

Shinnston volunteer nationally recognized



Dortha Parsons showcases her National Female Volunteer of the Year Award at the Department of Veterans Affairs' National Advisory Committee meeting on April 29. Courtesy photo.

Dortha Parsons, of Shinnston, was honored last month for her thousands of hours volunteering with the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center.

On April 29, Department of Veterans Affairs' Center for Development and Civic Engagement honored Parsons as the 2022 National Female Volunteer of the Year, according to a news release. Parsons was recognized at the annual National Advisory Committee meeting in Denver, Colorado.

Since 1977, Parsons has been an active medical center volunteer and has accumulated over 33,000 volunteer hours. She has volunteered in recreation therapy, information technology, chaplain service, and most recently in diagnostic service providing customer service to veterans. She is active in the American Legion Auxiliary, Veterans

of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, and the Order of the Rebekahs.

"All volunteers are truly the lifeblood of the medical center," said Barbara Forsha, medical center director. "We could not provide services to our veterans as efficiently as we do without them. Dortha truly goes above and beyond by not only volunteering, but she also donates items through her respective organizations to support the veterans we serve. We are blessed to have her as part of our team and are honored she was selected as this year's National Female Volunteer of the Year."

Those interested in volunteering may contact the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center at 304-623-3461, ext. 3932 or visit www.va.gov/clarksburg-health-care.



Clarksburg Country Club longtime employee Fred Swisher has retired. The pool at the club is shown. Courtesy photo.

Country Club makes new hires

Clarksburg Country Club announced, in a news release last week, the retirement of longtime employee Fred Swisher at the end of the 2021 season. With over three decades of experience at the golf facility, Swisher has been a staple at the club. He began as the golf professional and was later promoted to general manager. Current Director of Golf Doug Comer said that Swisher's involvement with the club will be hard to replace.

"Fred (Swisher) has given the club over half of his life, and they owe him a great deal of gratitude for what he has done to build the club to what it is today. He has been a mentor to me and if I can speak for everyone, he will be missed," said Comer.

The club did not have to look very far for a replacement superintendent. Brady Hatch of Morgantown has ties to the area, and his experience as an assistant superintendent has made the transition smooth. Swisher has been kept on for consulting on the course with Hatch and this has also made the transition more seamless.

"We are seeing a lot of great things since Hatch took over," said Comer. "What has been great to see is the transition and the team that has come along to help make the course the best it can be. With our chemical rep and our licensed spray consultants, Hatch has a strong game plan to carry the torch that Swisher carried over the last 20 years."

Hatch, who has been on the job since the winter, already has been using his resources to save the

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Legion celebrates birthday, gives awards



Bruce Grimes, commander of American Legion Post 31, speaks during a celebration of the American Legion's 103rd birthday at Post 31 on March 13. Courtesy photo.

Submitted by Betsy Turner

American Legion Post 31 and the American Legion Family (Auxiliary, Sons, Riders), along with their families and friends, celebrated the American Legion's 103rd birthday on March 13. The

celebration was held at American Legion Post 31, Shinnston.

William "Bill" Haught, commander of the American Legion Department of West Virginia was the keynote speaker. Tom Willis, Post 31 adjutant, presented the POW/MIA Service in remembrance of those military service members who were prisoners of war or still missing.

Bruce Grimes, commander of Post 31, opened the event, and Robin Shingleton, Legion Riders Squadron 31 treasurer, gave the invocation.

This was a day of many special awards. Tom Willis received a certificate of appreciation for outstanding service and advancement of American Legion programs.


This was also a special time for four Legion members and four Auxiliary members who received 50-year membership certificates. Legion members receiving their 50-year certificates were Frank Nicholson, Terry Moore, Kenneth Sipe and James Slosser. Auxiliary members who received their 50-year certificates were

Mary Martin, Judy Martin, Patricia Burnett, Judy Knoble and Dorothy Kanios.

Cathy Post, American Legion Auxiliary Department of West Virginia president, was given a gift for her project, the Gold Star Mothers Living Memorial. The memorial is a park with 55 apple trees, one for each county; dog tags; a granite bench; three flag poles; and a gazebo. It will be the first one in the north-central part of the state.

The most special award of the day was to Dortha Parsons for over 33,000 hours of volunteer service to the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center. She was also selected National Female Volunteer of the Year by the VA and traveled to Denver, Colorado to receive her national award on April 28.

Following the program, the attendees enjoyed dinner served by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31. As with most birthdays, the meal was completed with a birthday cake decorated with the American Legion logo.



BUILDING AMAZING CITIES

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

European smart cities



Jim Hunt's granddaughter, Avery Sellhorst, accompanies him during a recent trip to the Eiffel Tower. Photo by Jim Hunt.

When traveling, I like to look for innovations in the cities that I visit. It sometimes gives an indication of what we might see on our streets in the near future. On my recent trip to Paris and Amsterdam, I saw several things that were interesting and notable.

As soon as we left the airport in Paris and got into a cab, I noticed that the cab was a hybrid gas and electric vehicle and when stopped at a traffic light, the engine would stop and reengage when the light changed. While this technology is in many cars in the United States, it was in every cab that we took during our trip.

In addition, there were several charging stations along the streets and everyone we passed, had a car plugged in. This is not surprising, since the gas prices in Europe have always been more expensive than in the states by several dollars a gallon.

There were also a lot of

electric scooters in both Paris and Amsterdam with people of all ages whizzing by at speeds faster than what would seem safe for the city streets. With all the motorcycles, bicycles, scooters and pedestrians sharing the roads, we did not see any accidents during our trip. There was even an electric "wheel" vehicle that we saw several people riding. It consists of a large wheel, about eighteen inches in circumference with two footrests for the rider to stand on. Dangerous would be an understatement! I had not seen these types of vehicles in the United States, but I would bet they will be on their way to our shores soon.

Another thing that I noticed is that it is becoming increasingly difficult to travel without having cell service. My phone plan allowed me to use my phone, much like I do at home, for ten dollars a day and it would have been almost impossible to not have it available.

See "Hunt" on Pg 3.

Legion hosts Easter event

Submitted by Betsy Turner

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31 held its annual Children's Easter Party earlier this month.

On April 2, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31 gathered at American Legion Post 31, Shinnston to prepare for the American Legion Post 31 and American Legion Family (Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders) Children's Easter Party, which was held April 3.

Easter baskets were filled with candy and other small items for the children. The group gathered prior to the party to hide Easter Eggs and prepare the snacks for the party, which was held from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. at American Legion Post 31, Shinnston.

The high point of the afternoon was a visit by the "Easter Bunny," Matt Capozzi, and each child was able to visit with him and have their pictures taken.

Marsha Duckworth, party organizer, also had crafts and games for the children.



