



City to receive more opioid settlement funds

By Maralisa Marra



Dr. Patrick J. Marshalek,
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The City of Shinnston, which city officials have reported was set to receive nearly \$70,000 in recent settlements against opioid manufacturers, is set to receive about \$26,000 more, following another settlement with opioid distributors.

West Virginia counties and cities who participated in litigation against the “Big Three” opioid distributors, AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, and McKesson, are

still in the process of approving a \$400 million settlement, according to Warren R. “Randolph” McGraw II, one of several attorneys who represent municipalities in lawsuits against the three branches of the opioid industry—manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies.

The money, about \$100,000 for Shinnston so far, must be spent “to abate the opioid crisis in West Virginia,” according to McGraw.

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Ingra & Co. Dance Studio named Business of the Month

By Maralisa Marra

In 2015, Ingra Hunt Pratt purchased the old Princess Theater building downtown and transformed it into her dream dance studio. For the last eight years, Ingra & Co. has enlivened Pike Street with creative window displays and packed streets every night of dance classes.

“It’s nice that people are interested in taking dance, and it’s definitely a dream



Ingra & Co. Dance Studio, this month’s Business of the Month, is located at 310 Pike St.

come true for me,” she said.

Pratt saved the historic building and gave it some much needed tender love and care, and now the unforgettable, classic black and white façade is a Shinnston staple.

Pratt said she started off with 70 students.

“I’ve been doing the same thing for eight years,” she added.

Now, Pratt has about 125 students enrolled and keeps a waitlist, and she said that the majority of the dancers take two to four classes a week.

“I’m just thankful that I was able to do something that actually did grow. It’s very surreal,” she said.

She has students from all over the surrounding areas—Bridgeport, Idamay, and Fairmont, as well

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Best in Show



Charlie Cowger’s painting, “The Portrait,” wins Best in Show Saturday at the conclusion of the 2022 art exhibition at the Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum. He said, “Art is a good thing. It is a great release.” He has been painting since the early 1970s.

Italian Festival returns to traditions

By Maralisa Marra

Over the last couple years, due to the pandemic, festival lovers have longed for the beloved Italian Heritage Festival to return to its roots, and this year, the festival is back as we know it.

Downtown Clarksburg on Main Street, the 43rd Italian Heritage Festival will return with all its customary traditions beginning with the coronation of Regina Maria XLIII Friday at noon.

Chair of the Italian Festival Board Tyler Terango said, “What I said to the board was, ‘More than anything,

let’s focus on getting the main festival with the tradition, values, and culture that everyone loves back on the street.”

The weekend is packed with events and musical headliners. A tribute band to the Bee Gees, Stayin’ Alive will take the main stage at 8:15 p.m. Friday night; Bon Jovi tribute band Wanted DOA will bring an exciting new twist to the main stage on Saturday at 8 p.m.; and John Lloyd Young, who starred on Broadway and in the motion picture “Jersey Boys” as Frankie Valli, will round out the weekend on the main stage on

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Festival-goers enjoy performances and socializing at the 2019 Italian Heritage Festival in Clarksburg. The event returns this weekend.

My week with dogs!



BUILDING AMAZING CITIES

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

Several months ago, my wife let me know that she would be spending a week in Florida with her friend, Connie. I was glad since my wife loves the beach and I was looking forward to a week alone, sleeping in and catching up on some projects that have been occupying my summer.

I made a list of all the things I wanted to accomplish on my week alone and figured there would be plenty of time to also watch a little golf and maybe a Steelers game. The only thing different this year would be our new puppy Zoe and that should not be much of a change, or so I thought.

When we adopted Zoe from the Humane Society, they described her as a lap dog that was the calmest of the four pups in the litter. They also said that she would likely be on the small side.

