

American Legion remembers veterans



American Legion Post 31 and associated groups gathered to observe Memorial Day last week. Pictured are members of American Legion Post 31, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31, Sons of the American Legion Post 31, American Legion Riders Post 31, American Legion Riders sponsored youth baseball team and family members. Courtesy photo.

Submitted by Betsy Turner

American Legion Post 31 and the American Legion Family (Auxiliary, Sons and Riders) celebrated Memorial Day beginning at 10 a.m. with visits to Lumberport, Shinnston, and Enterprise cemeteries and the Clay District Veterans Memorial.

Members held wreath-laying services at each location in honor of fallen veterans.

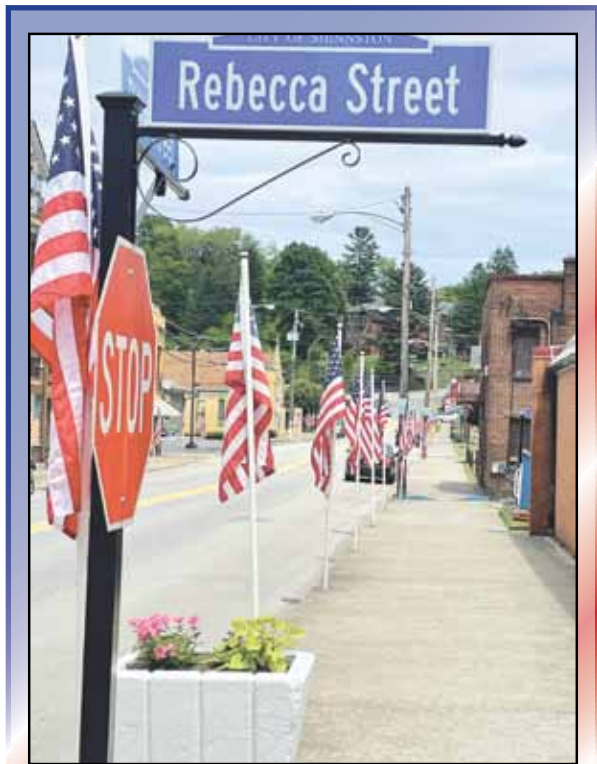
Following the morning's activities, American Legion Post 31 and the American Legion Family (Auxiliary, Sons and Riders), family members and guests gathered at Post 31 for a buffet lunch of hot dogs with all the fixings, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, seasonal fruit, chips and

dessert. The meal was prepared by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31.


There were approximately 70 members, their families, and guests in attendance. The gathering concluded at 4 p.m., with everyone tired but full.



Pictured are the American Legion Post 31 Auxiliary kitchen staff: Margaret Yost, Betsy Turner, Carla Wilfong, Marsha Duckworth, Karen Flanigan, Roxie Nicholson and Dortha Parsons. Courtesy photo.



On May 25, the Shinnston Lions Club put up flags on Pike Street in preparation for Memorial Day weekend. Courtesy photo.



BUILDING AMAZING CITIES

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



City Council thanked Caitlyn Stealey for the new Shinnston welcome sign on Saltwell Road. Courtesy photo.

Council approves loan for sewer projects

By Maralisa Marra

At the City Council meeting on May 31, council members approved a short-term loan for roughly \$92,000 to cover sewer projects. City Manager Chad Edwards said the loan will be reimbursed with funding from the American Rescue Plan Act, a federal economic stimulus and COVID-19 relief law Congress passed last year.

According to Edwards, this 90-day loan is necessary because the city was “hit with a lot of big projects all at one time,” such as the rebuilding of the lift station, the pump station at the wastewater plant; repairs following erosion on Van Rufus Drive, and the installation of a manhole to remedy sewer line malfunctions at a residence. Edwards, who has noted in the past that sewer line breaks are common in the area and that some people in the area are still reliant on septic systems, has said “these are all projects that have to be done, and by using this extra money [ARPA money], that means we can leave the regular operating funds alone.”

The 90-day loan will amount to about \$92,000. City Council members approved seeking the loan, and the special meeting was adjourned.

Moving on to executive reports, Edwards updated the council about the 1,500 AMR meters that the city has installed. He said he hopes that the system will be up and running by June 30. Automated meter reading is “the communication technology water utilities use to collect water consumption and status data from water meters,” according to Badger Meter Inc.

Edwards said there will be an app for the meters that people will be able to download, but the app will not be up and running until 4 weeks after June 30. That four-week time period will give workers time to test the app before making it publicly available.

See “Council” on Pg 3.

New fire chief to focus on outreach

By Maralisa Marra

The new fire chief for Shinnston's Volunteer Fire Department, Donnie Lindsey, said he will be focusing on training, community outreach, and taking care of the citizens because Shinnston's fire department is the busiest in the county and it is only going to get busier.

Lindsey said, “If anybody needs anything from the fire department, please reach out. We're going to be trying to get more involved in community outreach and try to do some community CPR classes.” He said the fire department has partnered up with the WVU Neuroscience Institute to participate in programs with them. Lindsey also plans to be more visible in the community and to educate the citizens.

Lindsey said that having good equipment and training is paramount, so these aspects are a couple of his top priorities. “We have to take care of them because if you don't take care of your guys, they can't take care of the community,” said Lindsey.

Lindsey was sworn in as fire chief during the Shinnston City Council meeting May 9, following the retirement of Dylan Oliveto.

East Side Karate begins classes

By Maralisa Marra

On June 1 at 5:30 p.m., East Side Karate held an open house at The Soapbox, where all were welcomed to watch or a try a free class. Shinnston native and owner of East Side Karate Shihan Jason Carr said that karate was a way for him to have fun and stay occupied as a kid. That experience inspired him to share the art of the sport with the Shinnston community.

Carr is a sixth-degree black belt who trained at Mushin Do Karate. “My dad and my uncle were my instructors growing up, so I've always done this since I was a little, little kid,” he said.

Carr launched East Side Karate at The Soapbox on May 16. He teaches traditional Shotokan karate, a style of karate that was created by the late Gichin Funakoshi and characterized by its “highly concentrated striking, forthright blocking, powerful stances, and a series of captivating kata [forms],” according to the Global Martial Arts University. East Side Karate classes at The Soapbox are every Monday and Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

At 5:30 p.m., Carr offers the three- to four-year-

old class. At 6 p.m., he offers a class for ages five and up. Carr said he is accepting up to 10 participants for the three- to four-year-old group and the monthly fee is \$35 per participant. As for the five and up class, the monthly fee is \$65 per participant. Carr said he would like to accept 15 participants and 20 at the most.



AMOS CARVELLI

FUNERAL HOME

201 Edison St., Nutter Fort, WV 304-622-0270

AFFILIATED PT

Therapeutic Pool

Work & Sports Related Injuries

Post Operative Rehab

Evening Hours

Matthew Madrid, MSPT

Andrew Spatafore, MSPT

Phone: (304) 622-5822

Fax: (304) 622-9707

Affiliated Physical Therapy

2A Cherry Tree Drive

Nutter Fort, WV 26301



McDonald's of Harrison County



Each week copies of the News & Journal are distributed in each hospital to patients compliments of these community-minded sponsors listed:
UNITED HOSPITAL CENTER, LOUIS JOHNSON V.A. HOSPITAL, HIGHLAND CLARKSBURG HOSPITAL & WV VETERANS NURSING FACILITY



Guest Column

By Kent Leonhardt

West Virginia working to reverse veterinarian shortage

By Kent A. Leonhardt
West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture

Folks hunkered down and avoided social settings to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus. As they avoided their friends and families, they sought out other types of companionship, household pets. Over the last two years, pet ownership rose as much as 70%, increasing the need for veterinarians of all types. This has created a workforce crisis within the animal care industry. Even before the pandemic, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the need for veterinarians nationwide would increase 16%. This has compounded the national shortage for veterinary services, especially within our farming communities. In West Virginia, we have felt this shortage for many years, especially those doctors and technicians who specialize in large animals.

As demand increases for household pets, we have seen many dual practice veterinarians drop the less profitable farm animal side of their practice for the household pet care business. Part of this equation is the national decline in dairy farms which were a mainstay for large animal practices. As the balance shifts away from large animal veterinarian care, it decreases access to services for all farmers, which creates another hindrance to growing animal-based agriculture in West Virginia. A safe, reliable food system falls on the shoulders of our veterinarian capacity. If we are going to work towards building local resiliency, we will need many more animal care professionals.

These professionals’ services are not isolated to just animal care, as most veterinarians have training in public health. The reason is many animal diseases can be transmitted to humans, so it is vital veterinarians understand the risk to human caretakers. WVDA Veterinarians worked closely with public health officials during the early stages of the COVID-19 outbreak as some cats and dogs showed symptoms. These animals were tested to ensure the spread wasn’t a risk to our animal populations as well as those who oversee shelters and humane societies. Being sure they weren’t infected was better than leaving it to chance, especially in the early, low-knowledge phase of the pandemic.

