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## Historic Red Barn torn down



Despite some public outcry, city officials demolished the historic Red Barn in Salem earlier this month to make room for park activities. Courtesy photo.

By Sarah Hayes  
Staff Writer

Onlookers watched as the historic Salem Red Barn, also known as the “Greenbrier Billy Davis Barn” was torn down April 13.

City officials announced over a year ago that the Red Barn within the city park would be torn down to make room for updates and additions. Since that time, as stated by Salem resident and

former city council member, Annette Grimmette Gibson, “It has been a hot topic.”

Children attended summer camps at the Red Barn. Weddings and birthday parties, Easter Egg hunts, and dance classes were held there. The “Greenbrier Billy Davis Barn,” named for a Revolutionary War veteran, has been part of Salem’s history since 1899 when it first served as a barn for the Salem Industrial Home for Girls to use for gardening.

Gibson played a role in starting the nonprofit organization, ACTS, Actions of Compassion Transforming Salem, about three years ago. ACTS started by feeding the homeless but has since expanded to include beautification projects throughout Salem.

Gibson said she  
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## Assistant principal named Citizen of the Month

*Bogges builds self-esteem in youth*

The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal has named Pat Bogges as Citizen of the Month, a recognition sponsored by Dorsey Funeral Home in Shinnston – locally owned and operated.



A lifelong resident of Shinnston, Citizen of the Month Pat Bogges joins his wife Whitney, daughter Giada and dog Kiki on the steps of the former Shinnston High School. Courtesy photo.

By Erin Beck  
Editor

A Shinnston native and lifelong resident who tries to focus on the bright side of life, Lincoln High School Assistant Principal Pat Bogges often works with kids who are struggling.

Sometimes he serves in the role of disciplinarian. Sometimes, he works with students he knows have rough home lives and schoolwork is the last thing on their minds. But the position is still a dream job for the optimistic Bogges, who took the job at the start of the 2021-2022

school year.

“I don’t hate to get up in the morning to go to work,” he said. “I like what I do. I think that’s half the battle.”

By letting kids know he cares, he watches them develop more hopeful outlooks as well.

“You may see some students that really don’t have great self-esteem,” he said. “They might not have had that guidance. They don’t really believe in themselves as much as they should.”

And once they start seeing some of that success, whether it’s in academics, athletics, family, ... once they start seeing that, that kind of boosts them up a little bit, boosts their spirits. They can see there’s some light at the end of the tunnel.”

Bogges graduated from Lincoln High School in 1997. Some of the students roaming the halls of his school are children of his former classmates.

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## Council corrects budget, discusses abandoned home

By Sarah Hayes  
Staff Writer

During meetings April 19, Shinnston City Council corrected an error in the 2022-2023 budget and discussed the proposed lawsuit over a damaged home, among other items.

City Council held a special meeting at 7 p.m. at the Woman’s Club on Bridge Street, followed by a short work session.

After council

members approved the 2022-2023 budget last month, the state auditor’s office found an error, according to Shinnston City Manager Chad Edwards.

The budget had inaccurately included \$8,000 in tax increment financing (TIF) revenue; Shinnston does not have a TIF district although there is one at Charles Pointe in Bridgeport.

Edwards said council members agreed

to move that allotment into a contingency fund instead and approved a finalized version of the \$1.96 million budget.

During the work session, Council discussed the planned lawsuit against NAJ LLC, the owner of a neglected property on Charles Street in Shinnston. NAJ, a Charleston-based real estate holdings business, owns the  
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## Washington Irving Middle School student places in writers contest



By Erin Beck  
Editor

Mary Calvert, an eighth-grade student at Washington Irving Middle School, is among three Harrison County students who placed third in their categories in the 2022 West Virginia Young Writers Contest.

Those students included Calvert, who wrote “A Star Filled Story;” Caroline Ashcom, a fifth-grade student at Simpson Elementary who wrote “Lucid;” and Brynn Sickles, a fourth-grade

student at Norwood Elementary School, who wrote “The Shapeshifter.”

The competition, which began in 1984 and aims to celebrate student writing, divided students into six categories. Third and fourth-grade students competed against each other, as did fifth and sixth graders, as well as seventh and eighth graders.

The names of those students who placed, along with their stories, were provided by Jenna Williams, curriculum coordinator at Harrison

County schools and county coordinator for the contest.

The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal is featuring Harrison County’s placing stories. Brynn’s story was featured on April 14; Caroline’s story was featured on April 21. Mary’s story, the third and final featured story in the series, is as follows.

### A Star Filled Story

Occasionally, I will remember the many warm summer nights filled of richest blues and magentas that engulfed me in a beautiful pure obsidian black. When I always laid sprawled out in my yard feeling the silky grass and allowing the delicate breeze to touch

my skin that always welcomed me while I was left staring at the calm bright astral diamonds that were sprinkled on the night sky. I’d always favor how unique each orb of light simulated enchantingly and pulsed elegantly regardless of how other stars would perform. If you look closely, each celestial body tells a remarkable story whether it is long or if it’s short. And on those countless hushed nights, I would think of myself as a star as well, because I too have a story and universal personality like the  
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**BUILDING AMAZING CITIES**

By **JIM HUNT**  
*author, speaker, consultant*

## Exploring Paris

I’m writing this week’s column while riding the high-speed bullet train from Paris to Amsterdam and enjoying the beautiful French countryside. The train makes the journey in a little more than three and a half hours and is one of the most convenient and restful ways to travel.

We had a wonderful few day in Paris and saw many of the historic sites that have made Paris the Amazing city that it is. The one must-see sight is the Eiffel Tower, and we spent the better part of a morning exploring this historic landmark and symbol of Paris. They are getting it ready for the 2024 Summer Olympics and Paralympic Games and repainting the structure in more of a gold color. We were told that Gustave Eiffel, the designer of the tower, wanted this color from the beginning but was overruled and the color was a brownish, bronze-like color instead. The grass area is also being redone and this was where I spent many hours on previous trips, watching the tourists from  
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**Guest Column**  
By Charlotte Lane

**Stay Alive – don't text and drive!**

By Charlotte Lane  
Chair, West Virginia Public Service Commission

April is Distracted Driving Month, and the Public Service Commission has joined with other law enforcement agencies nationwide to deliver this lifesaving message. Our officers are patrolling the state's highways to reinforce it with commercial motor vehicle drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, car crashes that involved distracted drivers killed 3,142 people in 2020, 8% of all fatal crashes in the country. Since 2012, when NHTSA started tracking distracted driver accidents, more than 29,000 lives have been lost in crashes involving distracted drivers. People who text while driving are 23 times more likely to be involved in a crash. Alarmingly, about one in five people killed in crashes involving a distracted driver are not in vehicles – they are walking, riding bikes or otherwise outside the vehicle.

Teenage drivers are especially impacted. AAA found distracted driving is responsible for over 58% of teen crashes. Recently, 39% of high school students reported texting or emailing while driving during the past month, and among drivers aged 15-20 involved in fatal crashes, 9% were distracted at the time of the crash. Not all teenagers are equally likely to be involved in a motor vehicle crash. Teenage males are almost twice as likely as teenage females to be victims of motor vehicle fatalities.

Texting may be the most obvious offense, but anything that takes your attention away from driving poses a danger to you, your passengers and everyone who shares the road with you. Seemingly harmless activities such as tuning the radio or adjusting the climate control can take your attention off the road. You should never even consider eating, applying makeup, styling your hair, or shaving while behind the wheel. That may sound far-fetched, but people do it. Children and pets should be securely belted in before setting out on the road. When you are behind the wheel your only job is to safely navigate from Point A to Point B.

It takes less than five seconds for a car traveling 55 mph to cover the length of a football field; a lot can happen in five seconds.

So fasten your seatbelt, put down the phone and let's all arrive safely.



**THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History**

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

**April 28, 1914:** An explosion at the Eccles No. 5 mine in Raleigh County killed 174 men. The mine connected with Eccles No. 6, operating in another coal seam, and nine men in No. 6 died of injuries and of afterdamp, the deadly gas left after a mine explosion.

**April 28, 1924:** An explosion ripped through the Benwood coal mine south of Wheeling, killing 119 miners.

**April 28, 1948:** Watt Powell Park opened in Charleston. About 8,000 people, including Governor Okey L. Patteson, attended the city's inaugural game in the Class A Central League. Watt Powell Park was replaced by the city's new Appalachian Power Park after the 2004 season, and the old ballpark was demolished in 2005.

**April 29, 1863:** Confederate General William E. "Grumble" Jones waged a battle at Fairmont that involved a force of 500 regulars, home guards, and volunteers. The Confederates prevailed, burning the personal library of Francis Pierpont, governor of the Restored Government of Virginia, and exploding an iron railroad bridge across the Monongahela River.