Auxiliary members held an Easter party for annual children on April 3. Pictured are Roxie Nicholson, Robin Shingleton, Cliff Shingleton, Lois Layman, Marcia Duckworth, Easter Bunny (Matt Capozzi), Lilly Capozzi, Carla Wilfong, Karen Flanagan and Margaret Yost. Courtesy photo.

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Guest Column
By Charlotte Lane

Off the tracks for National Train Day

By Charlotte Lane

West Virginia Public Service Commission Chair

On May 10, 1869, the Golden Spike was driven into the ground, completing the transcontinental railroad. National Train Day was established to commemorate that event and to celebrate our country's railroading heritage. During May, museums, train enthusiasts and everyday commuters will enjoy exhibits of railroad memorabilia, elaborate model train displays and riding the rails.

We should also honor the people who keep the trains and tracks safe, including the Public Service Commission's Railroad Safety field inspectors. Last year, our team inspected 28,813 locomotives and rail cars, citing 1,511 defective units. They also inspected 1,166 miles of railroad tracks and 419 rail-grade crossings, citing 651 defective track conditions.

Inspections are the crucial first step in keeping the public safe when traveling on or near railroad tracks. The PSC's inspectors are all fully certified by the Federal Railroad Administration. They are also Operation Lifesaver volunteers. Because of them, West Virginia's railroads have been acknowledged as some of the safest in the country.

But no matter how much good work our inspectors do to keep the trains and tracks safe, there is another major safety factor. You! When you are near railroad tracks, you must take precautions and follow the rules. In 2021 there were 2,131 highway-rail grade crossing collisions across the U.S., resulting in 653 injuries and 237 fatalities.

Never challenge a train. When the crossing guard is down or if you see lights flashing or hear bells ringing, do not try to beat the train. Obey all warning devices at railroad grade crossings. If you drive a low-clearance vehicle it could get stuck on the crossing. The average freight train traveling at 55 miles per hour can take more than a mile to stop. That's the equivalent of 18 football fields.

Never, ever walk on or beside the tracks. Trains are faster and quieter than you think – especially if you are wearing earbuds or are otherwise distracted. And it is illegal. Train tracks and the land surrounding them are private property. Walking there is trespassing. Stay off the tracks and stay alive. Follow the rules around railroad tracks so you, too, can celebrate National Train Day.

THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History



On May 16, 1928, Minister Robert Graetz Jr. was born in Clarksburg. He helped organize the Montgomery bus boycott and was the only white minister in the highly segregated Alabama city to support the boycott publicly. Courtesy photo.

May 12–14, 1921: Bullets peppered down on about a dozen mining towns in the Matewan-Williamson area, and nonunion miners fired back, in what became known as the Battle of the Tug. Three people were shot and killed.

May 13, 1962: Editorial cartoonist Henry Payne was born in Charleston. In 1989, Payne was the first editorial cartoonist in the country to make his work available via computer.

May 14, 1878: Photographer Rufus "Red" Ribble was born in Blacksburg, Virginia. For nearly 40

Super Crossword **HOLLYWOOD GIRL GROUP**

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- 1 Shrine images
 - 6 Kept from falling, as pants
 - 13 Abashed
 - 20 Showed on TV again
 - 21 Not varying at all
 - 22 In a weepy way
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 25 Language spoken in Dhaka
 - 26 Is in a chair
 - 27 College, to a Brit
 - 28 Long to undo
 - 30 Augur's sign
 - 31 Riddle, part 2
 - 39 Home for mil. jets
 - 40 Roman love god
 - 41 Singer James or Jones
 - 42 Bad guys
 - 46 Explosive compounds
 - 48 Hercule creator
 - 53 From time immemorial
 - 54 Riddle, part 3
 - 56 Talk big
 - 57 Mr. Capote, to friends
 - 58 Partner of neither
 - 59 Liquid asset
 - 60 Riddle, part 4
 - 66 Reciprocal
 - 69 Army chaplain
 - 70 The Great Lakes' — Canals
 - 71 Libreville's country
 - 72 Everglades mammal
 - 75 Riddle, part 5
 - 80 Big name in PCs
 - 81 Letter two before tau
 - 83 "— Kapital"
 - 84 Roof part
 - 85 Riddle, part 6
 - 91 Become rigid
 - 93 Key in again
 - 94 Thin and watery
 - 95 Back fish fins
 - 96 "QED" center
 - 98 Formerly, old-style
 - 99 Mendes of "2 Fast 2 Furious"
 - 100 End of the riddle
 - 109 Kazan of Hollywood
 - 110 Singer Ritter
 - 111 Feel fluish, perhaps
 - 112 French pals
 - 114 Excessive bureaucracy
 - 117 Riddle's answer
 - 123 Offspring-producing animal
 - 124 Part of ROTC
 - 125 Rule from the throne
 - 126 Cheech and Chong personas
 - 127 Electrical current units
 - 128 Archipelago parts
 - 11 Old stage star Hagen
 - 12 Martinez of baseball
 - 13 Ideally
 - 14 Realize
 - 15 Sci-fi's Solo
 - 16 Class jargon
 - 17 Where the Marlins play
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 - 19 Running out of steam
 - 24 Blew with short blasts
 - 29 World Heritage Site gp.
 - 32 Manicurist's target
 - 33 Brave in the face of adversity
 - 34 Give off
 - 35 "The lady — protest ..."
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 - 37 — TASS (news agency)
 - 38 Very wise
 - 42 Seizes
 - 43 Site of the Taj Mahal
 - 44 Scorch
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 - 47 Rajah's wife
 - 49 Mountain climbers, e.g.
 - 50 Alexis or Peter, e.g.
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 - 52 Court great
 - 54 Novelist Sarah — Jewett
 - 55 Basic musical chords
 - 57 Bullfighter
 - 61 D.C. baseballer
 - 62 Ike's inits.
 - 63 USSR's Cold War foe
 - 64 Alluringly shy
 - 65 "Moo" maker
 - 67 76ers' org.
 - 68 Rocket scientist
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 - 74 Not cluttered
 - 75 Bagel center
 - 76 "— Fideles"
 - 77 Father, to a tot
 - 78 Knievel of motorcycle stunts
 - 79 Cravings
 - 82 Hurry it up
 - 86 Tech detail
 - 87 Wife of Zeus
 - 88 — Scott case
 - 89 Civil wrong
 - 90 "Quiet!"
 - 91 Dumpy dwellings
 - 92 — Sea (Asian lake)
 - 95 Thirsts for
 - 97 Rearranges
 - 100 Basil and bay leaf
 - 101 Heads-up
 - 102 YouTube clip
 - 103 All gone, as food
 - 104 Add-on
 - 105 Purple color
 - 106 Decorative flower holders
 - 107 Cybermissive
 - 108 Scorch
 - 113 1040 IDs: Abbr.
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years he traveled the coalfields making panoramic photographs of miners, towns, family reunions, church congregations and school groups.

