



## City Council Candidate Interviews: Ward 4

**Barnett seeks to return to Council | Currey campaigns for West Side seat**

By Maralisa Marra



**Peggy Barnett** department to patrol the West Side more, as well as develop a better relationship with police in case there are any issues in west Shinnston.

“We hardly ever see a police officer over here, and if they come, I don’t see them,” she said.

Several candidates

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By Maralisa Marra

Ward 4 candidate Julia Currey wants to represent west Shinnston in the June 7 City Council election. Currey is a Shinnston native and Lincoln High alumna who has traveled the world and lived abroad on and off for the last 15 years, but she is ready to give back to her roots with her worldly skillset. Currey has worn many hats over the years, one being the director of teaching English for a multinational company for foreign students to study in West Virginia. She also sends doctors



**Julia Currey** and nurses from India to work all over the United States.

Currey said combining her problem-solving background alongside her experience of different cultures and viewpoints to overcome problems is her strength. “I just want things to be better for the

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## Ward 1 candidate now unopposed

By Maralisa Marra

W. Max Palmer is running to represent Ward 1, East Shinnston, in the June 7 City Council election. Palmer has lived in Shinnston since 1961 when he moved here after high school. He has raised his family here and currently pastors the Coon’s Run Baptist Church.

Jana-Kate Layton has chosen to withdraw from the race. She will be moving out of city limits, but she said, “I do hope Shinnston thrives for its future because it has so much potential.”



**W. Max Palmer**

Palmer would like to press the police department to enforce the speed limits more so than they do now. Palmer would also like to push for better road repair in East Shinnston, especially the potholes on East Avenue.

Although some of the streets in East Shinnston

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## Community collaborates on Shinnston garden

By Maralisa Marra

The weekend of May 21 and 22, members of the community teamed up to get pepper, cabbage, and tomato plants in the ground, said Kathleen Panek, city clerk and coordinator of volunteer efforts. Some of the harvest will be distributed through the Lord’s Pantry, while other areas are also available in the garden for residents’ own use.

“Our garden is not only producing food, but it is also beautifying the city,” Panek said.

Lincoln High student and member of DECA, Alexis Herndon, lent a hand in weeding and planting. Kim Southern and Bethany Nuzum also lent a hand in the planting of tomatoes and peppers. John, Jacob, and Nathan Kissella made a flower bed around the sign and planted flowers in it, as well.

Volunteers are ordering flex hose to make watering the plants easier,

and Panek said they were planning to plant beans within the next week. Panek said Debra Herndon donated acorn squash, butternut squash, and spaghetti squash seeds that would be planted soon, as well.

Panek said they will be putting another round of plants in the aeroponic tower, and they are still looking for somewhere to plant their apple trees.

The Boy Scouts are building eight raised beds for any member of the city to claim for their own use and to plant whatever they desire. Applicants must fill out a form at the City Hall to claim their bed. These will be separate from the crop that goes to The Lord’s Pantry, but the beds are still located within the community garden.

Panek said the garden can use more volunteers. To become involved, contact Panek or message the Shinnston Community Garden Facebook page.



## “All good things come to an end”

**Lincoln High class of 2022 graduates**

By Maralisa Marra

On May 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Lincoln High School’s gymnasium, the senior class of 2022 crossed the stage, turned their tassels, and closed their last chapter at Lincoln High School.

As Lincoln High’s traditional graduation ceremonies always begin, the graduates processed into the gym to the classic “Pomp and Circumstance” march performed by the Lincoln High Graduation Band. Once the processional concluded, 2022 graduate Olivia Spino performed “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

Senior Class President Mathew Kerns welcomed the attendees

and graduates with an invocation, reflections on his term as president, and inspirational words.

“Each and every one of you has potential that is unfathomable,” he said.

Students who graduated summa cum laude were featured speakers. Miss Cougar Savannah Jones, who began the summa cum laude addresses, encouraged her classmates to strive for greatness, work hard, and most importantly, persevere.

“From everyday obstacles to the global pandemic that rocked the world, our high school experience has been like none other...if I gained anything from my four years at Lincoln High School, it would be perseverance in the face of adversity, and I hope that you all can say the same,” Jones said.

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Bethany Nuzum, left, Alexis Herndon, middle, and Kim Southern volunteer at Shinnston’s community garden. Courtesy photo.



Volunteers recently assisted with planting at Shinnston’s community garden. Courtesy photo.



Strawberry plants are among the crops planted. Courtesy photo.

## Jazz duo to perform Saturday

By Maralisa Marra

At The Soapbox on Saturday, jazz duo A Tale Of Two will be taking the stage. Jazz vocalist Stephanie Adlington and guitarist Aaron Lessard will be sharing their smooth Americana melodies.

Adlington, an award-winning singer, songwriter, and vocal coach, is a Grafton native and attended the Royal Academy of Music in London, England. She also teaches vocal classes at Belmont University in Nashville. Lessard is a regular in the Nashville scene among musicians in the jazz genre.

A Tale Of Two “offers a different kind of Americana—storytelling by a swampy pair of retro raconteurs spinning blues arias with soul, intrigue, and power,” their website states.

Alongside Lessard’s top-notch guitar skills, Adlington’s voice is guaranteed to carry “her audience back to the prohibition era—a



scandalous rendezvous in a wicked speakeasy, where swagger goes and bourbon flows,” according to her website.

The Soapbox is located at 413 Pike Street. To purchase tickets for the show, visit The Soapbox’s Facebook page. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m.



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**Guest Column**

By Charlotte Lane

**New internet bill assistance available**

By Charlotte Lane

Chair, West Virginia Public Service Commission

There are many programs to help low-income people pay for their electric, gas, water and telephone utility bills. However, until now there has been little in the way of assistance for internet service. During the pandemic, the Federal Communications Commission created the Emergency Broadband Benefit program. That program ended December 30, 2021, and has been replaced by the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

ACP offers a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for qualifying households. Participants may also be eligible for a one-time discount of up to \$100 for the purchase of a computer or tablet from participating providers. The sellers are required to contribute between \$10 and \$50 toward the purchase price. The ACP is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

According to Frontier and Suddenlink, the two largest internet service providers in the state, customers can request an internet package that costs \$30 per month. When paired with the ACP, you could get basic internet service at little or no cost.

Households qualify for the ACP if the household income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines (\$55,500 for a family of four), or if a member of the household meets at least one of the following criteria: received a federal Pell Grant during the current award year; is eligible for a participating provider's existing low-income internet program; or participates in SNAP, Medicaid, federal public housing assistance, Supplemental Security Income, WIC, veteran's pension or survivor benefits, or Lifeline.

If you think you may qualify, go to ACPBenefit.org to apply. Then contact your preferred participating provider to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill. Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete.

The Public Service Commission does not regulate the internet, so we can't resolve complaints against internet service providers, regulate their rates or force them to provide service in specific areas, but we are pleased to help low-income customers find resources that can make it easier to pay for the service.

**THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History**

**June 2, 1951:** Cornelius Charlton died of the wounds he received in battle during the Korean War. Charlton, a Raleigh County native, was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously.

**June 3, 1856:** Harriet B. Jones was born in Pennsylvania. After attending Wheeling Female College and graduating from the Women's Medical College of Baltimore, she opened a private practice in Wheeling, becoming the first woman licensed to practice medicine in West Virginia.