As we have discovered, Zoe is growing fast and is already bigger than Jack, our Border Collie mix. She runs throughout the house and her long legs often slide on our hardwood floors as she nips Jack and then runs under the bed to hide. She’s a lovable

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Opposing view: Take pride in arts past

Dear Editor,

I read the editorial in the Aug. 18 issue. I was surprised to read that Shinnston has no arts. That opinion is from another perspective than mine. I admit I did not recognize many of the cited examples - my war slogan of memory was "Make Love, not War"! And many of her iconic references are iconic to her generation; each generation has its own icons that cause generations before (and after) to say "who?"

I am what I call an "alien" (you ain't from here are ya) since I grew up in Brooke County and got here via what I call "a 24-year sentence in Illinois" where I went for work. I cannot address anything pre-1995 in Shinnston, but I can tell you what was here in 1995 and what has happened since.

The Dabblers was a group of artists who met weekly at the library. My husband who was an artist was so happy to find that group that included Deloris Minor and Beverly Paushel. The group disbanded when inability to climb stairs and death decimated the membership.

When the 1996 All-School Reunion of Shinnston High School treated the city to an alumni band concert, the Shinnston Community Band was formed. It still exists in 2022. The musicians come from all over the state, currently from at least seven counties (with a large contingent coming from Tucker County, such is the reputation of the Shinnston Community Band) and in the past even from Pocahontas and Mason counties. The Shinnston Community Band performed at the Robinson Grand! The July 1 Independence Celebration features the Shinnston Community Band. The City of Shinnston had enough respect for the importance of the arts to invest in the performance center in Ferguson Park, a 50/50 grant process with the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture, and History.

The Lincoln High School Band, a large group in recent years, has produced many who became music teachers and performers. Lincoln High School performs a play every year that is well attended. The art department produces entries to the Woman's Club Convention at The Greenbrier annually - coming home with many awards.

Shinnston has produced several authors and poets.

Shinnston has a museum and the Levi Shinn Log House. Both exist because there were people who cared about history and continue to care enough to staff and maintain them so people can visit history.

Nine years ago, the first "Shakespeare in the Park" took place in Shinnston, an event that happens annually. Wind Down Wednesday features local artists who perform for large crowds.

I have been blessed with many guests who are interested in learning about our city, allowing me to take them to tour the Levi Shinn Log House and then on a tour of Shinnston. They are amazed to see what this small City has to offer. In addition to the aforementioned, the Veterans Memorial, the library, the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration, the shopping, Community Garden, and the services

