's – a 60 regular if I am correct.

For those that do not know the story, I am a special elf that has magical powers that allows me to transport to the North Pole really fast, and when I come back, I do not move a muscle and stay very still and quiet. And if a child would ever touch me, I would lose all my powers and therefore cannot go back and tell Santa how Costa is doing. There is always a clause that allows a parent to help me in case I would fall or if I am in danger. We have initiated that a time or two.

I love to sit and watch in crazy places and it is like a game of hide and seek as Costa looks all over the house for me before school. Sometimes I am in the kitchen, his room or even hanging from the Christmas tree. At night, I like to sneak around when everyone is in bed and plan for my new spot for the morning. I have hung from the ceiling fan, been stuck in a cereal box or even wore his dad's whistle around my neck to scare off the dog when she wants to play. All in all, I am there to have fun and see how my little buddy behaves heading up to Christmas Day. Well, I am sure like many of your kids that they

have good days and not so good days. Costa fits in to the norm as he has his moments. He gets frustrated at times and he likes to talk back when he does not get his way. Most of the time, he does this when he is tired. But, I know that he has a good heart and loves his family. I know I sure do love him and he is always excited to see where I may be in the morning and that is a fun game we play together. I do get a little sad on the 25th when I go back to the North Pole for another 11 months. But, that is ok as I get to see all my other elf friends

and we talk about all the kids we see during that time and even tell each other different things we could do to make our friends laugh when they first see us. Some of my buddies wrap themselves in toilet paper or hide in the fridge behind the pickles. The craziest thing I ever did was get his Covid-19 mask and use it as a hammock and drank a can of his orange pop. He told everyone what I did and was giggling the whole time. That made my day.

Well, you know my story and I wanted to share that my little friend Costa is doing good things and will have a pretty good Christmas. I'll put in a good word with Saint Nick.

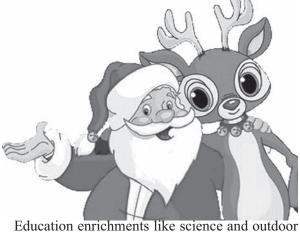
Harrison County Parks & Recreation to Host "Fun for the Holidays" This Saturday, Harrison County Parks and

Recreation will be hosting "Fun for the Holidays". The FREE event will be held at the Rec Complex at 43 Recreation Drive in Clarksburg from noon to 2 p.m. Santa will be there but at a safe distance so he and his reindeers don't get sick before Christmas. All children must be accompanied by a parent or Kids can participate in the 12 Days of Crafts

which will include the following: Reindeer Sand Deer, Card Stock Mason Jar Craft, Christmas Spider, Christmas Cards, Clothes Pin Angel, Rainbow Bright Scratch Craft as well as six others.

There will also be Reindeer themed games like Ring Toss, Hit the Deer in the Nose and Corn Hole.

While at the complex, stop and see what Parks and Rec is all about and what else will be happening after the holidays. They offer many programs such as summer playgrounds, Energy Express reading, t-ball/youth basketball and other special events.



adventures/interactive trial have become a vital part of Parks and Rec. And don't forget about "The Return of Dinosaurs" exhibit coming in March. Bring the kids, enjoy some hot chocolate; there

will be fun for the entire family.

Lincoln Players Named to Big 10 All-Conference Team Congratulations to Line, Dakota Peele- -Defensive Line, big thank you for the

the following Lincoln Offensive football players who Antwan Hilliard

were named to the 2021 Running Back, Johnny Moore-Linebacker-D, Big 10 Conference Lopez-Wide Receiver, Easton O'Dell-Offensive Utility, Austin Corley Gorby-Defensive. A

Line, Peyton - Defensive Line, Levi Cougars

Nicholson- hard work the Lincoln their successful 2021 Gibbs- season and for making 1st Team "B": Kobi Nick Kellar-Offensive Linebacker-D, Coby our community proud.