**June 3, 1861:** The first land battle of the Civil War took place in Philippi. About 3,000 federal troops drove about 800 Confederates from the town.

**June 3, 1936:** The first Strawberry Festival was held in Buckhannon. More than 6,000 spectators attended the festivities, which also included a parade of 30 princesses down Main Street.

**June 4, 1975:** Clark Kessinger died in St. Albans, Kanawha County. Kessinger was among the most prolific and influential fiddlers of the 20th century, and one of West Virginia's most important traditional musicians.

**June 5, 1859:** A great frost killed crops in the Preston County fields. The fields were replanted with hardy buckwheat, which was successful and became a staple crop, celebrated in the annual Buckwheat Festival in Kingwood.

**June 6, 1919:** Historian Otis Rice was born in Hugheston, Kanawha County. Rice was named West Virginia's first Historian Laureate in 2003.

**June 6, 1989:** During the Pittston strike, about 60 miners embarked on a four-day march from Logan County to Charleston, retracing the path of the 1921 Armed March on Logan.

**June 7, 1899:** Congresswoman Elizabeth Kee was born in Radford, Virginia. She became West Virginia's first female member of Congress in 1951.

**Super Crossword JUST ADD SALT**

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- 1 V-J Day prez
- 4 Not cooked
- 7 Epoch
- 10 Nails, as an exam
- 14 "— boy!"
- 18 "There it is!"
- 19 Went by, as hours
- 21 Whet
- 22 Unmask
- 23 Giving monikers to flower holders?
- 25 Whale type
- 26 Bride's ride, perhaps
- 27 It might follow "So I lied!"
- 28 That, to Juanita
- 29 The lass I love with a twangy voice?
- 31 Fill with fury
- 33 Alaskan panhandle city
- 36 "No fooling!"
- 37 Embryonic thyroids and pituitaries?
- 40 Many a shareable PC file
- 41 Cry loudly
- 43 "Chairman —" (NBA moniker)
- 44 Brief review
- 46 Lake in north Minnesota
- 48 Broken stone used in paving
- 53 Actor Lane after improving his skills?
- 55 Amazed
- 56 "Will you allow me?"
- 58 Father, in France
- 59 Be disposed
- 60 "Batman Forever" star commanding a warship?
- 63 Barrage of shots
- 66 Fail to feed
- 67 Actress on HBO's "Insecure"
- 70 Matador
- 74 Levi's material
- 76 Homer hit by poet Tate?
- 78 Swing about
- 81 Old soda brand
- 84 The Beatles' "— Tired"
- 85 "Better in Time" singer Lewis
- 86 Title of a sommelier training video hosted by novelist Gordimer?
- 90 Goes into overtime, say
- 92 Rival of Sampras
- 93 Heat energy unit
- 94 See 115-Across
- 95 Sharks' org.
- 96 Signing tool
- 98 Dilemma caused by quarterback Joe?
- 105 Men's neckwear accessory
- 108 Island porch
- 109 Beethoven's Third
- 110 Really mean porkers?
- 112 Biology subj.
- 114 Financier Carl
- 115 With 94-Across, designer with the fragrance Fantasia
- 116 QED's "E"
- 117 Rich founder of a loafah-producing company?
- 120 Newsy note
- 121 Jazzy Simone
- 122 Feeling bad for
- 123 Rural tract
- 124 California city known for its zinfandel
- 125 Highlander, e.g.
- 126 Positive reply
- 127 Negative replies
- 128 Bit of work
- 15 "Speaking," for a woman on the phone
- 16 Redpack container
- 17 GI on the run
- 20 "Do not —" (Monopoly directive)
- 24 Non-PC computer
- 29 Reckless
- 30 U.S.-Can.-Mex. pact
- 32 "Only Time" singer
- 34 Dawdles
- 35 Pant leg part
- 38 Singer Terrell
- 39 Fill totally
- 42 U2, for one
- 45 Medusa's killer
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- 64 Kin of "Inc."
- 65 "There it is!"
- 68 Best Picture of 1988
- 69 Cry of woe
- 71 Big heads
- 72 Nevada city
- 73 City in 5-Down
- 75 Not Rep. or Dem.
- 77 Clean a spill
- 78 Stately bird
- 79 Attack verbally
- 80 Not tried up
- 82 Violinist Hilary
- 83 Paragons
- 87 U.S. humane org.
- 88 TV ratings system
- 89 "— la Douce"
- 91 Old Italian coins
- 94 Climb, as a tree or rope
- 97 — acid (aqua fortis)
- 99 Seer's cards
- 100 Circular gaskets
- 101 — Raton
- 102 Likely (to)
- 103 Parrot, often
- 104 Guy's stylish carrier
- 106 As a friend, in France
- 107 Kind of bar
- 110 Sandbox toy
- 111 Coup d'—
- 113 Not "fer"
- 117 Operative
- 118 Crusty treat
- 119 Brian of rock

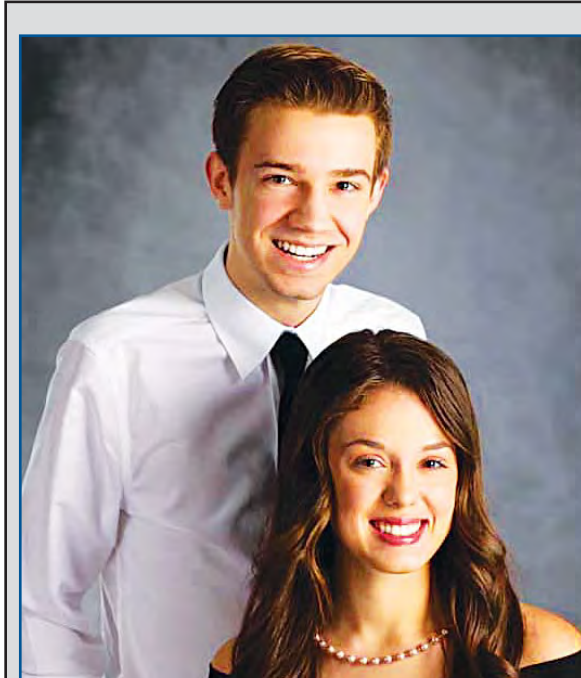
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**Find the Super Crossword Answers on Page 7!**

**June 7, 1926:** An explosion at a sand mining operation in Morgan County killed six men. Their deaths were the inspiration for the ballad "The Miner's Doom."

**June 8, 1893:** Entrepreneur Donald F. Duncan was born. Duncan was the founder of the Duncan Yo-Yo Company and the Duncan Parking Meter Corporation.

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The 2022 Cougar, Wesley Benson, left, and Miss Cougar, Savannah Jones, were among the speakers at Lincoln's graduation ceremony May 27. Courtesy photo.

**Correction:**

The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal published incorrect information identifying students in a photo on the front page of the May 26, 2022 edition. The photo, which accompanied "Lincoln High Key Club holds Special Olympics," featured Drew Darway, a junior, and Alexis Williams, a sophomore. The newspaper regrets the error.

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#### Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Mission

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Liturgy: Saturday, June 4 at 10 a.m.  
Saturday, June 25 at 10 a.m.  
Please check to make sure of no cancellations  
724-966-7428



## Clarksburg VAMC resumes strengthened COVID-19 protections

Due to the high rate of new cases and test positivity rate, the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg resumed strengthened COVID-19 protocols, including limited visitors and distancing, on May 23. Masks were already required, per a news release.