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Super Crossword

APT CITY SIGHTS

ACROSS 1 Inexpensive 8 Nazareth's ancient locale 15 Carbo-loading food 20 Conditionally free prisoner 21 Ram into from behind 22 Voices below mezzos 23 Pooch in a Texas city? 25 Vegas machines 26 Certain snake 27 Employ 28 Margarine, quaintly 30 Eight in front? 31 "That's -brainer" 33 Lock opener in an Oklahoma city? 38 Display stand for curios 42 Marked, as on a ballot 43 Toothy tool 44 See 56-Across 45 Young lady in a California city? 50 Song satirist Tom 52 Stroll along 53 Aegean, e.g. 54 "Shrek!" writer William 56 With 44-Across, "In all probability ..." 57 Cake 58 Cake levels in a Duke Ellington title 63 West of film 64 Long seat in a Kansas city? 70 Year-by-year records 72 AFL- 73 Pooch's mopey pal 74 Band gig in an Arkansas city? 81 Playfully shy 82 Hispanic woman 83 Lines on street maps 84 Plato's "T" 85 "M*A*S*H" co-star 88 Microbe-filled 91 Municipal law: Abbr. 92 - Carlo 94 "The Far Side" cartoonist Gary 97 Opening for light in a Wisconsin city? 100 Alias letters 101 "So Fine" (1963 #1 hit) 103 Singer Yoko 104 Anybody 105 Boxy vehicle in a Virginia city? 111 Scarlet, e.g. 112 Casino game with 80 balls 113 Ruinous end 114 Banks do it 116 Cooked in the style of 119 Maya Angelou's "Still -" 121 Sluggard in a Florida city? 127 Dr. Watson player Bruce 128 As a help to 129 Sign off on 130 Disney Hall architect Frank 131 Try 132 Arrange in a different way DOWN 1 Links gp. for women 2 Sculling tools 3 Prepare a gift 4 Cheat 5 Aged 6 Chain of cosmetics stores 7 Actress Garr 8 Rosey of the 1960s Rams 9 - Lingus (Irish carrier) 10 China's Chou En- 11 Angry feeling 12 Strung along 13 - Gay (warplane) 14 Yard tools 15 Fathers 16 Sign off on 17 Actress Channing 18 Walked unsteadily 19 Ore analysts 24 Wall St. opportunist 29 Of speech 31 Light-footed 32 Campbell of "Scream" films 34 Acne care brand 35 Ale barrels 36 Emend 37 Pile up debt 38 That, to Lucia 39 Orchestral drums 40 Surrounding, as sound 41 Cow on milk cartons 46 Lustful look 47 Noble Brit 48 Get, as profit 49 - fire under (roused) 51 Sweetums 55 Fido's threat 58 Boob tube 59 Large bag 61 "Nine" Tony nominee Karen 62 Cynical reply 63 - de mer 64 Earthen pot 65 Actor Cage, to pals 66 Entryway 67 "Not possible" 68 Toasted bread cube 69 "Yo!" 71 Map source 75 Highway semi 76 Blood type, for short 77 Vocalist Vikki 78 Net tyro 79 "Fame" singer Irene 80 Singers Arnold and Grant 84 Moderately muscular 85 "Great Jewish Joke Book" writer 86 Body of water off Buffalo 87 Get closer, quaintly 89 Kitty's call 90 Yearnings 92 Act silently 93 Fleecy female 95 "Well well!" 96 Dweeby sort 98 11th mo. 99 Vocabulary 102 "Enough!" 106 Tough puzzle 107 Opposite of 104-Across 108 Actresses Stone and Watson 109 Off the ground 110 Omaha loc. 115 Get closer 116 Between the sheets, say 117 Mandolin kin 118 Love god 120 "Tarzan" star Ron 122 Fruit stone 123 Major fuss 124 - -TURN (street sign) 125 - -Magnon man 126 That woman

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia 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.

Sept. 1, 1907: Walter Phillips Reuther was born to German immigrant parents in Wheeling. Reuther was a founder of the modern labor movement and a long-time president of the United Auto Workers.

Sept. 1, 1921: By this date during the Battle of Blair Mountain, miners had captured half of the 25-mile mountain ridge and were ready to descend upon Logan. President Warren Harding placed the strike zone under martial law and ordered federal troops and a squadron of bomber aircraft into the state.

Sept. 2, 1722: Frontiersman William Crawford was born in present Jefferson County. He was a farmer, soldier, surveyor, and the land agent of George Washington.

Sept. 3, 1890: West Virginia Wesleyan College opened as

curriculum. Gradually the school added college-level studies and awarded its first five degrees in 1905.

Sept. 3, 1966: President Lyndon B. Johnson dedicated the Summersville Dam and Lake. Summersville Lake, located on the Gauley River in Nicholas County, is West Virginia's largest lake, with 2,790 surface acres at summer pool stage and 60 miles of shoreline.

Sept. 4, 1862: General Albert G. Jenkins and his men crossed the Ohio River and became the first to raise the Confederate flag on Ohio soil.

Sept. 5, 1861: Sutton was occupied by 5,000 Union troops. Later in 1861, General Rosecrans bivouacked 10,000 Union troops there, including a future president, William McKinley.

Sept. 6, 1875: Members of the notorious James Gang robbed the Bank of Huntington and got away on horseback. The robbery spawned a host of legends, including stories

the West Virginia Conference Seminary. In that first year, 201 men and women undertook a largely preparatory school

about outlaw Frank James - brother of Jesse James -- hiding out in Wayne County. Sept. 6, 1980: The new Mountaineer Field opened in Morgantown with a 41-27 win over Cincinnati. It was the first game of new coach Don Nehlen, who would become the most successful coach in West Virginia University history.