WV Buck Season Harvest for 2021 Tops 42,000 Johansen explained hunting opportunities at WVdnr.gov

DNR press releasedata **Preliminary** indicates West Virginia harvested hunters 42,674 antlered deer the two-week during firearm season from Nov. 22 to Dec. 5. The

harvest is a 10 percent increase over the 2020 harvest of 38,785 bucks. "The harvest during traditional 2021 buck firearm season was expected to be similar to that of 2020," said Paul Johansen, chief of the WV Division of Natural Wildlife Resources Section. Resources "Below average oak mast indices may have allowed hunters to better pattern deer movement.'

that only the north central portion of the state had a decline, while all other areas of the state registered increases. The southeastern and southwestern areas of the state had the largest increases from the 2020 harvest at 31 percent and 20 percent, respectively.

The top 10 counties for the 2021 buck harvest are Greenbrier (1,603),

Hampshire (1,483),Randolph (1,356),Jackson (1,353), Hardy Braxton

(1,264), Preston (1,261), (1,243),

Monroe (1,225),Kanawha (1,222) and Hunting and Trapping Roane (1,205).

remain 2021, including the remainder of the archery and crossbow season, which runs through Dec. 31. Muzzleloader deer

season opened Dec. 13-19. The Youth, Class Q/ QQ and Class XS deer season for antlerless deer will be open from Dec. 26-27 in any county with a firearms deer season. This will be followed by the reopening of Class N/NN antlerless deer season from Dec. 28-31

in specified counties or portions of counties. The 2021 - 2022

Regulations Summary

Several days of deer can be found online

includes county and area listings. The WVDNR also

reminds hunters of the third annual Hunting License Fishing Giveaway. Anyone who purchases an annual 2022 hunting, trapping or fishing license in the month of December will automatically be entered to win one of several prizes, including the grand prize of a combination trapping and fishing lifetime license for a WV resident. Information about the giveaway can be found at WVdnr.gov/

licensegiveaway.

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CLYDE LATEN SINGLETON Norma Cowger.

Clyde Laten Singleton, 63, Lumberport, formerly 13 of the Francis Mine Robert Shingleton as Community, went home officiate. to be with the Lord on followed at Shinnston on December 11 at Wednesday, December Memorial 8th 2021, after a long Online battle with lung cancer. and Clyde was surrounded may by his children, and in Harmerfuneralhome. be sent to the family at the arms of his wife, com who was his world. He was born on August 10, 1958 in Fairmont WV, the son of the

Vincent Singleton. Clyde wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. He was loved by many. Clyde attended Enterprise Elementary School, and Shinnston High School. He was a coal miner by trade, and retired from Loveridge and after his retirement, Nuzum Enterprises Inc. He made lasting Reager Cain Ash.

friendships everywhere

late Richard and Lela

Clyde was passionate about two things, his wife Darlene and his sporting events, where six he cheered for every his wife and camping Bret with his family. Clyde Parkersburg, Darlene enjoyed loved to listen to Pastor Lin Robert Shingleton and OH; hear Carrie Hill sing.

Clyde is survived great by his wife of 46 one years, Darlene Cowger Singleton; his three kids, Bryan and wife Misty Singleton of Lumberport, Shannon and husband Kellar of Shinnston, and Dustin and wife Holly Singleton of Shinnston. He is survived by his eight grandchildren as well, who brought him so much joy; Courtney Rossalynn Davis, Singleton, Laten Kellar McKenna Singleton. Clyde is also survived by his siblings Charles Singleton and wife Margaret of Clarksburg, Marguerite Amerson of Flint, MI, Garfield Singleton of Fairmont, and Floyd Singleton and family, many nieces, age of 19. nephews and cousins.

in death by his parents, Richard and Lela Singleton, Vincent Singleton, Wilber Singleton, Singleton Christine Singleton-Pride, Louise and Singleton. He was also will be no visitation. preceded in death by his In lieu of flowers,

very much, Delbert and made to the Humane

A Christian burial to of be held on December with Pastor Interment service Cemetery. memories condolences be shared