The VA “is implementing COVID-19 Health Protection Levels as part of VA’s consistent, nationwide approach for Veterans Health Administration (VHA) facilities to adjust COVID-19 safety protocols locally as needed,” the news release stated.

The three VHA COVID-19 health protection levels – low, medium, and high – align with CDC’s Community Transmission levels, which are based on new COVID cases and the percentage of positive tests.

As of May 23, the VA Medical Center is at level high. The VHA COVID-19 Health Protection Level will be updated as needed on Mondays.

“Our local veterans are resolute about receiving their care at our facility and we want to keep them safe during the ups and downs of COVID-19 community spread,” said Barbara Forsha, medical center director. “Instead of increasing or decreasing access to care, safety protocols will be adjusted based on COVID-19 levels in the community.”

When centers reach “high” level, centers require physical distancing and only care team-approved visitors are permitted. Masks are required regardless of the level, the news release stated.

Please visit [www.va.gov/clarksburg-health-care/](http://www.va.gov/clarksburg-health-care/) or call 304-623-3461 for current protection levels before your next visit. If patients or visitors are heading to a VA facility in another county, they should check with that health facility to determine the facility’s VHA COVID-19 Health Protection Level.

Visit [www.va.gov/coronavirus-veteran-frequently-asked-questions/](http://www.va.gov/coronavirus-veteran-frequently-asked-questions/) for questions and answers regarding the VHA COVID-19 Health Protection Levels.

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have been supportive of B&O tax reductions, which make up about \$380,000 of the city’s \$1.96 million budget. Barnett said she believes that to offer tax incentives to new businesses, the business owner should have to “have it [the business] up to standards” and “go above the guidelines” of upkeeping their business. She said she would be receptive to eliminating B&O taxes for a few months, but then businesses would have to begin paying their B&O taxes because the city needs the revenue.

As for annexation, Barnett said it could bring more taxpayers into the city. “If the people agree to it, I think it’s a good idea,” she said.

To resolve the issue of dilapidated buildings on private property, Barnett thinks the city needs to contact the owner and give them

the opportunity to demolish the buildings. She said she does not believe the responsibility should fall on the city. But when asked if she would be willing to take legal action against the private owners, she said, “I would back it if I thought it was proper.”

Barnett also expressed concern about the safety of the Murphy building. Since it is becoming more unsound daily, she thinks the building should be torn down, and once it has been demolished, she thinks it would be a nice area to create a parking lot. However, she said that if the private owner would renovate it, it could be salvageable.

When asked about her thoughts on the city’s plans for updating the water and sewer systems, she said knows of some skepticism about whether the West Side is connected to the sewage system. If elected, she plans to clarify whether they are connected

to the city’s sewage system or if they are paying high sewage rates for no reason. She said, “That has always been one of my concerns.”

In reference to the cooperation with Greater Harrison PSD on planned sewage and water projects and upgrades, and potential rising rates, Barnett said, “If it would benefit the older people and anyone in the city, I would be for it, but if it’s going to be something that’s going to hike our bill higher than it already is, I wouldn’t go for that.”

Line breaks are common, City Manager Chad Edwards has said.

Barnett said she is aware that the West Side is lacking recreational facilities, but she said there is no developmental land available to put any recreation for children. She plans to push for the fixing of potholes and new street signs to be installed, which will have to come out of city funding.

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residents of Shinnston... I feel like if we could somehow figure out how to come together as a group instead of political parties that would also be beneficial,” Currey said.

Currey said she would like to see something developed on the West Side of the city for children to do without having to travel through town, and she would be interested in fundraising money for a recreational facility on the West Side. She said she is aware that there is a lack of developmental property on the west side, but said she is determined to figure out how to provide recreation for the children of west Shinnston.

Currey expressed concern for the loss of revenue if the city offers new tax incentives. The city already offers some incentives, and several businesses have recently opened.

She said that new tax incentives do sound nice, but she does not know if it is possible because “we have to have the revenue” that the tax dollars provide for the city. However, Currey said that she hopes that tax incentives for new businesses can happen if the city can financially do so.

In reference to annexation, Currey said, “Eventually, it’s going to happen. It’s going to need to happen because we have to fund the city.”

Currey believes that annexation will create revenue, and with the revenue created through annexing surrounding areas, she thinks it will help fund the much-needed updates to the water and sewer plants. “We’re eventually going to have to annex things to bring people into the city to create revenue, so we can develop as a city. You can’t just keep plugging along with the same couple hundred people that pay their taxes and do what they’re supposed to do,” Currey said.

Currey said that in order to handle dilapidated buildings on private property appropriately, there is a process for it and it “usually involves the court system” to force the landowner to handle the situation. Currey believes that these legal actions need to happen because dilapidated buildings usually attract crime and drug use, and she wants to prevent that as much as possible.

Several other candidates have said they’d prefer to contact the property-owners and push them to take responsibility for their abandoned properties, but doing so has been unsuccessful in the past, city officials have said.

Currey also believes that the private owner of the Murphy building should be held accountable through legal action because if the building is unsound that it

is a danger to the city, then the owner needs to either demolish it if it cannot be saved or restore it if possible. However, if the building is structurally sound, then Currey believes that the city can acquire it through grants and fundraising and then restore it to benefit the city. “As long as it’s structurally sound, then of course, we could do renovations. But if it’s not structurally sound, and it needs to come down, then whoever owns the building needs to handle that issue for the city for the sake of the people who walk beside it every day,” Currey said.

In terms of the water and sewer plant upgrades, Currey supports them completely because the city “can’t keep kicking that ball down the road.” She said she is aware that the city’s water intake is at capacity, and it is a must to update the systems. She said, “I don’t know that there’s a way out,” when asked about her thoughts on possible rate increases to the citizens due to updates. “I feel like that increase is for the better,” said Currey. She also noted that the upgrades will ensure the citizens have safe drinking water and a properly working sewage system.

Asked about road and street paving, Currey said, “Rome wasn’t built in a day,” and she thinks that the city is on the right track to remedying the street issues.

## “Palmer” From Pg 1.

that concern Palmer are state-owned, and it is the state’s responsibility to upkeep them, Palmer believes the city should have a hand in the upkeep, as well. Palmer said, “If the city police can write you a ticket on a state-controlled road... then I think they ought to share some responsibility about keeping the roads up.” Therefore, Palmer plans to spearhead this initiative for East Shinnston with city road funding.

Palmer plans to utilize his experience as a minister, who has worked on many committees, to work as a team with the other council members. He does not view city council as an individual effort but instead, a unified effort.

Palmer supports tax incentives for new businesses for a period of time to help new businesses become established, and he believes the funding for these incentives should come out of the city budget. When asked what kind of tax incentives he supports, he said he would have to think

about it more in-depth.

As for annexation, Palmer said he supports it and believes the city should have already annexed to Route 73 before Bridgeport got their hands on it. He said annexation could create more revenue for the city.

Palmer believes that the privately owned dilapidated structures should be the responsibility of the owner. “I think they ought to be responsible for getting those buildings down, and if they don’t do it... I think they ought to be levied in order to get the place cleaned up,” Palmer said. If need be, he also said he would be willing to take legal action against the property owners to get them to take care of their properties.