Sept. 7, 1848: Christopher Harrison Payne was born in Monroe County. In 1896, Payne became the state's first black legislator when he was elected to the House of Delegates from Fayette County.

Sept. 7, 1937: Photographer Arnout "Sonny" Hyde Jr. was born in Bluefield. His images of nature and people have appeared in magazines, books, and calendars throughout the U.S. and Europe. e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia

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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.

Clarksburg Chess Club

Social club meets the first Tuesday of each month
Clarksburg History Museum
445 W Main St. #251, Clarksburg
6-8 p.m.
All skill levels welcome
Bring your own chess board if you have one.
Contact Justin Crawford at CrawfordJustin66@gmail.com.

Passport Fair

Sept. 8 | 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sept. 9 | 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sept. 10 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Second 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.
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that are available impress people who visit and bring them back.

Shinnston may be small, but it provides for art, music, literature, recreation, sports, and opportunities to volunteer. It supports our kids and their activities and takes care of those in need.

Those who worked to bring Shinnston to where it is today are sincerely hoping there will be those who will not just maintain but will step up and bring even more to the city with their ideas and hard work. Nothing happens without people who invest the time and energy to make it happen. Join the Lions Club, the Woman’s Club, and the other organizations that work tirelessly to support the bands, the various sports, the churches, and the city in making things happen. It takes volunteers behind the scenes that make things happen.

Kathleen Panek
Walnut Street
Shinnston

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Sunday at 3:15 p.m.

The accustomed appearances of Amici and Michela Musolino and Rose Tatuata will appear various times on the main stage throughout the weekend, as well.

This year, Terango said they focused on recreating and bringing back the events of the festival that people have grown to know and love. But Terango also said there will be a lot of new vendors as well, alongside their traditional vendors.

“I’m excited because I think everyone will be happy with the big return of the normal festival that they all love,” he said. “Then it’ll give us a chance to add all of the other things that maybe they have missed in previous years as we move on in the future.”

Stunt shows performed by the Cincinnati Circus are one of the new events this year, according to Terango.

“It’s going to be something fun and free for families,” he added. “It will be something that’s more entertaining to children and the younger generation.”

After a two-year Italian Festival drought on Main Street, this Labor Day weekend in Clarksburg will feature good music, delicious Italian food, and Italian traditions and culture. Festival-goers can also grab fritti and cannoli from The Bluebird, as well as an updated Italian Festival t-shirt.

“Hunt” From Pg 1.

dog but like many puppies, she digs holes in the yard and chews on anything in sight.

On the first night of my “staycation”, I put both dogs out and secured Zoe in her crate for what I hoped would be a peaceful night. About 5:30 a.m., I heard a slight whimper and got up to let Zoe out. Thinking that she would go right back to sleep, I put her back in the crate and got back under the covers to resume my sleep.

Unfortunately, our dog Jack decided that he wanted to go out and then he went to his dog dish and started to bark. This woke Zoe and I suddenly had two dogs ready to start the day. And did I mention that it was pouring the rain, which created a situation of chasing both dogs with a towel to

dry their paws.

On the following nights, the routine consisted of taking both dogs out, wiping their feet and picking up the stuffing of the stuffed animals that Zoe decided to disembowel. Zoe also had dug a deep hole in the mulch bed that my wife had so lovingly completed the week before she left for Florida. I would sweep the mulch back into the hole, but the rain created a muddy mess that got worse as the week went by.

My list of chores was barely begun and my attempt to watch the FedEx Cup was interrupted with numerous trips outside and Zoe jumping on my chair to attack the bowl of popcorn I had prepared. My arms started

to resemble a guy that fell into a rose bush, due to the sharp puppy teeth and I noticed bags under my eyes, due to the lack of sleep. I was occasionally diverted from my dog-watching duties by calls from my wife, describing the beautiful beaches and the delicious meals that she and her friend were enjoying.

My “staycation” ended when my wife texted that her plane landed in Pittsburgh. I didn’t want share too much of my adventures with Zoe for fear that my wife might reboard the plane for another week at some other exotic location. As I waited for my wife to get home, Zoe jumped in my lap and curled into a ball. It was a week that I will not soon forget!