MAVIS V. JOHNSON



Mavis V. Johnson, 101, of Clarksburg, WV passed away at Hinerman, Coal Mine. Clyde was Bridgeport Health Care Bingamon, WV, passed laid off for many years Center on December and worked at several 2. She was born July at Louis A. Johnson places during this time, 10, 1920 in Clarksburg, WV, daughter of the Clarksburg, WV. late Roy E. Cain and Ila was born on October

by Maureen Copeland of Pennsboro, WV, Cherie (Thom) Hinerman. Harley. In his free time, Alonso of Shinnston, you could find him at WV and Cathy Baker his wife of 54 ½ years, grandchildren's of Clarksburg, WV; Linda L. Hinerman; grandchildren, Pamela (Steve) Cain of child out there. He Jacksonville, FL, Lilly enjoyed traveling with Whitehair (companion Francisco) of most D. (Tonya) Whitehair a of Charleston, Carmen retirement trip out West. Baker of Clarksburg, Collins of Fairmont; great Clyde attended Jewel Melissa Jewell of Greer, grandchildren, City Church, where he SC and Maranie (Chien) Collins, Levi Hendershot, of thirteen grandchild; half-sisters, Patty Stalnaker, Carol Sue Kearney, and Sandra Richards.

In addition to her Chris parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Mack McCray; son McCray; sister, Eric Martha M. Swiger; stepfather, Chester L. Ash; granddaughter, Nicholas Mavis Ann Ross; son-Kellar, Ethan Singleton, in-law, Bob Whitehair Depot. He loved to work and stepsisters, Ruth Gabriel Kellar, Amaya Ellen Cain, Freda Lou Cameron Riley, Betty Stanley, and Elaine Currey, and Pam Tabor; stepbrothers, Roger Cain and Raymond Cain, all from Clarksburg, and grandparents William Lilly Douglas and Cain and Clarksburg T.J. businessman Reager and Carrie Allen wife Julie of Clarksburg Reager, with whom she along with his Cowger resided with until the

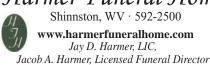
She retired as Clyde was preceded Nursing Assistant in Anaheim, CA. She loved her family, cats and flowers. Mavis siblings Richard Lee enjoyed writing poetry.

She was a Protestant Ilene by faith and a member

Wright, of Victory High School class of 1939. Per her request, there

in-laws, whom he loved contributions can be

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A graveside memorial was held Greenlawn Cemetery with Pastor Tim Sandy as officiate.

Condolences may DorseyFuneralHome. com

EDWARD "WAYNE" **HINERMAN**



"Wayne" Edward 74, away on December 8 Medical Center 6, 1947 in Fairmont, Mavis is survived WV. He was the son of three daughters; the late Ernest Wayne Whitehair Hinerman and Hazel Juanita (Pennington)

He leaves behind daughter, Cindy Collins of Fairmont; son, Mark Hinerman of Fairmont; grandchildren, Cyrus Collins III and wife Robert Krystal of Mannington, Cody Collins Worthington, Colton Cyrus Columbus, Allison Collins, Bryar great Helmick, Harlow Helmick Fluharty; great-great Knight of Worthington and Judy Swiger and husband Paul of Enterprise, four nephews and many cousins.

> Edward liked to be called "Wayne."

He served in the US Air Force from 1966-1970. He was employed for 37 years at Industrial Resources in Fairmont from 1973-2010, where he retired.

Wayne loved to go to Lowes and Home on projects in his spare time, always thinking what he could do next.

Wayne has chosen cremation with services. Inurnment will be at Grandview Memorial Gardens at a later date.

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

ALMA JEAN SMARR



Alma Jean (Goff) Smarr, 78, of Fairview, WV, passed away on December 8 at Mon General Hospital. She was born in Clarksburg,

WV on April 25, 1943,

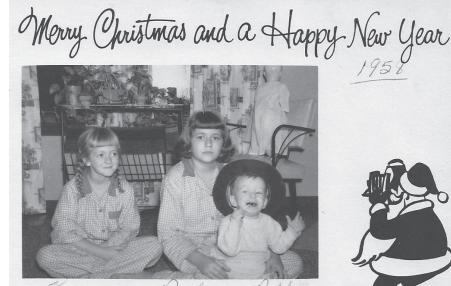
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Out Of The Past

Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.





Christmas card from the Bice Family, 1958. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

Wilford Roscoe Goff and Bertha Mae (Lucas) Goff. In addition to her parents,

Alma was preceded in death by her husband, Carroll Lee Smarr Jr.; son, Wilford Lee Smarr; and sister, Susan Hayhurst.

