

First Farmer's Market spotlights small business

By Maralisa Marra

Shinnston held its first Farmer's Market on the Green Space Sunday, May 8. The Farmer's Market is an effort by Maria Cusack, curator of the market, to foster more of a community environment and promote healthier living in the Shinnston area.

Cusack, co-owner of Black & Teal Concepts, said she was pleased with the turnout of the first market and is excited for the markets to come. Cusack said her goal for The Farmer's Market is to prompt the Shinnston community to purchase from and support local businesses, as well as encourage local businesses to support one another.

The Farmer's Market will take place on the Green Space every first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until October, with Sundays being the rain date.

The market featured seven vendors: Dave's Shirts & More, Garrett Fab Works, Gray Farms,



Dominique Demus, owner of Physique by Dominique LLC, was one of seven vendors at Shinnston's first Farmer's Market on May 8. She is a personal trainer and yoga instructor and hopes to offer a yoga class on the Green Space at the next market on June 4. Courtesy photo.

Mother & Son Candle Co., Physique by Dominique LLC, Soul Miner's Daughter, and Stoney Knob Woodworks and Custom Creations LLC.

Owner of Soul Miner's Daughter Sarah Benson said, "As long as I've been here there has not been a

farmer's market. Now it's really great to see one," and she thinks it is great to have local supporting local. Her herbal health and beauty products are made from homegrown, natural herbs and plants, and she wants to share the benefits of her natural beauty products with the Shinnston community.

Each vendor expressed their excitement and eagerness to bring the Shinnston community together through the efforts of the market. Dominique Demus, owner of Physique by Dominique LLC, is a personal trainer and yoga instructor and said she wants to help, give back, and serve her community. She also hopes to offer a yoga class on the Green Space at the next Farmer's Market on June 4.

Cusack expects double the vendors for the next market. There will be fresh meat and eggs, and she is hopeful to find a fresh produce vendor before then, too. She also wants to incorporate live music and bring in a food truck for some of the future markets.



BUILDING AMAZING CITIES

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

Healthy WV cities

As the COVID-19 pandemic is subsiding a little bit, conferences and meetings are starting back up, and I'm sure people are happy to see their colleagues in person after a two-year hiatus of Zoom calls and emails. One meeting recently held was the Appalachian Health Leadership Forum in Glade Springs, West Virginia. I was the closing speaker for the two-day conference and usually, when I am speaking in state, I will drive down on the day of my speech and head back home after I am done. It might have been the long absence of in-person meetings or just that I wanted to see other humans in the flesh, but I decided to drive down on Thursday afternoon for the two-day conference, and I am glad I did. The meeting was put on by The Center for Rural Health Development and they did an exceptional job of putting together a quality conference with a lot of valuable information. The CEO of the Center for Rural Health Development is Sharon Lansdale, who is an old friend and someone I met in the Leadership West Virginia program back in 1993.

The conference attendees were a mix of local health department directors and members of hospital boards from throughout West Virginia. I was excited to see my old neighbor, Boyd Van Horn, who is the director of the Grafton-Taylor County Health Department and was attending with one of his staff members. I first met Boyd when he moved in a few houses up from me in the Stealey section of Clarksburg and we served together on the Clarksburg City Council.

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Casey's now serving craft beer

By Maralisa Marra

Casey's Restaurant of Shinnston is now serving craft beer and White Claw hard seltzers. Selections include Bell's Two Hearted IPA, Big Timber Porter, Founders All Day IPA, and black cherry and mango White Claw hard seltzers.

Owner Jimmy Scudere said he strives to keep up with the times and offer a variety of beers to quench the palate of all beer lovers. He said he wants Shinnston residents to be able to head downtown to satisfy their thirst for craft beer, rather than having to head to another town. He also said he is focused on adapting to the needs of his customers and attracting new clientele.

Casey's also will be offering online ordering in the near future, and Scudere hopes to offer delivery services soon.

City plans roadwork, installs fire chief

By Maralisa Marra

On Monday, May 9, Shinnston City Council held its monthly meeting at the Woman's Club. Among other business, Council members discussed roadwork and installed a new fire chief.

City Manager Chad Edwards gave roadwork updates. He said the stop signs are now in place on Pleasant Hill, the town and bridge are being swept weekly, various potholes have been patched throughout the city, new drains were installed in front of St. Ann's Catholic Church, and work is being done on the rail trail surrounding the Little League field. As of May 9, about half of the EMR meters were installed, said Edwards.

He also touched on the dilapidated property, owned by NAJ, LLC, on Charles Street. He said that NAJ, LLC is offering to give the City of Shinnston the property

but there has yet to be any further action; however, Edwards expressed concern for the potential neglect that could occur to the other properties owned by this company if the city does not attain them too.

Mayor Pat Kovalck said that an inventory was taken of dilapidated and vacant structures downtown. The city mainly focused on Pike Street, but a few properties off of Pike Street were also included. Some of these structures are in need of power washing whereas others will require demolition, Kovalck said.

Donald Charles Lindsey was sworn in as the new chief of Shinnston's Volunteer Fire Department.

In another business, Council decided to pave all streets on its list with the addition of Vincent Street this year. As for the Little League parking lot, city officials are looking into alternative funding for the paving of the lot.

Harrison County Golden Horseshoe winners to be honored

Five Harrison County students are among 221 eighth-grade students from middle schools across the state who will be inducted as 2022 Knights of the Golden Horseshoe on June 14 at the West Virginia Culture Center in Charleston, according to a news release.

The event will be live-streamed on West Virginia Public Broadcasting stations.

Winners from Harrison County include:

- Charles Lane, Washington Irving Middle School
- Addison Veigel, Bridgeport Middle School
- James Fazalare, Bridgeport Middle School
- Braydon Hendricks, Mountaineer Middle School
- Shyanne Rathbun, Mountaineer Middle School
- Abigail Louk, South Harrison Middle School

The WVDE will induct these students as a part of the 306th anniversary of the Golden Horseshoe legacy, recognizing them for their achievement in knowledge of West Virginia history. It remains the longest-running program of its kind in the country. Approximately 15,000 eighth-grade students have been recognized since its inception.

"Our students have worked diligently for this moment to become Knights of the Golden Horseshoe," said State Superintendent of Schools W. Clayton Burch. "It is clear their passion for knowledge and resilience to achieve this accomplishment will make them incredible ambassadors for the Mountain State. I look forward to all of their future success."