**April 30, 1871:** Coach Fielding Harris "Hurry-Up" Yost was born in Marion County. He was a tackle on West Virginia University's football team in 1895 and 1896, while earning a law degree. In 1901, Yost's first season as coach at University

**MUDDLED FEELINGS**

## Super Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Outlook  
7 Opponents  
13 Rolling Stones frontman's family  
20 Despise  
21 Funny in a twisted way  
22 Shrinking salt lake in Asia  
23 "Does this medication act as a sedative at all?"  
25 French painter Henri  
26 Pops  
27 Dark warrior Kyo of sci-fi  
28 Magical elixir that turns people into mouselike rodents?  
30 Sun or moon  
32 People using paste  
35 — Moines  
36 26th letters, to Brits  
37 The singer of "Kiss an Angel Good Mornin'" was nosy?  
41 Caustic liquid  
44 Mogul  
45 Football field

47 Loss of the sense of smell  
52 Out of kilter  
53 Upkeep of a kitchen stove?  
57 Peter of Herman's Hermits  
59 Freeman of "Angel Face"  
60 "... roughly"  
61 Landscaping tool used by a large company?  
68 Culinary mushroom  
69 Not ingested  
70 Coll. in Lower Manhattan  
71 First letter  
73 Follies show  
74 Question to someone who rudely interrupts a chat?  
78 Ruckuses  
79 Teeny power source  
81 Nation in "The Hunger Games"  
82 Captured during a revolt?  
87 Frosting tools  
92 Bit of conjunctivitis medicine

93 Ballesteros of golf  
94 Pages transmitted by PCs  
95 Gave the heave-ho to  
97 Cost to buy an airline ticket?  
101 FBI workers: Abbr.  
105 Cooke of soul  
107 Actor Chuck  
108 Small child  
109 Arsons?  
113 Some refinery input  
114 Bummed  
116 Emilio of Hollywood  
117 Apt things to feel when solving this puzzle?  
123 Really dumb  
124 6-Down plus one  
125 State tree of New Jersey  
126 — Pilate (biblical official)  
127 Most tender  
128 Wisenheimer

**DOWN**

1 — Baba  
2 "Mayday!"  
3 Avenged  
4 Kett of comics  
5 Neighbor of Sudan  
6 What X may mean  
7 Creep higher, as shorts  
8 Wrinkle remover  
9 "I do," e.g.  
10 Sothern of "Kid Millions"  
11 Actor Schreiber  
12 Young cod  
13 "Misery" star  
14 Give — (care)  
15 Cat, to Juan  
16 Ostentatious showiness  
17 "Charlotte's Web" actress Davis  
18 Turf anew  
19 Camille Saint- —  
24 Annual: Abbr.  
29 Meadow  
30 Eight: Prefix  
31 "Wide Sargasso Sea" novelist Jean  
32 With 118-Down, child of a boomer  
33 Emma Peel player Diana  
34 Withered  
38 Jane in court  
39 Something hit by a basso  
40 Lightly lit  
42 Swenson of "Benson"  
43 John in court  
46 Title for 33-Down  
48 Not rough  
49 — Melodies (old toons)  
50 Pant-leg line  
51 Coral rings  
53 Bicolor horse  
54 Busy insect  
55 Once named  
56 Fish-fowl link  
58 Some refinery input  
61 Run, as an art exhibition  
62 In the future  
63 Rescind  
64 Waited a bit  
65 Ltr. holder  
66 Henna or anil  
67 Chap  
68 Orange Bowl loc.  
71 Motels  
72 San Francisco's — Valley  
74 Astros, on scoreboards  
75 Rock blasters  
76 Unseal, in poetry  
77 Old Egypt-Syr. alliance  
79 "Life is like — of chocolates"  
80 They're large in large-print materials  
83 Pro-gun org.  
84 Sports arbiter  
85 Tennis' Lend  
86 Blood fluid: Prefix  
88 Coral islet  
89 Way out of a building  
90 Nevada city on I-80  
91 USAF NCO  
94 Bad grades  
96 Flow barrier  
98 Wears away  
99 Set straight  
100 Movie  
101 Tons  
102 Painter's undercoat  
103 Tarte — (apple treat)  
104 Artery insert  
106 Some viral trends  
110 Roman 107  
111 Brand of lens solution  
112 Farm tower  
114 Banana part  
115 Verdi opera  
118 See 32-Down  
119 Eden evictee  
120 Hosp. areas  
121 Cable TV's — Geo Wild  
122 Cloud's place

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of Michigan, the Wolverines compiled an 11-0 record, including the 49-0 defeat of Stanford in the first Rose Bowl.

**April 30, 1927:** An explosion roared through the Federal No. 3 mine owned by New England Fuel and Transportation Company of Everettville, Monongalia County. The explosion, the subsequent fire, and gas in the mine killed 97 men.

**May 1, 1788:** Pendleton County was created from Rockingham, Augusta, and Hardy counties. The county was named for Virginia statesman Edmund Pendleton (1721–1803).

**May 2, 1900:** State founder Waitman Willey died in Morgantown. Willey is remembered for the Willey Amendment, which provided for the emancipation of slaves as a precondition for the creation of West Virginia.

**May 2, 1925:** Flying saucer investigator Gray Barker was born in Riffle, Braxton County. Barker became interested in unidentified flying objects in the 1950s after investigating the sightings of the Flatwoods Monster.

**May 3, 1843:** U.S. Postmaster General William Lyne Wilson was born in Smithfield, Jefferson County. Wilson joined President Cleveland's cabinet as postmaster general in 1895. In the following year, he introduced Rural Free Delivery in Jefferson County, an experiment which was quickly instituted nationwide.

**May 3, 1917:** Fire destroyed the West Virginia Preparatory School in Keyser. The school was rebuilt, and it evolved into the institution now known as Potomac State College.

**May 4, 1896:** The Children's Home Society was formed by a group of Charleston ministers at the YMCA. Their goal was to place orphaned and neglected children with caring families rather than crowd them into county poorhouses.

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### FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

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#### Parkinson's support group

North Central WV Parkinson's support group  
First monthly meeting for 2022  
Saturday, April 30 at 1 p.m.  
Brickside Bar & Grill, Bridgeport  
Family members or caregivers also welcome.  
Free.  
For more info: Tracey Robertson 304-363-1028

#### Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Mission

408 Morgantown Ave, Fairmont  
Rev. Sasha Nedich 724-966-7428  
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#### Singing camp

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#### "Jim Hunt" Cont. from Pg. 1.

throughout the world walk by with children in tow.  
The springtime weather in Paris can sometimes be unpredictable but we have enjoyed clear skies and very pleasant temperatures. The crowds are not bad, and we could access every place we wanted to go. Like many European cities, Paris can be scorching hot in the summer and the crowds make it almost unbearable. Even though we would have tolerated a rainy day, our luck was with us, and we were rain-free.

One highlight of the trip was seeing Sacre Coeur, which is a beautiful church that sits on one of the higher hills in Paris and offers an unforgettable view of the city. The church is a Roman Catholic church and is kept in pristine condition with large stained-glass windows and intricate mosaics. We had a memorable dinner at a small cafe and relived our day over pizza and beer and soft drinks. A ride down the hill on a funicular, which is like the incline in the city of Pittsburgh, and we walked through the Montmartre neighborhood and enjoyed the quaint shops.

While the Paris metro is one of the nicest in the world, we walked to most places and logged over seven miles each day. It burned some of the calories from the wonderful food and it gave us a close-up look at many ordinary things that we might have missed, otherwise.

Our hotel was located close to the Seine River and was near many of the places we wanted to go. While the hotel had only about 30 rooms, it was comfortable, and they took care to clean it each day.

Our train just stopped in Brussels, Belgium and this might be a good time to close. Next week's column will focus on our continued journey and hopefully point out some more Amazing things in these Amazing cities.

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#### "Principal" Cont. from Pg. 1.

He went on to teach history, as well as special education at United High School in Clarksburg, but Shinnston called him home to his "old stomping ground," he said.

"I loved my old job," he said. "I'm super glad to be where I'm at."

Bogges is not the type who's going to scream and yell when students misbehave.

"Everybody makes mistakes," he said. "That's what I tell every student. I don't separate them or make them feel any different."

Instead, he said he works to figure out why kids might be acting out. Once they know someone is in their corner, they feel less alone.

"Even though we're a small area, not every family is going to be the same," he said.

Even before switching schools, Bogges was already a familiar face in town, often cheering on kids at school athletic events.

