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# **Revamped Frontier Days returns**



Frontier Days, offered Aug. 11-14 in Shinnston, offered bouncy houses for kids. Photo by Maralisa Marra.

### By Maralisa Marra

This year, Maria Cusack and Brendan Gallagher said they were determined to revamp Frontier Days for the better.

Rather than having the festival in downtown, the duo from Black & Teal Concepts, working under contract for the city. decided to use the underutilized Ferguson Memorial Park as the new Frontier Days

destination.

Some residents had complaints about the lack of carnival rides. In a previous City Council meeting, Gallagher said he reported to Council that the carnival ride companies would not come to Frontier Days for financial reasons; there is not a gated area to ensure people pay to ride the rides. Instead,

See "Frontier Days" on Pg 3.



A crowd listens to Phil Joel and the Newsboys perform at the Shinnston amphitheater Saturday. Photo by Maralisa Marra.



Judges for the Frontier Days pie contest included, from left to right, Sonia McGrady, City Clerk Kathleen Panek, and Chief of Police Jon Harbert. Courtesy photo.

Rayleigh Cochran, left, won the pie contest. Ashley Dytzel, right, coordinated the contest. Courtesy photo.

# Jackson's Mill Jubilee pie competition planned

The pie contest will receive free admission 4 - 4:30 p.m.). 2022 Jackson's Mill location. Jubilee, according to a news release. The event invited to enter pies is scheduled for the only between 2 and 3

again be featured at the and directions to the

Contestants are afternoon of Saturday, p.m. No pies will be

Ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded.

Contest rules are: 1. Pie fillings must have а West product Virginia

commercially canned pie fillings

See "Pie" on Pg 3.

# **United Hospital Center** new doctor helped break **Guinness World Record**

Bridgeport — In a news release earlier this month, WVU Medicine United Hospital Center announced a new doctor, Dr. Yousef Abdel-Aziz, MPH.

Dr. Abdel-Aziz helped to organize the breaking of the Guinness World Record for the most people to sign up as organ donors in eight



Dr. Yousef Abdel-Aziz, M.P.H. **UHC Gastroenterology** 

hours, which resulted in 3,540 donors.

He received his medical degree from Hashemite University, in Jordan. He also earned a Master of Public Health Administration from the University of Toledo in Toledo, Ohio.

He joins Gastroenterology. UHC Gastroenterology is the study of the normal function and diseases of the esophagus, stomach, small intestine, colon and rectum, pancreas, gallbladder, bile ducts and liver.

Dr. Abdel-Aziz began his preliminary year of internal medicine at Marshall University, at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine in Huntington. He completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of Toledo; while there he was named chief medical resident and was honored with an Alpha-Omega-Alpha (A.O.A.) Membership. A.O.A. is the national medical honor society for the top 1% of U.S. His fellowship training was physicians. completed at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, Tennessee.

Graduating at the top of his medical school class, he has also received numerous accolades throughout his medical education and training. Dr. Abdel-Aziz is board certified in internal medicine and board eligible in gastroenterology.

In his spare time, he enjoys spending it with family and friends, as well as reading, walking, soccer, and listening to music.

Please call 681-342-3690 for an appointment or for more information please visit www. wvgastrocenter.com.

**Council approves arts** 

EEC Building.

Contestants may enter leave them. transport to the EEC complete

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(fruit, nut, or vegetable) as the main ingredient.

Pie fillings must be 2. made from fresh, home preserved, or home frozen ingredients;

# Kind gesture renews WVU enthusiasm



For the past several seasons, I have not followed West Virginia University football like I have for most of my adult life. It might have been the disruption caused by COVID-19 or the lack of a star like Pat White or Major Harris.

When Coach Neal Brown came to WVU Troy from State University, he instituted the "Trust the Climb" slogan and said that he quality players who would represent the they haven't resulted



O'Laughlin, Michael WVU football player

was going to recruit and character. These started to believe this were nice words, but narrative and maybe university with class in a winning season.

Can a football program win with players who go to class and obtain a degree? Many national pundits seem to think that this is not possible and encourage college athletes to go for the money and not focus on education.

When we see a headline about college football players, it is often because of some or criminal scandal activity and many people have lost faith that the young men playing on Saturday afternoons are really in school to obtain an education and build a foundation for a lifetime career.

have Ι probably that influenced my See "Hunt" on Pg 3.

# and culture committee

## Members also discuss city building

### By Maralisa Marra

With no opposition, Shinnston City Council approved a new arts and culture committee, the Shinnston Arts Authority, coordinated by Maria Cusack and Brendan Gallagher, during the Aug. 8 Council meeting.

Gallagher said, "We have so many things in place [in reference to the arts in Shinnston]. Now what we need is a guiding force for that to make sure that as things are created in town, murals are placed, and things like that, there is quality control."

The members of the committee consist of Cusack, Gallagher, Bethany Nuzum, Maralisa Marra, Wesley Benson, and Olivia Davis. There will also be a senior art student from Lincoln High to represent the youth.

According to Gallagher, the committee is representative of both performing and visual arts.

Councilmember Bill Watson made a motion to approve the committee, and Vice Mayor Maryann Ferris seconded the motion.

Mayor Rodney Strait, alongside other city officials, City Manager Chad Edwards, City Clerk Kathleen Panek, and Councilmember Julia Currey attended the West Virginia Municipal League Conference on Aug. 2-5 in Morgantown, reported Strait.