Alma is survived by her two daughters, Kimberly Smarr Boore and fiancé Scott Ashworth Fairview and Carole Jean (Jeannie) Smarr McMillen and husband Mike of Morgantown; son, Robert Scott Smarr and wife Kelly of Worthington; two grandsons, Michael Boore and Samuel Ryan; three granddaughters, Elizabeth Campbell, Kendra Arnold, and Katlyn Ryan; three great grandsons, Dyson Boore, Braxton Fluharty, and Asher grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Donna Boore, Lydia Campbell, and Gwyndolyn Arnold; four sisters, Diane Stutler and husband Ronald of Shinnston, Jackie Vernon and husband Will of Great Falls, MT, Mary Barnhart of Massillon, OH, and Debbie Wilson and husband Joe of Zanesville, OH; and brother, Wilford G. Goff and wife Becky of Shinnston, WV.

> Alma was a homemaker who loved to bake and cook and was a woman of prayer.

> A private service for the family was held at Dorsey Funeral Home on December 11, 2021 with Pastor Tim Sandy as officiate. Interment followed at Enterprise **IOOF** Cemetery.

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

THOMAS DAVID **CORATHERS** "Tom" Thomas

David Corathers, 63, of Clarksburg passed away at United Hospital Center on Bernice Husk Corathers.

December 6. He was born in Clarksburg on April 24, 1958 the son of the late Jacob Hugh and Ruby Tom worked as a Civil Engineer for Hornor **Brothers** Engineers

thirty-eight

He enjoyed crossword

and

years.

loved

for

late puzzles

hunting and fishing. Tom loved working on and remodeling his home. His biggest joy was his family and loved spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren extended family.

Tom is survived by his loving wife, Jennifer Celeste Sheaffer Corathers; sons, Thomas Michael Corathers, Athens, OH, Matthew Craig Corathers, Rivesville, Nathaniel Martin Corathers, William Isaac Corathers and Emily, Morgantown; grandchildren, Alexandria Erla Corathers and Henry David Corathers; six Margaret Ann sisters, Jones and Carol Patricia Gould and Rance, all of Michigan, Donna Elaine Leaseburg and three great Robin, Clarksburg, Debra grandchildren, ten great- and Waylon Helmick; granddaughters, Lillian Lynn Herrod and Don, Marshville, Terri Kathleen Arbogast and John, and April Suzanne Wallace, Clarksburg; one brother, John Luther Corathers, Reynoldsville; sister-inlaw, Pamela Corathers; brother-in-law, Dominick Welks, Jane Lew; daughter-in-law, Lily Corathers; as well as many other family members.

> In addition to his parents, Tom was preceded in death by Coby Jones, Linda Kay and Tom Connor, Shirley Lee Welks, and Robert Hugh Corathers.

A Celebration of Life Service was held on December 11 at Davis Funeral Home. An inurnment followed at Peterson Cemetery in Lewis County. In lieu of Dorsey Funeral Home flowers, please consider making a donation in the memory of Tom Corathers to March of Dimes, March for Babies campaign at www.marchforbabies. org. Online condolences can be made at www. DavisFuneralHomeWV. com. Davis Funeral Home is honored to assist the Corathers Family.

JAMES EDWARD

GOODWIN, SR James Edward Goodwin, Sr., 78, of Lost Creek passed away on December 8 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. James

was born April 26, 1943

in Clarksburg, the son of the late Howard Burton and Evelyn Margaret Mercinda Goodwin.

James graduated from Victory High School and served his country in the United States Army. He worked at United Hospital Center in the Maintenance Department for many years. He was an avid WVU and Steelers fan. James' favorite sport was football. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and being outdoors. James loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. He had a special place in his heart for his beloved dogs, Dalton Swayze and Sammy Jo.