He said he appreciates that friendly, small-town feel in Shinnston that other areas lack. A self-described "family-oriented kind of guy," he said his parents still live in the area, and his wife Whitney is also from Shinnston. They have a six-year-old daughter, Giada.

"I can literally almost walk to where I grew up at," he said. "That's how small, in a good way, it is."

His cousin Jill Fratto, also of Shinnston, said she's most impressed by "his steadfast devotion to family, friends and community as well as his positive, 'can do' attitude."

"He is always willing to step up and do anything he can to help in any situation," she said.



Citizen of the Month Pat Bogges gathers his family, wife Whitney and daughter Giada, in Lincoln High School, where he is assistant principal. Courtesy photo.

#### "Barn" Cont. from Pg. 1.

approached City Council requesting they consider allowing ACTS to take over the updates and upkeep of the Red Barn. She proposed ACTS would write grants to fund the project, along with soliciting monetary donations and hosting volunteer work parties. According to Gibson, City Council denied this request.

Salem City Manager Ronnie Davis did not return phone calls.

But he previously said the city planned to build restrooms and picnic pavilions.

"We're hoping for peewee football fields and

soccer fields, and we're making all that area more ball fields and spreading a few little parks through our town," he previously said.

While the barn was vandalized over time, some residents like Geoffrey Steele felt the barn was still salvageable. Steele, who said he started a petition that received over 1,300 signatures, also said he asked about the barn during the April 12 Council meeting but was told it would be discussed in executive session.

The barn was torn down the following day.

#### "Council" Cont. from Pg. 1.

house, which was heavily damaged by fire last year.

Edwards said NAJ has offered to give the city of Shinnston the property to avoid litigation. Council plans to discuss this further during its next meeting.

Council will also be looking into applying for new funding after recently passed state legislation provided a pool of funding to demolish dilapidated houses within the city.

"I would like to tear down and clear out a couple and plant trees so that we can have a nice view of the ballpark, as opposed to the view of a burned down house," Edwards said. "When people are coming into town, the first thing they see is a burned down house."

During the work session, Edwards said AAL accounting firm, based out of Vienna, Virginia, was selected after a bidding process to do the annual audit. He said the city, like many other cities, hasn't undergone one of those audits over the last couple years due to COVID-19 concerns.

"They make sure you've got plenty of checks and balances and segregation of duties," he said. "It's kind of like having a third set of eyes looking at everything."

According to Edwards, "Our audit should be caught up in the next couple of months."

Edwards also spoke of possibly looking into a grant for a new city building, but as of now, the city is still in the early stages of the process.

He also spoke of a recent meeting at the water

plant regarding new copper and lead regulations and reporting requirements. More sampling must be done to satisfy the required number of samples to be done by 2024.

"We're on top of it," Edwards said.

Multiple media outlets have reported on elevated lead levels among children in Clarksburg; Edwards said that problem has not been detected in Shinnston.

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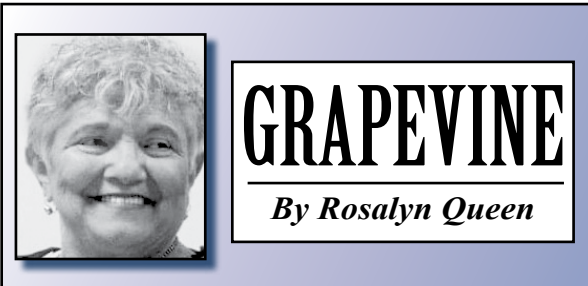
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As April swiftly passes, it is time for us to think about voting. Our Primary Election is Tuesday, May 10 and early voting starts on April 27. Recently I have been told by several people that they are registered as independent voters and cannot vote. A recent press release from Secretary of State Mac Warner's office says that voters unaffiliated with a political party can vote as long as they request the ballot they prefer. The workers at the polls are not allowed to help the voter decide which ballot they want. So I encourage all you independent voters to go to the polls and cast your vote.

Last week I attended a Meet Your Candidate reception hosted by the Chamber of Commerce at the Best Western Plus in Bridgeport. It was well-attended and although there were some candidates missing most of those running for House of Delegates were present. Serving as MC was Jason Harshbarger. Each candidate was given three minutes to introduce themselves and their

platform. Although there were other candidates present, this was for individuals seeking House of Delegates seats.

Those individuals present and speaking were Keith Marple, Ron Watson, Ryan Deems, Tyler Hart, Paul Howell, Bryan Payne, Mickey Petitto, Ben Hanson, Laura Kimble, and Clay Riley. I am sure that there will be other Meet Your Candidate events before the election and I urge you to try to attend.

Of special interest are those seeking a seat on the Board of Education. In order to cast a vote for the right person, it is necessary that you speak to those running and find out just what their goals are. The county has been divided into districts and the ballot will tell you how many individuals you may vote for in a district.

Be a good citizen and get out and vote and be an informed voter when doing so.

I hope you all had a good Easter and were able to spend it with your family. This year Mike Queen hosted most of our family for dinner at the Stonewall Resort. The buffet was delicious. We saw many people from Clarksburg and it was great to visit with them. Dinner-mates included me, Mike, Ben Queen, Meredith Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ward, Paula Queen Carder, Christy Thompson, Jamie Corton and Laura Goff Davis. I just wanted to tell you to make a trip to this beautiful resort. I understand they offer many events for the public to participate in both on and off the water. It is always great to see our friend, Joe Corcoglionetti. He does a great job at the resort.

A reminder to book the dining room at the PWA for your spring and summer events. It has a wonderful commercial kitchen and the dining area can be decorated complete with linen tablecloths and chair covers. Elegance at a great price. Call 304-624-6881 for information and reservations.

Enjoy the beautiful weather, stay healthy and happy and until next week "Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine."

**"Washington" Cont. from Pg. 1.**

millions of other burning orbs that inhabit the universe.

My story begins as a young adolescent child that quickly learned to intently observe the world bordering me and always enjoying the pleasures of going out with close relatives, keeping an energetic positive personality, and overall feeling my environment and making something creative and beautiful out of it. But there were people lurking around each unchecked corner unhappy with my diverting good-natured behavior and always aiming to control my personality and what place I should serve in the real world which eventually introduced me to the notorious comment, "If you functioned normally you would be improving yourself and the world." Which rose one question "would changing myself be better for others and benefit the world?"

So, just to experiment, I started doing as I was told by others and preferred keeping to myself when around my friends or family and persisted in restricting myself from social situations due to always feeling ashamed for acting differently and always focusing on perfection. Soon, I attempted to prevent my flaws from seeping through the walls I built up in an effort of protecting myself from others' judgement and I gained a fear of being pushed away from others due to feeling as if I was "too strange." And once the minutes of this external torture became hours then they became days and the days soon became years. I began to struggle even getting out of my eternal slumber or completing simple daily tasks and everything started blurring together like all the paints on a pallet morphing together in an exquisite painting. Time and the universe itself meant nothing to me and it was as if the sky lost a star. I lost myself and missed out on many opportunities due to seeing my imperfections as only a "lost cause" or "weird and un-comforting" and followed others' directions to the wrong path in what is called "life."

Amazing people had abandoned my side, my education had slipped over my head, I had distanced myself completely from my family, and I had deserted every single mirror occupying my room and could no longer recognize who I was and where my place was in the world. I had to not only see my entire life gradually break into fragments firsthand, but I also had to accept and realize that I let everything go in order to reach a goal that would never provide happiness for me. That's when I knew changes had to be made in my life before the rocks residing at the bottom of my hole caved in.

And so I began to start broadening my horizons and took initiative to tend to my unkept and wilted garden, and I dug myself out of the ground when below rock bottom and allowed myself to be happy and empowered my personality. I established new goals and prioritized my mental and physical health and began to search for my beautiful place in this world by making new, supportive, accepting companions and after learning to put beneficial boundaries down, and accept minor details that would assist me when riding the cold harsh waves that life would occasionally uproar in my face and aim to drown me in.

That's when my peers regained their fun comedian, when my friends regained their creative friend with a beautiful outlook on the world. That's when my teachers regained their knowledgeable student, when my relatives regained their loving family member, and when the stars embedded in the ink-black sky regained a lost star that finally found their way back in the world and universe itself.

So the next time you look up at our star-filled sky and our galaxies tumbled art, make sure you take in each star's history carefully and maybe consider experiencing yours fully too because I guarantee you each star's story is special and worthwhile.

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## Support and strategies can build good mental health



*Words of Wellness*  
By Jill Fratto  
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In case you didn't know it already, Mental Health Awareness Month is next month. Full confession, I didn't know it until recently myself. Mental Health Awareness Month is always in May and started in 1949, which was surprising to me. Perhaps they have said this every year since 1949, but it seems we need mental health awareness and support now more than ever.