Here at the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, we employ five full-time veterinarians. They work with colleagues around the state to create best practices as well as answer questions from the public. These folks are also on the front line, protecting our livestock industries by monitoring animal disease outbreaks. They are the ones overseeing emergency action plans and working with the industry to enhance biosecurity throughout West Virginia. From avian influenza to chronic wasting disease to African swine fever,

See “Shortage” on Pg 3.

THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

- June 9, 1927:** Karl Dewey Myers was named the state’s first poet laureate by Governor Howard Mason Gore. Myers held the post for 10 years.
- June 9, 1957:** T.D. Jakes was born in South Charleston. As a boy, he preached to imaginary congregations and carried a Bible to school, which earned him the nickname “Bible Boy.” He is the senior pastor at the Potter’s House, a nondenominational church in Dallas, Texas.
- June 10, 1775:** The Berkeley County Riflemen were organized by Capt. Hugh Stephenson of Shepherdstown, in response to a call for Revolutionary War soldiers by Gen. George Washington.
- June 10, 1921:** Labor leader Daniel Vincent Maroney was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. Maroney served as the international president of the Amalgamated Transit Union from 1973 to 1981.
- June 11, 1866:** Architect Elmer Forrest Jacobs was born in Preston County. His work is seen particularly in downtown Morgantown, in residential South Park, and on the West Virginia University campus. Most of his Morgantown buildings are now on the National Register of Historic Places.
- June 11, 1782:** Frontiersman William Crawford was tortured and burned at the stake. Crawford had been captured by the Delaware, who mistakenly blamed him for the treacherous murder of about 100 Moravian Christian Indians.

Super Crossword

LUCKY COMPLEMENT

ACROSS
1 Statesman Kefauver
6 Psi follower
11 Very top
15 “Dancing Queen” quartet
19 Political muscle
20 Plain — (obvious)
21 You, to a Quaker
22 — rock (“70s genre)
23 “... the Sorcerer’s Stone,” “... the Chamber of Secrets,” etc.
26 Carpentry file
27 Mr. Chips player Peter
28 Desert of the Southwest
29 Harm’s way
30 Fashion line?
32 Solon of Athens, Thales of Miletus, etc.
35 “Casino Royale” actress Green
38 Director Howard
40 Sinusitis-treating doc

DOWN
41 Bullring cries
42 Hawikuh, Cibola, etc.
47 Since Hector was —
48 Lilt syllable
51 Allow access to
52 Stole third, perhaps
53 Rhine tributary
55 Adorable sorts
57 Like tornado winds
59 WWII prez
61 C1, C2, etc.
63 Mao — -tung
64 “Beetle Bailey” dog
67 Hope that one may
69 Uber rival
70 Great Pyramid of Giza, Colossus of Rhodes, etc.
75 “Very funny!”
77 Heavenly
78 Gin fruit
79 Paranormal skill, in brief
82 “Infant,” “whining school-boy,” etc.
85 Albeit, for short
87 Boxer’s combo

ACROSS
89 Singer Franklin
90 Photo badges, e.g.
92 Rockies ruminants
95 Diarist Nin
96 “My Gal —”
97 — Mawr, Pennsylvania
99 Envy, gluttony, etc.
102 Trilogy, often
103 Furious
104 Little peeve
105 See 25-Down
106 Red, orange, etc.
112 Barber’s sprinkle-on
115 Jetson tyke
116 Criticize petulantly
118 “Eh Cumpari” singer Julius
122 Petri dish stuff
123 100-meter hurdles, high jump, etc.
126 Romantic outing
127 Provo’s state
128 “... his wife could — lean”
129 Justice Dept. employees
130 Plum pit, e.g.
131 Makes illegal
132 Acting Buddy

DOWN
133 Number of items in each set featured in this puzzle
31 Bovine noises
33 Dandy guy
34 “Orfeo ed Euridice” composer
35 Brilliant success
36 Looks at
37 Driving a car
39 Browns’ org.
43 Third of IX
44 2002 scandal company
45 PC pic file
46 Rated most likely to win
47 Sharp range ridges
48 Minutia
49 Moray milieu
50 The “A” of PDA: Abbr.
54 Sacred Egyptian cross
56 Cost to cross
58 Brit’s “Inc.”
60 Size again
62 Hood for a monk
65 Be rife (with)
66 Consecrate
68 Acid artisan
71 Hops kiln
72 FedEx, say
73 Hugs, in a billet-doux
74 Of kidneys
75 Actor Lukas
76 Indian tourist city

ACROSS
80 Sty dwellers
81 Sheriff’s band
83 “Wow!”
84 Partner of Wells
86 Outmoded
88 USN jr. officer
91 Justice Antonin
93 Family
94 Sulky mood
98 Veer, as a ship
100 Many an orphan, in time
101 “Therein lies —”
102 Sawed logs
103 12 in a year
106 Digests a digest, say
107 Pool film
108 Furious
109 Channel airing hearings
110 Detox place
111 Epsom —
113 Molten flows
114 Minos’ island
117 Musical pitch
119 “As seen —”
120 Eye affliction
121 The “A” of PGA: Abbr.
123 Nerve center
124 JFK guess
125 Dijon denial

Find the Super Crossword Answers on Page 7!

- June 12, 2006:** Robert C. Byrd became the longest-serving United States senator in history. He served in the Senate from his election in 1958 until his death in 2010. This record was broken on June 7, 2013, by Congressman John Dingell, a Democrat from Michigan.
- June 13, 1861:** The Second Wheeling Convention began in the federal courtroom of the Wheeling Custom House. This convention declared the Confederate state government in Richmond illegal; created a Reorganized Government of Virginia loyal to the United States; elected Francis Harrison Pierpont governor of Virginia; and called for the western counties to be formed into a new state.
- June 13, 1928:** Mathematician John Forbes Nash Jr. was born in Bluefield. In 1994, Nash was honored with the Nobel Prize in Economics. He was the subject of a best-selling biography, “A Beautiful Mind,” which was later made into a movie.
- June 14, 1912:** Botanist Elizabeth Ann “Betty” Bartholomew was born in Wheeling. Bartholomew was instrumental in building the dried plant collection at West Virginia University from 30,000 to 140,000 specimens, and she initiated a 2,000-plant seed collection.
- June 15, 1876:** Attorney and civil right activist T. G. Nutter was born. The first African American delegate from Kanawha County, he helped establish Lakin State Hospital and crafted an anti-lynching law.
- June 15, 1880:** Musician Blind Alfred Reed was born in Floyd County, Virginia, though he spent most of his life in West Virginia. He composed and recorded some of the most creative topical country songs on Victor Records between 1927 and 1929.

June 15, 1963: The Cass Scenic Railroad took its first passenger trip during the state’s Centennial celebration.

e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council. For more information contact the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; (304) 346-8500; or visit e-WV at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

“A Newspaper The Whole Family Can Read”

Shinnston

Harrison County

The News & Journal

USPS 494-420

Michael Showell

Publisher

Erin Beck

Editor

Debra Smith

Advertising

Bill Nestor

Sports Editor

Published weekly by
Mountain Media, LLC, P.O. Box 429, Lewisburg, WV,
with the exception of the week of July 4th and the last week of the year.
Single Copy .75 cents

Annual Subscription Rates
in-county: \$45.75 • out of county: \$49.50 • out of state: \$53.25
Periodicals Postage Paid at Shinnston, WV

POSTMASTER: send change of address to:
The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal
P.O. Box 187
Shinnston, WV 26431-0187


How To Let Us Know
To start home delivery or to report a service problem,
call our office at 304-647-5724 or fax us at 304-647-5767.

N&J Briefs

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

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31 monthly meeting
Thursday, June 16
7 p.m.
American Legion Post 31, Shinnston
All members are welcome.

Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Mission
408 Morgantown Ave, Fairmont
Rev. Sasha Nedich 724-966-7428
www.holytrinityserborthwv.org
Liturgy: Saturday, June 25 at 10 a.m.
Please check to make sure of no cancellations
724-966-7428



Duck Creek Road closed

Harrison County Route 25/6, Duck Creek Road, will be closed at milepost 2.17, 0.01 mile south of Harrison County Route 25/15, from Monday, June 6, through Friday, June 24, for a drainage structure replacement, according to a news release.

The road will be closed 24 hours per day. Detour routes are as follows: Harrison County Route 25 & WV 270. Motorists are advised to plan and allow additional time for their commute. Inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances could change the project schedule.