"It was great fun, and it was very informative," Currey said in reference to the conference. "It was really well worth our time."

In other matters, Councilmember Patrick Kovalck discussed high hopes for a new city hall. Kovalck said he is mainly interested in creating an affordable, functional city hall building for multi use purposes for Council and city officials to best serve the city.

"Seriously, I'm all for a new building-something we can be proud of, something we can actually have council chambers in. We can double the council chambers as a courtroom for the city judge. A conference room where we can meet with engineers and delegates," Kovalck said.

"I'm not asking to spend a million dollars by no means. I'm saying for half a million dollars, I think we could

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# Art is for all of us

For the last few years, I have studied art and literature and the impact that they have upon the world around us, and the ability they have to bring us together.

Growing up in Shinnston, the city lacked artistic outlets, creative culture, and attention to the importance of what art can do for a community. I have been in many situations where people create bonds over their favorite literature, Renaissance painters, classic films, and 80s hair bands. However, not one of those situations has taken place here in our little town.

Now, we are determined to change that.

Although introducing a community to unfamiliar content takes time, persistency is always key. The more artists and other creatives push for the importance of their work to be recognized, the more those who are unfamiliar with the arts will come around to the idea of being immersed in a stimulating artistic community.

As a painter, I have encountered many people who have asked me, "Why would I buy a painting for that much? Isn't that a waste of money?" And it stung, for a while, but then I realized they simply just did not understand what art could do for them and the time artists invest in mastering their craft.

This misunderstanding is not limited to paintings. I am referring to all art: visual arts, the written word, performance arts, trade work, culinary art, and whatever else may fit into the realm of arts and culture.

So, what can art do for us?

From an artist's perspective, art can bond people together and create relationships that might not have normally prospered otherwise. Art is not strictly for artists-it is for mankind. One does not have to be a practicing artist to appreciate and understand the power of art.

Artists filter the world around them. To unpack that a bit, think of WWII propaganda: Rosie the Riveter and Uncle Sam. They filtered the world through recognizable iconographic American images.

Then think of the iconic Shepard Fairey-Make Art Not War, remember? Also, remember that Obama Hope poster? Obey? You can thank Fairey for making the 2010s so visually rich.

Aside from propaganda, consider Elvis' song "If I Can Dream," which was solely prompted by the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King. Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy, both in 1968.

Shakespeare filtered the world around him through his tragedy and history plays such as "Richard III," "Macbeth," and "King Lear." Not to mention literature-have you heard of a "Gatsby Party"? We can thank F. Scott Fitzgerald for that. Have you ever said, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times"? If so, thank Dickens for that beautifully constructed diction. What about "Stay gold, Ponyboy, stay gold" from S. E. Hinton's "The Outsiders"? All of these sayings have brought a number of people together in a number of ways.

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Now think of movies: "Casablanca" is an See "Opinion" on Pg 4.

This	Week in
West Vir	ginia History

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at WWW. wvencyclopedia.org.

Aug. 18, 1885: Artemus Ward Cox was born on a farm at Red Knob, Roane County. In 1914, Cox bought the George Ort Department Store on Capitol Street in Charleston. That store became the first in a chain of 21 A. W. Cox stores in West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

Aug. 19, 1863: Union cavalry under Brig. Gen. William Woods Averell destroyed the Confederate saltpeter works near Franklin.

Aug. 19, 1997: Fiddler Curly Ray Cline died. Born in Logan County, Cline was a member of the Lonesome Pine Fiddlers and Ralph Stanley's Clinch Mountain Boys.

Aug. 20, 1851: The oldest statue in West Virginia, a nine-foot wood carving of Patrick Henry, was dedicated at the county courthouse in Morgantown.

Aug. 21, 1861: Confederate troops under Gen. John B. Floyd crossed the Gauley River at Carnifex office-holding to whites. Ferry, Nicholas County, their position. It was the beginning of what became known as the

Battle of Kesler's Cross Lanes.

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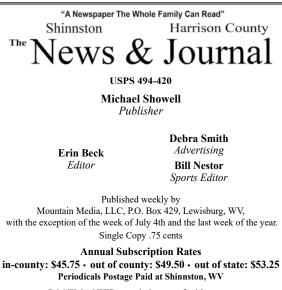
Constitutional Convention of 1872, the West Virginia electorate ratified a new state constitution by a vote of 42,344 to 37,777. In the same election, the voters rejected a controversial convention proposition that would have restricted

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and began to entrench Church established its first "stake," or congregation, in West Virginia. The stake was organized in Charleston with a membership of nearly 4,000 people.

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### FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

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

### **Back to School Giveaway**

Saturday, Aug. 20, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. First Baptist Church Lighthouse 70 Rebecca St. in downtown Shinnston Free clothing and accessories of all sizes and backpacks with school supplies and snacks 304-592-0232

### Hot wing eating contest

Aug. 24, 6 p.m. at Buffalo Wild Wings 45 Betten Court, Bridgeport United Way fundraiser Organizers looking for local bosses for "who's the boss" theme Register or sponsor a contestant at https:// www.unitedwayhdc.org/civicrm/event/ info?reset=1&id=187 by Aug. 24. 304-624-6337

### Passport Fair

Sept. 8 | 10 AM - 8 PM Sept. 9 | 10 AM - 6 PM Sept. 10 | 10 AM - 3 PM 2nd-floor meeting room Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library 404 W Pike St, Clarksburg No appointment necessary. Photographs will not be provided. Passport cover wallets will be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sponsored by the Friends of Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library. clarksburglibrary.org

## "Council" From Pg 1.

build a building suitable companies like that." for what Shinnston needs without breaking requires the bank," Kovalck also soliciting said.