May 14, 1906: Social reformer Mary Behner was born in Xenia, Ohio. From 1928 until 1937, Behner worked in the coal camps along Scotts Run near Morgantown, fighting poverty and creating social and educational outlets for families.

May 15, 1880: The state's first telephone exchange was placed in service in Wheeling with about 25 subscribers.

May 15, 1886: Minnie Buckingham Harper was born in Winfield. She was the first African American woman to serve as a member of a state legislative body in the United States. She was appointed by Governor Howard Gore on January 10, 1928, to fill the unexpired term of her husband, E. Howard Harper.

May 16, 1778: About 300 Wyandot and Mingo Native Americans attacked Fort Randolph at Point Pleasant. Unable to take the fort, the Indians proceeded up the Kanawha River toward other settlements.

May 16, 1928: Minister Robert Graetz Jr. was born in Clarksburg. He helped organize the Montgomery bus boycott and was the only white minister in the highly segregated Alabama city to support the boycott publicly.

May 17, 1854: A violent windstorm swept up the Ohio River and severely damaged the Wheeling Suspension Bridge.

May 17, 1862: The Battle of Pigeon Roost took place in Princeton during the Civil War. Union soldiers were noisily approaching Princeton from the southeast, unaware that the Confederates were lying in ambush. The attack left an estimated 18 federal

troops killed and 38 wounded.

May 18, 2012: Ice Mountain in Hampshire County was named a National Natural Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior at a ceremony to mark the 50th anniversary of the program.

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FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

This calendar of events listing is provided free of charge to churches and nonprofit organizations. Please submit your listing two weeks prior to the event. Send via email to newsandjournal@yahoo.com.

Lumberport Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, May 7, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Lumberport Methodist Church
\$7 a meal

Shinnston Area Council of Churches

Meeting Monday, May 16 at 4 p.m.
First United Methodist Church, Shinnston.
Any questions please contact Rev. Cindy Boggs 304-592-0508

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31 monthly meeting

Thursday, May 19
7 pm, American Legion Post 31, Shinnston.
All members are welcome.

Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Mission

408 Morgantown Ave, Fairmont
Rev. Sasha Nedich 724-966-7428
www.holytrinityserborthwv.org
Liturgy: Saturday, May 7th at 10 a.m.
Saturday, May 21st at 10 a.m.
Saturday, June 4th at 10 a.m.
Please check to make sure of no cancellations
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club money, which is essential in the golf industry, according to the news release. There is a budget that needs to be met and finding ways to stay under the number is just another responsibility added to the primary goal of keeping the course in pristine condition, which he has accomplished to date.

The club also announced that Doug Comer will assume a bigger role at the club beginning this season. As the tournament coordinator and teaching professional, Comer has worked for 12 years holding those responsibilities. But the promotion has added a few more duties to his position.

“Doug will be our new Director of Golf,” said Andrew Givens, golf committee chair. “And we are excited with what he brings along with that position. He will work along with our committee in developing membership, creating a golf schedule and recruitment of outside golf functions. And

“Hunt” from Pg 1.



During a trip to Paris, Jim Hunt observed more electric car charging stations than in the United States. Photo by Jim Hunt.

Most restaurants use the QR codes for their menus and I would have to say that it is nice to scan the code and select the language of your choice. I’m sure this saves a good bit of money and makes it easy to have multiple languages available for an international clientele. The various smartphone map programs replaced the unruly folded paper maps and guided us from one place to another. I would have to say that they are not perfect, and it did lead us astray a couple of times.

Trains, buses and planes are all using the

boarding passes on your phones and while it is possible to still use the paper ones, the majority of residents have gone digital. I was a little surprised that most of the cabs asked for cash, but I think that may have been because they were trying to avoid taxes. Long gone are the days of using traveler’s checks or even changing money to the local currency. Although the Euro is universal throughout the European Union countries, credit cards are accepted everywhere and most waive foreign transaction fees, so it works out quite well. Tipping is generally not required as they add a service fee onto the checks.

As far as clean energy, wind farms are very visible in both France and the Netherlands, and we saw hundreds of modern windmills on our train ride from Paris to Amsterdam. We also saw several of the iconic windmills that provided energy for centuries in the Netherlands and are a popular trinket in many of the gift shops.

I’m sure smaller cities in France and the Netherlands differ a great deal from Paris and Amsterdam, much like how cities in West Virginia are quite different than cities like New York and Los Angeles. Just another reason I love all of the Amazing cities around the world!



Jim Hunt noticed a solar-powered trash can in front of the Eiffel Tower during a recent trip to Paris. Photo by Jim Hunt.

United Hospital Center earns vascular testing reaccreditation

WVU Medicine United Hospital Center (UHC) has been granted a three-year term of accreditation by the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) in vascular testing in the areas of peripheral arterial testing, extracranial cerebrovascular testing, and peripheral venous testing, a news release from UHC states.

Early detection of life-threatening heart disorders, stroke, and other diseases is possible through the use of vascular testing procedures performed within hospitals, outpatient centers, and physicians’ offices. Cardiovascular diseases are the number one cause of death in the United States. Stroke, a disorder of the blood supply to the brain is the third leading cause of death and the leading cause of disability in the country, with nearly 800,000 new strokes occurring annually.

Accreditation is a “seal of approval” that patients can rely on as an indicator of consistent quality care and a dedication to continuous improvement.

Accreditation by the IAC indicates that UHC has undergone an intensive application and review process and is found to be in compliance with the published standards thus demonstrating a commitment to quality patient care in vascular testing, the news release states.

with his longevity here at the club, the transition has been pretty smooth so far.”

“I am grateful to have had some great bosses while in the golf industry and Swisher has been one of the most influential to where I am today,” said Comer. “And to now have the chance to carry his torch is a true blessing to be in this position. The membership here has been really good to me and now I can leave my footprint on the success of the club.”

Clarksburg Country Club, designed in 1912, is an 18-hole golf facility nestled around the hills of southern Harrison County and along the West Fork River. With a full-sized pool, tennis, basketball court and playground area, the club has all the offerings of a family-oriented club and just minutes from home. With competitive membership pricing, Clarksburg Country Club can be your vacation weekend spot throughout the summer.



Clarksburg County Club has hired a new director of golf and superintendent. The 18th hole at the club is shown. Courtesy photo.