Open house planned

Lincoln High School is hosting an open house for the new locker room/ field house at Stydahr Field, according to a news release from Assistant Principal Holly Hawkins.

It will be held Sunday, June 12 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.



“Shortage” From Pg 2.

these WVDA staffers show the importance these licensed professionals play in West Virginia.

I am pleased that the Legislature has taken up the discussion of how we best address the shortages of veterinary medicine. With the abundance of funding from numerous federal sources, now may be the right time to address this critical shortage. We should embrace new technology such as tele-veterinary medicine in combination with veterinary technicians for on-farm care. Any discussion that tries to tackle this issue must include veterinary technician programs as they may be a cost-effective way to move forward. I am proud of the work my staff is doing with WV State University and West Virginia University Davis College in a collaboration to build a four-year food animal veterinary technology program.

Whatever the solution may be, we must act

now before this problem has severe effects on our quality of life in West Virginia. For many of us, our animals are important parts of our families. For West Virginia’s local food systems to grow, we need to expand these services to our farmers. I applaud our Legislature for taking the time to see how we tackle these problems and move the industry forward. My hope is we can find cost-effective means to increase the necessary veterinary services to keep our food supply safe.

Youth storytellers camp planned

Glenville State University is partnering with the West Virginia Storytelling Guild to present a week-long workshop entitled “Come Spin a Tale,” according to a news release.

The workshop is open to incoming 9th-12th grade students as well as new high school graduates. It will take place Monday, July 18 – Friday, July 22 on the Glenville State University campus.

Students will attend performances by Adam Booth and Bil Lepp, and attend workshops from Booth and Lepp along with fellow storytellers Karen Vuranch, Bill Hairston, Judi Tarowsky,

“Council” From Pg 1.

Customers will be able to download the app, check their usage and set alerts so as not to exceed a certain amount if they choose, Edwards said.

Edwards also said that during the high-speed chase and shooting on I-79 on May 26, Harrison and Marion counties requested the assistance of K9 Officer Bear. No officers were harmed during the chase, Edwards said. Harrison County Sheriff Robert Matheny said the chase started just before 6 p.m. when three people left Clarksburg and headed towards Bridgeport “in a pursuit involving law enforcement” and “the three suspects fired shots at law enforcement before they headed north on Interstate 79,” according to WBOY. According to WV News, “The pursuit began after Clarksburg police responded to a shoplifting complaint at the Clarksburg Walmart.” It was unclear how the K9 assisted.

Edwards said that the pool is open, and the slide has been repaired and inspected.

Vice Mayor Andrew Kisamore recognized and thanked Caitlyn Stealey for the new Shinnston welcome sign on Saltwell Road.

One of the discussion items on the agenda was an update on Frontier Days, which is Shinnston’s annual festival that pays homage to the city’s founding; “it originally began as a celebration of the city’s centennial,” according to WV Tourism’s website. Brendan Gallagher, coordinator of Frontier Days, told council that Frontier Days will take place at the city park rather than downtown. There will be no carnival rides this year. “We’re actually going to make Frontier Days about frontier and bring it back to old school,” Gallagher said.

“Hunt” From Pg 1.

words. I can remember that music seemed to be the universal language and the young people would say, “Michael Jackson, Thriller” and it led to a recitation of other song titles and other artists. Movies were another common topic and “Breakfast at Tiffany’s” with Audrey Hepburn seemed to have a great following. After being in the country for just a few days, you felt like you could navigate and use hand gestures to point at things you wanted to buy or ask where the restrooms were, and people generally knew what you wanted.

A big fear that I hear from a lot of people is about getting lost and not being able to ask how to get back to your hotel. This can be a real problem but one that, with a little preparation, can be solved. It is a good idea to have your hotel address written on a paper that you have with you at all times. It is also good to have phone numbers and other information with you, in case you are in an accident or are robbed or assaulted. While this has never happened to me, there have been many occasions where I was separated from my group and had to take cabs or other transportation back to the hotel. I can remember times when I would walk up to strangers and show them the address for the hotel and ask which metro stop I needed to exit. It is surprising how many people will help you and if they cannot speak your language, they will ask others to assist.

It is surprising how many people will tell you they speak “very little English” and then be able to converse very well. It makes you embarrassed that you are unable to speak even the most basic words in their language. Most hotel clerks and cabbies in major cities can speak English quite well but even in remote towns and villages, someone can generally get you to where you need to go. Buses and trains are one area that you need to try and understand the schedules and destinations, since there is not much time to make your decision of which one to get on. I always try to get there early and make sure I am at the right track or bus stop. You need to overcome any shyness that you have and ask people for help. I have seen many people smiling at my dilemma, as I approach one person after another, but it adds to the adventure.

I would never pass on a trip because of a lack of knowledge of the language and I would do my homework and learn some common phrases to help out in a bind. There are even some apps that translate almost any language, but I think the best advice is to be prepared and be willing to learn. I would also encourage young people to learn as many languages as they can. It opens the world and shows that you care about the culture and life in other countries. Well, that’s it for this week’s column or as they say in French, la fin!



SUBSCRIBE

to gain unlimited digital access to the
The Shinnston & Harrison County News & Journal

Only \$2.50 a month!

PLUS 14 local papers in your region!

www.shinnstonnews.com

Shinnston

Harrison County

The News & Journal

Read your newspaper online

★

Visit

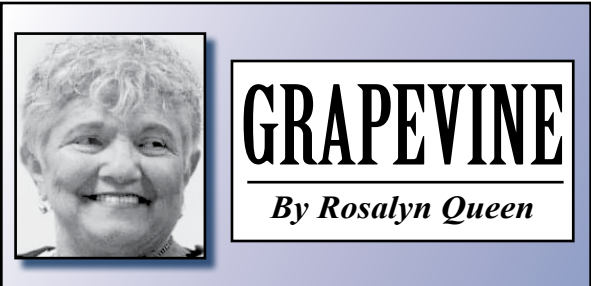
shinnstonnews.com

and receive much more!

State & National News

14 additional newspapers in WV & VA

Over 40 editors, reporters & writers



Bits and Pieces

If you have a mother or grandmother who crochets, sews, or quilts, you will surely find a sewing box in her possession that will contain all sorts of bits and pieces of material and yarn. This is kind of like a treasure chest because you never quite remember what you have, and you never know just what you will use from these bits and pieces.

Most generally the pieces of material will be used for a crazy quilt, and you will cut the pieces of yarn to use on the quilt, as well.

If you stop and think, there are many phases of our lives that are treated as bits and pieces. This past week, I collected the bits and pieces of my life and put them in order.

First, I went to Morgantown for an appointment with my eye doctor. After much testing and X-rays, I got a positive report that my eye looked great, and it appeared the retina was doing what it was supposed to do. I will not have to make another trip to Morgantown for six months. Thank goodness—great news for me.

Next, I bought four beefsteak tomato plants and set them out in the large tub my sister Cathy got for

me last year. It appears they are doing well, and in the next couple of days, I hope to get two sweet and two hot pepper plants and set them out in containers on my back patio. I do not know what happened to my basil plant, but I had to replant it and I am hoping it will catch on. I don’t have any flowers out yet, but this might be the end of my bits and pieces projects.

This week I returned to reading which I had given up for a while because of my eye. Another great Danielle Steel novel: High Stakes. I have her most recent novel, Beautiful, and will start reading it next. The librarian sent me some new books to introduce me to some new authors. I finished More Than Words by Jill Santopolo and found it to be an excellent read. I want to encourage you to visit our library, Lowe Public Library at 40 Bridge Street, and take advantage of all they have to offer.

There are several bits and pieces that I am working on in my drawers. First, I started on my desk drawers, and now I am working on my dresser and chest of drawers. I offer you a bit of advice: do not get in a hurry. Take one drawer at a time; otherwise, you will get tired and will not do a good job. I want to offer a suggestion: do not forget your jewelry. Work through it by matching up sets and putting earrings together.

You will be surprised how great you will feel when the bits and pieces of your life are in order. When you stop and think about if you add up the bits and pieces, they soon total a great portion of our life.