The state has administered the test each year since 1931 with 87 students honored from 46 counties in its first year. The exam focuses on Mountain State topics including civics, government, geography, culture and numerous other categories. A minimum of two students from each county and one student from the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind are selected for the award.

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Lions Club volunteers recently made renovations on the Green Space stage in Shinnston. Photo by Maralisa Marra.

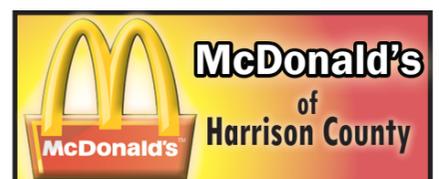
Lions Club revamps Green Space stage

By Maralisa Marra

The Lion's Club of Shinnston recently revamped the Green Space stage. President Dave Minor said several members of the Lions Club lent a hand.

Members reinforced the supports underneath the top deck and replaced the deteriorated boards. In addition to strengthening the top deck, they readjusted the outside perimeter boards and leveled them. To give the stage its new sleek appeal, they put black metal siding and flashing around the bottom and a new coat of stain on the top.

In the near future, the Lion's Club will also be holding a fundraiser to replace 46 flags for the downtown area.





OPINION

By George Ford

Card routing mandate could cost consumers

By George Ford, Grant County Bank
West Virginia Press Association Sharing

Why should anyone in the state of West Virginia care about credit card routing mandates and the fact that Congress is looking at the issue? They should care because if routing mandates are implemented on credit cards — it will cost you money.

We need to make sure our leaders in Washington, D.C. are passing fiscally prudent policies that protect consumers and banks and that our representatives are not voting for laws that cater to large corporations. That is why I hope Congress will reject the effort to implement routing mandates on credit card transactions.

This effort echoes what occurred in 2010 when the Durbin Amendment was added to the Dodd-Frank Bill. This harmful policy created routing mandates on debit cards and capped interchange fees on transactions. Both moves ended up costing banks billions of dollars in revenue.

To make up for this downturn in revenue, banks had to pass those losses on to consumers in the form of an increase in minimum balances, an increase in monthly fees and a reduction in the availability of free checking. This marginalized customers and made it more difficult for low-income families to open or maintain checking accounts. One study by George Mason University reported that about 1 million Americans were kicked out of the banking system because of the Durbin Amendment.

Consumer protection also suffered because of the Durbin Amendment. The banks were forced to add “unaffiliated” networks to their debit card processing systems. This gave retailers the ability to choose the network on which they would route the debit payment. It was no surprise when many opted to go with the least expensive option. The least expensive option for the debit card routing was rarely the most secure for the consumer.

The Durbin Amendment was passed to save major retailers money so they could pass those savings on to the consumers. But, according to a Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond study, nearly 100 percent of the retailers failed to lower prices. Some even raised prices. Big retailers such as Amazon saved an additional \$90 billion because of this policy. Consumers and banks got nothing in return.

And now the big box retailers are at it again, trying to extend the Durbin Amendment routing mandates to credit cards. We will see the same consequences. Banks will lose billions of dollars. This will in turn mean the loses are passed on to consumers in the form of higher interest rates on credit card transactions, an elimination of free credit cards and a reduction in points.

We know today that the Durbin Amendment failed to accomplish its goals. It did nothing for everyday Americans. Armed with this knowledge, we should know better than to try to extend the routing mandates to the credit card market.

Grant County Bank does not issue credit cards. But, as a financial institution here in the region, we advocate for our customers. We do this because the people who bank with us are not just our customers. They are our neighbors, our friends and our family. That is why we advocate for sound policies that will benefit them and it is why we hope our delegation to Washington, D.C. oppose the move to add routing mandates to credit cards.

— George Ford is the president and chief executive officer of Grant County Bank.

THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

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

May 19, 1920: Ten people were killed in what became known as the Matewan Massacre. Baldwin-Felts detectives came to Matewan to evict striking miners and their families, but Police Chief Sid Hatfield tried to stop the evictions as being unauthorized by law.

May 20, 1949: Nick Joe Rahall II was born in Beckley. When Rahall entered Congress in 1977, he was its youngest member.

May 21, 1853: William M.O. Dawson was born in Bloomington, Maryland, just across the Potomac River from what is now the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia. He became the 12th governor of West Virginia.

Super Crossword **COUNTRY MUSIC**

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1 Chartbusters	58 “I’m going through the same thing!”	105 She bleats	5 Crude abode	45 Royal crown	89 Boston area with the Paul Revere statue
8 Farthest point in an orbit	61 Shipping charge, e.g.	106 Part of UCLA	6 Biblical verb suffix	46 Worried	90 UFO crew
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20 Salary reductions	63 Long (for)	110 Restaurant bill addition	8 High points	49 Busy insect	92 Find by chance
21 Child raiser	64 Vikings’ org.	112 Crucial component	9 Peeling tools	50 Its capital is Damascus	96 In line with
22 Add insult to injury, maybe	66 Refusing to be cheerful	116 Long (for)	10 Raw metal	51 16 ounces	97 One or more
23 Question in 1 Corinthians 15:55	71 Regarding	118 Boyfriends, in Paris	11 Allstate rival	52 Lindley of “The Ropers”	99 Be indebted
26 Europe-Asia border river	72 Agree	120 Dir. opposite 7-Down	12 Put into a hall of fame	54 NYC stage awards	103 “Belt out that tune!”
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28 Ski lift part	77 Actress Amy	122 Tune whose opening lyric, and lyricist, begin eight answers in this puzzle	14 — Gyra (jazz fusion band)	59 Spock and Seuss: Abbr.	106 Crude abode
29 Prefix with lock	79 SSNs, e.g.	128 Motion detector part	15 Prefix with gender	60 Alternative to “his” or “her”	107 First phases
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39 Massage	87 “My turn is coming right up”	133 Occupy fully	24 Barn feed	68 Language of “mea culpa”	115 Deep-seated
40 Old booming jet, for short	91 He KO’d many rivals	DOWN	25 Cymbal pair in a drum kit	69 Be a rapper?	117 To be, to Claudius
41 — changed man!”	93 Ball- — hammer	1 Wedded partner	31 Nathaniel Hawthorne’s Hester	70 BoSox rivals	119 Regarding
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45 Salon colorists	95 “Quantum Leap” actor	3 “Sure thing, cap’n!”	33 James — Garfield	74 Ensnare	124 Abbr. for someone with only one given name
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May 22, 1947: Supreme Court Justice Margaret “Peggy” Workman was born in Charleston. In the election of November 1988, she became the first woman on the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals and the first woman to be elected to statewide office in West Virginia.