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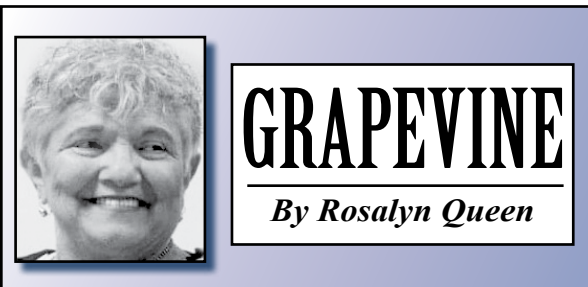
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By Rosalyn Queen

Mother's Day and memories

The month of May has sneaked in on us and with it comes the observance of Mother's Day. I like to think that the whole month is a time to celebrate Mother's Day, but then why not the whole year?

Most of you who are my age or near it can spend time thinking of all our mothers did for us now that they are gone. Most of our memories are wonderful, and we all hope that just one more time we could spend a few minutes telling her how much we love her and thank her. But most of us can only relive these memories in our hearts.

If you are lucky enough to still have your mother be sure you let her know what she means to you. I laugh when I think of those little things that aggravate my kids, like talking with food in my mouth or talking too loud or asking people who they are when I cannot remember their names. I often think that this will furnish them with many laughs later in life.

Many times, something will happen that will make you think 'that is exactly what mom did.' And there will be many times when you wish you

could do something just like mom did. She built that foundation that makes you who you are today. Be sure to thank her on this special day and all year round.

Happy Mother's Day to all you mothers.

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It was with sadness that I said goodbye to my longtime friend Jeannie Kalaygio. Talk about memories, I have a bushel full with Jeannie. The first time I met her was at the Y at her belly dancing classes and her teaching culture classes. Then as we got older, we both worked on different events such as the St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary and the Holly Ball. Then there was a merger of a marriage that kind of hooked our two families together and Jeannie and I always laughed when Kelly would say that we were related. They were moviegoers and on many afternoons, we would meet them at the local theatre to watch a movie. We thank Jeannie for the many happy memories she filled our hearts with.

Our condolences to Stephanie Genin and her family on the passing of Jim. Thanks to Jim for all the people he helped in our area.

Even with all the sadness around us, we can welcome spring with a happy outlook. The first Saturday in May marked the Kentucky Derby and once again I enjoyed some happy memories of the time I attended the Derby.

Memories make old age happy. Relive those memories while we can still remember.

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

Fairmont State celebrates graduates

Fairmont State honored spring graduates during the University's 153rd Commencement in the Feaster Center, according to a news release.

The university celebrated the achievements of its newest alumni from each of its five colleges during ceremonies taking place throughout the weekend of April 29- May 1. The ceremonies included two special student-athlete ceremonies and the Fairmont State Alumni Golden Jubilee Celebration for the Class of 1972.

Fairmont State University President Mirta M. Martin praised Falcon graduates while urging them to continue following their dreams.

"My dear graduates, congratulations for getting here," Martin said. "Congratulations for making this your destination. I am so very proud of you,

and I am so very grateful to have had the privilege to have you in my life. Now, go out and make a difference in the world."

Several distinguished guests joined the platform party throughout the weekend to provide commencement addresses including Fairmont State Foundation President Gary K. Bennett, West Virginia Governor Jim Justice, Assistant Adjutant General and Special Assistant to the Director of the Air National Guard for Diversity and Inclusion, Brigadier General Christopher S. Walker, and West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner.

The University's Commencement ceremonies are archived and available for viewing at www.fairmontstate.edu/celebrate.

United Hospital Center Auxiliary holds awards luncheon



United Hospital Auxiliary volunteers received pins for volunteer hours at an awards luncheon last month. Front row, left to right: Cynthia Campbell, 100 hours; Carol McKisic, 100 hours; Mickey Gerba, 500 hours; Sharon Huffman, 500 hours; Cheryl Morris, 500 hours. Back row, left to right: Gloria Lemley, 1000 hours; Carole Moodispaugh, 2500 hours; Pat Teets, 5500 hours; Judy Gonzalez, 6500 hours; Lyda Lister, 7500 hours; Gary Gaynor, 16,000 hours; Don Niles, 18,500 hours. Not pictured: Becky Diaz, Rach Torchia, Teresa VanAlsbury, Jamie Logue, Deb Donini. Receiving pins for 10 years of service, but not pictured are: Dan Cope, Nancy Farley, Mike Greer, Ireta Kirby. Courtesy photo.

Submitted by Carol J. Gaynor, publicity chair

The Auxiliary to United Hospital Center held its 44th annual awards luncheon on April 20 at the Bridgeport Conference Center at Charles Pointe.

Cynthia Campbell, social chair, beautifully decorated the banquet room with ceramic pitchers filled with silk flowers. They were given as door prizes in drawings held at the conclusion of the luncheon. Each place setting also had a pouched key chain filled with lip balm, compliments of the Auxiliary President Sharon Montgomery.

Montgomery welcomed everyone. Rev. Warren Wilson, UHC volunteer chaplain, gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pat Gray, president-elect.

Special guests in attendance were Mike Tillman, president & CEO of UHC; Lora Edgell, director of development at UHC; Nawana Cole, Auxiliary of the West Virginia Hospital Association president; Mary Gargarella, Auxiliary of the West Virginia Hospital Association; Natasha Finley, Auxiliary accountant; Nancy McElroy, UHC accounting; and Shirley Cunningham, UHC human resources.

Past Presidents of the Auxiliary to UHC were also introduced. They were Lyda Lister, Helen McCarty, Carole Moodispaugh, and Carol Gaynor.

Pat Gray, with the assistance of Denise Steffich and Scott Griffiths, presented a lovely memorial service during which a candle was lit as the names of each volunteer who had passed away since the Memorial Service last year were read and remembered fondly.

UHC CEO Tillman was introduced. Tillman gave an extremely nice speech, being very complimentary of the Auxiliary. On behalf of the Auxiliary, Montgomery presented Mr. Tillman with a check from the Auxiliary to the hospital in the amount of \$60,000.00.

At the conclusion of the awards ceremony, Auxiliary President Sharon Montgomery, presented CEO Mike Tillman with a gift of appreciation for his retirement, also from the auxiliary.

There were drawings for 15 wonderful door prizes, after which the luncheon was adjourned with the Auxiliary Prayer led by Denise Steffich.

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HCSCC SPOTLIGHT

Featuring news from the Harrison County Senior Citizen Center

Senior center board meets

The Harrison County Senior Citizens board of directors held a hybrid in-person and Zoom meeting on April 28, and the following actions were taken:

- Prioritized a list of repairs for the center's main building as per the request of the Harrison County Commission.
- Secured and sealed the ballot box to be used for the Center's Board of Directors elections during the month of May.

The next board meeting will be on June 23, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in person and on Zoom.