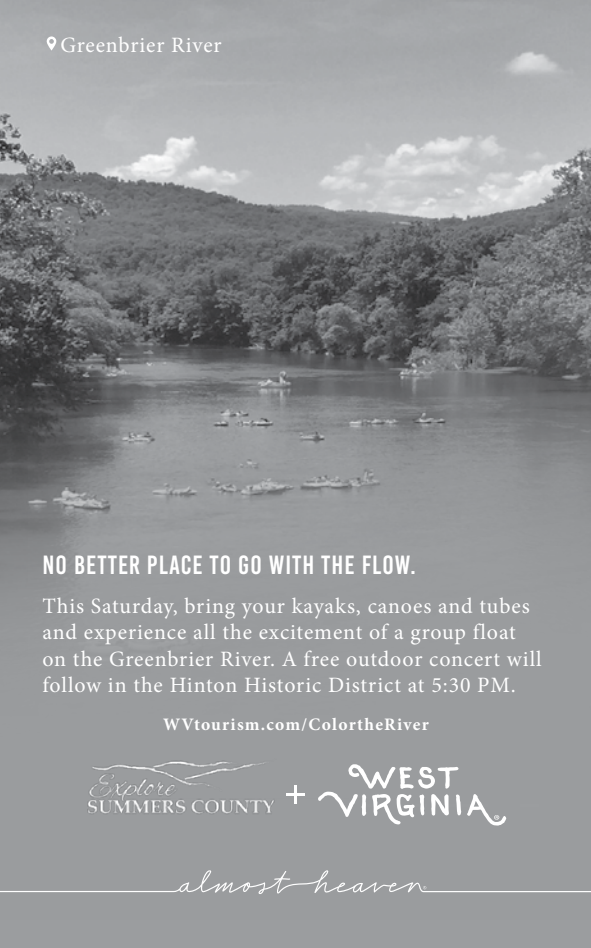
Take care and enjoy the beautiful summer weather. Stay healthy and until next week “Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine.”

Attorney general representative to stop in Shinnston, Clarksburg

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced, in a news release last month, that a representative from his office will meet with West Virginia residents at two Harrison County stops in June to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions. “These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with our consumer representatives,” Attorney General Morrisey said. “Residents can easily get questions answered, learn what is going on in their area and how to keep personal information safe and secure.”

- June 16: 11 a.m. to noon – Harrison County Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Main St., Clarksburg
- June 16: 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Lowe Public Library, 40 Bridge St., Shinnston

For information on additional requirements specific to any location, attendees are encouraged to contact Pam Krushansky at 304-741-5834.



Fairmont State celebrates staff achievements

Submitted by Fairmont State University

On May 11, Fairmont State honored staff during the university’s first Staff Award Ceremony since the COVID pandemic began. During the ceremony, staff were applauded for their dedication to the university, while several received awards and recognition.

“I wish to say thank you to all of you,” said Fairmont State University President, Mirta M. Martin. “I want to let you know that you are not forgotten – that your work does not go unnoticed. It is quite the opposite, it is very much noticed, and it is very much appreciated. You all are the dedicated staff of Fairmont State University, you are the dedicated family of Fairmont State University. We are who we are because of you.”

Several were recognized throughout the ceremony, including the recipients of the Staff Member of the Year, New Staff Member of the Year and Staff Supervisor of the Year Awards, listed as follows:

- Staff Member of the Year**

Ashley Maxey
Director
Office of Human Resources

New Staff Member of the Year

Caitlyn B. Lampinen
Coordinator of Accreditation and Administrative Operations
College of Nursing

Staff Supervisor of the Year

Lori A. Schoonmaker
Registrar
Office of the Registrar

The following 58 staff members were recognized for their years of service, ranging from five – 35 years:

- 35 Years of Service:**

Monica Cochran

30 Years of Service:

Robert Cable
Amie Fazalare
Holly Fluharty
George Herrick
Lenora Montgomery
Barbara Phillips

25 Years of Service:

Jolie Carpenter
Senta Chmiel
Miwa Edwards
Stephanie Gabor
Kenneth Whetsell

20 Years of Service:

Heidi Aloe
Christy Burner
Antoinette Hines
Tina Malcomb
Elizabeth McCutcheon
Victoria McVaney
Patricia Murray-Fidura
Joyce Riffle
Joyce Rose
Linda Toothman
Robin Yeager

- 15 Years of Service:**

Karen Beal
Shana Bock
Leticia Cavicchio
Todd Ensign
Erica Garrett
Ladai Harris
Elizabeth Headley
Mistie Martin
Michael Murphy
Lori Postlethwait
Debra Russell
Jessica Sharps
Valerie Woofter

Ten Years of Service:

Zachery Alderson
Zachary Curry
William Ehrhart
Travis Hinkle
Kellie Moorehead
Jeanie Spitznogle
Jason Woodman
Andrew Zicafoose

Five Years of Service:

Ryan Courtney
Danielle Cutri
Lindsey Cutright
James Gaines
Jamie Gilmore
Charles Gray
Jessica Hayhurst
John Light
Joellen Ralphsnyder
Jamie Samples
Serena Scully
Robert Sole
Lyvon Thompson
Theresa Twigg

Staff retirees were also recognized for their service to the University including:

- Martha Amos**
Academic Business Manager
College of Business and Aviation
25 years of service

Sherry Baldwin
Human Resources Representative, Sr.
Payroll
17 years of service

Rachel Claypool
Administrative Secretary, Sr.
College of Science and Technology
7 years of service

Janis Conrad
Manager of Printing Services
University Relations and Marketing
15 years of service

Georgeann Cain
Program Assistant II
University Relations and Marketing
15 years of service

Cynthia Curry
Vice President of Human Resources
Human Resources
19 years of service

Suzanne Gripper
Certification Analyst
Enrollment Services/Registrar’s

- Office

20 years of service

Trucilla Harton
Program Assistant I
College of Business and Aviation
26 years of service

David Joseph
Technology Specialist
Information Technology
15 years of service

Cynthia Knight
Administrative Secretary, Sr.
Library
40 years of service

Lisa Knutti
Food Service Worker
Dining Services
30 years of service

Maria Marshall
Human Resources Supervisor
Human Resources
29 years of service

Fran McClure
Business Analyst
Information Technology
23 years of service

Marvin Miller
Trades Specialist Lead II – Plumber
Facilities
16 years of service

James Richards
Administrative Associate
Facilities
40 years of service

Erich Sorenson
Network/Phone Specialist
Information Technology
17 years of service

Carolyn Wycoff
Library Technical Assistant I
Library
24 years of service

In addition, two staff scholarships were awarded. A full-time scholarship of \$3,000 for one academic year was awarded to Katie Burner as she pursues a bachelor of science in occupational safety. The second, part-time scholarship of \$1,500 for one academic year was awarded to Derek Overfield as he pursues a master of education in professional studies with a concentration in digital media and learning.

The ceremony concluded with closing words from the Staff Council Chair, George Herrick.

“As staff, you are the cogs in the machine that make this university work. Nothing would get done, and I mean nothing, without the staff,” Herrick said. “You all serve a valuable function that this university depends on. It is because of you that we have students, it is because of you that we have faculty to teach their classes, and it is because of you that students have everything they need to complete their educations.”



DENTAL Insurance

from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company

Call to get your FREE Information Kit

1-855-405-3412

Dental50Plus.com/press

Product not available in all states. Includes the Participating (in GA: Designated) Providers and Preventive Benefits Rider. Acceptance guaranteed for one insurance policy/certificate of this type. Contact us for complete details about this insurance solicitation. This specific offer is not available in CO, NY; call 1-800-969-4781 or respond for similar offer. Certificate C250A (ID: C250E; PA: C250D); Insurance Policy P150 (GA: P150GA; NY: P150NY; OK: P150OK; TN: P150TN). Rider kinds: B438, B439 (GA: B439B).

6208-0721

WESLEY FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC

Timeshare Cancellation

Get your free information kit and see if you qualify:

844-738-0094

SHINNSTON

MCDONALD'S

Purchase any Sandwich, receive small Fry for FREE

WITH THIS COUPON

Expires June 17, 2022

One per customer per visit, not to be used with any other offer, discount or within an EVM purchase. Valid at the Shinnston McDonald's only. Cash value 1/20 of 1 cent LwC. Must present this coupon prior to ordering.

HCSCC SPOTLIGHT

Featuring news from the Harrison County Senior Citizen Center

Board members elected



Volunteers count ballots on May 25 for the senior center board election. From left to right: Nancy Harford, Susan Thomas, Beth Fitzgerald, Sharon Hamilton, E. Ryan Kennedy (committee chair), and Don Burton. Courtesy photo.

Vote counting of the 301 in-person ballots and 140 absentee ballots took place on May 25, from 1 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. in the Kinley Café. Thirty percent of eligible senior center members voted. The following top vote-getters will fill the five elected board seats:

Bill O’Field – 318; Harley Jeffries – 241; Janet Dotson – 238; Sandra Mossor – 230; and Donna Stuart – 216.

Special thanks to our ad hoc Election Committee election volunteers for their leadership and assistance during this election.



Left to right, Virginia Harding, Nadene Holt, and Margaret Davis were among volunteers helping with the senior center board election. Courtesy photo.



Seniors needed for summer programs

Harrison County Parks and Recreation is looking for seniors to serve as mentors and positive role models for the children participating in their summer parks programs. Some are paid positions for short-term summer programs.