He also mentioned contracts adding on to existing city building. Whichever route of bidder. action is taken, he said he is in support to Kovalck's ideas, "I of the project because think what we need to Shinnston deserve to be proud of this and come back the their city building.

West Virginia law cities, when bids for construction project exceeding the \$25,000, must choose the lowest, qualified

Strait said, in reference residents do is really think about next work session with Kovalck suggested more ideas and look at

# "Frontier Days" From Pg 1.



Phil Joel and the Newsboys, a rock band from New Zealand, play at Frontier Days Saturday. Photo by Maralisa Marra.



A crowd gathers in front of bouncy houses prior to music acts Saturday at Frontier Days. Photo by Maralisa Marra.

the amphitheater and bring in a variety of music acts.

took the stage, as well as Double Vision Band. On Friday, the Chris Weaver Band and DJ Sean Nice & Byron "Six Six" Cooper filled the air with their tunes. Saturday's hefty lineup consisted of Olivia Spino, Austin Glaspell, Andy Benson, Glen Shelton, Last Year's Model, Phil Joel of the Newsboys, and Michael Glabicki of Rusted Root with Dirk Miller.

After two years without the annual event due to the ongoing

### "Pie" From Pg 1.

will not be accepted.

- 3. Crusts must be home prepared; frozen or other commercially prepared crusts will not be accepted.
- 4. Custard pies or pies containing any ingredient constant requiring refrigeration (such as cream

the event to listen to some smooth melodies, grab a funnel cake, On Thursday, Zona Hester and shop from local vendors. Local staples like Soul Miner's Daughter, Mountaineer Bees, and Golden Rose Creations set up to share their products over the three days.

Plenty of bouncy houses were also available for the kiddos after a day in the pool, and the shaved ice was a great way to cool down after hours of bouncing.

On Saturday, Ashley Dytzel hosted a pie baking competition. Out of the six competitors, Frontier Days was a success.

6. Adults, 18 and over: Single

Crust Pie

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they decided to capitalize on pandemic, citizens returned to Rayleigh Cochran's coconut cream pie took the lead after being judged by City Clerk Kathleen Panek, Chief of Police Jon Harbert, and Sonia McGrady.

> Harbert, among other Shinnston police officers, were always present during the festival, and they brought their K9s Jess, Bear, and the new K9 pup in training Briar to get a few sniffs of the funnel cakes and meet some new friends. The pups were friendly and ready to greet their community with wagging tails and wiggling noses.

Overall, this year's rendition of

The contest is sponsored by My Thrifty Mama in cooperation 7. Adults, 18 and over: Double with the Jackson's Mill Jubilee. My Thrifty Mama, a family-Youth Division, under age owned Thrift Store located at 916 US- 33 East of Weston, will provide ribbons and cash prizes One copy of the recipe used for winners in each of the three (crust and filling) must be divisions.

Lee Reger Builds to take what we want and what on the project, "They're we need." in our town. They pay our taxes. I know we a have to bid it out, but I aforementioned think we ought to go to and culture committee.

This reporter is member of the arts



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cheese, whipped topping, etc.) will not be accepted due to lack of refrigeration at the contest site.

5. There will be three divisions:

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interest in our Mountaineer football program. Fortunately, I had an encounter this week that changed my mind about this and gave me a reason to cheer on the Mountaineers this coming season. I was helping a friend assemble some furniture for his daughter, who is moving into an apartment in Morgantown for her second year of law school. After a long day of putting together several boxes of wood and screws, we finally had a table, four chairs, a nightstand, and a chest of drawers ready for her to start classes.

We were left with one final job and that was to carry a heavy mirror from the parking garage to the apartment. Needless to say, I was not looking forward him up and he is an outstanding Sept. 1!

submitted with each pie.

18: Single or Double Crust

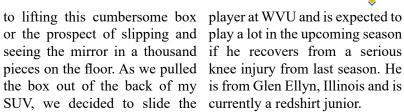
- may enter up to two pies per category.
- 11. The decisions of the judges are final.

or the prospect of slipping and seeing the mirror in a thousand pieces on the floor. As we pulled the box out of the back of my SUV, we decided to slide the mirror and "walk" the mirror into the elevator.

Just as we began this perilous journey, a young man pulled into his parking space and got out of his truck. As he walked toward us, he asked if we needed a hand. He was about 6 feet 5 inches tall and looked in perfect shape. He grabbed the mirror and carried it into the elevator and then carried it down the hall to the apartment.

I asked his name, and he said

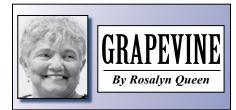
For additional information, 10. An individual contestant contact Annette Santilli at 304-621-3648 or email asantilli@ pancanvolunteer.org.