May 23, 1862: In what became known as the Battle of Lewisburg, Union troops repelled a Confederate advance, killing 38 and wounding 66, while losing only 13 men.

May 23, 1941: Rod Thorn was born in Princeton. Thorn attended West Virginia University, where he was an All-American guard. Thorn has had an extended and distinguished career in the National Basketball Association.

May 24, 1896: Confederate General John Echols died in Staunton, Virginia. Echols served in the Kanawha Valley in 1862 and commanded Confederate forces at their defeat at the Battle of Droop Mountain in November 1863.

May 25, 1903: Industrialist and philanthropist Bernard Patrick McDonough Jr. was born in Texas. Starting with a Parkersburg construction business in the 1930s, McDonough built a Fortune 500 company with operations in hand tools, building materials and barge building. The Bernard P. McDonough Foundation remains one of the largest private foundations in West Virginia

May 25, 1937: William H. “Teepi” Kendrick died in Morgantown. Kendrick was a pioneer in West Virginia’s 4-H program. He broadened the program to emphasize more than just agriculture, and he was primarily responsible for establishing the state 4-H camp at Jackson’s Mill.

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FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

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American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31 monthly meeting

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

Parkinson's support group

North Central WV Parkinson support group monthly meeting
Saturday, May 21
Brickside Bar & Grill in Bridgeport
The guest speaker this month will be Jennifer Eklof with Abbvie Pharmaceuticals. She will be discussing Duopa therapy.
Lunch at 12 p.m. and the guest speaking will begin at 1 p.m.
The support group is for those who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease as well as their family members or caregivers.
No cost to join. For more information: Tracey Robertson at 304-363-1028.

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
724-966-7428



Bridgeport student earns prize in national poetry finals

Bridgeport High School student Morgan Sprouse represented West Virginia in the Poetry Out Loud National Finals, earning an honorable mention prize and finishing in the Top 12 in a national broadcast on May 1, according to a news release.

Sprouse was one of 55 state and jurisdictional Poetry Out Loud champions participating in the annual competition. As the 4th place winner in one of three regional semifinals, Sprouse will receive a \$1,000 cash award and a \$500 stipend for her school.

Sprouse won the West Virginia Poetry Out Loud championship in March, with her recitations of "Mansplaining" by Jennifer Militello, "Ways of Talking" by Ha Jin and "A Psalm of Life" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Thirty-nine West Virginia high school students competed in the state finals at the Culture Center in Charleston.

For this competition, each student memorizes and recites classic and contemporary poems selected from more than 1,100 in the Poetry Out Loud anthology. Judges review and score the recitations based on criteria including physical presence, voice and articulation, dramatic appropriateness, evidence of understanding, overall performance, and accuracy.

The 2022 competition will culminate on Sunday, June 5 with a one-time-only webcast available on the National Endowment for the Arts' website at Arts.gov/Poetry-Out-Loud beginning at 7 p.m. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd-place winners from each of the three regional semifinals (the top nine high school students from across the nation) will compete for the title of Poetry Out Loud National Champion and a \$20,000 prize.

Poetry Out Loud is a partnership of the National Endowment for the Arts, the Poetry Foundation, and state arts agencies, including the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History. This national arts education program encourages the study of great poetry by offering free educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition for high school students across the country.

For more information about West Virginia's Poetry Out Loud program, contact Jim Wolfe, Poetry Out Loud state coordinator, at 304-558-0240 or james.d.wolfe@wv.gov.

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I also got to catch up with Anne Cavalier, who serves as the mayor of Smithers, West Virginia. Dr. Cavalier has been an active force in Southern West Virginia for many years, previously serving as vice president at West Virginia Institute of Technology and as an economic development representative for West Virginia and Maryland for the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

The speakers at the conference came from throughout the United States and were some of the most knowledgeable experts in the field of board governance and health care policy in the country. One notable speaker was Roger Hanshaw. He spoke on how to navigate the world of virtual and in-person meetings and meet all of the legal requirements. Hanshaw is a certified parliamentarian and in his other job, is the speaker of the House of Delegates for the West Virginia Legislature. I had not met him before and I was quite impressed at his skills as a speaker and his knowledge of running meetings.

The Friday evening keynote speaker was Jessica Rector, a former talk show host and author, who spoke about dealing with burnout and stress. Her

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The other honorees are selected from the 55 counties based on each county's eighth-grade population.

The WVDE will host three separate ceremonies to honor the 2022 Golden Horseshoe recipients on June 14 at the West Virginia Culture Center.

The first ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. and will recognize recipients from the following counties: Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Putnam, Roane, Wayne and Wirt.

presentation was well received by the group of health care workers, who have gone through their share of stress in the past two years.

The Saturday session featured a very interesting presentation by Brian Castrucci, president of the de Beaumont Foundation, who spoke about some of the challenges facing the healthcare industry and how other factors have a major impact on our health, in addition to having access to quality healthcare facilities. Things like smoking and alcohol abuse can negatively impact health, along with environmental factors, like living in homes with lead paint and asbestos. Mental stress and emotional issues are also factors that can take years off our lives and impact the quality of our lives. As the conference came to an end, I was tasked with wrapping up the thoughts and ideas presented by the wonderful cast of presenters. It was a difficult job, but I had plenty of highlights to reflect on and hopefully gave the attendees some words of wisdom to take back to their workplaces.

The drive back from Glade Springs was beautiful and I hope the conference accomplished their goals of "Reconnecting, Recharging and Inspiring" these dedicated professionals. I think they did!

The second ceremony will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will recognize recipients from the following counties: Fayette, Gilmer, Greenbrier, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Pleasants, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Summers, Tyler, Upshur, Webster, Wetzel, Wood and Wyoming.

The third ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. and will recognize recipients from the following counties: Barbour, Berkeley, Brooke, Doddridge, Grant, Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Jefferson, Marshall, Mineral, Monongalia, Morgan, Ohio, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Preston, Taylor, Tucker and the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

Fairmont State to open gallery, laboratory

Submitted by Fairmont State University

When Fairmont State President, Mirta M. Martin, first arrived to Fairmont State in 2018, she learned of a vacant building owned by the University on Merchant Street in Fairmont. She immediately knew that the location would be a prime opportunity to reconnect with the community and showcase the great work being done by students and faculty.