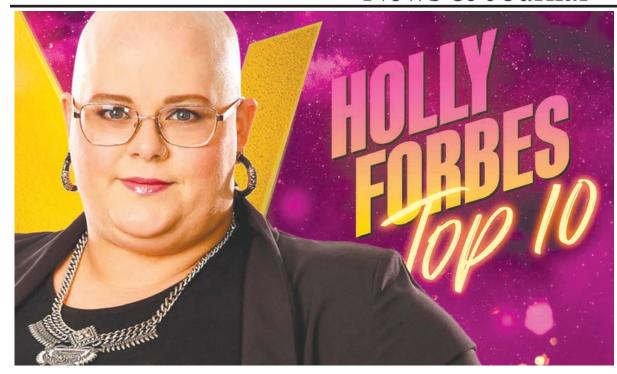
James is survived by

his wife of fifty-one years, Shirley Marie Jenkins Goodwin, whom married on December 24, 1969; two sons, James E. Goodwin, Jr and Sherry and Christopher T. Goodwin and Betty, all of Clarksburg; one daughter, Brandy N. Wiseman and John, Clarksburg; seven grandchildren, Cameron Dixon, Colby Goodwin, James Edward Goodwin, III, Tyler Drake, Hunter Marie Joyce and Toby, Harley Nicole Henderson and Tanner, and Tucker Levi Goodwin; four great grandchildren, Ralyn, Caspen, Remington Joyce, Romeo Goodwin; two sisters, Shirley Robey and Norma Jean Luzader, both of Clarksburg; as well as several nieces, nephews, members, and family friends.

James was preceded in death by one son, Harry "Bucky" Luther Goodwin; and brothers, Howard Burton Goodwin, Jr and Robert Eugene Goodwin.

In addition to his parents,

Davis Funeral Home and Onsite Crematory is handling the cremation arrangements for Goodwin Family. Online condolences can be made to Davisfuneralhomewv. com on James' memorial page. Davis Funeral Home is honored to assist the Goodwin Family at this time.



The Voice Top 10 Star, Holly Forbes, to Join Landau **Eugene Murphy, Jr.**

Clarksburg, WV – Holly Forbes, who wowed talent. The mother of two children—daughter the judges and viewers all over America this annual "Home for The Holidays" Christmas tour at the Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center on Saturday at 8:00 p.m. for a night full of powerhouse songs and holiday tunes.

Holly Forbes is a resident of Catlettsburg, KY across the Ohio River from Huntington WV. She received a rare "four-chair turn" from spirit of the holidays at the Robinson Grand "The Voice" judges. The singer chose to be on Team Kelly and explained that she grew up listening to Clarkson. Later, when the coach cut her during the Knockout rounds, she was and \$49 in respect to proximity to the stage. swooped up by Team Ariana. Ariana Grande' called Forbes "consistently phenomenal" and said she plans to record a duet with Holly. Blake Shelton called her performances "epic" and John Legend gushed over the power of Friday, 10am - 11pm. Popcorn, candy, soft Forbes' vocal talent.

"I am so honored that Holly has decided to come along this year!" exclaims Landau Eugene Murphy Jr, season six winner of NBC's America's Got Talent.

Holly Forbes decided to audition for "The Voice" because she loved the idea of a show that looks past someone's appearance to their

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Violet, 7, and son Oliver, 1—with her partner season on NBC TV's "The Voice" is joining Seth, who she met through an ad for someone America's Got Talent winner Landau Eugene to make music with and they ended up falling Murphy Jr. as his special guest for the singer's in love writing songs together— has a unique look in that she is basically bald as a result of a childhood illness.

> "I just want to be myself and let America know what kind of artist I am," Holly told Parade.com in an interview after performing.

> Tickets are still available! Experience the with Landau Eugene Murphy, Jr. and Holly Forbes. Tickets are on sale now and are priced in three tiers and range from \$20, \$35, There are two ways to get tickets in advance. online at tickets.therobinsongrand. com or purchase tickets over the phone by calling (855)-773-6283 on Monday through drinks, beer, and wine will be available in the concession/bar areas.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION TO AMEND THE PROJECT PLAN FOR CHARLES POINTE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