“Settlement” From Pg 1.

Dr. Patrick J. Marshalek, a psychiatrist who practices chronic pain management in the School of Medicine at West Virginia University, suggested communities devastated by the drug crisis can rebuild by focusing on general health and wellness to promote healthy living habits and repair fragmented communities.

“This is cliched for a reason: an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,” Marshalek said.

Abating the drug crisis

For years, affected communities in West Virginia have argued that opioid companies willfully over-marketed highly addictive drugs, while pharmaceutical companies have defended themselves by saying they followed laws and were overseen by government officials.

Over the last several months, state officials announced several settlements with opioid manufacturers Endo Health Solutions, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Teva Pharmaceuticals, and Allergan, totaling \$290 million.

McGraw has previously said Shinnston’s share of the money is 0.0968%, or \$280,720. Shinnston will actually recover 24.5% of that sum which equals around \$68,800, McGraw said. Another 72.5% of the money will go to a regional abatement fund, which Shinnston could apply for funding from, while another 3% will be held by the state.

In previous interviews, McGraw had noted that Shinnston could still receive more money, as lawsuits against distributors and pharmacies were still underway.

This settlement money will be allocated across the local cities and governments the same way the previous settlement money from the manufacturers case has been distributed, according to McGraw.

“Everything will be governed by the memorandum of understanding,” McGraw said, “The distributor money will be a slightly higher percentage [for local municipalities] than the manufacturers and the pharmacists and the remnant defendants because Huntington/Cabell...is excluded from the distributor money.”

A trial in counties’ and cities’ lawsuit against the “Big Three” opioid distributors, AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, and McKesson, was set to go to court on July 5, then postponed.

The day prior, July 4, Senior Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia David A. Faber had

ruled in favor of the distributors, AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, and McKesson, in a separate lawsuit, filed by Huntington and Cabell County. Those local governments, representing an area frequently referenced as the epicenter of the overdose crisis, had decided to file their own lawsuit instead of joining with other municipalities.

Then on Aug. 1, lawyers for cities and counties throughout the rest of the state announced the \$400 million settlement with the companies.

McGraw said the settlement was agreed upon at about 5:30 a.m. July 5.

The settlement is “frontloaded,” according to McGraw. Over 12 years the \$400 million has to be paid. The first payment is \$50 million which has to be paid by the end of this year, said McGraw.

“It’s around double plus a little bit what West Virginia would have received under the national settlement,” McGraw said. West Virginia did not participate in similar litigation at a national level. West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey had already reached separate, smaller settlements with the companies. However, counties and cities, like Shinnston, collectively filed lawsuits of their own.

According to McGraw, Shinnston should receive about \$26,000 from the settlement with distributors, although he noted that figure could slightly change. For instance, he said, the court may consider court fees the distributors pay as part of their settlement funds.

McGraw also said lawsuits against pharmacies, including Walmart and Kroger, among others, are set to go to trial in mid-September, and Rite Aid just settled last month for \$25 million under threat of bankruptcy.

According to The Herald-Dispatch, “the settlement money is expected to be placed in the West Virginia First Program, a proposed opioid litigation fund,” and that “the foundation will include people from different sectors of state and local government to determine how the abatement money is spent.”

The foundation does not exist yet, but it is being built, according to McGraw.

“Hopefully, they are people who are attuned to the opioid problem and what needs to be done to try to abate those problems,” McGraw said. “I know that there are two [people] that I’d like to see get on there. One of them is a mental health worker, an administrator of a mental health facility in Southern

West Virginia. All they do is deal with the opioid addiction, problems created and associated with it. And another runs a series of drug rehabilitation centers, so I hope it will be people like that [who fill the foundation].”

“Breathe life back in”

McGraw provided a list of approved uses for the money that is focused on prevention, treatment, recovery, research and law enforcement. Meanwhile, McGraw has said municipalities could use the money to repay debts incurred due to the drug crisis, such as jail fees. City officials have said they’re still early in the decision-making process.