More than four years later, Martin's vision is coming to fruition with the announcement of the reopening of the location which will be known as Fairmont State's Merchant Street Center. The Center will provide a gallery space on the top floor that will be open to the public for events with the goal of showcasing the work of Fairmont State students, faculty and visiting and national artists. The lower portion of the Merchant Street center will house Fairmont State's forensics laboratory. The award-winning forensics program, criminal justice program and new Police Academy will utilize this space to teach crime scene investigation, forensics analysis and academy trainings.

"Fairmont State offers several unique and high-quality academic programs," Martin said. "Among them are our Studio Art and Forensics programs, as well as our groundbreaking Police Training Academy. We are also fortunate to have

so many talented faculty members and visiting artists. It's imperative that we foster the growth of these programs, and highlight the work of our students and faculty, by showcasing them in tailor-made facilities."

During Martin's tenure, she has continually looked for ways to link the University and the Fairmont community.

"Fairmont State University isn't just an incubator of the next generation of citizen leaders," Martin said. "We feel an obligation to serve and connect to the community that so strongly supports us. Fairmont State's Merchant Street Center is a physical and visible reminder of the strong link between Fairmont and the University, and sends the message that we are, proudly, part of this beautiful city."

Merchant Street Center is scheduled to open this fall. The University's facility department will spend the summer preparing the lower level of the building. Once complete, University academic units will begin customizing the new space to be ready for students this fall.

The second phase of the project will begin in the next year. More details will be shared with the community when they become available, including a ribbon-cutting and rededication ceremony. The Merchant Street location has been home to various programs over the years including Fairmont State GearUp.



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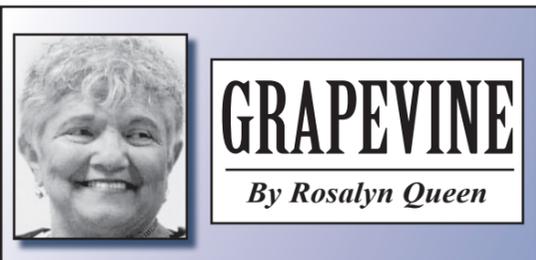
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By Rosalyn Queen

Letter carriers coordinate food donation project

The National Association of Letter Carriers recently sponsored their Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive in Harrison County to help put food on America's tables. They asked local mail recipients to bag healthy, nonperishable food items and place them by their mailboxes for their letter carrier to pick up and deliver to a staging area where the items

were separated and packed for local food banks.

Eleven food banks were the recipients of the food. Those receiving food were the Progressive Women's Association, the Salvation Army, Ronald McDonald House, Quiet Dell UMC, North View UMC, Mustard Seed, Help on the Horizon, Forward Church, Duff Street United Methodist Church, Connection Point, and Clarksburg Mission.

Thousands of pounds of food were collected by the carriers and volunteers brought the food to the local Post Office, where volunteers distributed the food to the local food banks. Certain items were boxed for use at the Ronald McDonald House for families staying there while a family member is hospitalized.

All donations stay within our community.

Brandon Musgrave volunteered as the coordinator for this year's drive. Musgrave is a city mail carrier.

Stay healthy and until next week "Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine."



From left to right: Randall Lynch, PWA member; Rosalyn Queen PWA Treasurer; Becky Wade, asst coordinator; Betty Waddy, PWA president. Not pictured: Brandon Musgrave, coordinator and Elinda Carson, PWA director. Courtesy photo.

"Italian Bred" coming to Clarksburg

Submitted by the Robinson Grand

The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center is excited to announce the hilarious one-woman off-Broadway comedy "Italian Bred," starring Candice Guardino, is coming to downtown Clarksburg on Saturday, August 20, 2022, at the historic Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center, located at 444 W. Pike St. in Clarksburg, WV.

Writer, actress, and storyteller Candice Guardino is quickly making a name for herself in the entertainment industry with her creative brand of comedy and family humor that's captivating audiences through impersonating multi-dimensional characters she has created like the ones found in "Italian Bred."

"If a hilarious one-woman off-Broadway show about growing up Italian was going to play any city in West Virginia, it absolutely has to be Clarksburg," said Jason A Young, the Robinson Grand's consulting program manager. "In fact, we reached out to the West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival to get them on board with the show as a run-up to this summer's festival."

Guardino just wrapped sold-out shows in New York, New Jersey, Los Angeles, and Chicago for her one-woman theatrical comedy "Italian Bred," where it received rave reviews! Written by and starring Guardino, "Italian Bred" is based on true-life events and told through the eyes of a little girl growing up on Staten Island. Having written down everything her outspoken grandmother ever uttered, Candice slips in and out of multiple characters while sharing the stage with virtual cameos of Emmy winner Leslie Jordan (Will and Grace), Mario Cantone (Sex & the City), Steve Schirripa (The Sopranos), and Vic Dibitetto (Mall Cop 2).

According to StageBuddy.com, "Guardino single-handedly proves you can make a one-woman show funnier and smarter than almost anything on TV. The endlessly talented performer plays every member of her family, as well as various supporting characters,

who help populate her memories growing up."

Guardino was born in Brooklyn, NY, and raised in an Italian family that always spoke at full volume. She grew up singing, dancing, and performing weekly recitals for her family in their living room. Guardino dedicates each performance of "Italian Bred" to her late grandma: Fran Guardino.

"We really can't wait for Candice Guardino to visit Clarksburg and realize what an oasis of Italian culture we have in our great city," said Young. "Who knows, she may decide to bring her family to the Italian Festival one day."

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Candice Guardino

DHHR extends application period for emergency energy assistance

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources has announced, in a news release, that applications for the Emergency Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) have been extended to May 27 or until funds are exhausted. The federally funded program assists eligible state residents in paying home heating bills.

Residents whose primary source of heat is either gas or electricity must provide their shut-off notice or past due utility bill when applying for Emergency LIEAP. Those using other primary heating sources or bulk fuel may qualify for assistance if their heating fuel is at a low level during the application period.

Households that received direct payment of regular LIEAP benefits must verify that the payment was used for home heating by submitting a current receipt with the Emergency LIEAP application. Failure to submit verification of payment may result in a denial of the application.

Eligibility for LIEAP benefits is based on income, household size and whether the household is responsible for paying its heating bill. The income limit is 60% of the state median income. In these situations where a heating emergency exists, applicants must be seen by a DHHR worker.

To qualify, households must meet all program

guidelines and be in an emergency that will disrupt the primary heating source if not addressed.