Asked about the Murphy building, Palmer said, “I think if the foundation structure is bad or dangerous, I think there ought not be a question, it ought to be brought down. However, if the foundation structure is not bad, then it can be used.” However, Palmer is aware that demolition or renovation of the building is quite an

expense, so he said, “If the buildings are non-productive now, and they need to be remodified, I think there ought to be a cap on how much they [the city] could bid on the bill.” Palmer is still generating ideas for the Murphy building, but he said, “We do not have a business that you can buy any kind of houseware stuff, clothing, or anything like that that is open after five o’clock.”

In terms of the planned water and sewage plant updates, Palmer chose not to speak on the manner. He said, “I would rather not because I am not familiar with what the PSD does,” when asked about the cooperation with Greater Harrison PSD.

Palmer is interested in getting more of the younger generations involved in parks and recreational programs. He would like

to push for more games and intramural programs for children to participate in. Asked how to run these intramural events, Palmer said he would like to get volunteers to help with them.

“I’m not sure what I can bring to the table, but this will be a good year for me to find out,” Palmer said.

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## GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

### Progressive Women's Association hosts Business After Hours

This past week, the Progressive Women's Association of Harrison County hosted the Business After Hours event, sponsored by the Harrison County Chamber of Commerce. The event was held at the Uptown Event Center.

The members of the PWA were the perfect hosts with a room decorated to blend in with the country Ricky Skaggs concert being held that night. The dining room was set up in a semiformal style with white table covers and chair covers enhanced with red bows. Country-themed centerpieces decorated each table. The menu featured barbecue, meatballs, hams, cheese, fruit, cake and drinks.

The event has become very popular and was

attended by approximately fifty people. It certainly is a great place to interact with other business people in our area. It has become necessary for individuals to become acquainted with each other in the event that they can work together to enhance their businesses.

Elinda Carson, PWA director, said she was thrilled with the turnout and the support from the sponsors and hoped that those attending would make arrangements to use the PWA facility for their next event.

Garden time is here, and I want to encourage you to plan a garden in your own yard. Come this fall, if inflation continues to hit us, we will be glad to have those fresh vegetables and hopefully some that we will have canned, some to be used this winter. And here is another thought, when planning your gift list for Christmas why not fix up a basket with a jar of tomatoes, peppers, and some jelly. What a wonderful gift.

We talked about the use of parchment paper when we were making Easter Bread. Well, here is another use for it. If you have purchased too much cheese and need to freeze some, wrap it tightly in parchment paper, place it in a freezer bag and freeze it for approximately two

months. This method works best for cheeses like provolone and mozzarella.

Congratulations to all the graduates. May the next step in your life be filled with happiness and success.

Remember the people in Uvalde, Texas in your prayers.

Stay healthy and get ready for a wonderful summer, take care and until next week "Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine"



Lincoln High School graduating seniors hug as they attend their graduation ceremony May 27, which included reflection on their time together as well as encouragement and inspiration for the future. Courtesy photo.

### "Graduates" From Pg 1.

"I hope that you all will go beyond what is asked of you and strive for the greatness that you may not have achieved just yet, or maybe you will take the success you have seen in high school and take it to the next level," she said. "This world teaches us to do just enough to get by and I pray that none of you listen to that ridiculous advice."

"We must keep persevering, we must keep chasing our goals, and we must absolutely never settle."

Following Miss Cougar, Student Body President Brooklyn Fazzini continued the summa cum laude addresses with her reflections on her time as student body president. Fazzini beamed as she expressed confidence in her fellow classmates.

"Through every twist, turn, hill, and valley, we will leave our mark on the world and the people we meet along the way," she said.

She reassured them that "it doesn't matter who you are, it doesn't matter where you come from, it doesn't matter if you plan to attend college or go directly into work, all of us are going to do amazing things."

She also dared the class of 2022 to follow their dreams, "You want that job?" she said. "Go get it. You want that life? I beg you to go get it. You want a change? Make it happen. But in all of those things, be strong and courageous in all that you do and all that you wish to accomplish and within your whole life."

"I love you all and I cannot wait to see what amazing things all of us accomplish," she said through tears.

The ceremony progressed with addresses from nine other summa cum laude scholars: Sydney Brooks, Benjamin Nichols, Skylee McCarthy, Santino Loretta, Franko Kovar, Ashley Hardman, Kylee Shaw, Trace Lane, and Victoria Andrick.

Brooks encouraged her classmates to continue to open doors, and Nichols said, "I challenge you to make memories, achieve your dreams, love with all of your heart, and always be true to yourself." McCarthy encouraged them to "stimulate change" and Loretta spoke about the importance of how "college prep and trade school can go hand and

hand." As for Kovar, he reflected on the success of the 2022 class, Hardman expressed her appreciation for the relationships she created in the LHS Band, and Shaw expressed excitement for the graduates' futures. Lane offered congratulations and hopes for prosperous futures. Andrick concluded the summa cum laude addresses with great Cougar pride and reflections on memorable moments of the graduating class.

Lincoln alumnus and Principal David Decker said the class of 2022 was an "outstanding representation" of Lincoln High.

Afterward, the introduction of the graduates and distribution of diplomas took place. A very special graduate, who is held close to the Shinnston community's heart and an example of courage and perseverance, was recognized before the commencement of the distribution of diplomas: Logan Elder. Logan could not be in attendance of the ceremony because he is still recovering from his double organ transplant, so his father and sisters came to accept his diploma. Assistant Principal Holly Hawkins remarked, "Logan, we thank you for your smiles and positivity every day you walked our halls. Your example of courage and perseverance has been a lesson for us all. Always remember, once a Cougar, always a Cougar."

The Cougar Wesley Benson gave closing remarks. Benson reflected on the challenges and triumphs of the class of 2022, and he said with utmost confidence, "At the end of the day, we're not just classmates, we're not just friends, we're family, and you can't break up with your family no matter how hard you try. We'll bleed brown and gold until the day we die."

Benson expressed pride in being a Cougar and a graduate of the class of 2022, and he thanked his classmates for allowing him to represent them. He concluded his address with these remarks: "I'm truly honored to be your Cougar, and I'm so glad we had this time together. Stay golden."

As tradition, the ceremony was concluded with the playing of the school's alma mater lead by the Lincoln High Graduation Band. The graduates locked arms and swayed to this memorable melody one last time.

Both The Cougar and Miss Cougar seek to create change in the world around them through the spoken and written word. Benson, The Cougar, seeks a communication degree from Fairmont State University while Jones, Miss Cougar, seeks a degree in journalism from West Virginia University.

"It was an honor to be The Cougar," Benson said. "Knowing that my classmates and teachers and everyone here at the school thought so highly of me for me to be the one...it meant the world to me."

"I'm going into journalism because I want to create a positive change in the media...to have a more truthful outlook," Jones said.

While both said graduating was bittersweet, Jones added, "I'm excited. I think that all good things come to an end, and I'm just happy to see what happens in the future."

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# BUSINESS MATTERS

## Casey's Family Restaurant named Business of the Month

By Maralisa Marra

Nestled right in downtown, Casey's is truly the heart of the city where anyone can gather for a morning pick-me-up or a late-night snack in a feel-good, small-town atmosphere.

Since 1985, dedicated owners Jimmy and Liz Scudere have navigated their road to success with utmost determination, a devoted family, and a loyal community.