Volunteer seniors are needed to read in the Energy Express Reading Program for students entering grades 1-6.

For more information, contact Harrison County Parks and Recreation at 304-423-7800.

Closures announced

Harrison County Senior Center will be closed on Monday, June 20, in observance of West Virginia Day and Juneteenth.

Harrison County Senior Center will be closed on Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.



Left to right: Courtney Whipkey, program assistant, Sunni Moore, summer program assistant, and Shannon Ruggieri, head of programs and marketing. Courtesy photo.

Seniors try out 3D printer

Shannon Ruggieri and team brought the 3D printer and 3D pens to the senior center on Thursday, May 26. Interested members signed up, picked a color, and chose a design to be created. Each design took about 30 minutes to complete. Participants were also able to create their own designs, or use templates, with the 3D pens.



Seniors used a 3D printer to create a key chain. Courtesy photo.

Next meeting set for June

The Senior Center Board of Directors did not meet in May due to board elections. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, June 23, at 9:30 a.m. in person and on Zoom.

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

Youth summer one-act auditions scheduled

The ACT 2 Theatre Company is planning auditions for youth summer one acts, according to a news release. Youth summer one-acts have been on hiatus.

One-acts this year include “Shakespeare’s Bachelorette” by Lea Marshall, as well as “Ariadne’s Thread,” and “The Adventures of Theseus and the Minotaur by Judith White. One act has yet to be determined.

Auditions will be held June 9 at 6:30 p.m. and June 11 at 3 p.m. at the McCrory Marketplace Great Hall (also My Mother’s Daughter location).

The show will be July 28, 29, and 30 at 7 p.m. and the July 31 at 2 p.m.

There is a Google form to fill out for auditioning: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCKwAp-7MWBVLmt8dDCnDcn4S2vNA7_67Y6tRfLVe401detg/viewform?usp=sf_link

The auditions will be cold readings and some theatre games.

If you cannot make it to the auditions but still want to be considered, please email a video of you doing a one-minute monologue to Cricket Hall at CricketZHall@gmail.com by Saturday, June 11 at 9 p.m.

Acts are for youth who have graduated fifth grade through those who graduated high school in 2022.

They also welcome any youth who are interested in working on the technical side of theatre.

Any other questions can be sent to Hall.

The theatre location at McCrory Marketplace Great Hall is at 318 West Main Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301.

Harrison County Senior Center
500 W. Main St., Clarksburg WV 26301
(304) 623-6795
Email: director@harrisoncountyseniorcenter.org

Transportation services, Kinley Café, Fitness, Exercise, Tai Chi, Healthy Steps, Zumba, Bingo, Ceramics, Line Dancing, Puzzles, Books, Cards, Games, Travel Club, Alzheimers Group, Duplicate Bridge, Senior Nutrition Food Box Program, and In-Home Services.

In Home Services now hiring caregivers with reliable transportation. Training provided after background check. Call or email for more info.

Harmony Valley

An Independent Living Community for Seniors 55+ in a beautiful country setting located on Sun Valley Road off Rt. 50 West of Clarksburg. One & Two Bedroom Apartments Available. All Utilities Including Cable TV Provided; Major Appliances Furnished.

Call (304) 622-6711 or (304) 677-6800

CENTRA
Central West Virginia Transit Authority

304-623-6002
208 North 4th St., Clarksburg, WV 26301

Safe, dependable transit

\$5.50 fares with transportation to local shopping centers, UHC & VA hospitals.

All buses ADA service accessible.


Reduced Passes Available!

Rehabilitation - Skilled Nursing - Long Term Care

Caring, committed health care professionals dedicated to the care of our patients and their families.

From skilled nursing to a full complement of rehabilitation services including physical, speech, and occupational therapy, we offer a wide range of services that enhance the quality of life for our patients.

For more information contact us at
Clarksburg Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
2096 Davison Run Rd., Clarksburg, WV 26301
304-624-6500 www.amfmwv.com



The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

Bridgeport’s run comes to an end

The Bridgeport baseball program led by veteran mentor Robert Shields has been the cream of the crop for a very long time. The Indians have won seven consecutive state titles and were gunning for an eighth this season. Things were going as planned with the Tribe rolling through the regular season. They battled their way through Mon County defeating University to win a sectional crown and Morgantown high to garner a trip to Charleston.

Bridgeport was in prime position needing just two more wins to hoist another trophy. That is where they ran into Hurricane, the team they defeated a year ago in the Class AAA Championship game. Last year the Indians took advantage of a pair of errors and double-digit walks by the Redskins to nab a lopsided victory. These teams met during the regular season, and Hurricane handed Bridgeport a 7-6 setback. It was one of only five total for the Tribe. Indian hurler, Ben McDougal struck out nine Redskins and looked impressive in the no decision effort.

Shields remembered the outing and put McDougal on the bump for a second time this season in the opening game at Appalachian Power Park against the Skins. McDougal proved to be a wise decision for Shields as the lefty fanned 12 Hurricane batters in nearly six innings of work before he was forced to exit the game due to pitch restrictions.

Bridgeport would take the early lead, scoring a pair of runs in the top of the first and held a 2-1 lead



From The World of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

Parks and Recreation sets summer program schedule

Parents, are you tired of finding empty cereal bowls on the coffee table? Getting fed up with the Scooby-Doo fruit snack wrappers between the cushions of your couch? Sick of hearing the Cartoon Network channel echoing throughout the bedrooms between the hours of 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.? Yep, summer is here, and kids are out of school and these things could happen at your house for the next three months. Is there a solution? Yes, there is, and I am going to show you how. I know, corny sales pitch, but you have to know my personality in order to understand how I tick.

Parks and Recreation has a solution for the kids, and it is the summer parks program. The program is four or six weeks at six sites. This free program has been in existence for over 40 years, and Director Mike Book has been there for the ride from its inception.

“I have been a part of this program while working part-time in college as a park’s leader and now being a director, you can definitely see the changes

Another Harrison County woman dies of COVID-19

State health officials reported another COVID-19 death from Harrison County, in a news release last week.

The woman was 78 years old, according to the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources.

“As we remember and honor each life lost to COVID-19, I urge every West Virginian to be vaccinated and boosted against this deadly virus,” said Bill J. Crouch, DHHR Cabinet Secretary.

As of Monday, there had been 6,977 COVID-19 deaths statewide, including 256 deaths in Harrison County.

West Virginians ages 5 and older are recommended to get a COVID-19 vaccine booster shot when due. Second booster shots

State officials promote “Safe Schools Helpline”

Following the tragic shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, last month, the WV Department of Homeland Security, in a news release last month, reminded West Virginians about the Safe Schools Helpline.

The West Virginia Safe Schools Helpline is a toll-free number, answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week, that residents can call at 1-866-723-3982 (1-866-SAFE-WVA).

Anyone can report information regarding anything that could harm students, staff, or property at any of West Virginia’s schools. Callers may remain anonymous upon request.

Concerned citizens can also email tips to safeschool@wv.gov.

“If you see something, you need to say something,” said DHS Secretary Jeff Sandy.

heading into the third inning. This inning was the difference maker for several seasons. It went from a potential big inning to a momentum changer for the Indians. McDougal doubled to start the inning and a single followed giving the Tribe runners at the corners. It gave Shields and company a golden opportunity for some heavy run production. However, a pair of runners would be thrown out at homeplate and ending the scoring opportunity. The Redskins would plate a run in the bottom half of the inning to even the score at 2-2. It would stay tied and force this battle into extra innings where Hurricane would score in the bottom of the ninth to claim the 3-2 triumph.

Bridgeport had its chances but failed to cash in as they stranded 13 baserunners in the affair. The Indians would also double up the Skins 8-4 in the hit department.

Sometimes it just is not your day and unfortunately for the Tribe, their bid for an eighth straight title fell just short.

McDougal led the offensive attack for the Indians. He picked up two of the games’ three extra base hits. He had a triple and a double with an RBI. Anthony Dixon was the team’s only other multi-hit performer. Dixon was 2 for 4 with a run batted in. Aiden Paulsen, Cam Cole, Chris Harbert, and Zach Rohrig all had hits for the Tribe. Bridgeport ended the season with a 34-6 record.

In essence, this game was the championship game as Hurricane would go on to hammer George Washington to claim the Class AAA crown. The 11-0 five inning trouncing proved anti-climactic and gave the Redskins their third championship in the last nine years.

Bridgeport might have found a new rival on the diamond. These two might see each other in Charleston again and the Indians might just start another streak.

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

over the years,” said Book. “What was once a pretty simple game plan involving a couple balls, a few board games and some paper and crayons has now blossomed into organized activities, free play and many other things that we were not able to do in the past.”