So what is "good" mental health? You can visit many reputable websites to get the academic descriptions, but today I am putting my own layperson's spin on it.

Good mental health means you have a balanced approach when responding emotionally and mentally to the situations, circumstances, and stressors around you. Having good mental health can mean a lot of things and may be different

for each of us, but these are some things that come to my mind as I work for Project AWARE with children and adults who don't always have these luxuries. Project AWARE provides support, training, and resources for Harrison County school staff and students related to mental health issues.

Freedom from excessive fear and anxiety. Many people live with past and current trauma that perpetuates constant stress, fear, and anxiety in their lives. These experiences may cause them to always be looking for the next big catastrophe, real or perceived. Strategies that can help overcome this include therapy and coaching. It's also helpful to build strong supports (family, friends, school, work, community) and learn coping mechanisms to better handle difficult feelings when they arrive. Learning to overcome fear and anxiety can be not only mentally freeing, but also better for physical health as it is all connected.

Knowing how to respond vs. react to stressors. One of the biggest steps we can take to improve our mental health is to learn to step back, take a breath, and think before we engage in a stressful situation or drama. Giving yourself the time to reconnect and process before responding to a person or event can make the difference in feeling stressed out

and resentful vs. satisfied with your response to the situation. By responding vs. reacting, you can avoid saying things you don't mean, taking action that you regret, or getting upset about something that is out of your control.

Recognizing when you need help and finding it. Everyone deals with depression, anxiety, difficulty processing life events, and other mental stressors at some time or other. The stigma is lessening in our society as more people talk about mental health. If you are struggling with how you're feeling, start by reaching out to someone you trust. From there, you can work together to figure out what you need and what steps you can take to get it.

Finally, and you won't be surprised by this if you read my column regularly, take time for yourself. Your mental, physical, spiritual, and emotional health all work together. Get outside and take a walk every day, sit on your porch and enjoy spring, and eat real food! Everything that you do for yourself matters - it all impacts your mental health. You deserve the gifts that good health brings, but those gifts only come when you take steps to love your body, mind and soul.

## Medical cannabis industry growing in West Virginia

The Medical Cannabis Act, passed by the WV Legislature and signed into law by Governor Jim Justice in 2017, has enabled thousands of state residents with qualifying medical conditions to access a new option for treatment, according to a news release from the state Department of Health and Human Resources.

Patients must have qualifying "severe or chronic conditions," the news release states. The Office of Medical

Cannabis has approved more than 7,000 applications for medical cannabis cards.

To date, nine dispensaries, two processors, and six growers are operational across West Virginia.

"The medical cannabis industry has created 332 direct jobs in West Virginia, with an additional job growth of 1,884 positions in the fields of commercial construction, security services, and transportation," said Jason Frame,

director of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' Office of Medical Cannabis. "As the medical cannabis industry continues to expand, opportunities for employment and patient care in West Virginia will also grow. Additionally, all products dispensed have been cultivated within West Virginia's borders at medical cannabis growth and processing facilities."

To learn more, visit [omc.wv.gov](http://omc.wv.gov).

## Mental health hotline to become three-digit number: 988

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) Bureau for Behavioral Health has secured a \$561,131 award from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to prepare for the transition of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to a new three-digit number (988) on July 16, according to a news release.

BBH funds West Virginia's single National Suicide Prevention Lifeline call center, operated by First Choice Services, to answer in-state calls to the Lifeline, which includes the Veterans Crisis Line. On July 16, the three-digit dialing code for the Lifeline will become 988, replacing the current phone number of 1-800-273-8255. West Virginians needing support should continue to call 1-800-273-8255 until July 16.

The Lifeline accepts calls from anyone experiencing suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress. The state Lifeline/988 call center will also

begin accepting texts and chats after July 16. The West Virginia Legislature passed and Gov. Jim Justice signed Senate Bill 181 in March to help prepare for 988, and DHHR will continue to support call center capacity.

"988 is the first step in building an accessible crisis system that includes someone to talk to, someone to respond, and a safe place to be," said Christina Mullins, commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Behavioral Health. "Roughly 75 to 80 percent of calls help de-escalate and provide support without further crisis intervention needed."

For the callers who need additional crisis services (someone to respond or a safe place to be), the state is enhancing its crisis continuum. Presently, West Virginia has statewide Children's

Crisis Response for children and youth up to age 21 available through the 24/7 Children's Crisis and Referral Line (844-HELP4WV, <https://www.help4wv.com/ccl>). Adult crisis response services are available in certain counties.

"DHHR and its partners are collaborating to improve West Virginians' access to needed behavioral health crisis services to prevent suicide and other detrimental outcomes," added Mullins. "This new grant assists in saving lives in our state, where suicide is a leading cause of death for West Virginians aged 10-34, and a significant cause of preventable deaths across all age ranges." Read more about 988 planning at <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988>.

## Ratliff named director of DHHR's Office of Emergency Medical Services

Joseph "Jody" Ratliff has been named director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) for the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' (DHHR) Bureau for Public Health, according to a news release.

Ratliff, of Spencer, has more than 21 years of emergency medical experience and has served as the director of emergency medical services (EMS) for the Roane County Rescue Squad, Inc. since 2019.

Prior to that, he was a flight paramedic, base educator, and flight training officer with HealthNet Aeromedical Services for 11 years, and served five years as an administrative director with the Union Rescue Squad.

"Jody's vast experience and knowledge of West Virginia and federal EMS regulations will serve him well in this important role," said Dr. Ayne Amjad, State Health Officer and Commissioner of

the Bureau for Public Health.

Ratliff holds a bachelor of arts degree from West Virginia State University, an associate's degree from Marshall University Community and Technical College, and a paramedic certification from New River Community College. He served as Aviation Boatswain Handler and Crash Salvage and Rescue in the U.S. Navy.



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## From The World of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

## T-ball season is right around the corner

Harrison County Parks and Recreation staffer Jack Cann announced that T-ball season will begin when school wraps up for the year, and with the improvements to the fields at Summit Park, he hopes to have a big-league feel for the youngsters who participate this year.

Summit Park Complex, which the Harrison County Commission acquired four summers ago from the Summit Park Association as an in-kind donation, has been the home for countless years of softball summer programs and especially youth sports. It has seen better days, but improvements could possibly make the facility as in demand as it was in the 1970s and 80s.

"We have made some great strides in the property at Summit Park," said Director Mike Book. "The place was once the hottest ticket in town for softball teams, family reunions and especially our programs. But, through time, things just got to be a little beyond repair. Safety issues as well as drainage issues took away its shine. But, through dollars supported by the County Commission, things are on the rise again."

Summit Park was once the biggest park of all to host the playground program as kids from the neighborhood and bordering areas of Bridgeport and Clarksburg would spend their summers there. With a solid staff and a fun and safe area, kids more or less grew up at the complex and made life-long friendships there.

The upper field is where the T-ball league will be operated. Unfortunately, this is the field that needs the most help. And the county outsourced a lot of the work ensuring that all things will be ready before the first pitch in June. Director Mike Book gave a detailed list of the things that will be replaced or fixed there.

"Drainage and outfield fencing has been the biggest issue on the upper field. A local contractor has taken the reigns to improving the property including replacing



Contact Harrison County Parks and Recreation for more information about the upcoming T-ball season. Courtesy photo.

the backstop, improving the dugouts and digging out the drainage in the back of the property to allow the water to flow away from the field as compared to settling in the outfield. Once complete, we will replace the outfield fence and put in some new benches for the dugout. We plan to have all complete before the end of May."

Cann, who operates all recreational organized sports, has prepared flyers to be brought home for those wishing to play this summer. Signups will be scheduled in the evenings so that families can make sure they do not miss any chances to get registered. Also, games and practices will be played in the evenings after work which makes it easy for working families to see their kids in action.

"We want to make sure that there are plenty of chances to get your child registered for the league," said Cann. "All registration dates will be here at the Rec Complex, and we just need the parent or guardian to come and register their kid. Once the end of the registration is complete, we will pair up the teams and start practice. Please look for your flyer in your child's book bag or contact the office for more information. We will plan to post the registration form on our Facebook page as well."

WVU quarterbacks after the departure of several top-notch catchers. Another potential target in hometown hero, Preston Fox. Fox, a Morgantown High graduate, redshirted in 2020. Last year, Fox saw action in 5 games and could be a sleeper this year for Brown and company. Fox made the catch of the day just before half-time on a sideline snag for a 39-yard pickup. He also connected with Crowder on a 50-yard play that showed his potential to those in attendance. If Fox can become the third guy then the passing attack could see a high level of success.