Michael O'Laughlin could have walked past the two old guys lugging a box but he stopped and couldn't have been kinder. I hope that all of Neal Brown's athletes have the character that this young man exhibited. I'm going to reinvigorate my love of Mountaineer football this season and will be keeping an eye on the big tight end, wearing number 87. Good luck Mike and hope you have an All-American year. Michael O'Laughlin. I looked Don't forget, the Pitt game is







I bet you did not know this. In 1998 when I was contemplating retiring from the Italian Heritage Festival, I wrote a proposal and applied for a grant from the National Italian American Foundation for \$5,000. The grant was for the purpose of recording about 50 interviews with Italian Americans, living in West Virginia, who were born in Italy or had parents who were immigrants. After a little research, I found that there were several written interviews but to my knowledge, there were none in the interviewee's own voice.

Interviews keep Italian heritage alive

who would do the interviews and an individual who could

serve as an interpreter if needed. It also included an individual who could serve as a secretary. When I wrote the grant, I said that I would serve as the individual who would do the interviewing. The grant included materials for interviewing, such as a recorder and tapes. I also inserted funding for all the completed interviews to be copied and stored in the genealogy department of the Clarksburg library. A recorder was also purchased to stay at the library for use with the tapes.

I inserted a questionnaire that included questions that

The grant proposal I would ask the individuals individuals and setting up North View. included an individual when interviewing. Byers helped me compile this questionnaire. I also included a release form that was signed by the interviewee, which stated that they agreed to the fact that this interview could be used for educational and historical purposes and for research, publication, instruction, and other related Fragale who can be heard purposes for the preservation of our Italian heritage.

> information, I submitted the the rosary in Italian. grant in early 1999. While attending the foundation's to gala in October of 1999, its interviews. immediately on the project. I started

Judy times to do interviews. Ι interviewed Pasquilina Mazza and Rose Mazza served as the interpreter. Some others who were interviewed were A Sereno, Rose Greco Martin, Mary Barile Merandi, Nola Tarantino with the Oliverio and Romano history, Joe Tarantino, James Joseph Oliverio, Frank singing an Italian song, and sisters Filomena Oliveto and After gathering all this Judy Oliveto Tiano who sang

You will be able find several other In Fairmont, grant department announced I also interviewed Mrs, A secret and you know it. I that I had been awarded Fulda and Helen Fuscaldo. hope to see you on the street the grant and could start Gloria Alvarez shared the at the festival and until next history of the D'Annunzio contacting family and the bakery in It Through The Grapevine."

In these interviews, you their passion, can hear sorrow their and even their happiness. Spend an afternoon in the library listening to these fascinating stories. It will only make you prouder of your heritage.

The one thing I want to impress on you is that you should record your family history from your parents and grandparents. It will be something that you can share with your children and grandchildren. Be sure to include customs and recipes.

So now it is no longer a week "Now You Have Heard

# WVU Medicine United Hospital Center hires two new nephrologists

Bridgeport Center announced two new nephrologists, in a news release earlier this month. Nephrologists specialize in written kidney care. Both join UHC Nephrology.

Fellow of the American expertise, Dr. Makati also Society Nephrology, of earned his medical degree the 1st Battalion/24th Marines nephrology. Please call 681from the University of Headquarters and Support 342-4500 for an appointment. Medical and Health Sciences Company 4th Marine division, in Basseterre, St. Kitts and as well as MIANG F Co. a native of Ripley and earned Nevis. He completed both his 425<sup>th</sup> long-range surveillance. his medical degree from internal medicine residency

### WVU and nephrology fellowship American Medicine United Hospital at West Virginia University Physicians, Association of School Morgantown.

extensively and making publications numerous Dr. Devan N. Makati, concerning his field of Association. served as a Lance Corporal in in internal medicine and

College of of Medicine in American Medical Colleges, Society American of In addition to having Nephrology, National Kidney for Foundation, American Thoracic Society, and presentations Special Operation Medical

> Dr. Makati is board certified Dr. James "Lewis" Akers is

He is a member of the the West Virginia School

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American household staple that still stands as the ultimate Hollywood classic with a number of pop culture elements that have brought society together-"Here's looking at you, kid"; everyone knows the iconic scream scene in Hitchcock's "Psycho," and everyone knows not to stay in room 1 at Bates Motel; "Grease" brought multiple generations together through nostalgia, music, and dancing-"Tell me about it, stud"; Tom Cruise in "Risky Business" made sure we will always dance to "Old Time Rock and Roll" in a white button up shirt, boxers, and white socks; and "Talk

Any sort of arts and culture enthusiasts are always able to bond over art, but the true magic happens when those enthusiasts are able to bond with sports experts, business gurus, medical field warriors, among others, and that spark stimulates conversations and creates relationships that bind communities together forever...all through art.

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Devan **UHC Nephrology** 

of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg. He completed both his internal medicine residency and nephrology fellowship at West Virginia University School of Medicine in Morgantown.

He has extensive research and laboratory experience, well as as numerous honors and awards for his accomplishments, which include being named "Best please Teaching Intern". He is a wvnephrologycenter.com.



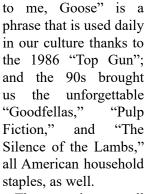
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Here are ten things you should know about getting better sleep; each of these points are based on scientific research and could help you get the most of your sleep. Remember, this advice only applies if you have a sleep problem.

Products containing caffeine (tea, coffee, cocoa, chocolate, soft drinks, etc.) should be discontinued at least four hours before bedtime.
 Caffeine is a stimulant and can keep you awake.

Avoid nicotine (including nicotine patches or chewing gum, etc.) an hour before bedtime and when waking at night. Nicotine is also a stimulant.