In 1985, the Scuderes opened the Enterprise Casey's, and three years later, the Enterprise location was so successful that they were able to open a second location in downtown Shinnston.

Before opening Casey's, Jimmy Scudere said he owned a little beer joint confectionery store that was in his family since the early 1920s. He was in business there from 1976 to the early 80s, but he said, "I knew that if we didn't grow, we were going to die, and that's the story of everything... So we try to keep growing and changing and adapting to what's going on in this world today."

With the Scuderes' eagerness to grow and serve their community, Scudere said, "I got a lot of help from the community... If I listed all of the people, you'd run out of paper."

He said when nobody else would loan him money, the Bank of Shinnston did, and they got him started, and so many more businesses

helped him along the way. "I don't think any individual by themselves could have got it done, and without my wife, I know I couldn't have got it done," Scudere said. He also said that they could not have done anything without their great employees.

Casey's is called Casey's Family Restaurant for a reason. Family members regularly contribute, Scudere said. "When we say family, it means family because everybody works. ...everybody has pitched in," he said.

They have seven business locations with three of them being restaurants in Enterprise, Shinnston, and Anmoore. The Anmoore location was opened in 2016. The other four locations consist of Hot Spots and convenience stores.

Just like back in 1985, the Scuderes are still growing, changing, and adapting with the times. Scudere calls it the "youth movement" for Casey's. He said Black and Teal Concepts just designed the website and online ordering for Casey's, and he hopes this will attract younger clientele and grow the takeout business.

However, Scudere does not plan to stop there—he has a few more tricks up his sleeve for the future of Casey's.

Over the years, the Shinnston



The Pike Street location of Casey's Family Restaurant, shown here, was built after the Enterprise Casey's. Photo by Maralisa Marra.

community and surrounding communities have supported Casey's and helped the business grow, and Scudere said he is so thankful to have such a loyal community. He also said, "We're invested in the community... we donate to about everything that comes along." As a business in the community of Shinnston, they want to better their community because "you can't just take it all, you have to give some of it back," Scudere said.

*Casey's Restaurant offering online ordering*

By Maralisa Marra

With their new website launch, Casey's Restaurant is now offering online ordering services for their three restaurant locations: Shinnston, Enterprise, and Anmoore.

The entire menu is listed for each location, as well as the hours. When placing an online order, click on your desired location and order your Casey's Restaurant favorites to go. The payment is made online, and the order goes straight to the kitchen. All you have to do is stop in and pick it up.

Owner Jimmy Scudere said this is just another part of what he calls his "youth movement" to attract a younger clientele and grow his takeout business.



Work continues on a planned coffee shop made from containers in downtown Shinnston. Photo by Erin Beck.

## Penny Lou Salon now open

By Maralisa Marra

Emma Fox, owner of Penny Lou Salon, opened her doors at 415 Pike Street a month and a half ago. Fox, who has 25 years of experience, said she wants residents to be able to stay in Shinnston for salon services.

Fox has been a licensed hairdresser since she was 17 years old. Her love for the salon began when she was a shampoo girl at the age of 14. Fox grew up in the salon and said that it is in her blood.

Fox previously worked in Shinnston in the 2000s. She decided that she cannot stay away any longer, so she has returned and said she is determined to make Penny Lou a successful salon downtown. She wants to offer the most that she can for the citizens of Shinnston, so residents no longer have to stray out of town for their salon needs.

Fox offers an array of color techniques, haircuts, and styles. She will also be offering perms and shampoo sets. In the future, she is hoping to offer facial waxing services and expand her business in some way, whether it be through more services or a boutique.

Fox said, "I use my ears really, really well." She believes listening is one of the foremost

aspects of being a beautician and salon owner.

Penny Lou's hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Fox said both appointments and walk-ins are welcome, and she will be reserving Thursdays for appointments only.

To book with Fox, call 304-806-2401, follow Penny Lou on Facebook, or get in touch with her through the Penny Lou Google Business Profile.

As of press time, a grand opening event was scheduled for Wednesday.



Penny Lou Salon at 415 Pike Street, which recently opened, offers a variety of color techniques, haircuts, and styles. Courtesy photo.

## Clarksburg Tractor Supply unveils upgrades and garden center

Submitted by Tractor Supply

Tractor Supply announced last week, in a news release, the completion of a remodel of the entire store at the Clarksburg location that will transform the shopping experience for local customers. The store is now home to a new, extensive Garden Center loaded with plants, lawn and garden essentials for everyone from first-time gardeners to experienced vegetable growers.

The enhanced store features an improved layout for convenient and accessible shopping as well as a new Customer Service Hub with upgraded digital tools to help customers find what they need. Additionally, customers can now shop from an expanded assortment of apparel, tools, hardware, pet food, animal feed and more.

The Garden Center offers an expansive new assortment of lawn and garden products, including annuals, perennials, shrubs, decorative accent plants, fruit trees, herbs and vegetables. Customers will also find top-tier items from national brands such as Scotts, Miracle-Gro and Bonnie Vegetables, as well as new options for professional landscapers.

"At Tractor Supply, we constantly work to improve the customer experience, from product offerings to in-store features. These exciting upgrades have completely transformed our store, making it an even better option for customers shopping for Life Out Here," said Brian Thompson, manager of the Clarksburg Tractor Supply store. "We are excited for customers to visit our new space, especially the Garden Center that offers more products than ever before. Whether you're a first time-gardener or a professional, the Garden Center has all your gardening and landscaping needs. We know customers will love these upgrades as much as

we do, and we hope to share them with both familiar and new faces from the Clarksburg community."

Additional improvements to the Clarksburg location include a new Tractor Supply Pet Wash for owners and their friendly, four-legged family members. Customers can now pamper their pets with a bath in an easy and convenient washing station loaded with professional-grade equipment and high-quality products. Pet owners will have access to elevated wash bays, grooming tables, specialty shampoos, use of brushes, combs and towels as well as a waterproof apron and professional dryer, all for just \$9.99. Tractor Supply also carries an assortment of pet accessories for customers to shop for after the bath, including toys, beds, collars, leashes and more.

In addition to the Pet Wash, Clarksburg Tractor Supply now offers comprehensive veterinary care through the PetVet Wellness Center located in store. Staffed with licensed veterinarians, Tractor Supply's PetVet Wellness Center offers affordable, convenient preventive veterinary care for dogs and cats, including vaccines, testing, microchips and more, with no appointment needed.

With these enhancements, the Clarksburg Tractor Supply continues to serve the needs of homeowners, livestock and pet owners, gardeners, hobby farmers, ranchers, tradesmen and others. Tractor Supply customers can shop from a wide range of products including workwear and boots, equine and pet supplies, zero turns and riding mowers, pet food, lawn and garden supplies, power tools, fencing, welding and more.

The Clarksburg Tractor Supply store and its new Garden Center at 210 Emily Dr keep regular business hours from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

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## The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor  
Sports Editor

### Bridgeport and Robert C. Byrd claim regional titles

It was business as usual for the Bridgeport baseball team. The Indians have won an unprecedented seven straight state titles and have had another in their sights all season. On paper, the two-game sweep of Morgantown looked easy, but upon further inspection, it turned out to be a difficult task for veteran mentor, Robert Shields and his team.