New offensive coordinator Graham Harrell loves to go deep and in order to get the job done, he will need a plethora of receivers to get the job done. Opposing teams will focus on Ford-Wheaton and James which will open up the passing lanes for unsung players like Preston Fox to make big plays for what everyone around the program hopes is a big play offense from Harrell. Ironically, Fox was given a scholarship by Brown in the locker room immediately following the scrimmage. His parents were invited in to witness the offer. It put a cap on a great day for fans, players, and coaches alike.

Saturday was also a day of redemption for Lincoln's softball team. The Cougars avenged an earlier loss to Philip-Barbour with a 1-0 win. Making the victory even sweeter was the fact that Lincoln won the Big 10 conference title in the process.

The Cougars jumped out to an early lead when Alexis Williams and Emily Robey hit back-to-back doubles in the home half of the first inning. Williams scored the winning run and was the only player from either squad to have multiple hits in the affair. She was two for three in the lockup. Delaney Haller went the distance in the circle. Haller scattered five hits while striking out eight Colts in the process.

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

## Harrison County EMS



## Athletes of the Week

This past week's winners of the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal Athletes of the Week Award were Lincoln's Alexis Williams and Bridgeport's Ty Gandy.

Cougar softball player Alexis Williams helped her team to a 1-0 win over Phillip Barbour this past Saturday in Shinnston. The victory gave Lincoln the Big 10 Conference Championship. Williams was two for three at the plate with a double. She also scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the first inning.

Indian tennis Ty Gandy came up aces this past week at the Big 10 Tennis Championship in Bridgeport. Gandy won the Number 1 boys single title 8-1 over Zachariah Stalnaker (Lewis County) on Friday. Saturday, Gandy joined forces with Paul Hong to win the Number 1 doubles title. The duo defeated Buckhannon Upshur's Maurice Menendez and Aden Pitts, 8-0, for the title.

Congratulations to Lincoln's Alexis Williams and Bridgeport's Ty Gandy for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal Athletes of the week.



Lincoln High School tennis teams played a double header against Robert C. Byrd and Petersburg High Schools on April 15 at the courts at RCB. Results are as follows, according to publicity manager Lynn Williams-Vance.

The girls beat RCB overall 7-0. In singles, first seed Keri Yanero won 8-0, second seed Madison Merrill won 8-0, third seed Raelyn Vance, pictured, won 8-0, and fourth seed Kylee Freeman won 8-0. In doubles, first seeds Yanero and Merrill won 8-1, second seeds Vance and Freeman won 8-0, and third seeds Lilly McCarty and Jenna Cunningham won 8-2. The girls beat Petersburg overall 7-0. In singles, first seed Keri Yanero won 8-5, second seed Madison Merrill won 8-2, third seed Raelyn Vance won 8-4, and fourth seed Kylee Freeman won 8-4. In doubles, first seeds Yanero and Merrill won 8-2, second seeds Vance and Freeman won 8-1, and third seeds Lilly McCarty and Jenna Cunningham won 8-1. The boys team beat RCB overall 6-1 and Petersburg overall 7-0. Courtesy photo.



The Lincoln High School tennis team played Liberty at the Robert C. Byrd courts on April 20. The boys team beat Liberty with an overall score of 7-0, said tennis team publicity manager Lynn Williams-Vance. In singles, first seed Daniel Dodd won 8-0, second seed Santino Loretta won 8-0, third seed Chase Kniceley won 8-2, and fourth seed Braden Hamrick, pictured, won 8-1. The girls team also defeated Liberty. Courtesy photo.



## The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor  
Sports Editor

## Big wins in Morgantown and Shinnston

The Gold-Blue Spring Game was a nail-biter this past Saturday at Milan Puskar Stadium. The Gold edged the Blue team 22-21 in the simulated scrimmage. There was no real loser and West Virginia University Head Coach Neal Brown was the big winner on a day where his team took center stage in the Mountain State. The fan attendance was impressive as 12,678 people attended. The other big winner was WVU Medicine Children's Hospital which received a portion of the proceeds from the event.

The most significant position on the field belongs to the signal callers and three of the top four suited up. The newest addition, JT Daniels recently came to Morgantown via the transfer portal and didn't take part in this year's festivities. Will Crowder, Garrett Greene, and freshman sensation Nicco Marchiol all played and performed up to expectations.

Crowder threw for 199 yards on 14 of 24 passing. Crowder also tossed a touchdown to receiver Bryce Ford-Wheaton. Greene was 5 of 12 for 132 yards with a touchdown and an interception. The highly touted newcomer Marchiol was 10 of 19 for 75 yards in his first opportunity in a Mountaineer jersey. Mountaineer Nation may have had a glimpse of what is yet to come.

Receiver Sam James also hauled in a touchdown pass. He and Ford-Wheaton are the two top targets for

## Swim team hosting sign-up event

The Shinnston Sharks swim team is hosting a registration event on May 14, according to a news release.

The registration event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Shinnston pool. Refreshments will be provided.

Team members will be able to "learn and improve swimming techniques, make new friends, and compete in a fun and exciting pool environment," according to volunteer Tonya Barnes.

Team members must be able to independently swim across the pool and be 2022 high school graduates or younger.

Participants may be from the Lincoln school district or elsewhere, according to the release.



Homeschooled kids are also eligible.

Practices are on weekday mornings and swimmers may attend as many or few practices as they choose.

"We know many families take vacations during the summer swim weeks and that is OK!" the release states.

Meets are usually Tuesday nights at home and Thursday nights away. Elkins is the farthest meet destination.

Swimmers must attend three meets to participate in the summer championship July 15 and 16 in Buckhannon.

Veteran coaches Carley Shingleton and Sonia McGrady will be coaching again this year.

"The kids love them, and they have years of experience as swimmers and coaches," the release states.

Organizers have said practice officially begins with the first day of summer vacation for Harrison County students. But if any swimmers want to get a head start, the team will practice at Salem University starting April 18 at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome.

For more information, email shinnstonsharks@gmail.com or call or text Barnes at 304-641-0855.



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# OBITUARIES



**Adam Mathew Sorrow**

Adam Mathew Sorrow, 23, of Enterprise passed away at his residence on April 12, 2022. He was born April 4, 1999 in Morgantown, a son of Heather Renee Osbourn Sorrow of Enterprise and Benjamin Lee Sorrow and his wife Heather of Waynesburg, PA.

Also surviving are his brother Alex Sorrow; half-sister Jenna Sorrow; step siblings Jasmine Fuqua, Alexis Fuqua, Keira Fuqua Briena Coon, and Brayden Coon; his grandparents, Donna Osbourn of Enterprise and Rita Sorrow of Nashville; his aunts and uncles, Roger Osbourn and his wife Gina; Kelly Osbourn Hamrick, Jay Sorrow, Julia Sorrow Dozier and husband Ryan, Karen Harris, and Danny Sorrow and wife Robin; several cousins, including Tyler and Hunter Hamrick, Anthony Osbourn, Olivia Osbourn Phillips, and Emily Osbourn.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Roger Osbourn of Enterprise and John Sorrow of Nashville.

Adam loved sports, playing basketball and baseball, football and soccer. He enjoyed listening to music, collecting antiques, and loved hanging with family and friends and caring for neighbors. He loved his two cats, Bailey and Baby.

His hobbies were playing video games and watching movies.

A Celebration of Life was held Friday April 22, 2022 at 3:00 pm at the Mouser Building in Enterprise.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at Harmerfuneralhome.com.

A service of Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston.



**Warren Douglas Loar**

Warren Douglas Loar, 70, of Haywood, passed away on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at his residence. He was born in Clarksburg on August 5, 1951 to the late Warren Glenn Loar and Annabel Ruth (Boring) Loar.

Warren served in the United States Air

Force during Vietnam. He worked at Anchor Hocking for 18 years, until their closure. He went on to work in the trucking industry for over twenty years. Warren was a terminal manager for Tri-State Express and a dispatcher for W.S. Thomas Trucking of Fairmont. He spent retirement volunteering at the Lord's Pantry in Shinnston, gardening, canning and traveling with friends and family. Warren made multiple trips to Yellowstone National Park, South Dakota, Wyoming and Alaska. He and Mary celebrated their 49th and 50th wedding anniversaries in Las Vegas.

Left to cherish fond memories include his wife of over 50 years, Mary Elizabeth (Champ) Loar of Haywood; his son, Douglas Loar and wife Michelle of Haywood; sister, Pamela Marlene Douglas of Sardis; granddaughter, Hannah Loar and two grandsons: Hunter and Aidan Napier; niece, Valerie Clausson and husband Dave of Clarksburg.

In addition to his parents, Warren is preceded in death by one brother, Charles Edward Loar.

In keeping with his wishes, Warren will be cremated.