A public hearing will be held at a regular meeting of The County Commission of Harrison County, West Virginia (the "County Commission"), on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 10:05 a.m. prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as the item may be placed on the agenda of such regular County Commission meeting, in the County Commission meeting room at the Harrison County Courthouse, 3rd Floor, located at 301 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia, and at such hearing any person interested may appear before the County Commission and present comments, protests and suggestions. All comments, protests and suggestions shall be heard by the County Commission and it shall then take such actions as it shall deem proper in the premises regarding the approval, pursuant to Chapter 7, Article 22 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended (the "Act") of the filing of a supplemental application (the "Supplemental Application") with the Executive Director of the West Virginia Department of Economic Development to amend the Project Plan for the Economic Opportunity Development District known and designated as "Charles Pointe Economic Opportunity Development District" (the "District") in Harrison County, West Virginia to permit bonds or notes issued pursuant to Section 16 and other relevant provisions of the Act to have terms of 30 years from the date of the issuance of such bonds or notes, as permitted by the Act, and to establish December 31, 2052, as the date on which the District shall terminate. Following is a brief summary of such matters.

Limitation on Bond Maturities

The County Commission entered an Order that created the District on November 8, 2012 (the "District Creation Order"). Pursuant to the District Creation Order, the County proposed to issue its bonds or notes related to the District, pursuant to Section 16 and other relevant provisions of the Act (the "Financing Obligations") in an amount not to exceed \$400,000,000, with maturities not to exceed 30 years from the date of the creation of the District. The Economic Opportunity Development District Application dated July 7, 2011 (the "Application") proposing the creation of the District and the approval of projects and development expenditures which were proposed to be undertaken in the District pursuant to Section 5 of the Act (the "Project Plan"), also provided that maturities for the Financing Obligations would not exceed 30 years from the date of the creation of the District. Accordingly, all Financing Obligations issued by the County have maturity dates on or before November 8, 2042, pursuant to the District Creation Order, the Application, and the Project Plan. However, Section 16(c) of the Act provides that the County Commission may issue notes, bonds, or other instruments for funding projects in the District for a term of up to 30 years.

Current Outstanding Financing Obligations Pursuant to a Resolution and Order adopted and entered of record on August 7, 2019 (the "Bond Order"), the County Commission issued its Special District Excise Tax Revenue and Improvement Bonds, Series 2019 A (Charles Pointe Economic Opportunity Development District), dated August 16, 2019, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$36,500,000 (the "Series 2019 A Bonds"); its Subordinate Special District Excise Tax Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2019 B (Charles Pointe Economic Opportunity Development District), dated August 16, 2019, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$12,280,000 (the "Series 2019 B Bonds"); and its Junior Subordinate Special District Excise Tax Revenue and Improvement Bonds, Series 2019 C (Charles Pointe Economic Opportunity Development District), dated August 16, 2019, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$17,600,000 (the "Series 2019 C Bonds" and collectively with the Series 2019 A Bonds and the Series 2019 B Bonds, the "Excise Tax Bonds") for the purposes set forth in the Bond Order. The Excise Tax Bonds mature on or before November 8, 2042, and have a term of 23 years or less.

Proposed Amended Project Plan

The County Commission proposes to amend the Project Plan to (i) remove the portion of the Original Application and Project Plan which limits the term of Financing Obligations to 30 years from the District Creation Date, (ii) insert a new provision which requires that the District terminate on December 31, 2052, and (iii) allow for certain other changes in connection therewith (the "Amended Project Plan").

Further information regarding the proposed Supplemental Application is on file and available for inspection at the office of the Clerk of The County Commission during regular business hours, located at the County Clerk's offices in the Harrison County Courthouse, 2nd Floor,

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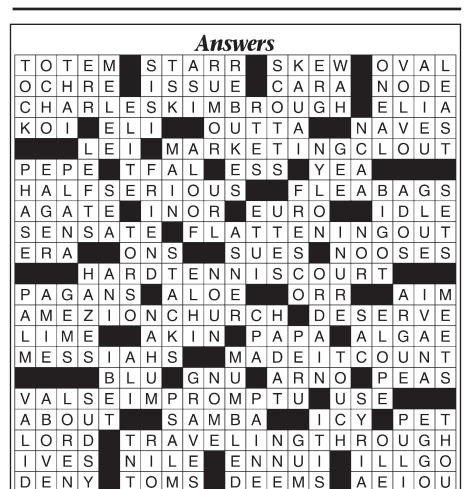
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