In a discussion about the best use of funds, Dr. Patrick J. Marshalek, a psychiatrist who practices chronic pain management in the School of Medicine at West Virginia University, pointed to the lack of “a well-defined front door for who do you go to or where do you [go] for addiction treatment.”

“In various stages of my career, that front door was the emergency department—not the best place to start,” he said. “I think we’ve made a tremendous amount of progress in this state over the last five years or so, but there’s still a lot more to be made.”

He also said with the settlement money, it will be important to continue to support, build, grow, and scale up the drug abatement programs already in place throughout the state.

Shinnston pharmacist Yvonne West and residents of the Clarksburg Mission previously suggested the money would go farthest if spent on social workers, peer recovery specialists and others to meet with and reach out to those still in active addiction. Marshalek agreed with those ideas.

He also suggested the money could be used on prevention. He referenced stable housing, transportation, childcare, and even broadband so people with substance use disorder can access telehealth.

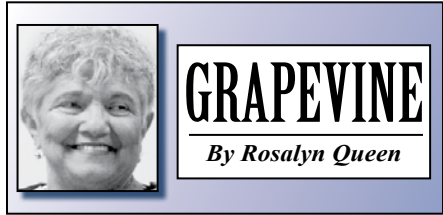
He also suggested the addition of spaces available for people to go out and be active and the creation of more job opportunities.

“A lot of times, we’re talking about trying to breathe life back into these communities,” Marshalek added. “I think a big thing to not forget is the stigma that’s associated with these use disorders still. It’s better, but it hasn’t gone away.”

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GRAPEVINE
By Rosalyn Queen

A girl's dream comes true

On Oct. 10, 1996, Tom and Maria Lucente Bailey welcomed into this world a beautiful little girl and she was named Marissa Maria Bailey. Her proud grandparents were the late Joe and Velma Lopez Lucente and the late James and Dot Bailey. Like all the other little girls in the neighborhood, she attended Nutter Fort Grade School, Washington Irving Middle School and Robert C. Byrd High School where she served as student body president. When she was only two and a half years old, she danced with the festival dancers, under the direction of Ramona Rose. She has participated in every festival since then. She soon learned that music was her love and under the guidance of Pam Pinti Krall, she developed into a beautiful songstress

who was in demand in the area. She was a cantor at All Saints Church under the direction of Stephen Pishner and performed the National Anthem at many local events. She performed leading roles in "The Sound of Music" and "Thoroughly Modern Millie." She participated in the Miss West Virginia pageant and placed first runner up and was awarded in the talent division. Family is very important to the Baileys. Her grandmother was a member of the Lopez family that operated a market in North View and the Lucentes operated a grocery store in Summit Park. She enrolled at West Virginia University and received bachelor's degrees in musical theatre and journalism and then received her master's in integrated marketing communications. She studied

abroad and spent a week in Italy. She volunteered for community theatre and is a member of the Sons and Daughters of Italy. She is employed by WVU Medicine as a special events coordinator. Because of the pandemic, she has had to wait almost three years to fulfill her dream. If you can imagine, she will close her eyes tightly and as the crown is placed on her head proclaiming her Regina Maria, she will open her eyes realizing that her dream has come true. A lifetime of waiting is over, and she will profess her pride in her Italian heritage, a memory that will live on forever. Take care and stay healthy. The Grapevine is proud of Marissa. Enjoy the Italian Heritage Festival in Clarksburg this weekend, and until next week "Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine."



Marissa Bailey, this year's Italian Heritage Festival's Regina Maria, at this year's gala. Photo by Tyler Vincent Hart of Fortitude Productions.

Dancers to immerse audience in Italian culture



Allegro Dance Company, which performs at the Italian Heritage Festival Sunday, is known for its fast-paced, lively shows. Dancers perform Sunday on the main stage at 11:45 a.m.