Board Members include Bill O'Field, president; Ryan Kennedy, vice president; Donna Stuart, secretary; Donald Burton, treasurer; Janet Dotson; Franklin Hairston; Sharon Hamilton; Will Hyman; Harley Jeffries; Sandra Mossor; Bill Phillips; Susan Thomas; and Betty Waddy.



Center members place 2nd in women's pairs

HCSCC Members Brenda Knight, left, and Cindy Barnes came in second place for the Women's 3.0 Skill Level at the Pickleball Tournament held to benefit the Alzheimer's Association's Longest Day event at the VA Park on April 30.

Board of Directors election in progress

The Board of Directors elections are taking place until May 25 at the center and satellite locations. Call the center at 304-623-6795 for the schedule and additional voting information. The schedule and voting information are also available on our webpage, www.hcscv.org. The final day of voting will be Wednesday, May 25 at the senior center, from 9 a.m. – to 1 p.m. Vote counting will begin at 1 p.m. Absentee ballots are available at the front desk.



Joe Kirtner casts the first vote in the Board of Directors election on May 2, the first day of voting. Courtesy photo.

Tai Chi class celebrates World Tai Chi and Qigong Day



HCSCC members and others participated in World Tai Chi and Qigong Day 2022 at Bridgeport City Park on April 30. Left to right are Joanne Feldman, John Bianconi, Bill O'Field, Mark Coffindaffer, Carol Brown, Pam Amos, and Sheila Heston. Not pictured: John Vaughn.

May is Older Americans Month

This year's theme is "age my way"

Older adults play vital, positive roles in our communities – as family members, friends, mentors, volunteers, civic leaders, members of the workforce, and more. Just as every person is unique, so too is how they age and how they choose to do it – and there is no "right" way. That's why the theme for Older Americans Month (OAM) 2022 is "Age My Way."

Every May, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) leads the celebration of OAM. This year's theme focuses on how older adults can age in their communities, living independently for as long as possible and participating in ways they choose.

While Age My Way will look different for each person, here are common things everyone can consider:

- Planning: Think about what you will need and want in the future, from home and community-based services to community activities that interest you.
- Engagement: Remain involved and contribute to your community through work, volunteer, and/or civic participation opportunities.
- Access: Make home improvements and modifications, use assistive technologies, and customize supports to help you better age in place.
- Connection: Maintain social activities and relationships to combat social isolation and stay connected to your community.

This year, Harrison County Senior Citizens Center is excited to celebrate OAM with our partners in the aging community. For more information, visit the official OAM website and follow ACL on Twitter and Facebook.

Fairmont State expands nursing program, raises tuition

The Fairmont State University Board of Governors convened May 5, approving agenda items presented by the academic affairs and finance committees, according to a news release.

The board approved a curriculum proposal from the academic affairs committee to expand the University's College of Nursing by establishing a traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. The proposed curriculum was developed to enroll a new population of nursing students at Fairmont State and to complement the existing Associate of Science in Nursing and Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs.

Fairmont State University Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost, Dianna Phillips, announced several grants received recently by the university, including a \$1 million grant received by the College of Nursing. The funds are expected to support up to 20 new nursing students at Fairmont State, provided through the WV Nursing Workforce

Expansion Program.

Phillips explained funding from the grant received from the workforce expansion program will also be utilized to develop curriculum for the proposed traditional BSN program.

"We were able to leverage the grant to the best interest of the institution," Phillips said.

Additionally, Phillips noted a partnership among faculty from the College of Education, Health & Human Performance and College of Science & Technology has resulted in a \$47,782 grant from the WV-INBRE to support new biomedical research initiatives at Fairmont State. The grant funding has been utilized to purchase a state-of-the-art DEXA scanner for body composition assessment.

The discontinuation of the Associate of Science in Architectural Engineering was also proposed and approved.

The proposal for the University's tuition and fees for Fiscal Year 2023 was presented during the Finance

Committee report, with the Board voting in support of a \$158 per semester increase. Fairmont State University Chief Financial Officer, Christa Kwiatkowski, said Fairmont State has raised tuition an average of 2% for the last three years.

Kwiatkowski said the university currently has the third-lowest tuition rate among four-year higher education institutions within the state, and the finance committee anticipates tuition costs for Fairmont State students will continue to remain on the low end of the state's tuition spectrum.

Fairmont State University Board of Governors Chairman, David Goldberg, complimented Kwiatkowski and the Finance Committee's efforts.

"It's never easy to raise prices," Goldberg said. "We also have to be prudent that there is an investment that needs to be made, and I think we're doing it very well."

The next full Board of Governors meeting will take place on June 16 in the Falcon Center.

Book signing held



JoAnn James was at the senior center on April 26 to sign copies of her latest book, "Seeds for Enlightenment – 101." Left to right are JoAnn James, author and Bill O'Field, book club facilitator.

Sardis Satellite meets



The Senior Citizens' Sardis Satellite meets the first Thursday of the month at the Sardis Community Center. (Satellite Officers L-R: Ester Wells, treasurer; Frances Allen, president; Sue Hurst, secretary)

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The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

Mike Carey's impact on the hardwood

There have been several highly successful coaches and players to come out of Harrison County. In Clarksburg, the sign that indicates stardom is indeed a sign. If you are either coming into or leaving Clarksburg via Rt. 50, there are tributes to the most famous sports figures that hailed from the "Burg." One of those recognized is now retired West Virginia University women's basketball coach, Mike Carey.

Carey retired one month ago and I, like other sports fans, had hoped that the legendary coach would change his mind and return to the sidelines. Fans never want to see their favorite players or coaches retire. Once they leave the sports scene it leaves a void that might never be filled. I'm not sure anyone will ever be able to match Carey's accolades or work ethic. Even if they did, they would surely never reach his love for the game.

Carey had spent the last 21 years of his career in Morgantown. He became the winningest coach in West Virginia women's basketball history with 447 victories. Carey led the Mountaineers to 16 postseason appearances (11 NCAA and 5 WNIT berths). During his time at the head of the program,



Mike Carey

Carey was named the Coach of the Year three times. Twice in the Big East in 2004 and 2010 and once in the Big 12 Conference in 2014. From the time the Carey took over, he showed consistency, producing 14 seasons of at least 20 wins. What makes that mark so impressive is where he brought the program from. The Lady Mountaineers had suffered four consecutive losing seasons and had just one winning season in the last nine campaigns.

Carey started his collegiate coaching career at his alma mater, Salem, where he scored 2,000 points leading to an invitation to the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993. He spent one year as an assistant before taking over the Tiger program in 1988. In 13 years at the helm, Carey won nearly 74 percent of his games en route to a total of 288 victories. During the Carey era in Salem, the Tigers won 20 or more tilts nine times. His squad made it to the Elite Eight twice and in 1997 they would reach the Final Four.