Game one was a nail-biter that took the Indians to the brink of disaster. The Mohigans took a 1-0 lead into the final inning. Down to their last three outs and an 0-2 count on the leadoff hitter, things looked bleak. The Tribe batted back as Aiden Paulsen earned a walk. Cam Cole delivered a clutch hit and after Phil Reed's three run home run the Indians held a 5-1 lead.

Chris Harbert picked up the win on the mound for Bridgeport. Harbert pitched six innings scattering four hits while fanning six batters. Austin Mann pitched the final inning to garner the save. Cole, Reed, Zach Rohrig, and Drew Bailey each collected a pair of hits in the 5-1 win.

Game two was a little easier for the Indians. They hosted the affair and plated four runs in the bottom of the first inning to nab a 4-1 lead. They would pick up an insurance run on the third inning leading to the 5-2 victory. The Tribe utilized their own rendition of small ball for their run production. Bridgeport collected six hits,

none of which were of the extra base variety. Only one player, Zach Rohrig had more than one hit. Rohrig was 2 for 3 in the lock-up. Top teams take advantage of their breaks and that was the case here as Morgantown issues three base on balls and hit a batter all coming in the bottom of the first.

Hurler Ben McDougal, earned the win going five innings, striking out eight hitters in the process. Mann slammed the door notching a second save in as many days to send Bridgeport back to Charleston.

Robert C. Byrd punched their first ever ticket to the state tournament with a clean sweep of Herbert Hoover.

The first contest took place Tuesday evening in Flying Eagle territory. Luke Sperry went the distance on the bump for the home team. Sperry scattered four hits and struck out four batters in route to the 5-0 shutout win. Sperry also drove in the game winning run in the bottom of the first with some two-out lightning. Nathaniel Junkins blasted a three-run homer in the sixth to aid the RCB cause. Nick George was 2 for 2 with a double for the Flying Eagles.

With game two on the road, RCB was in need of a quick start. Junkins would provide all the Flying Eagles would need. Junkins smashed a three-run homer and went the distance on the hill in the 9-1 victory. He would end up 2 for 3 with four RBIs and a double to go with the big blast.

Tanner Cook and Evan Warne would also provide power at the plate for RCB. Cook went 3 for 4 with three runs scored while Warne was 2 for 4 with an RBI and two runs scored.

Congratulations and good luck to Bridgeport and Robert C. Byrd as they eye state tournament titles.

That will do it for now. Until next week...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.

This past week's winners of the SN & HCJ Athletes of the Week Award are Robert C. Byrd's Nathaniel Junkins and Bridgeport's Zach Rohrig. Both players helped their respective teams to Charleston to compete for the baseball state championships.

Flying Eagle, Nathaniel Junkins hit a pair of three run home runs (one in each game) and went the distance on the mound for a win over Herbert Hoover. He also added a double in the first tilt.

Indian, Zach Rohrig was the only player on his team to have multi-hit efforts in both wins over Morgantown. Rohrig was 2 for 3 with a run scored on Monday. Rohrig followed that up the next night with another 2 for 3 effort with an RBI and a scored run.

Congratulations to Robert C. Byrd's Nathaniel Junkins and Bridgeport's Zach Rohrig for being named the SN & HCJ Athletes of the Week!



## From The World of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

### Registration begins for summer playgrounds programs

Online registration for this year's summer parks program, hosted by the Harrison County Parks and Recreation department, can be found on its website [www.hcparks.org](http://www.hcparks.org). The free program provides a safe and fun environment for your child while providing meals for breakfast and lunch, which is essential while school is on break for the summer. Director Mike Book feels that this program has made positive impacts on many kids in Harrison County.

"We provide a safe atmosphere for the kids, and we keep them very active through free play, organized sports, arts and whatever else we can do

that helps them have fun," said Book. "And while free and reduced lunch in the county nears the 90th percentile, we often wonder how often kids get the proper nutrition during the summer. Our program, in cooperation with the Board of Education, provides the kids with breakfast and lunch that meets all the nutrition standards set by the government."

Book often tells a story about seeing adults and they remind him that they were in the parks program as a kid, and about how much fun their summer months were because of it.

"We would have hula hoop contests and all the winners from each park competed for the overall champion," Book said. "We had kids from each site bring a group of kids over to the parks to play rec basketball, dodgeball, whiffle ball and whatever else we could conjure up. It was all done in fun, but each playground site wanted to be the winner and boast about being the best in the county. It was always a ton of fun running these contests for the kids."

The program, which is open to kids between ages six and 15 years old, offers sites all over the county. Now, some are full-day while others are only half-day. Sites that provide recreation through the Aim

High program with the Board of Education will operate from 11:30 to 5:30. Those sites include Nutter Fort and Big Elm Elementary schools as well as the Compton Park, which is the feeder for the program at Johnson Elementary. The same procedure will be for parks that work along the Energy Express Program, which is a summer reading program with site locations at North View and West Milford Elementary.

"We will offer a few full-day sites that are exclusive for our program and the half-day sites will be all afternoon sessions for kids who are enrolled in the programs with the Harrison County Board of Education and West Virginia Extension AmeriCorps. Historically, the numbers in the mornings at those particular sites have been very low and not cost-effective with the hiring of staff. The numbers grew in the afternoon, especially with all the kids finishing these programs, and our focus will be providing them with our program after lunch is complete," said Book.

For more information on the program or to register, please contact the office for more information.



VA voluntary services director Chris Jurick (left) and Harrison County CEOS president Carolyn Romine show off a small sample of the items donated by CEOS clubs in Harrison County that will be distributed to veterans at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center. More than \$4,000 worth of personal hygiene and entertainment items were collected. Courtesy photo.

## Harrison County CEOS donate to Clarksburg VAMC

Submitted by WVU Extension Service

As part of their CEOS Week celebration, the 15 clubs in the Harrison County Community Educational Outreach Service organization collected items to help veterans who find themselves unexpectedly admitted to the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center.

Oftentimes, veterans visit the facility for what they expect to be a routine checkup. But they are admitted to the hospital because of what an examination may reveal. These veterans, many of who have traveled long distances

for medical care, find themselves without the basic essentials of hygiene items or a change of undergarments. Because of the generosity of the CEOS members, veterans and their families will not have to go in search of these items.

"We owe a lot to our veterans," Harrison County CEOS president Carolyn Romine said. "This is a thank you to our veterans because they have gone through a lot so we can live like we do."

More than \$4,000 in personal hygiene, entertainment, and comfort items were collected on May 24 for use at the VA hospital. The CEOS also donated snack

items to be used in the "Brown Bags for Veterans" program which provides a snack for the veterans traveling to and from Pittsburgh for medical tests not offered at the local facility. Because of the fasting usually required for the testing and the strict travel schedule, these veterans may not have time to eat.

The snack items provide them with a healthy alternative until they return to Clarksburg in the afternoon.

For more information on joining a CEOS club in Harrison County, please call the West Virginia University Extension Office at 304-624-8650.

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# OBITUARIES



Joy Kubas

Joy Lou Kubas, 89, passed away Saturday, March 5, 2022 at Tranquility Hospice in Marietta, GA. She was born on July 31, 1932 in Bingamon, WV to Edgar and Reva Heldreth.

She graduated from Shinnston High School in Shinnston, WV in 1950.

Joy married John Kubas October 26, 1949 in Winchester, VA. Joy worked beside John at their business, Fairview Pharmacy, Fairview, WV for 35 years before retiring in 1990. After John died October 25, 2014, she moved to Marietta, GA.