Avoid alcohol around bedtime because although it can promote sleep at first, it can disrupt sleep later in the night. Visit **uhcsleepcenter.com** for more information and to download a daily sleep dairy.



Avoid eating a large meal immediately before
bedtime, although a light snack may be beneficial.

Try to do regular, even mild, physical exercise if you are able. Avoid exercising two hours before bedtime.

6 Keep the bedroom calm and tidy. Select a mattress, sheets, and pillows that are comfortable.

Avoid making your bedroom too hot or too cold.

Keep the bedroom mainly for sleeping; try to avoid watching television, listening to the radio, or eating in your bedroom.

B Keep the bedroom quiet and darkened during the night, but try to spend some time in the daylight, or bright artificial light, during the day.

Try to keep regular times for going to bed and getting up.

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The Lakeview Golf Resort is the focus of this week's edition of "Tee It Up." Located in Morgantown, the Lakeview Golf Resort is a short trip up I-79 and offers a great golf experience. There are two courses owned by the resort, but I am going to focus on the Lakeview tract this week.

Tradition is abound at Lakeview as players such as the Golden Bear, Jack Nicklaus, Sam Sneed, and Arnold Palmer have played competitive rounds there.

The venue has received national attention and high marks from various golf publications. It was designed by master mind James Harrison and the par 72 beat is a definite tale of two nines.

The front side is extremely narrow with tight fairways that are lined with trees, and it offers extraordinary views of Cheat Lake. It requires precision off of the tee, and elevation changes make approach shots difficult to gauge.

The first nine's top hole is the 7<sup>th</sup> hole, a 564yard par 5. You are just one errant shot away from a trip to the Burger King parking lot. A birdie or burger could be in your future.

The back side opens up dramatically and lets golfers grip it and rip it off of the tee. They saved the best for last with a 620-yard par 5 finalizing the round. Making matters worse, it is all uphill to a challenging green.

After your round, check out a 19<sup>th</sup> hold that takes a back seat to none. Food, drink, and a view of the 18<sup>th</sup> green are rewards for a great day of golf.

Lakeview Resort offers everything you would desire in a round of pleasure-filled golf!

Joe Crislip takes Low **Round honors for WVGA Senior Series** event at Berry Hills



# Season draws near for WVU



Practice makes perfect game of a season sets the for the West Virginia football University team. The Mountaineers practiced for the first time inside Milan Puskar Stadium last week and are just two weeks away from the opener at Acisure Stadium, formerly known as Heinz Field, against Pitt on Sept. 1. Sure, the name has been changed, but there is no protection for the innocent when Backyard Brawl the resumes after more than a decade hiatus.

WVU Head Coach Neal Brown has been closed-lipped very when asking about the quarterback battle heading into this season. The element of surprise biggest ally is his heading into Pittsburgh. It is the trick up the sleeve that Brown hopes will keep the Panther defense at bay in the opening game.

significance surrounding of schools that loved to this lockup. The first hate each other.

tone for future games, and the fact that it is the Mountaineers' archrival places more emphasis on the outcome.

The Brawl in the fall of 1895 and has been a see-saw series ever since. The Mountaineers hold a three-game winning streak and are 7-3 in the last ten meetings. It is the 14<sup>th</sup> longest rivalry in the country, and due to the closeness of the campuses (approximately 70 miles apart) both squads are always well represented.

The series was solid until 2011 when Pitt left the Big East for Atlantic the Coast Conference (ACC). The Mountaineers knocked on the ACC's door, but they did not answer, so in late October of 2011, they departed the Big East for the Big 12 Conference. It meant the There is a great deal of end of the road for a pair

winner own bragging festivities which ensures rights, the win also that Mountaineer Nation provides a leg up in recruiting efforts for the winning team. This year's edition will bring even more national attention because of the Thursday night showdown that will literally kickoff the college football season.

It is such a big deal that started ESPN will take College GameDay to Pittsburgh for an hour-long special show. Rece Davis will be hosting and his analysts—Lee usual Corso, Kirk Herbstreit, Desmond Howard, and David Pollack—will be joining him. GameDay is the cream of the crop and having them there to cover the Brawl for their 422 show adds to the buildup of this epic clash.

> If the Mountaineers find a way to garner a win over the Panthers, it will open up a golden opportunity for a threegame win streak to start off the year. WVU will have nine days to prep for Kansas on Sept. 10.

> The Jayhawks will come to Mountaineer Field for an evening lockup. The 6 p.m. kickoff provides plenty

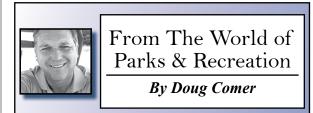
Not only does the of time for pregame will be lubed up for this one.

> A second consecutive game in Touchdown City, in week three, will bring Towson to town. Not to degrade the programs of Kansas and Towson, but a loss to either one would light the fire under Brown for sure. The hot seat is no place to be early in a season.

If all goes as planned, WVU will be off and running when the road comes calling in week four. A trip to Blacksburg to play Virginia Tech for the Black Diamond Trophy will be on the line. These two teams have played 53 times with WVU holding a 29-23 series advantage.

If the Mountaineers can manage to upend both of their long-time rivals, a 4-0 start would be in the cards for Brown. It would be the best start under his watch, and bowl eligibility would be right around the corner with several more games left to play. That will do it for now. Until next week...take care and God Bless!