A memorial service and dinner were held for family and friends at 5:00pm at the American Legion in Shinnston, April 23, 2022. Pastor Tom Edgell officiated the service. All those that cared for Warren and his family were welcome to attend.

Interment will be held a later date at West Virginia National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to:

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



**Shirley Jean Chrislip**

Shirley Jean Chrislip, 44, of Enterprise, passed away on Thursday, April 14, 2022. She was born in Fairmont on January 3, 1978, daughter of the late Lonnie Ray Chrislip and Carolyn Jean Hamrick Chrislip.

Shirley previously worked for Genesis as a CNA as well as being a stay at home mother for the past few years. She enjoyed spending time with her children, thrifting, crafting and

gardening.

She is survived by her daughter, Makenna Chrislip of Enterprise; son, Larry "Trey" Tichenor, III and fiancée Jasmine Flowers of Enterprise; two sisters: Rhonda Lynn Chrislip of Clarksburg and Melissa Dawn McIntyre of Shinnston; one brother, Lonnie R. "Butch" Chrislip and wife Vicki of Idamay; as well as many more nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Jamie Todd Chrislip and one niece, Tara Toll.

Her daughter, Kenna, enjoyed dancing and singing in the car with her Mom. Especially "Jesus Take the Wheel." Going shopping together all of the time, going to and having friends over for cookouts and nights at home just watching movies.

**Special notes from her children:**

**Momma, our bond was like no other. I will never forget all the fun times we had or how special I was to you. I miss you so much. I'll always be your baby.**

**I love you Mommy ~Sissy**

**Mama, you don't know how thankful I was to have you. We may have fought or misunderstood each other, but I will never replace you.**

**~Bub**  
In keeping with Shirley's wishes, she will be cremated with no services at this time.

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



**Earnest Lyvaughn Pennington**

Earnest Lyvaughn Pennington, 94, of Hepzibah, passed away on Friday, April 15, 2022 at his residence. He was born on January 1, 1928 in Viropa to the late Alvie Lestor Pennington and Pearl Ryan Pennington.

Earnest retired from the United States Air Force, obtaining the rank of Master Sergeant. He served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He had also worked for United Hospital Center. He enjoyed fishing and watching wrestling.

He is survived by his wife of almost 62 years, Wanda June (Carr) Pennington; one daughter, Donna Revill of Hepzibah; three sons: Larry Pennington and wife Mary of Florida, Richard Pennington and wife Elizabeth of California and Thomas R. Pennington and wife

# Out Of The Past

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Advertising signs where the present Lincoln High parking lot is located. The house in the background was the old Rice homeplace. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

Wendy of Pennsylvania; one sister, Carolyn Sue Carr and husband David of Clarksburg; twelve grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren, four great great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by one son, Charles Denver "Denny" McNemear; two brothers: Lawrence Pennington and Elden Ray Pennington; three sisters: Edith Burnett, Ina Grace Pennington and Owena "Penny" Shreves and two infant sisters.

A special thanks of appreciation to Dana Stewart, WVU hospice nurse.

Friends and family were received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston on Monday, April 18, 2022 from 3:00pm to 8:00pm. Service was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 11:00am with Pastor Todd Jarman and Pastor Gary Carr officiating. Interment followed at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery with full military honors.

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



**Robert Douglas Waddell**

On Friday, April 15, 2022, Robert Douglas Waddell of Shinnston passed away unexpectedly. He was the son of the late Melton and Joan Waddell. He was born in Philadelphia, PA on July 24, 1970.

He is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Karen Waddell; four sons: Randy Johnson and wife Jenny of Shinnston, Samuel Massey and wife Davina of Idamay, Jeremy Massey and wife Claire of Shinnston and Justin Massey and fiancé Brittany Doc of Shinnston; one daughter, Jennifer Massey and fiancé Hunter Queen of Fairmont; 18 grandchildren: Raymond and wife Sheyenne, Elijah, Sarah, Lillie and Ezra Johnson, Hailey Ball, Angel, Lydia, Anna Joy, Jayden, Rowan, Dawson and Ana Mariah Massey, Collin Golden, Hunter and Kyle Wasilewski and

Bentley Dansereau; sister in law, Linda Lanham and husband Timmy of Shinnston; two brothers: John Waddell and wife Donna and David Waddell and fiancé Laurie Crouch both of Gilmer County; one sister, Alycia Waddell of Virginia; brother in law, Eddie Wolfe of Gilmer County as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Brent Waddell; brother in law, Fred Sandy; sister in law, Barbara Cook and his mother and father in law, Ellis and Bernadette Sandy.

Robert loved spending time with family and his best friend, Frank Rutherford, his cat "Daisy" and his dog "Gambit."

Family and friends were received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 from 3:00pm until 7:00pm, time of service, with Pastor Samuel Massey officiating.

In keeping with Robert's wishes, he was cremated after his service.

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

## Super Crossword

### Answers

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## Early voting begins April 27

On April 27, West Virginia registered voters may vote in person early at their courthouse (or annex), and in several counties at an additional approved community voting location, Secretary of State Mac Warner said in a news release.

All 55 counties offer early voting, with several offering more than one location around the county during the 10-day period. Any registered voter may vote their ballot early at the county courthouse (or annex) or designated community voting location in the county. Early voting hours differ depending on each county's normal business hours during the weekdays. Early voting is also available on the last two Saturdays before the May 10

Primary Election, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. in all counties.

West Virginia's 2022 primaries are semi-open, allowing for voters who are not affiliated with a recognized political party to participate in the party's primary of their choosing. However, unaffiliated voters must ask the poll workers for the specific party's ballot they desire to cast. Poll workers are instructed to refrain from prompting voters to request any specific party's ballot.

To learn more about in-person and absentee voting guidance and options, view a list of early voting locations, or check your registration, visit the WV Secretary of State's secure elections website at [GoVoteWV.com](http://GoVoteWV.com).

## Justice announces National Guard to provide Ukraine with armored vehicles

Gov. Jim Justice announced last week, in a news release, that the West Virginia National Guard will aid Ukraine by providing armored personnel carriers for use against continued Russian aggression.

Following a request from the Department of Defense, the West Virginia Army National Guard will give an undisclosed number of M-113 Armored Personnel Carriers to Ukraine as part of a drawdown of Department of Defense inventories to support the country.

M-113 APCs are used to move soldiers and equipment across the battlefield while providing protection from small arms fire and the effects of artillery.

"By joining with other states in sending numerous of these

armored vehicles to Ukraine, we hope and pray that this will give Ukrainian forces a major leg up in their defense of their home country," Gov. Justice said. "In West Virginia, we will always stand up for what's right, which is why we stand united with Ukraine and will continue to help in every way possible, especially as we continue to learn about the war crimes and other atrocities that continue to occur in this unprovoked and intolerable attack on a nation and its people."

Last month, Justice announced that he had directed the West Virginia National Guard and the West Virginia Department of Homeland Security to help Ukraine by collecting unused or recently expired ballistic vests

from law enforcement agencies across the state. The Governor also called on the West Virginia Legislature to join him in pledging \$5 million in assistance for a Ukrainian maternity and children's hospital that had been bombed by Russian military forces.

In February, Gov. Justice announced that he had issued an Executive Order, directing the West Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Administration to cease the purchase and sale of all Russian-produced liquor until further notice, while simultaneously making Ukrainian-produced liquor brands available for purchase by licensed retail liquor outlets.

## Student from Shinnston places in public speaking contest

A student from Shinnston, as well as two from Marion County, were winners in the Frank and Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center's M.M. Neely Persuasive Speaking Contest, according to a news release sent last week.

Fairmont State University students presented persuasive speeches based on extensive research and were judged on the quality of their arguments and delivery of presentation.

The winners selected include Ashton Malnick, Fairview, first place; Alexandra Haberland, Fairmont, second place; and Jaye Carvelli, Shinnston, third place. The

winners received cash awards provided by the Neely family through the Fairmont State Foundation. Additional finalists were Kayleigh Casto, Anthony Fordham, Daisy Gibbons and Makayla Schindler.

"Events and programs, such as the Neely Persuasive Speaking Contest, are one of the hallmarks of a Fairmont State University education, allowing our students to prepare and apply

real-world skills," said Fairmont State University President Mirra M. Martin. "These students are perfect examples of the type of homegrown talent we prize and nurture at Fairmont State, and we congratulate each of them on this recognition."

The contest was established by former U.S. Senator and Governor of West Virginia, Matthew Mansfield Neely. He fought for cancer

research, child labor regulation and other similar reforms. A most celebrated and controversial politician, Neely, who was also quite adept at public speaking, saw the contest as a way to encourage students to speak up for their beliefs as he had in support of his deeply held convictions.