Joy was a member of Noah's Ark Assembly of God Church, Fairview, WV for many years. She had a deep love of the Lord Jesus Christ and her church family.

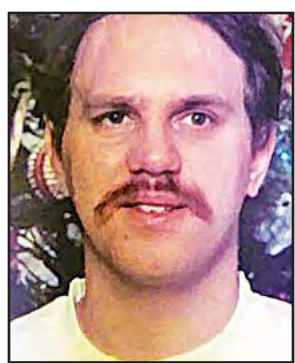
Joy is survived by her daughter, Linda Kubas Spencer of Marietta, GA, and several nieces and nephews: Jim Rogers, Tom Rogers, Nancy Reed, Jane Lantz, Mark Heldreth and Scott Heldreth. Joy was preceded in death by husband John Kubas, parents Edgar and Reva Heldreth, brother Robert Heldreth and sister Martha Rogers.

Memorial service will be held 2 p.m. June 17 at Noah's Ark Assembly of God, Fairview, WV.

Condolences may be left on Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home online guest book at mayeswarddobbins.com

Ringer, Gaithersburg, MD, Deborah Stewart and her husband Adam, Greenville, SC, and Robert Ringer, Jr. and his wife Susan, Bruceton Mills. Pastor Ringer had seven grandchildren, Joshua Greaser, Maria Smith, Shelby Ferrell, Nate Ferrell, Violet Stewart, Silas Ringer, and Delilah Ringer; and two great-grandchildren, Dominic Smith and Dylan Dirende; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Melvin Ringer.

Pastor Ringer was the pastor of the Shinnston Church of the Nazarene for 17 years, as well as many other churches throughout the area. He retired from the Preston County Board of Education where he worked as an electrician. He enjoyed working with honeybees and could fix anything. He loved hunting and camping in luxury. Robert was a loving husband and father who will be sadly missed. The family received friends at the Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St., Shinnston, from 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, May 25. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Thursday, May 26, with Rev. Kevin Dennis officiating. Interment was in the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Ringer family.



Michael Moody Gregory

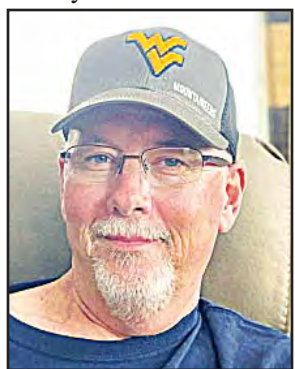
Michael Moody Gregory, 51, of Lumberport, passed away suddenly, Thursday, May 19, 2022, at his residence. He was born in Clarksburg, November 18, 1970, a son of the Late Duane Moody and Susan Franceen Lemon Gregory.

Surviving are his life-long companion, Marcie Sandstrom, their daughter, Obrian H. Pierce and her husband Matthew, El Paso, TX, one grandson on the way, Elijah James Michael Pierce, a sister-in-law, Traci Gregory, uncles and aunts, Kenny Gregory and his wife Debbie, Haywood, and Neil Gregory and his wife Terry, Shinnston. In addition to

his parents, he was preceded in death by his only brother, Mark Gregory.

Mike worked in the lawn care business alongside his brother, Mark. He was a very happy-go-lucky person and never complained. He used to play the guitar and enjoyed hunting and building model cars. He will be sadly missed.

Cremation services were provided by the Perine Funeral Home. A memorial gathering was held on Saturday, May 28, at the Shinnston Moose Lodge #929 at 4 p.m. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Gregory family.



David Allen Gawthrop

David A. Gawthrop of the Laurel Park Community of Clarksburg passed away on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. He was 58 years old.

Born January 3, 1964, Dave was the only child of the late Darrell and Joan Gawthrop, each only children of their own. They raised him to appreciate the charm of a small family in a peaceful neighborhood, and the significance of a hard day's work.

Dave leaves behind his beloved wife Janine, his best friend for more than 40 years and his undisputed angel through the times of his struggles. They married May 16, 1987 and celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary one week prior.

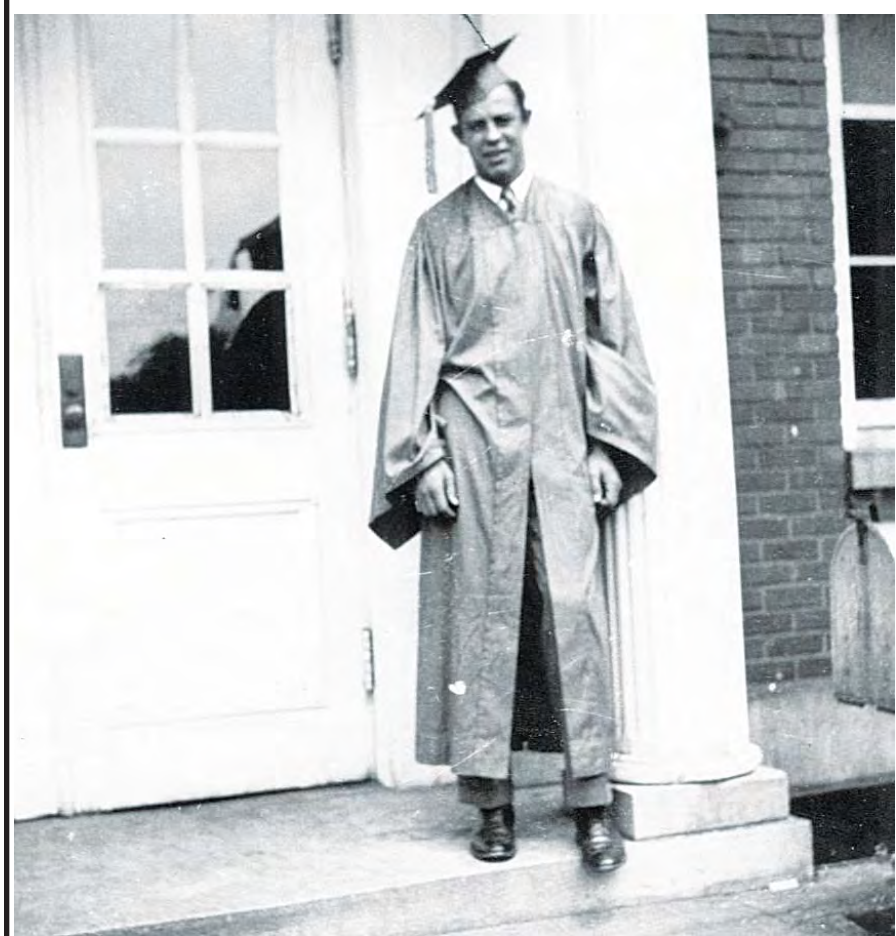
He had two sons, each who married two perfect girls: Brian and his wife Kasha; Travis and his wife Mariah. Dave and Janine built a house ideal for their children. Dave challenged his kids to take chances, be involved, and find satisfaction in their accomplishments. Most importantly, he taught them how to be great fathers themselves.

He was the biggest fan of his five grandchildren - Brycen (10), Easton (6), Emry (4), Ellie (2) and Layne (11 Months) - and they were his.