During his time at Salem, Carey built a national contender, and at the time set attendance records at the T. Edward Davis Gymnasium. The school has since dubbed the hardwood Mike Carey Court. It was hard to find a seat back then and fans would file in an hour before tip to ensure prime position for the show. It was indeed a show that had the same kind of excitement as the Los Angeles Lakers' showtime brand of basketball. Salem had a similar high-powered offense coupled with Carey's tenacious style of aggressive defense. The Tigers were a sight to behold and during Carey's time in Salem, nobody wanted to play them. They were feared throughout the WVIAC Conference, and they were the team to beat every season.

The sign reads "Thanks for Visiting Clarksburg – Home of Mike Carey." Basketball fans say Thanks to Carey for providing many memories and wins over his 40-year career.

There were 735 victories and many more stories that will be shared in remembrance of a brilliant coaching career.

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

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Athletes of the Week

It's that time once again to acknowledge the efforts of Harrison County's student-athletes. Each week we 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 & Harrison County Journal's Athlete of the Week award is an avenue to promote the youth of our county while bringing attention to their athletic accomplishments.

The winners of the past week's Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal Athletes of the Week Award are Lincoln's Emily Robey and Bridgeport's Lucas Anderson.

Cougar softball player Emily Robey helped her team to a win over Liberty this past week. Robey was 3 for 4 at the plate including a double. She also drove in four runs and scored once in the 7-3 victory.

Indian track and field standout, Lucas Anderson led his team to a second-place finish in the Big 10 Championship this past Friday in Grafton. Anderson won the 100-meter and the 200-meter individual events. Anderson was also a major contributor in the first-place shuttle team.

Congratulations to Lincoln's Emily Robey and Bridgeport's Lucas Anderson for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal Athletes of the Week!



From The World of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

Jobs available with Parks and Recreation, Energy Express

Harrison County Parks and Recreation Director Mike Book recently announced that job applications are being accepted for park leaders as well as mentors in the Energy Express program. Book is the county representative for the summer reading program. Offering competitive wages for both, Book hopes to find great quality hires for the official June 21 start date.

"We have many opportunities to hire high school upperclassmen, college and even teachers who take a break during the summer, and it is not exactly rocket science on what they need to do at the playgrounds either," said Book. "We provide a fun and safe atmosphere for the kids in the summer program, and we do require that you act a little silly at times."

Over Book's tenure, he has seen demand for the program increase as the Harrison County Board of Education for help with its Aim High program that will operate out of four schools. Also, the nutrition department has been a huge lift to our success through its federal grant to feed the kids during the six-week period.

With sites located throughout the county, the summer parks program will need close to 60 hires, and luckily retention is pretty good with our programs. But Book hopes that there are some new potential rising stars in the new batch of applications that float into the office on

a daily basis.

"We have plenty of quality hires that have helped over the years and there have been some rookies that shined as the program went along. We ask you to have fun and watch over the kids and participate with them. Many do and sometimes others do not... we need to find those who are not afraid to act a little goofy as well as be a role model for the kids," said Book.

Running along with the summer program is Energy Express, which calls North View and West Milford Elementary Schools its home. Energy Express is looking for mentors and as Book explains, it is a great opportunity to see what the world of teaching could be like.

"We do have many people in education come in as mentors, but many college professors in different departments profess that students need to find something that separates them from the other students who make great grades in the classroom. And Energy Express is an opportunity to add some teeth to your resume."

The program is open to elementary children who wish to maintain or increase their reading levels. Unlike the normal classroom look, the atmosphere is fun and energetic with themed rooms and the kids have read-a-loud or one-on-one experiences reading books at their current or higher educational grade. Add arts and theater plus family-style meals at breakfast and lunch and the program has all the tools to succeed.

The mentor position requires that you are currently in college or



Tennis players heading to the state competition from Lincoln High School include Madison Merrill, Keri Yanero, Raelyn Vance, Daniel Dodd, Chase Kniceley, Santino Loretta and Aaron Ramsey. Courtesy photo.

attending in the fall and at least 18 years of age.

Through AmeriCorps and with the help of the WV Extension Office, mentors will receive a living allowance for the program's duration as well as an educational award that can be used at their discretion while at their college or university.

"You are doing a service to your country," said Book. "The program entails helping kids along with their reading levels through the wonderment of books, and there is some community service work. It is a feel-good job to have, and you have to be committed as the kids rely on you."

For more information or to inquire on how to apply, please reach out to the parks department through the phone or on our webpage.

Free youth football camps announced

Country Roads Trust has announced a partnership with Diversified Energy to provide two free football camps for elementary and middle school aged kids on June 13 at Mylan Park in Morgantown.

From 9 a.m. to noon, WVU quarterbacks, running backs, wide receivers and tight ends will instruct those registered for the Diversified Energy Youth Football Camp. From 2-5 p.m. Mountaineer linemen, linebackers and defensive backs will lead campers. "I've collaborated with Diversified Energy on several community tie-ins over the years and this camp – free to kids from around the state – will be one of the more fun and engaging ones we've done," said Stephen Ford, COO of the Country Roads Trust. "Rusty Hutson and his team at Diversified strive to positively impact youth across the state and region and this event will certainly accomplish that goal."

Ford stresses the camps will be all about fun. Autographs will be available at each session's end and campers will

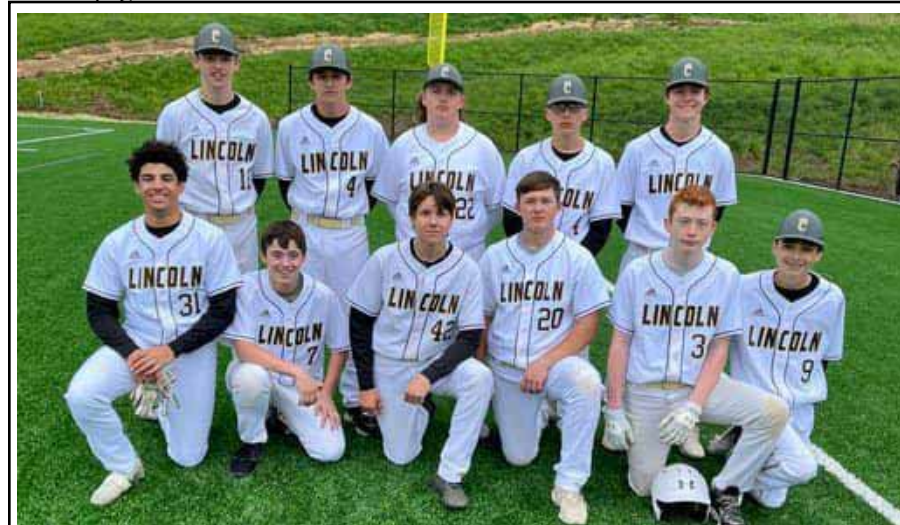
receive a mini football perfect for those autographs as well as a T-shirt, water bottle and drawstring backpack.