The maximum allowable gross income levels for Emergency LIEAP FY 2022 are listed below:

Household Size	Monthly Income	Allowable
1 Person	\$2,005	
2 Person	\$2,621	
3 Person	\$3,238	
4 Person	\$3,855	
5 Person	\$4,472	
6 Person	\$5,088	
7 Person	\$5,204	
8 Person	\$5,583	
9 Person	\$6,150	
10 Person	\$6,718	

*For each additional person, add \$567. Households whose income exceeds the maximum amount are not eligible; however, some types of income may be excluded for LIEAP. Social Security and Veterans income will be excluded for the current LIEAP application period.

State residents must go to their local DHHR office to apply. A list of local offices is available online at <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bcf/Documents/DHHR.BCF.LocalOffices.pdf>.

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DEEP VEIN THROMBOSIS Q&A

with **BRENDA CONCH, RN, MSN, Director of Clinical Education**



What is Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) and how many people are affected annually by DVT?

Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) occurs when blood clots form in the deep veins of the body, usually the lower leg, thigh, or pelvis, but these can also occur in other areas of the body, such as the abdomen and arms.

A Pulmonary Embolism (PE) occurs when a blood clot breaks off and travels through the bloodstream to the lungs. This can be deadly. It is important to learn about VTE so that you can protect yourself.

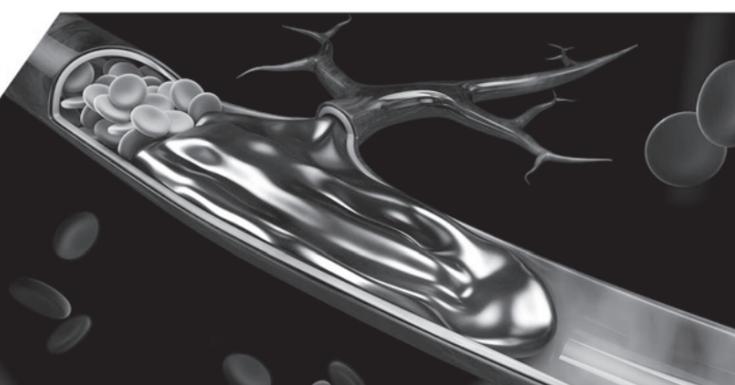
The precise number of people affected by DVT/PE is unknown, although as many as 900,000 people could be affected (1 to 2 per 1,000) each year in the United States. However, one-third (about 33%) of people with DVT/PE will have a recurrence within ten years.

What factors put you at risk for a blood clot?

Many factors put you at risk for a blood clot, as everyone is at risk for DVT. These would include:

- having a major trauma
- having had a blood clot in the past
- having cancer
- being age 55 and older
- sitting during travel for longer than 4 hours
- having a personal or family history of blood clots
- being immobile (such as being on bed rest or difficulty with walking)
- pregnancy, or using estrogen-containing medications such as birth control pills, patches, and hormone replacement therapy
- being obese

Almost half of all blood clots occur either during or soon after discharge from a hospital stay or following a surgery. The more risk factors you have, the greater your risk of developing a blood clot.



Are there any long-term effects?

Unfortunately, the statistics are not good concerning the long-term effects of DVT. Among people who have had a DVT, one-third to one-half will have long-term complications (post-thrombotic syndrome) such as swelling, pain, discoloration, and scaling in the affected limb.

Estimates suggest that 60,000-100,000 Americans will die of DVT/PE (also called venous thromboembolism).

- 10 to 30% of people will die within one month of diagnosis.
- Sudden death is the first symptom in about one-quarter (25%) of people who have a PE.

Approximately 5 to 8% of the U.S. population has one of several genetic risk factors, also known as inherited thrombophilias, in which a genetic defect can be identified that increases the risk for thrombosis.

What are the signs and symptoms of Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)?

The most common signs and symptoms are combinations of the following:

- New swelling of your arm or leg
- Pain or tenderness you cannot explain
- Skin that is warm to the touch
- Redness or discoloration of the skin

Recognized in time, DVT can be treated. If you think you have signs or symptoms, contact your doctor.

What are the signs and symptoms of Pulmonary Embolism (PE), which travels to the lungs?

The most common signs and symptoms are combinations of:

- Shortness of breath you cannot explain
- Chest pain, especially when you take deep breaths
- Coughing up blood
- Feeling lightheaded or fainting

Recognized in time, PE can be treated. If you think you have signs or symptoms, seek medical attention right away. Left untreated, PE can result in death.

How can I prevent Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)?

- Get up and move after sitting or lying down for long periods of time.
- Move your lower legs while seated on long trips.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Know your family history of blood clots.
- Tell your healthcare provider if you have other risk factors for DVT.

Recognized in time, DVT can be treated. If you think you have signs or symptoms, contact your doctor.



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The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

Postseason play comes to an end for the Cougars

This past week brought the culmination of the season for the Lincoln softball team. The Cougars entered postseason play as the top-ranked squad in one of the toughest sectionals in the state. Philip Barbour and Robert C. Byrd also had exceptional regular seasons and unfortunately for this trio, only one could advance.

Last week, both Lincoln and Robert C. Byrd suffered losses which made their lockup in Shinnston Monday a loser-leaves-town affair. When players know that their team is down to the final loss, it tends to bring out the best in them, and that was the case in this epic clash. Both teams sent their top pitchers to the circle. The Cougars brought the heat with Delaney Haller and the Flying Eagles would counter with Fran Alvaro.

The pitching duel provided five and a half scoreless innings of play before Lincoln would take the lead. Haller drew a free pass followed by a double from Alexis Williams for the game winning RBI. Emily Robey and Kariss Drain each collected two baggers to extend the lead to 3-0. Haller went on to strike out a total of three batters in the two-hit shutout.

Lincoln was back in play with their back against the wall yet again the next day. The Cougars would host the Colts in the must-win matchup for a chance to force a deciding game. Philip Barbour jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first and moved it to a 4-1 advantage after three innings of play. Haller would slam the door from that point, not allowing any more runs in the next five innings.

The Colts had their ace, Sara Simon, in the circle. Simon pitched well but her team committed five errors and Lincoln would take advantage of them by scoring all of their runs of the unearned variety. Cadence Lambert came through in the eighth inning with the game-winning hit that scored Haller. Haller and Drain led the Cougars with two hits apiece.

The victory would set up the sectional championship and a third consecutive day of play for Lincoln at home. Haller and Simon went head to head for the second consecutive tilt. Their efforts were once again impressive and it came down to an extra inning where Philip Barbour would score to break a 3-3 tie and close out the eighth for the title. Haller was the leader at the plate going three for four with a home run. The loss ended a spectacular

campaign for Lincoln. The Cougars finished with a 22-3 record.