As a kid, you did not have a choice. You woke up and you were out the door, heading to a park to play baseball, basketball or just hanging with your neighborhood friends. My mom’s footprint was on my backside because she knew the importance of recreation, being outdoors and having fun with friends – and let’s not forget to mention that she enjoyed her soap operas in peace.

But that is what you did as a kid. You played.

The Parks and Recreation summer program is a spot where kids can continue their friendships during the summer. It is a meeting ground to go and compete and have fun with others. Most importantly, it is a safe and friendly environment under the watchful eye of park leaders.

“Our goal is to provide a safe and fun area for kids to spend their summers,” said Book. “And yes, some do consider us as a babysitting service, but that is OK as we know that the kids are provided two meals per day and a place where they can have fun and just be kids.”

As mentioned, it is a free program and yes there will be meals prepared for the kids. Breakfast and a lunch are provided thanks to a grant through the Board of Education here in the county. All meals are the same as what kids receive during the school

for those age 50 and over who are 4 months or greater from their first booster are recommended, as well as for younger individuals over 12 years old with serious and chronic health conditions that lead to being considered moderately to severely immunocompromised.

Visit the WV COVID-19 Vaccination Due Date Calculator, a free, online tool that helps individuals figure out when they may be due for a COVID-19 shot, making it easier to stay up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccination. To learn more about COVID-19 vaccines, or to find a vaccine site near you, visit [vaccinate.wv.gov](https://dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/pages/testing.aspx) or call 1-833-734-0965.

To locate free COVID-19 testing near you, please visit <https://dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/pages/testing.aspx>.

“West Virginia has taken countless steps over the years to make our schools as safe as possible. We have established initiatives like the Safe Schools Program and the Safe Schools Helpline. Just six months ago, Governor Justice provided over \$1 million so that we could add over 50 Prevention Resource Officers across the state.

“West Virginians should be very proud. But we can’t be complacent,” Secretary Sandy continued. “Everyone – from the Department of Homeland Security to the general public – has an obligation to speak up if they sense trouble.

“You know if something doesn’t feel right. If you get information that you feel might pose a danger to our students and teachers at any of West Virginia’s schools, you need to contact the Safe Schools Helpline.”

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 SN & HCJ Athletes of the Week Award are Bridgeport’s Ben McDougal and Anthony Dixon. Both players excelled in their team’s heartbreaking 3-2 loss to Hurricane in Charleston.

Indian standout, Ben McDougal was impressive on the mound and at the plate. McDougal struck out 12 batters and was 2 for 3 with a triple and a double. He also drove in a run in the process.

Anthony Dixon turned in a multi-hit effort for the Tribe. Dixon was 2 for 4 with a pair of singles. Dixon also drove in a run in the lock-up.

Congratulations to Bridgeport’s Ben McDougal and Anthony Dixon for being named the SN & HCJ Athletes of the Week!

Shinnston Pool now offering swim lessons

By Maralisa Marra


The Shinnston City Pool is now offering swim lessons for all ages. Whether you are zero or 100, it is not too late to learn how to swim.

Classes are divided according to age range, including 0-24 months, 2-4 years, 5-8 years, 9-15 years, and 15 years and beyond, according to Maddy Swiger, a pool lifeguard.

All classes are beginner level, and they are \$100 for a four-week session per child or adult. They also offer private lessons for \$50 per lesson. Private lessons are once a week for a four-week span, as well.

For more information and to sign up, contact Swiger at 304-918-8691.



♥ Hinton



THE BEGINNING OF ENDLESS DISCOVERY.

Immerse yourself in rich history and breathtaking beauty as you explore the small towns of the National Coal Heritage Area.

WVtourism.com/NCHA

 + 

almost heaven

Dorsey Funeral Home

LOUIE MALE,
Owner/Licensee-In Charge
701 South Pike Street, Shinnston, WV 26431
Office: 304-592-2500-Fax: 304-592-2571



Harmer Funeral Home

Shinnston, WV · 592-2500
www.harmerfuneralhome.com
Jay D. Harmer, LIC,
Jacob A. Harmer, Licensed Funeral Director



Perine Funeral Home

Call 592-5925 • 1348 S. Pike St. Shinnston
Adam T. Perine - LIC
Patrick A. Kovalck - Licensed Director

OBITUARIES

Sylvia M. Cerullo Belcastro



A beautiful soul, a gracious hostess, an exceptional cook, a good wife, and a lovely mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother are all phrases to describe Sylvia M. Cerullo Belcastro who passed to her home in Heaven on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2022.

Sylvia was joined there by her loving husband of 71 years John. Sylvia was the last surviving member of a family comprised of four brothers and seven sisters.

She was the daughter of the late Gaetano and Carmela Saccone Cerullo, born on February 21, 1922 in Haywood, WV.

Sylvia was a faithful and devout Catholic and the oldest living member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Shinnston. She served her church community in several capacities-as both President and Ways and Means chairman of the Altar and Rosary Society which meant she spent many hours cooking at the church hall. Sylvia was a weekly adorer at the Adoration Chapel at St. Ann's for over 18 years until her health no longer allowed her to make her hour of adoration. Sylvia was a strong believer in praying the Rosary which she did daily. She also taught religious education for many years to the children

preparing to receive their first Communion.

She was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America Clarksburg Court #334 since 1980. She served that organization as corresponding secretary for eleven years. In recognition of her continuous service to the organization and as an example of the charity, love, and unity Catholic Daughters strive to share, Sylvia was named "Catholic Daughter of the Year" in 1999.

Sylvia supported her children's activities serving as a den mother for her cub scouts, an active member of the Spartan Boosters, and as a volunteer at Lumberport Elementary.

She also held membership in the Shinnston Woman's Club and the American Legion Auxiliary as well as delivering Meals on Wheels with John, her husband.

Sylvia worked in retail in The Hat Shoppe, Guarascio's Dress Shop, and Feaster's Jewelers.

She loved her family with all her might celebrating their success with deep pride. She lived her life for them and each and every new grandchild and great-grandchild brought her joy.

Her Italian and West Virginia upbringing proved that strength and a work ethic unmatched as she survived the hardships brought on by the Great Depression and World War II. She had an appreciation for life and loved to cook and dance which she and John did often as well as travel as a couple.

There are no words to fully describe how she will be missed but her influence remains with us through time.

She is survived by her three children: Tina

Hanna and husband David of Fairmont, Anita Ballard and husband Chris of Shinnston, and John II and wife Kay of Bridgeport, as well as four grandchildren: Matthew Ballard and wife Staci of Charleston, April Hanna O'Neil of Pittsburgh, Adam Belcastro and wife Rynea of Mount Clare and Adrienne Belcastro Compton of Bridgeport. She had six great-grandchildren: Sylvia, Stella and Gianna Ballard of Charleston, Mason Belcastro of Mount Clare, and Brielle and Ayla Compton of Bridgeport.

She is also survived by her brother-in-law, Lou Belcastro of Lumberport and sisters-in-law Virginia Cerullo of Bridgeport and Mildred Belcastro of Shinnston as well as numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

She celebrated her one hundredth birthday a few months ago with over 71 family members in attendance.

Friends were received at Harmer Funeral Home in Shinnston, WV from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1 and from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 2 with the Holy Rosary recited at 7:30 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 3 at St. Ann's Church in Shinnston with Father Chris Turner and Deacon David Lester officiating. Interment followed at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, consider contributions to St. Ann Catholic Church, 43 Mahlon Street, Shinnston, WV 26431.

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

Out Of The Past

Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



Freda (Logan) Legge on the former Shinnston bridge in about 1944. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

Gladys Marie (McCutcheon) Scott



Gladys Marie Scott, 70, of Shinnston, passed away at her residence on Saturday, May 28, 2022. She was born in Wyatt, WV on March 14, 1952 to the late Dorsey Allen McCutcheon and Betty Lou (Riffle) McCutcheon.

Gladys worked at Shop & Save for 5 years as well as Interstate Speedway. She loved her family, playing with her grandkids, playing poker, dancing, music and working puzzles.

She is survived by her husband, Everett Laco Scott; one son, Everett Allen Scott of Shinnston; one daughter, Katina Marie Scott of Shinnston; one grandson, Nicholes Alexander Scott of Columbiana, OH; two granddaughters: Emily Victoria Scott of Columbiana, OH and Krislynn Marie Katona of Homestead Falls, OH; two sisters: Beatrice

Ann Lee of Worthington and Glenda Jean Simons of Barrackville; three sisters in law: Sheila McCutcheon of Morgantown, Janet Richards of Shinnston and Peggy Coffman of Boothsville; soul sister, Brenda Mason Zickefoose of Clarksburg; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Gladys is preceded in death by one brother, Dorsey Allen McCutcheon, Jr.; mother in law, Alice Delores Scott Reed and her father in law, Everett Alexander Scott.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Misty Heston for the loving care she provided.