# Fall Enrichments set to begin in late September



been the staple of the Parks and Recreation Department for decades but coming in a close enrichment that run along the school the property is what for hikers and nature calendar year. While excites Book the most. most parks departments consider the fall a slowdown period, HCPR is moving at a faster pace. Once the school calendar is set then we will prepare our first of three enrichments that span from September through May. The first, Outdoor Adventures, teaches kids about the importance of outdoor life and the surroundings in our area. Whether it is a nature trail or learning about the impact of trees and leaves in our area, Director Mike Book time. It is a great piece uses his experience with nature and spins it into a fun learning activity for the kids. "Fortunately, we are able to see our summer kids all year round by offering the enrichment programs to the schools," Book said. "The first leg this fall will show the kids all the benefits of what nature has to offer. We can cater to Pre-K through middle school students and the learning atmosphere is more hands-on and visual than what can be conveyed in a book." The Harrison County Recreation Complex is a perfect hub to teach the kids about nature as we have many

Summer Parks has places on the property that are nothing but nature related. From the walking trail to geocaching,

The trail is broken down into three areas: the green, yellow, and orange trail. While each has a classroom or activity area, if you do the entire trail you are looking at close to one third of a mile of a walk through terrain that includes steps, hills, and flat areas. To Book, the if the trail was miles and I can say that we made second has been the importance of what is miles in length, it would years ago." programs offered on this part of be one of the best areas

"My wife and I like to frequent the state parks and hit the trails when possible. Whether biking or hiking, we love to get out and see what some of the other parks trails systems consist. And to find this little deer trail and convert it into what we have now while be a footprint that

For more information about our trails and

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WV Press Association Release Sharing CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Joe Crislip of Parkersburg earned the Little General Stores Low Round of the Day at the West Virginia Golf Association (WVGA) Senior Series event Monday at Berry Hills Country Club with a five over par 75.

"A field of 97 golfers saw hot and sticky weather today at Berry Hills, where conditions were tough once again this year," said WVGA Tournament Manager Chance Hindbaugh. "Also, we thank Little General Stores for their continued support of the WVGA Senior Series."

When asked about his round on Monday, Crislip said, "I really didn't strike the ball great today, but I putted fantastic and if you want to win one of these, you have to manage your game from tee to green but make the ones you're supposed to make once on the green."

The West Virginia Senior Series, which is presented by Little General Stores and conducted by the WVGA, is for players age 50 and up. Categories are Senior, 50-59; Silver, 60-69; Gold, 70-79; and 80+.

Division winners were:

- · Senior Gross: Mark Strickland of Boomer
- Senior Net: Brent Terry of Kenova
- Silver Gross: Joe Crislip of Parkersburg
- Silver Net: Greg Lawson of Barboursville
- · Gold Gross: Mike Wiley of White Sulphur Springs
- Gold Net: Bill Yoho of New Haven
- 80+ Gross: Bob White of Hurricane
- 80+ Net: Bill Yoho of New Haven of Mason. The Senior Series is back in action Tuesday, Aug. 16 at Preston County Club.

"When you are in charge, you get to pick what part or activity you want to teach the kids," Book said jokingly. "I love nature trails and walking the trail and pointing out the good and bad things on it is where I like to focus my attention. The kids get to walk what once was a thin deer trail that transformed into an area where groups of students can walk in bunches and see everything at the same of our property and I encourage everyone who visits to check it out."

made over 12 years ago. Parks Department. Book also said,

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The Past

# **OBITUARIES**

Perry Lane Strader



Perry Lane Strader, 68, of Clarksburg, passed away Tuesday, August 8th, 2022, at the Pierpont Center Nursing Home in Fairmont, WV. Perry was born on January 11, 1954. The son of the late William S. Strader, Sr. and Emily "Bonnie" (Lane) Strader of Morgantown, WV.

He graduated from Morgantown High School and went on to study Business at West Virginia University. Perry is survived by his wife, Lelah (Shreve) Strader; his children, Isaac, Jared, Sarah, Rachel, and Noah; his grandchildren Simon, Robin, and Norah; his mother Bonnie Strader; and his siblings William "Bill" Strader and Jeanne Strader.

He was preceded in death by his father, William S. Strader, Sr. and his brother, Stephen Strader.

Cremation services were provided by Harmer Funeral Home in Shinnston, WV. A private memorial service will be held with his wife and children.

A service of Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston.

**Charles Samuels Ozalas** 



Charles Samuels Ozalas has reluctantly gone to his new eternal

and began their business, Tonkery Machine Shop, in Shinnston, WV. Today it is Mining Machine, a family-owned business. Too many great memories at Maple Lake to number, but the highlights were shooting tennis balls, from the canons he created, across the lake to the clubhouse and getting together with friends.

When he moved to Shinnston, the pyrotechnic displays continued. He thoroughly enjoyed "blowing things up" with his grandchildren. Whether it was with fireworks or calcium carbide, nothing made him smile bigger or laugh harder than to see the kids light stuff and run. The Fourth of July was his favorite holiday. He loved all of his children, including a stray one he found along the way. His love was like a pine knot: tough, unshakeable, and unyielding. He was the life of the party and the reason you had to leave. He said nothing quietly. He loved buying gifts for the ladies at the bank, Go Mart, and various other stops he made in his later years. His hobbies included gambling at the casinos and local hotspots, betting on the latest sports games with his friend David, and taking the grandkids to bet on horses. He was a highly intelligent man. His passion was imparting knowledge of electricity to his grandchildren, whilst using his dad's black book that he himself learned from. Math was his favorite subject. He reveled in rattling off equations and formulas to remind everyone he still "had it" and to teach anyone willing to learn. He was a miser but the most generous man you could meet.