The Lincoln baseball team started the week with a sectional setback to Philip Barbour on Tuesday. The Cougars had their backs against the wall, forcing elimination with another loss. However, the second-seeded squad knew that they were down but not out. The next night a come-from-behind win over Liberty was made possible by Michael Martin. Martin doubled in the bottom of the sixth to drive in a pair of runs eliminating the Eers.

The third consecutive game of the week was the shortest as Lincoln took an 11-1 victory over Elkins. Martin, Johnny Lopez, Jeremiah Carpenter, and Corbin Ayers all recorded two hits. Levi Moore went the distance on the mound for the win.



In an 11-1 win over Elkins to advance in sectional play, Jeremiah Carpenter achieved a two-run home run. Courtesy photo.

The Cougars nabbed their third win in a row, while gaining revenge in the process with a 3-2 win over Philip Barbour. It was a second come-from-behind win in the streak as Lincoln scored all of their runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Nick Kellar delivered a triple to drive in the game winning runs. Kellar was two for three leading his team to the championship game vs Robert C. Byrd. Lincoln scored two runs in the top of the seventh to take the lead and they were just three outs from the title. Flying Eagle Brayden Thomason delivered a single in the bottom half of the inning providing a comeback win for RCB. Thomas had two hits and Nick George had three RBIs to pace the Flying Eagles.

Coby Gorby was four for four and Martin was two for three to lead the Cougars. Lincoln capped the season with 14-13.

That will do it for now.... Take care and God Bless!

Harrison County EMS



Athletes of the Week

It's that time once again to acknowledge the efforts of Harrison County's student-athletes. Each week 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 this past week's Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal Athletes of the Week Award are Delaney Haller and Michael Martin.

Cougar softball standout Delaney Haller picked up a pair of wins including a two-hitter against RCB. Haller was six of ten from the plate on the week. Haller blasted a home run, picked up a pair of doubles, scored five runs and had two RBIs as well.

Cougar baseball player Michael Martin hit safely in all five games this week including three multi-hit performances. Martin was eight of 17 scoring five runs and driving in four runs on the week. Martin delivered a game-winning hit to drive in the winning run against Liberty. He also picked up the win on the mound versus the Mountaineers.

Congratulations to Lincoln's Delaney Haller and Michael Martin for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week!



Delaney Haller



The Lincoln High School baseball team won 3-2 over Philip Barbour last week. Courtesy photo.



From The World of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

Park property projects in full swing

Over the past few months, Harrison County-owned parks in Good Hope, Spelter, Summit Park and Wallace will receive some much-needed upgrades. The County Commission pledged to improve these properties in order to give sports teams a home to practice and play as well as provide families a safe playground for kids to play. All-in-all, it looks like the final project number will hit \$150,000.

With all the projects and a staff shortage, the County Commission in communication with the Parks and Maintenance Departments decided to outsource many of the projects. Whether it was the construction of a concrete basketball court or replacing fence on the ball fields, it was best to leave it those who specialize in projects like these.

Director Mike Book, who has seen many facelifts to the playgrounds in his day, agreed there was an urgency to improve the parks, not only for the

upgrades to newer equipment, but also to conform to the current safety standards recommended at the state and national levels.

"The County Commission-owned property needed an upgrade and I am excited to see the finished products once complete," he said. "Over a decade ago, the Recreation Complex was built and much of the focus was centered on that particular property. We took out tennis courts, basketball courts and replaced them with a playground set and made this one of the most exciting playgrounds in the county. And now that we are pretty much maxed out at the Recreation Complex, we need to focus on the outlying properties."

In Good Hope, the playground and ball field has needed attention and received it through county staff and volunteers. The field, which is regulation for T-Ball through Little League, needed new dugouts, bleachers, fencing and a back stop. That project was complete in less than a month. To add, a concrete basketball court was put in place and the final plans of building a set of swings are on the docket for later this summer. All inventory is in place and is on the schedule for completion.

Wallace Park, located on Route 20 close to the Wetzel County line, will have its basketball court resurfaced this summer as well as painted for play. With many families living in the area, the park has been a home for family gatherings, community activities and even weekend shows and carnivals. Currently, the court is not safe for play, but plans to

resurface the court and replace the backboards will give the park a positive look.

Summit Park and Spelter face similar situations as ball fields are getting harder and harder to find. Therefore, improvements to the Pony League field in Spelter include new dugouts and fencing as well as replacing the front part of the press box, which sustained heavy water damage over the years. For phase two, the field will be dug up and resurfaced with baseball dirt and Turface to help repel water and help with the drainage during inclement weather. Once complete, the field will be available for practice and games for all levels of youth baseball.

The fields at Summit Park host summer softball, HCPR T-Ball as well and other sports including soccer. The upper field, which Washington Irving Softball uses for practice will get a new backstop, outfield fence and dugout improvements. Maintenance has ripped up the field in order to get it in game/practice shape. Grass seed has been added to the outfield to help with some of the bare spots where grass stopped growing.

A ditch line in the back of the field needs some work in order to stop the run-off from going onto the field. That is a top priority before any fencing in the outfield can be replaced. And most likely, the lighting will be removed simply for safety precautions. New benches for the dugouts and some touch up with the first and third base fencing and things will be ready for T-Ball season.



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OBITUARIES



April Nicole McDonough

April Nicole Barnett McDonough, 35, of Fairmont, passed away unexpectedly. She was born in Fairmont to Brad & Jonna Pritchard Barnett. Along with her parents, she's survived by her brother Travis Barnett and fiancée Ashley McKee of Fairmont; paternal grandparents Sam and Mary McInnes of Enterprise; aunt and uncle Beth and Rick Brooks of Harter Hill; uncle Henry Moore of Fairmont; cousins Rachel Moore of Ohio and Allison Moore of Fairmont; and aunt Terri Marie from North Carolina. April was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents John and Mary Jane Pritchard; aunt Jane Moore; and spouse Sam McDonough.

April graduated from Fairmont Senior High in 2005, and went on to attend Fairmont State College. She worked at United Hospital Center in the laundry department for the last six years. She enjoyed watching TV, spending time with her dogs KC & MC and relaxing at home.

She will be sadly missed by her family and everyone who knew her. April was a friend to everyone, and always willing to help anyone in need.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Marion County Animal Shelter at 2731 Locust Ave. Fairmont, WV 26554.