Family and friends were at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 from 2-7 p.m., the time of service, with Evangelist Ron Lee officiating. In keeping with Gladys' wishes, cremation followed.

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

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Gladys Marie (McCutcheon) Scott, please visit our floral store.

Orval Bates Fisher



Orval Bates Fisher, 81, of Clarksburg, passed on May 31, 2022 at his residence. He was born on July 18, 1940 in Shinnston to the late Orval Clay Fisher and Nellie Marie Duncan Fisher.

Orval worked in construction as a brick mason. He was a member of Coons Run Baptist Church. He enjoyed working in the yard, spending time with kids and his neighbors and farming.

Orval is survived by his wife, Beverly; two daughters: Brenda Sue Raines and husband Jim of Clarksburg and Ellen Marie Knotts and husband Fred of Clarksburg; two grandsons: Daniel Edward Raines and Alexander James Knotts; one granddaughter, Jessica Marie Knotts; three sisters: Ester Marie Morgan of sClarksburg,

See "Obits" on Pg 8.

DHHR: Lyme disease cases increasing

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Bureau for Public Health said, in a news release last month, that Lyme disease cases are increasing in West Virginia. Governor Jim Justice confirmed his Lyme disease diagnosis last month.

State health officials urged residents to take preventive measures against tickborne diseases. Tickborne diseases are spread through the bite of an infected tick and many of these diseases can also infect pets.

According to the Office of Epidemiology and Prevention Services in DHHR's Bureau for Public Health, Lyme disease is the most common tickborne disease reported in West Virginia. Preliminary numbers indicate in 2021, there were 1,542 Lyme disease cases across the state with others still being investigated. In comparison, there were 1,062 confirmed Lyme disease cases in 2020.

From 2015-2020, there were more than 3,939 Lyme disease cases reported across the state representing a 271% increase. Historically limited to the Eastern Panhandle, Lyme disease has progressively become more common in northern, eastern,

and central West Virginia. In 2017, West Virginia was designated a high incidence Lyme disease state.

"Tick exposure can happen any time of the year, but is most common during summer months," said Dr. Ayne Amjad, State Health Officer and Commissioner for DHHR's Bureau for Public Health. "The most effective way to prevent tickborne diseases is to use tick repellent when you are in wooded and brushy areas."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides the following tips when coming indoors: check your clothing for ticks, examine gear and pets, shower soon after being outdoors, and check your body for ticks.

When seeking medical assistance, it's important to save any ticks that may have been involved with a bite which may help medical staff identify the tick. Medical treatments are effective in treating tickborne diseases and can prevent severe complications when given early in the course of infection.

For more information, visit <https://oepps.wv.gov/arboviral/Pages/tbd.aspx>.

Super Crossword

Answers

E	S	T	E	S		O	M	E	G	A		A	P	E	X		A	B	B	A	
C	L	O	U	T		T	O	S	E	E		T	H	E	E		G	L	A	M	
H	A	R	R	Y	P	O	T	T	E	R	B	O	O	K	S		R	A	S	P	
O	T	O	O	L	E		S	O	N	O	R	A	N			P	E	R	I	L	
				S	E	A	M		S	A	G	E	S	O	F	G	R	E	E	C	
E	V	A			R	O	N			E	N	T		O	L	E	S				
C	I	T	I	E	S	O	F	G	O	L	D		A	P	U	P		T	R	A	
L	E	T	I	N		S	L	I	D		A	A	R		C	U	T	I	E	S	
A	W	H	I	R	L			F	D	R		N	E	C	K	B	O	N	E	S	
T	S	E		O	T	T	O		S	E	E	K	T	O			L	Y	F	T	
		W	O	N	D	E	R	S	O	F	T	H	E	W	O	R	L	D			
H	A	H	A			E	D	E	N	I	C		S	L	O	E		E	S	P	
A	G	E	S	O	F	M	A	N		T	H	O			O	N	E	T	W	O	
A	R	E	T	H	A		I	D	S		E	L	K	S		A	N	A	I	S	
S	A	L		B	R	Y	N		C	A	R	D	I	N	A	L	S	I	N	S	
			S	A	G	A		M	A	D			N	I	T			L	E	E	
R	A	I	N	B	O	W	C	O	L	O	R	S		T	A	L	C				
E	L	R	O	Y			S	N	I	P	E	A	T		L	A	R	O	S	A	
A	G	A	R			H	E	P	T	A	T	H	L	O	N	E	V	E	N	T	S
D	A	T	E			U	T	A	H		E	A	T	N	O		A	T	T	Y	S
S	E	E	D			B	A	N	S		E	B	S	E	N		S	E	V	E	N

“Obits” From Pg 7.

Vivian Irene Stark of Haywood and Doris Jean Miller and husband Hayward of Shinnston; two brothers: John Wesley Fisher and wife Janie of Lumberport and Thomas Mitchell and wife Susan of Shinnston and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Orval is preceded in death by his first wife, Annabell Lou Fiber Fisher; his son, Gary Lee Fisher and a sister, Virginia Caroline Gibbs.

Orval’s wish for cremation was honored and a memorial service will be held at a later date at The Coons Run Baptist Church located at 2142 Adamsville Rd., Shinnston.

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

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

Clarence Fiber, Jr.



Clarence Fiber, Jr., 75, passed away on, Wednesday, June 1, 2022, in Hubbard Hospice Home in Charleston, West Virginia following an extended battle with Alzheimer’s disease. Clarence was born in Clarksburg, West Virginia on September 16, 1946, to the late, Clarence Fiber and Ann Loria Fiber. Clarence is survived by wife, Constance Fiber, and four children. Nicole Fiber of Decatur, Georgia, Christy Fiber Sigmon of Apex, North Carolina, Lori Fiber, Bridgeport, West Virginia, and Clarence Fiber, III of Flemington, West Virginia. Six

grandchildren, Haley Fiber, Nicholas Fiber, Sage Sigmon, Silas Sigmon, Emeri Fiber, and Reece Fiber. Sister, Pamela Fiber Lasure of Columbia, Tennessee. Several nieces and nephews.

Clarence obtained his bachelor’s degree from West Virginia University where he was a starting offensive guard for the Mountaineers. Following graduation in 1969, he worked for the State of West Virginia in Urban Development. In 1971, he moved back to Clarksburg and started his business, Premier Data Graphics. After several years, he sold his business to Champion Industries. As a prominent businessman, he was an active member of Clarksburg Colombian Club. With support of Colombian Club Members, he began the Frank Loria’s Memorial Awards Banquet to honor his closest friend. The Memorial Awards Banquet continues to

honor the top area football athletes and families. Clarence’s love for farming led him to his second business endeavor, CFS Farms, LLC in Flemington, West Virginia, a 900-acre farm on which he raised black angus cattle. He is a member of All Saints Catholic Church in Bridgeport, West Virginia. Clarence was honored at the Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St., Shinnston, West Virginia on June 5 from 2-8 p.m. A funeral service officiated by Father Pasty Iaquentia was held at the funeral home on June 6 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hubbard Hospice Home, Kanawha Valley Hospice, Charleston, West Virginia, or Alzheimer’s Association at www.Alz.org. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Fiber family.

Donald “Don” “Daddy” Eugene Cecil



Donald “Don” “Daddy” Eugene Cecil, 75 of Lumberport passed away on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at his residence. He was born October 6, 1946 in Pine Bluff, son of the late Charles Glenn and Freda Virginia Shackleford Cecil.

Don attended Shinnston High School. He retired as a tow truck driver in Cleveland, OH working for Kuffner. He enjoyed driving, woodworking, painting, spending time with his family and loved his four-legged companion “Tiny”.

Don is survived by his wife of fifty years, Dorothy Irene Chadwick Cecil; four children, Kathern Honaker and Shawn Smail, Lumberport,

Terry Thorne, Ravenna, OH, Bobbie Sue Tolve, Beaufort, SC, Pamela Cecil and Larry Cline, Shinnston; daughter-in-law, Becky Thorne, Nutter Fort; seventeen grandchildren, several great grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by one son, Curtis Thorne; one granddaughter Brandy Thorne; siblings, Raymond Woods, Victor Woods, Levada Deem Jack Woods, William Woods, Margaret Woods, James Woods, Joseph Cecil, Charles Cecil Jr, Wanda Cecil and Mary Cecil.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Davis Funeral Home and Onsite Crematory handled the cremation and is honored to serve the Cecil family. Online condolences can be made at www.DavisFuneralHomeWV.com.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Donald “Don” “Daddy” Eugene Cecil, please visit our flower store.