He is survived by his boys: John Ozalas, Charles Ozalas jr, Mark Ozalas and Tammy and children Luke and Leila, Joseph and Angie Ozalas and their children Cord and Hunter; his girls: Kate and Rich Walker and their son Toby, Jennifer and Josh Fittro and sons Rex, Emery, and Spencer Charles. He is also survived by his brother Michael and Liz Ozalas along with nephews Michael, Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



The former Dairy Queen Brazier as it appeared in the 1970s. This is now the location of East of Chicago Pizza in Shinnston. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

### Catherene Lorene Kesling



Catherene Lorene "Lorie" Kesling, 100, passed away peacefully at the Fairmont Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center on Aug. 10.

She was born to the late Henry Nelton and Freda Grace (Stone) Logan. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard "Dick" Kesling and Daughter Cheryl Montz. She was the last surviving sibling of her family. Lorie was formerly from Fairmont and retired to St. Petersburg, Florida. Later in Life she returned back to Morgantown.

Elizabeth Riffle Myers, whom he married in 1963; three daughters: Suzanne Hartman of Elkins, Amanda Myers of Elkins, and Karla Amato and husband Mike of Bedford, PA; one son, James S. Myers and wife Robin of Lumberport; grandsons: Maxwell and three Bryson Myers of Lumberport and Frank Amato and wife Kelsey of Woodbridge, VA; one granddaughter, Grace Anne Amato of Bedford, PA; a brother in law and good friend, Kenneth Godfrey of Jane Lew; as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Jim is preceded in death by three brothers: Garry Myers, Russell Myers, and Larry Myers and one sister, Judith Myers Riffle.

A special thank you to the Amedisys Hospice and VA Hospital doctors and nurses, and to Chaplain Jerome Lewis of the VA Hospital.

Graveside services were held on Monday, Aug. 8, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the WV National Cemetery in Grafton with Chaplain Jerome Lewis officiating. Military honors will be provided by the United States Army and the Harrison County Honor Guard.

rest with our Lord and savior, on Aug. 10, 2022, at the age of 83. He did not peacefully pass away as many do; he complained and micromanaged the entire process. He was a Shinnston resident and local business owner. He thoroughly enjoyed life with his friends and family, and he was simply not ready to quit the mischief and laughter.He was born in Palmerton, PA, son of John and Carolyn Ozalas on Aug. 23, 1938. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Franny, his sister Constance Portella, and his partner Suzanna.

He went to Palmerton high school graduating class of 1956. He graduated from Lafayette College in 1960 with a chemical engineering degree. It was in the chemical department, where he not only learned his profession, but where his pranks gained a whole new level.

He married Mary Frances Confer and had five children. He began working for Union Carbide in New York, West Virginia, and Puerto Rico. He never stopped talking about living in Puerto Rico; it was a part of nearly every conversation. He is probably fishing with his amigo Oscar there now.

He enjoyed fishing with his buddies. There wasn't a lake, creek or stream that he hadn't fished the upper and lower part of with his friend Bruce. He loved trapping, hunting, and hiking in his younger days. Exploring the caves of WV, including the sinks of gandy, with his family filled him with excitement. Every late summer warranted a trip to Dolly Sods to pick blue berries and his favorite: teaberries.

After leaving Union Carbide, he and his wife moved to Maple Lake

Mathew, David, Matt, Louie, and RJ.

A heartfelt thank you to his old high school girlfriend Linda for coming back into his life after 68 years. It put pep back into his day and gave him the feeling of being young again. You were the highlight of his morning chats.

A very special thanks to UPMC transplant team and the family who graciously donated the two kidneys that gave him a wonderful dialysis-free 16 years! God bless you.

Thank you to St. Ann's catholic church and Father Chris for their blessings. He was catholic by faith and he loved the services held there. Thank you, Harmer funeral home, for their caring professionalism. They treat everyone like family.

Thank you to the Nurses, housekeeping, dietary and the respiratory therapists at UHC. He was not shy about having his needs known and you were wonderful to be so kind to him in his last days.

He will never be forgotten by anyone one who knew him. He is truly a legend, and his stories get bigger and bigger. His life lessons live on in the generations he touched.

We love and miss you forever dad, papaw, grandpa, brother, and friend.

In keeping with his last wishes he will have part of his ashes interred at his family burial plot in Palmerton. Part of his ashes will be taken to Nokomis Beach, Florida for the one last sailing he wanted.

In lieu of flowers, please pester or prank someone you love. It's what he would have wanted. Monetary donations can be made to local homeless shelters or anyone in need.

A Service of Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston.

She was a 1940 Graduate of Shinnston High School.

A Graveside service was held at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery on Monday, Aug. 15, 2022, at 11 a.m.

A service of Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston.

James "Jim" Henry Myers



James Henry "Jim" Myers, 85, of Lumberport, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022, at his residence. He was born on February 15, 1937, in Weston to the late Elmer Dale Myers and Florence Katherine Lough Myers.

Jim began grade school at Kitzenville Elementary School in Weston in 1943 and graduated from Moundsville High School in 1955. He served in the United States Army from 1960-1963.