Friends were received at Harmer Funeral Home on Thursday, May 5, 2022 from 11:00AM to 2:00PM. A funeral service was held at the Funeral Home at 2:00PM on Thursday with Pastor Sabrina Haught officiating. Interment followed at I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Enterprise.



Mary Florence (Tatterson) Davis

Mary Florence Davis, 76, of Shinnston, passed away peacefully at her home on Friday, May 13, 2022. She was born July 2, 1945 in Clarksburg, the daughter of the late John Tatterson and the

late Elizabeth Eileen Heldreth Tatterson.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, David Don Davis, with whom she traveled over 13,000 miles and visited 49 states.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by four sons, Kenny and his companion Tasha, Ronnie and his wife Tracy, Garry and his companion Kathy, and Larry, all of Shinnston; eight grandchildren: Kayla Mullin and husband Richie, Kenny Davis and his wife Emily, Hannah Mills, Kristopher Davis and his husband John DaCosta, Allison Junkins, Monica Taylor, Jordan Davis, David Davis, and Haley Davis; twelve great grandchildren: Brody and Sadie Mullin, Everett Mills, Silas Fisher, Lilah Junkins, Sophia Lynn Sidley, Alexandria Ann Taylor, Taisha and Trinity Gonzalez, Dalton and Emily Willis; one brother; Bill Tatterson and wife Vicky; and several nieces and nephews, including Diane VanBuren, who took care of her in her final days.

After working in patient care, Mary chose to become a stay-at-home mother for her children and was heavily involved with her grandchildren. She enjoyed spending time with her family, traveling the country in the RV, and beating every rummy opponent she came across.

Friends and family were received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 2:00pm until the time of service, 7:00pm with Pastor Edward Partain officiating. Honoring Mary's final wishes, cremation services will be provided.

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

Iris Orella Ranson Stump

Iris Orella Ranson Stump, 87, of Clarksburg, WV, passed away on Friday, May 13, 2022, at Uniontown Hospital, in Uniontown, PA.

Iris was born in Sissonville, WV, on October 12, 1934, a daughter of the late Edward and Orpha Gibson Ranson.

Twice married, she was preceded in death by her first husband Daniel Gunnoe and her second husband Bobby Ray Stump on December 3, 2001.

Mrs. Stump is survived by two children, Daniel Gunnoe and wife Debbie, of FL, and Melissa Sellers of Morgantown, WV; two stepchildren, Joyce Forwood of Texas and Bobby Stump of Clarksburg, WV; five grandchildren, Sarah

Sellers, Shannon Gunnoe, Erin Gunnoe, Daniel Gunnoe and Amy Stump. Also surviving are her brother and sisters, Edward Ranson and wife Cookie of Cross Lanes, WV, Jean Ann Thomas of Ripley, WV, Yvonne Smith of WV, and Darlene McKinsey of FL.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by her stepson, Doug Stump; an infant brother; and two step grandchildren.

Iris was a graduate of Sissonville High School and went on to become a Licensed Practical Nurse. She formerly worked at Charleston Area Medical Center.

Mrs. Stump attended Bible Baptist Temple and previously attended the Mountain Mission in Charleston, WV, for many years. She was a loving mother who was very involved with volunteering at her daughters' school.

Honoring Mrs. Stump's wishes, she will be cremated. A celebration of life service will be announced at a later date.

Expressions of sympathy may be extended to the family at www.amoscarvelli.com A service of Amos Carvelli Funeral Home.

Robert Edward Criss

Robert Edward Criss, 74, of Clarksburg, WV, passed away on Friday, May 13, 2022, at the Clarksburg Nursing and Rehab Center.

He was born in Baltimore, MD, on May 6, 1948, a son of the late Holly and Flora Mae Howell Criss.

Robert was married on October 22, 1983, to his wife of 39 years, Carolyn Ann Woofter Criss.

Also surviving are his children, Robert E. Criss Jr. of Stonewood, Flora L. Ripple and husband Robert of Gypsy, WV, and Bryan Criss and companion Amanda Riddle of Clarksburg; five grandchildren, Amber Criss, Ashley Criss, Paisley Jayde Criss, Michael Riffle, and Bobby Riffle; eight great grandchildren, Riviera, Braylen, Saphira, Zander, and Athena, Nevaeh, Austin, and Logan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, David Criss and Bill Criss.

Robert was a graduate of Lumberport High School Class of 1967 and retired from Precision Coil after 18 years as a maintenance boss. He enjoyed hunting, the Pittsburgh Pirates, and the Steelers. He also enjoyed paying softball. He was a hard worker and was always on the go, but above all, he was a loving and kind man.

Arrangements will be announced at a later date.

Out Of The Past

Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



Now in its 97th year of operation, this 1971 image was taken in one of Bice's Greenhouses in Enterprise. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the memorial fund for Robert Criss.

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Harold James Booth Jr.

Harold James Booth Jr., 96, of Mount Clare, passed away at the Salem Center on Thursday, May 12, 2022.

He was born on May 31, 1925, in Clarksburg, WV, a son of the late Harold and Dorothy Matics Booth.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Norma

Cochran Booth, who he wed on April 12, 1953.

He is also survived by his children, Richard Booth, David Booth, Terry Booth, Thresia Brunetti, and Donna Booth and her partner Paul Portillo; grandchildren, James "Jimmy" Booth, Natalie Hall and her husband Stevie, Joseph "Joey" Brunetti, Tina Mumford and her husband Joel, Alisha Pinti, and Vincent Pinti; great-grandchildren, Stevie, James, and Anthony Hall, Grace, Lilly, and Eloise Mumford; sisters, Helen Williams and Shirley Strother and her husband John; Tommy Michel, who was like a son to him; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, William Booth and his wife Evelyn, and Dewey Booth; sister, Mildred Booth; daughter-in-law, Anita "Kay" Booth; son-in-law, Joseph Brunetti; and brother-in-law, Don

Williams.

Harold was a graduate of Roosevelt-Wilson High School. He was a United States Army Veteran having served during World War II. He was an electrician by trade having worked for Michel Incorporation. He was a member of the Meuse Argonne Post No. 573 VFW and the Masonic Lodge No.6 in Clarksburg. He was an avid reader and enjoyed watching westerns in his spare time. He loved to spend time with his family, especially his grandchildren and would often take his children on camping trips in their youth. He liked to travel to Ohio to visit his sister.