Robinson Grand plans summer children’s movies

The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center announced, in a news release last week, that two daytime summer movies for kids are coming to downtown Clarksburg this summer at the historic Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center, located at 444 W. Pike St. in Clarksburg, WV.

The Paramount hit “PAW Patrol: The Movie” will be shown on



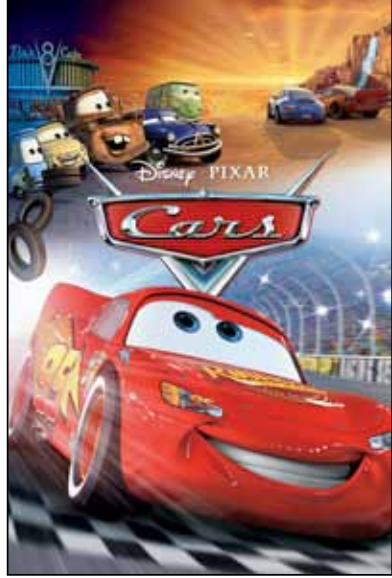
Wednesday, June 29 at 11:00 a.m., and the Disney Pixar classic “Cars” will be shown on Wednesday, July 27 at 11:00 a.m.

“We’re trying something new with these two daytime summer movies for kids,” said Jason A Young, the Robinson Grand’s consulting program manager. “We think it’s a great opportunity for kids, families, grandparents, and even babysitters to have a unique experience on two Wednesdays this summer.”

“We have a special guest lined up to visit us when we screen ‘PAW Patrol’ in June,” said Young. “Thanks to our friends at Cartoon Headquarters, Marshall, the silly and clumsy Dalmatian pup from the movie, will be on hand to greet guests after the film.”

“An automotive-themed week is developing at the end of July,” said Young. “‘Cars’ on Wednesday, July 27 will be followed by ‘Gone in 60 Seconds’ and the North

Central West Virginia Cars and Coffee Car Meet-Up on Friday, July 29.”



Tickets for both films are \$7 and go on sale on Friday, June 3, 2022, at 10 a.m. They can be purchased online at tickets.therobinsongrand.com or by calling the Robinson Grand ticketing center at 855-773-6283.

West Virginia Statewide Classified Network

Featured in WVPA Newspapers Across West Virginia

CAREER

TRAIN ONLINE TO DO MEDICAL BILLING! Become a Medical Office Professional online at CTE! Get Trained, Certified & ready to work in months! Call 877-635-0244. The Mission, Program Information and Tuition is located at CareerTechnical.edu/consumer-information. (M-F 8am-6pm ET)

HEALTH/MEDICAL

LOOKING FOR ASSISTED LIVING, memory care, or independent living? A Place for Mom simplifies the process of finding senior living at no cost to your family. Call 1-888-918-8270 today!

STROKE AND CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE are leading causes of death, according to the American Heart Association. Screenings can provide peace of mind or early detection! Contact Life Line Screening to schedule your screening. Special offer - 5 screenings for just \$149. Call 1-855-915-3562

DON'T LET THE STAIRS LIMIT YOUR MOBILITY! Discover the ideal solution for anyone who struggles on the stairs, is concerned about a fall or wants to regain access to their entire home. Call AmeriGlide today! 1-844-592-5113

PORTABLE OXYGEN CONCENTRATOR May Be Covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 833-274-3943

UP TO \$15,000.00 OF GUARANTEED Life Insurance! No medical exam or health questions. Cash to help pay funeral and other final expenses. Call Physicians Life Insurance Company- 888-217-5559 or visit www.Life55plus.info/wv

DENTAL INSURANCE from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for 350 plus procedures. Real dental insurance - NOT just a discount plan. Get your FREE Dental Information Kit with all the details! 1-855-405-3412 www.

[#6258](http://dental50plus.com/press)

APPLYING FOR SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY or Appealing a Denied Claim? Call Bill Gordon & Assoc. Our case managers simplify the process & work hard to help with your case. Call 1-844-448-0317 FREE Consultation. Local Attorneys Nationwide [Mail: 2420 N St NW, Washington DC. Office: Broadward Co. FL (TX/NM Bar.)]

INTERNET/TV

4G LTE HOME INTERNET Now Available! Get GoTV3 with lightning fast speeds plus take your service with you when you travel! As low as \$109.99/mo! 833-586-1598

DIRECTV Stream - The Best of Live & On-Demand On All Your Favorite Screens. CHOICE Package, \$84.99/mo for 12 months. Stream on 20 devices in your home at once. HBO Max included for 3 mos (w/CHOICE Package or higher.) No annual contract, no hidden fees! Some restrictions apply. Call IVS 1-855-656-0296

DIRECTV NOW. No Satellite Needed. \$40/month. 65 Channels. Stream Breaking News, Live Events, Sports & On Demand Titles. No Annual Contract. No Commitment. CALL 1-855-767-6026

DISH Network. \$64.99 for 190 Channels! Blazing Fast Internet, \$19.99/mo. (where available.) Switch & Get a FREE \$100 Visa Gift Card. FREE Voice Remote. FREE HD DVR. FREE Streaming on ALL Devices. Call today! 1-855-736-4350

EARTHLINK HIGH SPEED INTERNET. As Low As \$49.95/month (for the first 3 months.) Reliable High Speed Fiber Optic Technology. Stream Videos,

Music and More! Call Earthlink Today 1-866-305-7264

HUGHESNET SATELLITE INTERNET - 25Mbps starting at \$49.99/mo! Get More Data FREE Off-Peak Data. FAST download speeds. WiFi built in! FREE Standard Installation for lease customers! Limited Time. Call 1-877-567-2866

MISCELLANEOUS

BATH & SHOWER UPDATES in as little as ONE DAY! Affordable prices - No payments for 18 months! Lifetime warranty & professional installs. Senior & Military Discounts available. Call: 844-601-2044

UPDATE YOUR HOME with Beautiful New Blinds & Shades. FREE in-home estimates make it convenient to shop from home. Professional installation. Top quality - Made in the USA. Call for free consultation: 877-802-8381. Ask about our specials!

HANDS ON THE RIVER MASSAGE, Geraldine Gardner, LMT, 3422 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, WV. Call (304) 541-9139 for an appointment.

PREPARE FOR POWER OUTAGES TODAY with a GENERAC home stand-by generator. \$0 Money Down + Low Monthly Payment Options. Request a FREE Quote. Call now before the next power outage: 1-844-901-2301

THE GENERAC PWRCELL, a solar plus battery storage system. SAVE money, reduce your reliance on the grid, prepare for power outages and power your home. Full installation services available. \$0 Down Financing Option. Request a FREE, no obligation, quote today. Call 1-833-310-1895

ELIMINATE GUTTER CLEANING FOREVER! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 15% off Entire Purchase. 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-844-295-2840



Buckhannon to host national marching band championship

Submitted by the West Virginia Press Association

The National Endowment of the Arts has approved a \$10,000 grant to the World Association of Marching Show Bands 2023 Buckhannon Host Committee to support the success of the 2023 World Championship in Buckhannon.

The WAMSB 2023 World Championship is one of 1,125 projects across the United States selected during the second round of Grants for Arts Projects fiscal year funding totaling to more than \$26.6 million.

“The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support arts and cultural organizations throughout the nation with these grants, including the WAMSB 2023 World Championship,” said NEA Chair Maria Rosario Jackson, PhD. “The arts contribute to our individual well-being, the well-being

of our communities, and to our local economies. The arts are also crucial to helping us make sense of our circumstances from different perspectives as we emerge from the pandemic and plan for a shared new normal informed by our examined experience.”

The WAMSB 2023 World Championship will take place in Buckhannon in July 2023. This is only the second time in 26 years it will take place in the U.S. and the first time being hosted on the East Coast, putting the region and state in an international spotlight.

To date, 47 bands from 24 nations have submitted applications to participate. Visitors to the weeklong event will be staying in the region’s hotels and motels and will have the opportunity to visit shops, restaurants and take part in different recreation opportunities across the state, according to WAMSB 2023 Buckhannon Host

Committee President Randy Sanders.

“We are beyond excited that the National Endowment of the Arts approved our grant application for funding. Every dollar gained is another dollar that will help the city of Buckhannon put on an unforgettable international event. We can’t thank the agency enough,” Sanders said.

The \$10,000 grant is among the latest in contributions toward the event. To date, contributions have been received from the City of Buckhannon in the amount of \$100,000, the Randolph County Commission for \$7,500, Harrison County Commission for \$4,000 and Community Bank for \$550.

This one-time event provides an opportunity to develop and leverage long-term tourism and economic development relationships with international entities, dignitaries, and other attendees from around the world.

Place YOUR statewide ad today any of three easy ways:

Call classifieds at this Newspaper

Or WVPA at 1-800-235-6881 or Visit www.wvpress.org