Neely's heirs, specifically his daughter, Corrine Neely Pettit, endowed the contest in perpetuity.

## Justice recommends boosters

While COVID-19 case counts have declined, Gov. Jim Justice continued to urge West Virginians to get vaccinated and boosted, during a televised briefing Friday.

He read the ages and locations of another 19 individuals who have passed away from COVID-19 from April 19- April 22.

"Walking around unprotected is not wise," Justice said. "We don't want to lose any more of our people."

All West Virginians

ages 5 and older are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. After the primary series, first booster shots are recommended for those ages 12 and older.

**Second booster shots** have now been authorized by the FDA and recommended by the CDC for those ages 50 and over who are also at least four months removed from their first booster dose, as well as certain younger immunocompromised individuals ages 12 and older.

All West Virginians who qualify can immediately get this dose anywhere vaccines are available.

Read more about vaccines at [Vaccinate.wv.gov](http://Vaccinate.wv.gov) and at [CDC.gov](http://CDC.gov).

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Submitted by WVU Today

The month of April is a time for accolades and acknowledging accomplishments ahead of spring commencement on college campuses, thus was the focus of much of Friday's April 22 meeting of the West Virginia University's Board of Governors.

"Preparing students to succeed is our primary purpose. The past month has shown in many different ways that we are giving our students the skills they need to change their lives and our world," President Gordon Gee said during his report to the board.

Gee praised three faculty members honored this week as Foundation Outstanding Teachers, and he highlighted this year's five Foundation Scholars awarded the highest student academic scholarship the University awards.

Student Body President Amaya Jernigan, who is also finishing her term as the student representative to the BOG, led a presentation about Student Government Association efforts during the past year, including a successful initiative to highlight local small businesses to help them during the pandemic and increased work with the office of accessibility to support students to improve accessibility services on campus. SGA also worked with the University and state lawmakers to introduce legislation to support higher education mental

health funding in West Virginia.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Maryanne Reed mentioned the inaugural GradFest underway this week which will culminate with commencement ceremonies May 13-15, marking a transition from one chapter to the next for graduates - and for the university.

Reed noted next steps in Academic Transformation focused on undergraduate advising to better serve students and improve retention and graduation rates.

"We are close to completing changes that will ensure that every

undergraduate student has access to centrally coordinated professional advising within the next two years," Reed said.

She also updated leadership changes recently announced for the Keyser and Beckley Campuses, as well as the search for the founding dean of the new College of Applied Human Sciences on the Morgantown Campus.

WVU is also moving forward with a Modernization Program overhauling finance, human resources and student information systems. Current efforts are focused on redesigning the university's budget model.

The board approved the university's request to issue up to \$22 million in bonds to finance a dozen projects as part of its annual capital improvement program,

including renovations to the B&E Building, E. Moore and Chitwood halls, lighting upgrades at the Canady Creative Arts Center's Clay Theatre and a new roof at Davis Hall at WVU Potomac State College.

Additionally, WVU Athletics received approval to increase the budget for construction of the Coliseum Courtside Club from \$3 million to \$3.5 million to be paid through available marketing rights funds.

The club, to completed by November, will be in the current strength and conditioning space which was vacated as part of a planned move to the Athletic Performance Center.

The university will also negotiate an extension of its current athletics concessions contract with Sodexo from 2031 through June 30, 2036, as it develops a banquet-type facility at the Coliseum called the Concourse Club located at the Mountaineer gate area to host functions of up to 350 people. Upgrades are also planned to Milan Puskar Stadium.

The board also approved several new academic offerings, including a master of public health degree program within the School of Public Health and master of science in engineering management degree in the Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for June 24.

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## First pop-up market was a success

By Sarah Hayes  
Staff Writer

It was an honor to be included as one of the vendors at The Soapbox's first pop-up market on April 10. The afternoon was full of shopping, refreshments, and live music.

The Soapbox is a new creative arts venue in Shinnston. Owners Brendan Gallagher and Maria Cusack, who share the goal of bringing art and culture to the small town, invited local vendors to participate in this event. All had unique, signature items available to purchase, ranging from vintage clothing to local honey.

While there, I met other creators in the area, while also promoting my memoir, "Invisible Monster." My book describes my difficult and dark past, full of

"monsters" from abuse and neglect to suicide, and the choice I made to still have a beautiful life despite the "monsters" in my story.

Michael and Amanda Flanigan, Shinnston residents, beekeepers and owners of Mountaineer Bees, were on the incredible list of vendors, with "products powered by honey bees," as it states on their business card. They had a variety of products on hand, including body care products like lotion and lip balm, beard care, raw honey, wax melts, and home and office products like wood conditioner. All their products are made 100% from honey and beeswax produced from their bee farm in Salem.

Brooke Jewell, owner of BJewell Studio located in Bridgeport, was among the list of

amazing artists that was in attendance. Jewell is an artist who specializes in oil painting and offers a variety of painting classes throughout Harrison County. You can catch one of her classes once a month at the Market on Main in Bridgeport, or you can try one of her new classes that will be offered at The Soapbox. On Friday, you can enjoy an oil painting class, or starting May 3, Jewell will be offering a watercolor painting series. Although her specialty is oil painting, the watercolor painting series offers a simpler form of painting that even beginners can grasp. She brought multiple oil paintings in a variety of sizes and styles that were available to purchase.

Kaitlyn Glaspell, owner of Sunmoon Apparel in Bridgeport, along with her stylist

Darryan Ward, was there with their 1970s-inspired wardrobe and other rare items from this vintage thrift shop. Glaspell and Ward travel around thrifting to hand-select every item they bring into the store. Austin Glaspell, Kaitlyn Glaspell's husband, was also there to greet all who came through the door with his acoustic guitar and his beautiful southern rock/bluegrass voice. The Glaspells are quite a team.

Maria Cusack, co-owner of The Soapbox, brought some of her beautiful, handmade jewelry, which she creates under the business name, a.salty.glow. And just like a cherry on top, Gallagher and Cusack provided freshly brewed, and oh-so-tasty cold brew for all to enjoy. I would call The Soapbox's first pop-up market a success.



Beekeepers, artists and thrifters were among vendors at The Soapbox's first pop-up market April 10. Photo by Sarah Hayes.

You can follow my journey on Facebook @invisiblemonstermemoir or purchase your own copy of Invisible Monster on Amazon.

You can check out Mountaineer Bee's amazing, locally made products on their website, www.mountaineerbees.com, or follow them on Facebook and Instagram @mountaineerbees.

For information on

BJewell Studio's classes offered or to purchase one of her pieces of art on her website, find Brooke Jewell at www.bjewellstudio.com or on social media @bjewellstudio.

Sunmoon Apparel is located at 202 E. Main Street in Bridgeport, or you can follow these traveling thrifters on Instagram @sunmoonapparel.

## Library plans summer reading program

Submitted by Deborah Starkey  
Lowe Public Library director

The theme for this year's program is "Ocean of Possibilities." Sign-up will be May 16 to May 25. Kids will be divided into ages 2-5 and 6-12. The program will begin June 2 and times will be announced at a later date. Please call the library to register.

The library had an Easter Egg hunt on April 14 with Jungle Junction with our Thursday toddlers group attending. It was a wild, chaotic time for all.

### May Events:

Thursday for Toddlers: May 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 1 p.m.

Hungry Caterpillar Book Club: May 17 at 2 pm. Please bring your favorite

recipe and a book to share. Those with a copy of their recipe will be eligible to win a prize. New members welcome.

The library will be closed May 30 for Memorial Day.

### Best-sellers available for check out at this time:

"The Investigator" John Sandford; "What Happened to the Bennetts" Lisa Scottoline; "Run Rose Run" James Patterson and "The Recovery Agent" Janet Evanovich.

**New books** include: "Beautiful" Danielle Steel; "Death Of A Black Widow" James Patterson; "Island Of Time" Davis Bunn; "A Stranger's Game" Colleen Coble; "Dream Town" David Baldacci; and "Emerald Tide" Davis Bunn. Many new large print are added monthly.

## The founding of the Emeralds, Part III

By Michael D. Swiger; May 15, 2011  
Provided by Debra Herndon,  
Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum  
Director

This is the third in a three-part series on the Emeralds. The first part ran on Feb. 24 and the second ran on March 31.