Jim had previously been employed by WV Flat Glass in Weston, WV, Ingersoll-Rand Company for many years and retired from the WV Board of Education as a school bus driver. During retirement, he also drove bus for Mother Gooseland.

Jim's interests included stories about his many residences, growing up on farms in West Virginia, and he loved to play piano, guitar, and violin. Jim was a Christian by faith.

Jim is survived by his wife,

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

### Zachary Ryan Gifford



Zachary Ryan Gifford, 38, of Clarksburg, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Aug.8, 2022, at his home. He was born April 4, 1984, in Fairmont and is survived by his parents, Laud Alfred Gifford, Jr. of Clarksburg and Jean Mae Jenkins Spiker and her husband Jeffrey R. Spiker of Good Hope.

Zach is also survived by the love of his life, Candie Jones and their children, Hailey Jade, Skyler Jordan, and Emillia Jayne, all of Clarksburg; his brother, Shaun Derek Gifford and his wife Rikki Hite-Gifford; and his nephews, Derek A., Thomas A., and Alexander D. Gifford of Clarksburg; as well as his grandmother, Florence V. Gifford of Fairmont.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Laud A. Gifford Sr., and Willis Charles Jenkins; and his aunt, Violet Marie "Bunky" Gifford.

Zach loved spending time with his children. He was a loving father, See "Obits" on Pg 8.

# Harrison County Beef Quality Assurance Training planned

There will be a free Beef Quality about how common-sense husbandry Assurance training held on Aug. 23 at practices can also help them garner 7 p.m. at the Harrison County Parks more dollars when marketing their and Recreation complex, according cattle. It can also help expand to a news release.

Beef Quality Assurance is a producers. national program that not only raises consumer confidence, but also provides producers with the tools to assure their cattle are going to provide a safe, wholesome product to consumers. Producers will learn

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brother, and son. He enjoyed playing and Cameron Mahar; Dillon, Todd video games and was employed at and Rosetta Butcher; Cheyenne several local restaurants over the years. He was Methodist by faith.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation services were provided by Perine Funeral Home. There will be no public services at this time. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Gifford family.

Norma Grace Bennett (Swiger)



Norma Grace Swiger Bennett was a loving mother, nannie, sister and friend. She left this world suddenly at her home on Aug. 11, 2022, at the age of 82. She was born in Brown, WV on July 22, 1940, a daughter of the late Leslie Vance Swiger and Ruth Evelyn Fenton Swiger. She was preceded in death by her exhusbands, John Russell Bennett and Jesse Franklin Whitehair.

Norma is survived by her daughter, Sonia Whitehair of Clarksburg; two sons: Norman Leroy and Elizabeth Bennett of Bayton, TX; and Darrell and Melissa Whitehair of Clarksburg; and her daughter-in-law, Cassandra Whitecotton of Enterprise. She was also preceded in death by her son, Ronald Bennett and one son-in-law, Lumberport Lions Club Cemetery. Paul "Tex" Whitehair.

Sonia and Robert

McDaniel; Jasmine Eskridge; Parker McDaniel; Bentley, Byron and Kalynn Bennett; and Emersyn Bennett; two great-great-grandchildren, Breelynn Eskridge and Paige Lynn McDaniel; her aunt, Deloris Wise of Ohio; her sister-in-law, Linda Swiger of OH; as well as several nieces and nephews.

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In addition to her parents, sons, and grandchild, Norma was preceded in death by her in-laws: Archie Earl and Estella Mae Bennett; and Porter and Mary Blanche Moore Whitehair; two brothers: Joseph Swiger and Russell Swiger; as well as her sister-in-law, Patty Swiger.

The simplest pleasures in life brought great joy to Norma. Her personality was contagious as she knew no stranger. She was always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. She was a member of Holy Trinity Chapel. Norma also loved spending time in her kitchen preparing meals for her family. She also enjoyed playing the piano and guitar while singing for the Lord. Her many hobbies included crocheting, playing cards, puzzles, collecting baby dolls, and she was the queen of completing word search books. She is loved and will be missed by many. The family received friends at Perine Funeral Home (1348 S. Pike St. Shinnston) on Aug. 15 from noon to 9 p.m. and on Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at noon. Interment followed at the

The Perine Funeral Home is Also surviving are 14 grandchildren: honored to serve the Bennett family.

# **Helping hands** needed for harvest



Volunteers picked 20 pounds of green beans at the Shinnston Community Garden at 107 Pike St. on Aug. 2. From left are Bethany Nuzum, Marlene Wilfong, and Kim Southern. Kathleen Panek, a member of the base team for the garden, said, "We picked until too dark to see the beans." Along with peppers and cucumbers, 55 pounds of cucumbers were also donated that day. Volunteers continue to be in need.



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Jonathon Parks Jr.; Whitehair; and Amy Brandon and Lauren Whitehair; Alexandria and Matthew Starkey; Audriana Whitehair and Aaron Baker; fiancé Sarah Whitehair and Dustin Williams; Jacob Whitehair and fiancé Lexie Brotosky; Darrian Whitehair and fiancé Cutter Pigg; Hailee and Jacob Vanhorn; Adam and Jennifer Bennett of TX; Ryan and Dana Bennett of TX; Kenneth McDaniel of FL: Amanda Bennett of TX; Cassandra and Timothy Lenhart of TX; and Ron Steven and Crystal Bennett. She was also preceded in death by her granddaughter, Jessica Bennett.

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