Harsh states "I had a conversation with my cousins in Italy about olive harvesting and wanted to portray the story of the hard work it takes, from picking the olives to producing olive oil. We collaborated with a band out of Cleveland, Ohio called Alla Boara to provide us with a beautiful love song usually sung during olive season called C'Avanti C'e." Harsh said the festival is a "time for families and communities to not only come together to celebrate their heritage and traditions, but also to preserve and teach the next generation so they can have a better understanding of who they are. The dances that Allegro performs are from my intense research in Italy. We are the only dance company performing them in the United States. It's important that not only people come out and see the show, but also take the opportunity to learn these dances from us so that they are not forgotten and lost." Allegro has toured the United States and Italy giving workshops and performances for festivals, cultural events and universities. They have performed for the late Pope John Paul II, toured with various symphonies and studied with prestigious flag wavers from Italy.

Allegro Dance Company marking their 29th season on tour will once again take the main stage for the West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival this year, according to a news release. Allegro is bringing a new show called "The Olive Branch." Professional

dancers from five different states and eight different cities will perform on Sunday at 11:45 a.m. right after Mass. Their performance "immerses the audience into Italian culture with lively tarantellas, prominent circle dances, opera and a touch of modern

jazz to offer the audience a broad view of Italy," according to the press release. Allegro was formed in 1994, out of the love and inspiration of being an Italian American by founder and director Anna Pishner Harsh.

Morrisey employee to make local stops

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced, in a news release, that a representative from his office will meet with North Central West Virginia residents, including at locations in Fairmont and Clarksburg, to discuss consumer-related issues and answer 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." Pam Krushansky, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the Fairmont event on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon at the Fairmont Senior Center, 105 Maple Drive. The Clarksburg event will be on Sept. 14 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Harrison County Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Main St. For information on additional requirements specific to any location, attendees are encouraged to contact Krushansky at 304-741-5834.

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BUSINESS MATTERS

Folklore and Historical Tours to begin soon

By Maralisa Marra

Shinnston's new business, Shinnston's Folklore and Historical Tours, will begin just in time for the cozy, spooky season right around the corner.

Owner Johnna Nestor said she is very passionate about studying folklore and history.

She also said, "It's going to help bring more business to Shinnston, I believe. That's what I'm hoping for."

She said she discovered this hobby a few years ago, and it was inspired by traveling.

"My mom and I travel a lot, and when we go to all these different cities, we take tours and some of the tours we do include spooky history, and I just really enjoy doing that, and I like listening to it," Nestor said.

Ever since, she said she has thought about doing it on her own and bringing it to Shinnston.

"About a year ago, I thought about doing it, but I wasn't really sure how to go about it, and within the last few months, I looked into getting a business license, I started collecting stories, researching the history of Shinnston, and compiling it," Nestor said.

Nestor said that her tours will focus on the history and folklore of Shinnston.

"We're going to talk about the history of the Shinnston tornado, the flaming corpse case from the 1980s," she said. "I'm going to tell stories that have been collected in Shinnston about some spooky scenarios."

On Aug. 17, 1981, local police and fire officials pulled the dead body of a young man from a burning car near Shinnston; they later found the body, of Timothy Fitzwater, had been removed days earlier from a Taylor County grave.

Tours will begin on Friday, Sept. 16. One will be offered from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and the other will take place from 8-9 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 per person, and Nestor said she is accepting cash on site or PayPal in advance. To sign up for the tour, visit Shinnston's Folklore and Historical Tours on Facebook to secure a spot. There are 15 spots available for each tour.

Nestor is planning to offer tours beginning Sept. 16 and through November, and she hopes to be able to offer the tours year-round in the future.

All tours will depart from the Green Space. Parking will surround the Green Space, and if there is overflow, people can park at the city building. It is advised to arrive 10-15 minutes early to fill out a waiver. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring an extra flashlight. Nestor said she will also be



carrying a black lantern that lights up to lead the way.

The tour is two miles long and includes some inclines and will take 45 minutes to an hour. Nestor said that in the near future, she will be offering less strenuous tours that will only be a mile long.

She also said she would love to provide the tours as a learning activity

for high school students.