As I reflect on that time and the music, I think our fans appreciated and enjoyed the group because we tried very hard to create a sound as close as possible to the original recordings of the popular artists of the day. When we rehearsed, we used no music. We simply would listen to the old 45-rpm records over and over until we had it right. Our rehearsal sessions were many and could be heard throughout Shinnston in the summer. Most of these events took place at my home at 344 Hood Avenue (at the top of the hill overlooking the old bridge). With the doors and windows open, the Emeralds sound carried across the river to the city. When we took our

breaks from rehearsing, you could find all of us gathered in the kitchen enjoying the cooking of my aunts, Madge Swiger Wiley and Letha Swiger - I always marveled at how much food five guys could consume in one sitting. Looking back, the rehearsal sessions were not just learning new songs but a social event full of good conversation and sharing over a meal.

For myself, it was truly a marvelous period in my life that created many fond memories and built friendships that have stood the test of time. Sadly this type of sharing is no longer commonplace and I think it represents a missed opportunity in developing lasting friendships.

The group would change from time to time and Jack McIntire was the first to decide to move his music in a different direction and he left after six months. His replacement was Malcolm Swisher, a young guitar player and singer from Fairmont, who heard of the Emeralds and

Continued on Page 10.

## Community Garden is commended

Submitted by City Clerk  
Kathleen Panek

There is a Facebook group comprised of West Virginians who live here, have lived here but now live elsewhere, or have/had family in West Virginia that they visited often. A member told the story of the Shinnston Community Garden and included photos from 2021 and what has been done so far in 2022. The post told of all the help there has been from Shinnston area businesses and people. It also included photos of the aeroponic tower purchased thanks to a grant received from Try This WV. The tower is located in City Hall.

To date, 68 ounces of lettuces have been harvested from the aeroponic tower and delivered to the Lord's Pantry. Onion sets have been planted in the raised bed with the garlic that will be ready for harvesting soon. And the strawberry plants



that were transplanted into raised beds appear to have survived the transplant and the winter.

Almost 800 people have reacted to the post on Facebook with about 100 making comments. Here are a few quotes: "How wonderful that everyone is working together for the good of all. God bless your town and its people. We need more communities like yours." "How things should be. So proud of my West Virginia heritage!"

"How wonderful to read about your efforts and accomplishments. What a great community!" "Wow! What an awesome project! Way to go, Shinnston!"

The Boy Scouts are building more raised beds, and 10 raised beds will be available to members of the community for a small fee with everything raised in a designated raised bed for their own use. Contact City Hall for the application for a raised bed for your own use.

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Last week, Lincoln High School's softball team won 9-1 over Buckhannon Upshur, 10-0 against South Harrison, and then 1-0 over Philip Barbour to win the Big 10 Gold Bracket Championship. Pictured, Emily Robey, who Lincoln High School featured on Facebook for hitting a home run during a Buckhannon-Upshur game, as well as a team photo. Courtesy photos.



## On The Menu

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**Cold Mango Souffle Topped With Toasted Coconut**  
(Makes 4)

- 4 small mangoes, peeled, pitted and chopped
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 tablespoon powdered Gelatine
- 2 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup superfine sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 1/4 cups heavy cream
- Grated rind of one orange
- Toasted flaked or coarsely shredded coconut, to decorate

Place a few pieces of mango in the base of each of four 2/3-cup ramekins. Wrap a creased collar of nonstick parchment paper around the outside of each dish, extending well above the rim. Secure with adhesive tape, then tie tightly with string.

Pour the water into a small heatproof bowl and sprinkle the Gelatine over the surface. Leave for 5 minutes or until spongy. Place the bowl in a pan of hot water, stirring occasionally, until the Gelatine has dissolved.

Meanwhile, whisk the egg yolks with the superfine sugar and milk in another heatproof bowl. Place the bowl over a pan of simmering water and continue to whisk until the mixture is thick and frothy. Remove from the heat and continue whisking until the mixture cools. Whisk in the liquid Gelatine.

Puree the remaining mango pieces in a food processor or blender, then fold the puree into the egg yolk mixture with the orange rind. Set the mixture aside until starting to thicken.

Whip the heavy cream to soft peaks. Reserve 4 tablespoons and fold the rest into the mango mixture. Spoon into the ramekins until the mixture is 1 inch above the rim of each dish. Chill for 3 to 4 hours, or until set.

Carefully remove the paper collars from the souffle. Spoon a little of the reserved cream on top of each souffle and decorate with some toasted flaked or coarsely shredded coconut.

Remember, readers, if you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share, we welcome your submissions. E-mail your recipe to us at [debra@mountainmedianews.com](mailto:debra@mountainmedianews.com). And don't forget to stop by your local Price Cutter to purchase all of your cooking and baking needs.

**"Emeralds" Cont. from Pg. 9.**



Left to right, Emeralds members Ron Prince, Steve Sturm, Mike Swiger, Jim Swiger and Marvin McIntire perform at the Shinnston Woman's Club. Courtesy photo.



Left to right, Steve Sturm, Mike Swiger and Marvin McIntire of the Emeralds play at Shinnston Woman's Club. Courtesy photo.

asked if he could try out with us. He came to one of our rehearsals and we added him to the group immediately. Over the next year we added Ron Prince on guitar from Clarksburg and Chip Thompson from Fairmont on the keyboard. Ronnie actually replaced Malcolm Swisher since he wanted to move his music endeavors in a more formal direction hoping to make it big. It wasn't long before my life's journey would take me away from the band and West Virginia as well.

Many more musicians were added and dropped over the life of the Emeralds but the original group created the base for which the Emeralds would continue from our start in 1957 to the mid 1990s. At one point, the name was even changed but brought

back. It is certainly noteworthy to think that five ordinary guys who started in a living room in Enterprise would create a musical presence that lasted more than 40 years.

From the original Emeralds, four remain: Jack McIntire, Stonewood; Steve Sturm, who resides in South Carolina; Marvin McIntire who lives in Owings; and myself in Reston, Virginia. If you had the good fortune to live in Shinnston during the late 50s and early 60s or know someone who did, I am sure the Emeralds are remembered. Our gift to you was our music, while your gift to us was the enjoyment of our music and the lasting memories shared as classmates, friends, and strangers who banded together for that wild ride called "Rock and Roll."

I hope in some small way this look-back at the Emeralds' beginnings brings fond memories for you as well.

Note about the author: Swiger is a native of Shinnston. He was one of the five original members of the Emeralds as well as their business manager from 1957 through 1960. Swiger left Shinnston in 1962 and spent four years in the U.S. Air Force. He then completed two undergraduate degree programs, computer science and business administration, rounding out his formal education with a masters in business administration. After successfully completing 40 hours in the information technology business, Swiger retired in April of 2009 and lives at home with his wife Carol in Reston, Virginia.

## Clarksburg car show and film planned

Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center announced, in a news release, a partnership with NCWV Cars & Coffee to host a car meet-up with a special screening of *Gone in 60 Seconds* on July 29 at the historic Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center, located at 444 W. Pike St. in Clarksburg.

A Cars and Coffee event is not a typical car show, but rather a venue that provides a social gathering for automotive enthusiasts to hang out and enjoy cars and conversation. Starting at 6 p.m., attendees can expect to walk with other car lovers among over 50 novelty and performance automobiles. Following the meet-up, a screening of the Nicolas Cage-led action thriller "Gone in 60 Seconds" will show at 8 p.m. on the Robinson Grand's big screen.

"We are confident this is going to be Clarksburg's premier summer automotive event," said Jason A Young, the Robinson Grand's consulting program manager. "It's about as unique as you can get: the perfect synergy of cars, community, and [Nicolas] Cage."

The Robinson Grand also provided a preview of the film.

In exchange for the life of his little brother Kip (Giovanni Ribisi), the reformed car thief, Randall "Memphis" Raines (Nicolas Cage), has to do the impossible: in less than three days, he has to steal not one, but 50 exotic supercars for the ruthless crime lord Ray Calitri (Christopher Eccleston). To stand a chance of pulling off this intricate and time-sensitive grand theft auto,



once more, Memphis has to rely on his old gang: his knowledgeable mentor, Otto (Robert Duvall); his old friends, Sphinx (Vinnie Jones) and Donny (Chi McBride); his reluctant ex-girlfriend, Sway (Angelina Jolie); and a band of tech-savvy young thieves. However, the police are on to them before the thefts even begin.

Anyone can bring a car to the meet-up. NCWV Cars and Coffee has an interest in modern performance vehicles but welcomes classics and everything unique. Participants are asked to bring a clean, show-worthy vehicle and respect each other's property and space while at the meet-up.

"Come enjoy a gathering of our local cars, then let's watch one of the best car movies of our generation," said Steven Baczuk, from NCWV Cars and Coffee.

Tickets for *Gone in 60 Seconds* are \$7 and went on sale on April 22. They can be purchased online at [tickets.therobinsongrand.com](http://tickets.therobinsongrand.com) or by calling the Robinson Grand ticketing center at 855-773-6283.

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