Those wishing to attend the early session must register here: <https://forms.gle/bwuiJtvFKvH3hffw6>

Those wishing to attend the second session must register here: <https://forms.gle/cZdvSqeHWC3MinuG8>

Among those scheduled to attend the first session are Bryce Ford-Wheaton, Justin Johnson, Sam James, Garrett Greene, Mike O'Laughlin, Brian Polendey, Lyn-J Dixon, William Crowder, Tony Mathis Jr., Kaden Prather and Jarel Williams.

Among those slated to participate in the second session are Zach Frazier, Wyatt Milum, Doug Nester, Dante Stills, Zeiqui Lawton, Sean Martin, Lance Dixon, Lee Kpogba, Charles Woods, Andrew Wilson-Lamp and Exree Loe.



Lincoln High School's junior varsity baseball team won 10-9 last week over University. Courtesy photos.



Noah Sears and Will Wolfe both hit home runs.

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OBITUARIES



Darrell Keith Utt
Darrell Keith Utt, 70, of Shinnston, passed away on Thursday, May 5, 2022. He was born October 19, 1951 in Buckhannon, son of the late James Wesley Utt and Edna Pearl (Fox) Utt.

Darrell was a Chief Radio Telecommunicator for the West Virginia State Police until he retired in 2007. He attended Charity Baptist Church. Darrell loved spending time with his children, grandchildren and great granddaughter. He loved the outdoors and hunting and fishing with his nephews. Darrell served in the United States Army and was a Veteran of the Vietnam War.

Darrell is survived by his wife, Olive Marie (Moore) Utt, of Shinnston; two daughters: Elizabeth Wallace and husband Russell of Clarksburg and Amy Utt and companion Austin Nicholas of Shinnston; one sister, Patricia Green of Webster Springs; grandchildren: Morgan Lamb, Abigail Howell and husband Caleb, Hannah Crofford, Sierra Postlethwait, Alivia Postlethwait, Amelia Utt; great granddaughter, Gracelyn Howell and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Darrell is preceded in death by a sister, Linda Campbell; a brother, Ronald David Utt; sister-in-law, Marion Lou Richardson Utt and also a brother and sister at infancy.

Family and friends were received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, on Monday, May 9, 2022 from 2:00pm to 8:00pm. Then, on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, he was moved to Charity Baptist Church to lie in state from 10:00am until time of service 11:00am with Pastor Dan Adkins officiating. Interment followed at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

Military Honors were provided by the US Army and Harrison County Honor Guard.

James "Jim" Reed Fenton

James "Jim" Reed Fenton, 71, of Wallace, passed away on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at United Hospital Center. He was born February 15, 1951 in Clarksburg to the late Denzil "Penny" Reed Fenton and Betty Lucille (Hayhurst) Fenton.

Jim retired from Union Carbide. He loved hunting, fishing, fixing things, telling stories and spending time with his grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Jeannie Wood.

Jim's survived by his wife of 51 years, Kathy Renay (Hayhurst) Fenton; son, James "Jimmy"

Fenton and wife Melody of Wallace; daughter, Mendy Harold and husband Danny of Lumberport; two grandsons: Caleb and Noah Harold; two granddaughters: Ellie and Kenzie Fenton; and niece, Tammy Lipscomb and husband Anthony of Lexington, VA.

In keeping with Jim's wishes, he will be cremated. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

~A life well lived~



Annalee McCoy

Annalee McCoy, 93, formally of Peora passed away on May 6, 2022 at Ruby Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Peora, WV February 27, 1929, a daughter of the late George D. and Audrey Nay Mayle.

She was married to Basel Eugene McCoy on June 10, 1947.

She is survived by her son, Kenneth McCoy and wife Bonnie of Peora. Also, she is survived by her sister, Betty Oldaker and husband Ray of Peora. Grandchildren Colby McCoy, Jesse McCoy, Matt McCoy, Shane Cupp, Jennifer Kniefati, Bryan McCoy, Tisha McCoy, several Great-Grandchildren, 2 Great-Great Grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, Annalee was preceded in death by her brother, George Mayle, sisters, Jean Dunlap and Vada Mayle, son Curtis McCoy and her grandson Neil McCoy.

Annalee was a member of the Peora United Methodist Church. She enjoyed her gardening and loved her flowers and watching the birds visit her feeders. She loved her family and enjoyed playing with her grandchildren and always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. She was a homemaker.

Friends were received at the Harmer Funeral Home from 3-8 PM, Monday, May 9, 2022. The funeral service was held at the funeral home on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 11:00AM with Pastor Harry Holbert, officiating. Interment was at the Wyatt-IOOF Cemetery.



Robert Darrel Lanham

Robert Darrel Lanham, 85 of Shinnston, passed away at United Hospital Center on May 5, 2022.

He was born January 17, 1937 to the late Hannah Lanham and Gladys (Vincent) Lanham. Robert is survived by his wife Shelba Lanham, whom he married on October 6, 1956. He is also survived by his children, Sons Bruce (Sue) Lanham of Shinnston, Darrel (Diane) Lanham of Buckhannon; Daughter Tammy (Gene) Katzman of Lexington, S.C.; Sister Carolyn Creek and her late husband Harold of Wilmington, N.C.; and sister-in-law Rosemary Lanham. Robert also has eleven grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his Brother James (Lois) Lanham, Sister Wanda (Arthur) Creek, and Brother Brady Lanham.

Robert was a truck driver for Nuzum Trucking, and was a member of the UMWA. He enjoyed deer and squirrel hunting, loved fishing at the beach, and most importantly, spending time with his family.

Friends were received at Harmer Funeral Home on Monday, May 9, 2022 from 11:00AM to 1:00PM. A funeral service directly followed at 1:00PM at the Funeral Home with Pastor Chad Hutson officiating. Interment followed at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.



Deborah Kay Snyder

Deborah Kay Snyder, 69 of Shinnston, passed away at her residence on May 2, 2022. She was born in Clarksburg on April 30, 1953 to the late Clarence Drain and Norine (Barthelow) Drain. Also preceding her in death was her husband, Donald Snyder. Deborah is survived by her son Kevin and wife Brenda of Clarksburg; and brothers Danny Drain and Roger (Necole) Drain of Shinnston; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Deborah worked at Bi-County Nutrition in Shinnston, was a member of the Methodist church, and enjoyed fishing and playing with her animals.