A graveside service was held on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at the Floral Hills Memorial Gardens where full military honors will be accorded.

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New West Virginia Supreme Court Justice C. Haley Bunn participates in a public swearing-in last week, following a private swearing-in last month, with her husband, Joe Bunn, and their 6-year-old daughter, Gigi. Photo by Alex Wilson, West Virginia Supreme Court.

Ceremony held for new Justice

The West Virginia Supreme Court held a public investiture ceremony for new Justice C. Haley Bunn on April 12, according to a news release.

Bunn was appointed to the Supreme Court on April 6 by Governor Jim Justice. She was sworn into office in a private ceremony last month so she could begin work. Her first day on the bench was May 3, when the Court heard an argument docket in front of high school students in Braxton County.

She replaced former Justice Evan Jenkins, who resigned in February and began lobbying work.

Bunn was born and raised in Oceana in Wyoming County. She is a 2007 honors graduate of West Virginia University. She graduated Order of the Coif and Order of Barristers from WVU College of Law in 2010.

She worked in private practice in Charleston from 2010 to 2012 and from 2019 until her appointment to

the Supreme Court. She primarily practiced civil defense litigation, representing individuals and companies ranging from family businesses to large corporations.

From 2012 to 2019, she was an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia in the Criminal Division. Her focus as a prosecutor was on major drug distribution cases. In 2017, the U.S. Department of Justice selected her as one of twelve prosecutors in the country to serve in an Opioid Fraud and Abuse Detection Unit. The OFADU was dedicated to curtailing illegal diversion of prescription opioids and healthcare fraud related to the opioid crisis.

She serves on the board of the Bible Center School in Charleston, and she has volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America's Legal Explorers Program. She and her husband, Joseph Bunn, live in Charleston and have two children.

Mooney beats McKinley after heated West Virginia primary

By Steven Allen Adams, Ogden Newspapers

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U.S. Rep. Alex Mooney survived one of the toughest races of his political career, beating back Rep. David McKinley in the new 2nd Congressional District Republican primary.

Mooney, now in his fourth term in the U.S. House of Representatives, beat McKinley, a six-term Congressman, 54.1 percent to 35.6 percent according to unofficial results transmitted by county clerks to the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office May 10. Not all precincts had reported in by press time, but Mooney was leading by nearly 15,000 votes.

Mooney and his supporters watched the election results from the Clarion Inn in Harpers Ferry. Addressing the crowd, Mooney said he was honored by the support he received from voters in the old 2nd Congressional District and new voters in the new 2nd District.

"The voters of West Virginia spoke loud and clear tonight," Mooney said according to a livestream of his speech from Fox News. "They rejected President Joe Biden and the far-left socialist agenda that is destroying our great nation ... I want to thank all our volunteers and campaign team."

McKinley monitored the results with friends and family from his home in Wheeling. He released a statement Tuesday night through a spokesperson.

"Serving the people of West Virginia has been the honor of my life. I'm proud that I have always stood up for what's right for West Virginia — even when it hurt me politically," McKinley said. "The groundwork we have laid over the last 12 years has paved the way for a more prosperous and diverse West Virginia economy."

"I do want to thank Congressman McKinley for his many years of service for our beloved great State of West Virginia," Mooney said to supporters

Mooney went into the race with a clear fundraising lead, starting with \$2.8 million in cash on hand compared to McKinley's \$502,774. Mooney also had an early endorsement from Trump last year, with Trump recently calling into a Mooney tele-rally and Mooney appearing with Trump over the weekend at a rally in Pennsylvania.

"I also want to thank President Donald Trump for his endorsement and support of my campaign," Mooney said. "When Donald Trump puts his mind to something, you'd better watch out ... He endorsed me three different times in press statements. Donald Trump loves West Virginia and West Virginia loves Donald Trump."

McKinley was endorsed by Gov. Jim Justice and U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va. Mooney criticized Manchin for getting involved in the race.

"How arrogant for Joe Manchin to think he can tell Republicans how to vote," Mooney said. "He must see me as a threat, because he keeps trying to interfere in my campaigns. The real threat to Manchin and elitists like him are the conservative voters of West Virginia."

TV ads from both candidates became increasingly negative as the campaign dragged on. Mooney attacked McKinley for being one of 13 Republicans in the House to support the \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in November, with the state expected to see between \$6 billion and \$8 billion

in infrastructure funding. Mooney join 3rd District Rep. Carol Miller, R-W.Va., in voting against it.

McKinley was also attacked for his vote in favor of creating an independent commission to investigate the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol Building by Trump supporters to stop the certification of the 2020 election for President Joe Biden. Mooney voted against the bipartisan commission. Instead, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., created a select committee on Jan. 6 that both McKinley and Mooney opposed.

Mooney's former residency in Maryland prior to running and winning election to Congress in West Virginia in 2014 became campaign ad fodder for McKinley. Mooney is a former Maryland state senator and chairman of the Maryland Republican Party. Ads called Mooney a "carpetbagger" and "political prostitute."

McKinley also attacked Mooney for his ethics investigations over the past year. The independent Office of Congressional Ethics filed two reports with the House Ethics Committee in 2021. A report released to the public in the fall found alleged campaign finance violations by Mooney, accusing him of using political donations for personal use.

OCE investigators, as revealed by Capitol Hill-based publication CQ Roll Call in March, were also seeking information last year regarding use of Mooney congressional and campaign staff for personal errands and alleged efforts to doctor calendar entries to obstruct investigators. The House Ethics Committee is expected to announce its course of action on or after Monday, May 23.

The race between Mooney and McKinley started in earnest after the West Virginia Legislature combined much of their current congressional districts into one northern district. West Virginia dropped from three to two congressional districts after the 2020 U.S. Census showed continued population loss.

McKinley had a geographical advantage, with all but one of the 20 counties in McKinley's 1st District part of the new 2nd District. State lawmakers took nine out of 17 of the counties in Mooney's current 2nd District away and placed them in the new southern 1st Congressional District. But Mooney had a population advantage with Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan counties in the Eastern Panhandle — the fastest growing region in West Virginia — remaining in the new district.

Mooney will now face Democratic opponent Barry Wendell in the November general election. Wendell defeated Angela Dwyer 56.7 percent to 43.3 percent as of press time.

Miller also won re-election Tuesday night in a five-way Republican primary, defeating her closest competitor, Scott Fuller, 66.4 percent to 10 percent, leading by more than 27,000 votes. She will face Democratic opponent Lacy Watson in November who was unopposed.



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