His love and pride for his family were limitless and undeniable. The example he set will allow his family to forever flourish. Dave was a 1982

# Out Of The Past

Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



John Melenick, Shinnston High School Class of 1944. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

graduate of South Harrison High School. He worked as a sales representative for grocery companies Foodland, Wetterau Corporation, JT Davenport and Core-Mark for more than 40 years, creating special bonds with clients throughout the state of West Virginia that he cherished, many of which blossomed into great friendships. He was a tireless and dedicated worker up until his retirement in January 2020.

Dave was a quiet man, gentle and welcoming like his parents, who enjoyed the simple things life had to offer: The hug from a grandchild, the conversation with a friend, the satisfaction of a clean car, the calmness of a quiet drive, the peacefulness of a front porch.

At the age of 55, Dave was unexplainably

diagnosed with Pulmonary Fibrosis, a life-altering lung disease. He fought and battled with his family by his side, overcoming every obstacle thrown his way, staying positive and finding ways to make things work, even working with his wife to reconfigure and move into his childhood home in Laurel Park to better suit his needs. Finally, his hard work allowed him to receive a double lung transplant on June 25, 2021 courtesy of a generous family and their innocent 16-year-old son. His long-awaited journey back to a life of normalcy after his transplant was inspiring and unforgettable. The donation extended his life, allowing his family to spend one more incredibly memorable, exciting, remarkable year with their husband, father, and PopPop.

Friends were received

at Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston on Tuesday, May 31 from 1-8 p.m. and a funeral service was held on Wednesday, June 1 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Tom Sears officiating.

Interment followed at Marshville Cemetery.

Online condolences may be shared at Harmerfuneral.com.

For those wishing to honor Dave, the family respectfully asks for donations in his name to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation - 230 East Ohio Street, Suite 500, Chicago, Illinois 60611 or online at pulmonaryfibrosis.org. And also, your consideration in becoming an organ donor.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of David, please visit our floral store.

See "Obit" on Pg 8.

## Super Crossword

### Answers

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## Faculty senate to host memorial service

By Maralisa Marra

The Lincoln High School faculty senate is hosting their annual memorial service in the Lincoln High auditorium on Monday, June 6 at 9 a.m. to honor deceased faculty and staff of Lincoln High. During the memorial service, the faculty senate will honor deceased faculty and staff members Richard S. Bailey, Billy Shingleton, James Edward “Jimmy” Starky, and Eleanor Thompson. The 2022 Lincoln Memorial Scholarship recipients will also be recognized during this service.

The Lincoln Memorial Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship, and in the past, the faculty senate has been able to award up to five scholarships in one year. This year they will be awarding four \$500 scholarships.

A reception will take place in the commons area after the service.

## “Obit” From Pg 1.



**Richard Dale “Dick” Welch**

Richard Dale “Dick” Welch, 74, of Bridgeport, WV, passed away on May 22, 2022 from an

unexpected illness with his close family alongside him.

Dick was a man of family, faith, service, and music. He grew up in the Broadway neighborhood of Clarksburg, WV and graduated from Roosevelt-Wilson High School before moving to Los Angeles, CA to pursue his music ambitions. Dick and his band, the Royal Tones, had just signed a recording contract with Warner Bros. Records when he was drafted into the U.S. Army. Dick rose to the rank of SP4 Amphibious Support during the Vietnam War before earning an honorable discharge.

After serving his country, Dick returned to serve his hometown. At the age of 27 he became the youngest to win election as President of the Clarksburg Water Board while also working at American Vending Company. As Water Board President, Dick oversaw the funding, construction, and dedication of the current water treatment facility on

Chestnut Street. Later in his career, Dick worked in operations at the Water Board, culminating in his appointment as General Manager from 2000 – 2021. Dick’s final day at the Water Board was declared “Richard D. Welch Day” in Clarksburg and Harrison County and was recognized by Governor Jim Justice. Upon retiring from the Water Board, Dick accepted a role as Senior Water Consultant at CEC in Bridgeport.

Dick’s most important titles, however, were husband and father. He is survived by his loyal and devoted wife of 51 years, (Carolyn) Sue Welch of Bridgeport; their two children, Traci Welch-Moore of Bridgeport and Brian Welch of Pittsburgh, PA; a son-in-law, Chris Moore, of Bridgeport; and three grandchildren – Jack Brunett of Bridgeport, and Genevieve Welch and Quinton Welch of Pittsburgh.

Dick is also survived by a sister, Shirley Toothman of Braidwood, IL; a brother, Bill Welch of

Elyria, OH; and numerous beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Annie Day Welch, and his father Dexter Welch; his brothers Clifford Welch and Leroy Welch; his sister Mary Rice; and his sister-in-law Edith Welch.

The family received friends at Davis Funeral Home on Rt. 98 Clarksburg/ Nutter Fort on Thursday, May 26 from 3-8 p.m. Funeral services were held on Friday, May 27 at noon in the Chapel of Davis Funeral Home with Pastor Phil Wayman officiating. Interment followed at Bridgeport Cemetery where full military honors were accorded by the Harrison County Honor Guard and the US Army Honor Guard. Online condolences may be sent to DavisFuneralHomeWV.com. Davis Funeral Home is honored to serve the Welch family.

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## WVU Extension junior firefighter camp returns June 18-23

Submitted by West Virginia University

Communities across West Virginia, as well as the nation, are facing a shortage of firefighters. With the number of firefighters decreasing, concerns for our communities’ safety are on the rise. That’s where the West Virginia University Extension Fire Service Extension’s Junior Firefighter Camp comes in.

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, WVU Extension is excited to announce the

return of Junior Firefighter Camp. Scheduled for Saturday, June 18 through Thursday, June 23 at the State Fire Academy at WVU Jackson’s Mill in Weston, this camp prepares the next generation of firefighters and emergency operations personnel by placing youths in the heart of the action.

Under the direction of trained professionals, campers receive hands-on fire and emergency services training and education on the importance of serving their communities.

“By the completion of camp, youths will have earned certifications in CPR and first aid, which helps prepare them for roles within emergency services—and even other jobs,” Mark Lambert, WVU Extension Fire Service Extension director, said. “They also learn about teamwork, discipline and camaraderie.”

Each day, campers learn about a different aspect of fire and emergency response. From live fire training to special rescue operations, the curriculum exposes campers to a wide range of scenarios to help further develop their skill sets. Other instructional topics include hoseline and fireground procedures, operating rescue vehicle equipment and urban and rural water supply.

In addition to the practical training, this unique experience builds campers’ respect for their communities and encourages them to explore their interests while also giving back.

“This camp was created to get youths interested in firefighting and volunteering to help their communities,” Lambert said. “If we can get them interested at an early age, it’s likely they will go on to be long-term community leaders.”

With diverse representation from states across the U.S., campers have the opportunity to meet and build relationships with others from various places, interest areas and backgrounds. Unlike any other experience in the country, the camp’s influence stretches far beyond West Virginia’s state lines.

To participate, campers must be ages 14 through 17. The cost to attend is \$375, which includes meals, lodging and six required camp T-shirts. Scholarships may be available to those who qualify.

The deadline to register is Friday, June 3.

For more information about the camp, contact Fire Service Extension at 304-269-0875 or visit [extension.wvu.edu/community-business-safety/fire-service/junior-firefighter-camp](http://extension.wvu.edu/community-business-safety/fire-service/junior-firefighter-camp).



Youth ages 14 through 17 may enroll in West Virginia University Extension Fire Service Extension’s Junior Firefighter Camp, scheduled for June 18-23. Courtesy photo.

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