A special thanks to Courtney Echard, her niece, for taking care of her.

Per her wishes, Deborah was cremated.



Jeanny Kalaycioglu

Jeanny Kalaycioglu, 90, passed away, at United Hospital Center, on Monday May 2, 2022 following an extended illness. She was born on October 20, 1931,

Out Of The Past

Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



Lincoln High School, soon after its 1978 completion. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

in Istanbul, Turkey, a daughter of the late Ali M. Pekgoz and Sidika Pekgoz. She is survived by daughter, Phyllis (Bruce) Gore of Lake Floyd community, Matt (Linda) Kalaycio, MD, of Cleveland, OH, Denise (Mark) Sullivan of Ithaca, NY and brother-in-law Tanzer (Linda) Kalaycio of Plantation, FL; grandchildren Kelli (David) Gray of Lake Floyd community, Patrick Gore of Lake Floyd community, Mollie Kalaycio of Columbus, OH, Jason Kalaycio of Cleveland, OH, Rachel Kalaycio of Cleveland, OH, Emily Sullivan of Ithaca, NY, and great-grandson Brody Gray. She was preceded in death by her husband Dr. M.V. Kalaycioglu, whom she married on September 26, 1952.

She came to the United States in September, 1953, to join her husband, M.V. "Kelly" Kalaycioglu, who at the time was a surgical resident at Broaddus Hospital in Philippi, WV. They made their home in Philippi until the Immigration Service forced the young family, who now had a daughter, Phyllis, to go back to their homeland, Turkey in 1960. In 1961, they were able to move from Izmir, Turkey, to Halifax, Nova Scotia, for Dr. Kalaycioglu to do another residency at the Halifax Infirmary, until Arch A. Moore, Jr, Congressman, was

able to get a bill passed allowing Dr. Kalaycioglu to practice medicine in Shinnston, WV, which desperately needed a doctor. By now a son, Matt, had been born in Halifax, so the multinational family made their way back to settle in Shinnston. Jeanny and her son, Matt, became US citizens in 1967. In 1964, another daughter, Denise, was born and the family was firmly settled in Shinnston, where Dr. Kalaycioglu practiced medicine until his retirement in 2000.

During this time, Jeanny became very active in the community serving on many boards and committees, including but not limited to, Harrison County Parks and Recreation, Harrison County Chamber of Commerce, Alderson-Broaddus College Board of Trustees, United Hospital Center Board of Directors, President of the Harrison County Medical Alliance, President of the WV Medical Alliance and President of the Southern Medical Association Auxiliary. She also held memberships in the Shinnston Woman's Club, Shinnston Quota Club, Eastern Star and the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America. She served as a board member of the United Way, Bi-County Nutrition Center and has been a member of the First Baptist Church of Shinnston for over 50

years. She has been an activist for healthy living by teaching oriental dancing, yoga and aerobics at the YMCA and YWCA, in addition to appearing weekly on WBOY's Francis Basile Show and WDTV for many years demonstrating various exercises.

Her honors include The Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Woman of the Year, Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year, the 1998 Italian Heritage Festival's Honorary Italian of the Year and the Progressive Women's Association Women of Distinction honoree in 2018.

Jeanny was very proud to be a United States citizen, but also enjoyed speaking to various groups about Turkish customs and culture.

The family would like to thank the staff of Visiting Angels for the wonderful care they have provided over the years. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Harrison County Humane Society.

Family and friends were received at Harmer Funeral Home on Thursday, May 5, 2022, from 4:00pm -7:00pm and the service was on Friday, May 6 at 11:00am, at the First Baptist Church of Shinnston, with Pastor Kevin Nuzum presiding.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Food assistance income guidelines increased

Last week, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Office of Nutrition Services announced new income eligibility guidelines from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

The new guidelines indicate a family of four can earn \$51,338 and qualify for WIC benefits, an increase of \$2,313 from last year, according to a news release.

"We believe these changes will allow more West Virginians to enroll in the WIC program," said Heidi Staats, WV WIC Director. "WIC provides nutrition services to more than 33,000 West Virginia families to keep them healthy and informed about good food choices."

West Virginia WIC serves 75% of all babies born in West Virginia. Families enrolled in the program receive nutrition education, breastfeeding education, and access to maternal, prenatal, and pediatric healthcare services that may otherwise be unavailable.

A person making a gross income of up to \$484 weekly, \$2,096 monthly, or \$25,142 yearly may qualify. A family of two making a gross income of \$652 weekly, \$2,823 monthly or \$33,874 monthly may qualify. For families of three, they may make a gross income of up to \$820 weekly, \$3,551 monthly or \$42,606 yearly may qualify. For each additional family member add \$168 weekly, \$728 monthly or \$8,732 yearly.

WIC provides pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age 5 with nutritious, supplemental foods. The WIC Program continues to offer virtual certification and benefit issuance, as well as virtual nutrition services and breastfeeding education. To learn more about WIC services or to apply, go to dhhr.wv.gov/WIC or 304-627-2295 or at 304-558-0684



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Robinson Grand hosts variety of events

Submitted by the Robinson Grand

The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center is preparing for a merry month of May that will be filled with concerts, films, dance recitals, and private events.

April was an exciting month at the historic theatre in downtown Clarksburg. Audiences filled the seats to see country music legends The Oak Ridge Boys and Pam Tillis, as well as the West Virginia Dance Company. The month began with a showing of

Peter Rabbit 2: the Runaway as a part of Clarksburg's monthly First Friday event. The Clarksburg Mission also hosted a special screening of the documentary Tipping the Pain Scale. When the public wasn't taking in concerts and films, the facility was rented for private events, specifically a wedding and a prom.

"Somewhere between 2,500 and 3,000 people came through the doors of the Robinson Grand in April," said Jason A Young, the Robinson Grand's consulting program manager. "As we



move into May and dance recital and graduation season, my guess is that number is only going to go up."

May programming began on May 6 with a 7 p.m. showing of "La Bamba." This event was a part of Clarksburg's First Friday festivities.

Later in the month, Big Time Entertainment is bringing Country and Bluegrass Hall of Famer Ricky Skaggs and his band Kentucky Thunder to downtown Clarksburg on May 26 at 7:30 p.m.

"We are over 70% sold out for

Ricky Skaggs at this point," said Young. "With over three weeks to go till the show, if people wait too long, they are going to miss an incredible concert."

The Robinson Grand will be busy for the rest of the month with three commencement ceremonies, three dance recitals, and a wedding.

Tickets for all public events can be purchased online at tickets.therobinsongrand.com or by calling the Robinson Grand ticketing center at 855-773-6283.



The Oak Ridge Boys perform last month at the Robinson Grand in Clarksburg. Photo by Ben Queen of Ben Queen Photography.

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