"I really do hope this brings a sense of community to Shinnston and makes people proud of our area, and it gives us something fun to do in addition to the other things that we have in town such as shopping and eating," Nestor said. "I hope this is just a different type of cultural event that people can take part in."

"Dance Studio" From Pg 1.

as other cities.

She said she calls those on the waitlist the following year.

She said the hard work that goes into each dance season is rewarding.

"The kids especially, I've watched them grow up. I have kids that started when they were three that are on the middle school dance line now," Pratt added. "I really get close with the kids and get to know them. It's special, it really is."

Pratt is also the choreographer for the Lincoln Middle dance team.

The majority of Pratt's dance routines are inspired by her students.

"I have to get a vibe from the students. I can't just make a routine and take it to them. It's generally on the spot or something they inspire me to do," she said.

Each year, Pratt develops themes for their recitals, and she said she likes to switch it up every year. One year the recital might be a little more emotional than the last, and the next year it might be a little happier and upbeat.

She said, "I just try to keep the themes mixed, so it's never the same thing, it never gets boring. I also try to incorporate a little bit of everything into the shows because I feel like we're going to reach somebody by doing that. Somebody's going to see something they like."

As Pratt moves forward, she said,

"I just want to keep growing." She said she has given thought to having a competition dance team, as well.

Every year, Pratt said she tries to take one room of the studio and renovate it.

"I take one room a year, even though it's all done, but I like to make it different all the time," she said. "I like to change it up. Change up the windows. Change up the classes. As far as a goal, I'm just going to keep growing and see what happens."

Her students also dance in various parades in surrounding areas. If there is an Irish parade in Shinnston, Pratt said she plans to have her Irish dancers dance in it, as well. According to Dance U.S., Irish dance is "performed traditionally with intricate footwork and is most known for the dancers performing with a stiff upper body. Unlike other dance forms, Irish dancers do not move their arms or hands so that footwork is accented."

Ingra & Co. has brought an elegant, creative touch to Shinnston, and Pratt is determined to continuously make her mark on the town through instilling confidence and creativity in the youth, all while sharing her knowledge and love of dance with them.

Registration and open house took place Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. Classes are scheduled to begin Oct. 3.

MVB enters into merger agreement

MVB Financial Corp., the holding company for MVB Bank, Inc., announced that it has entered into a definitive merger agreement pursuant to which MVB will acquire Integrated Financial Holdings, Inc. in an all-stock transaction.

IFH is headquartered in Raleigh, North Carolina, and is the parent company of five wholly owned subsidiaries, including West Town Bank & Trust and Windsor Advantage, LLC, according to a news release.

"MVB continues to focus on key growth initiatives as part of our MVB-F1: Success Loves Speed Strategic Plan. Even in wet track market conditions, MVB continues

to be opportunistic and look for deals that make sense to our business model. This acquisition accelerates both our SBA and Strategic Lending Partnerships growth vehicles to the benefit of our clients and shareholders. Both strong companies on our own, together we become a national leader in government guaranteed lending, specifically SBA and USDA lending," said Larry F. Mazza, CEO, MVB Financial. "We believe we have an excellent cultural fit and outstanding additions of talent with Eric Bergevin, Riddick Skinner and Mike Breckheimer joining Team MVB."

Fairmont State Foundation welcomes three new board members

The Fairmont State Foundation has announced, in a news release, the addition of three new members to its board of directors, including Taylor Downs, John Guido and Christina Lavorata.

"We are so enthusiastic to have these highly capable and genuinely caring individuals join our board," said Fairmont State Foundation President, Rachel Rae Dyer. "We are grateful to them for taking on this important role, and we look forward to welcoming them to our Falcon Community."

Taylor Downs, who earned a JD from West Virginia University in 2011, is a member and attorney at Manchin Injury Law Group in Fairmont, and a member and attorney at Manchin Ferretti, PLLC in Martinsburg. In addition to more than 10 years of experience in personal injury law, Downs has extensive experience serving on boards for professional associations and regional agencies, including the American Association for Justice, the WV Association for Justice, the South Fairmont Rotary and the

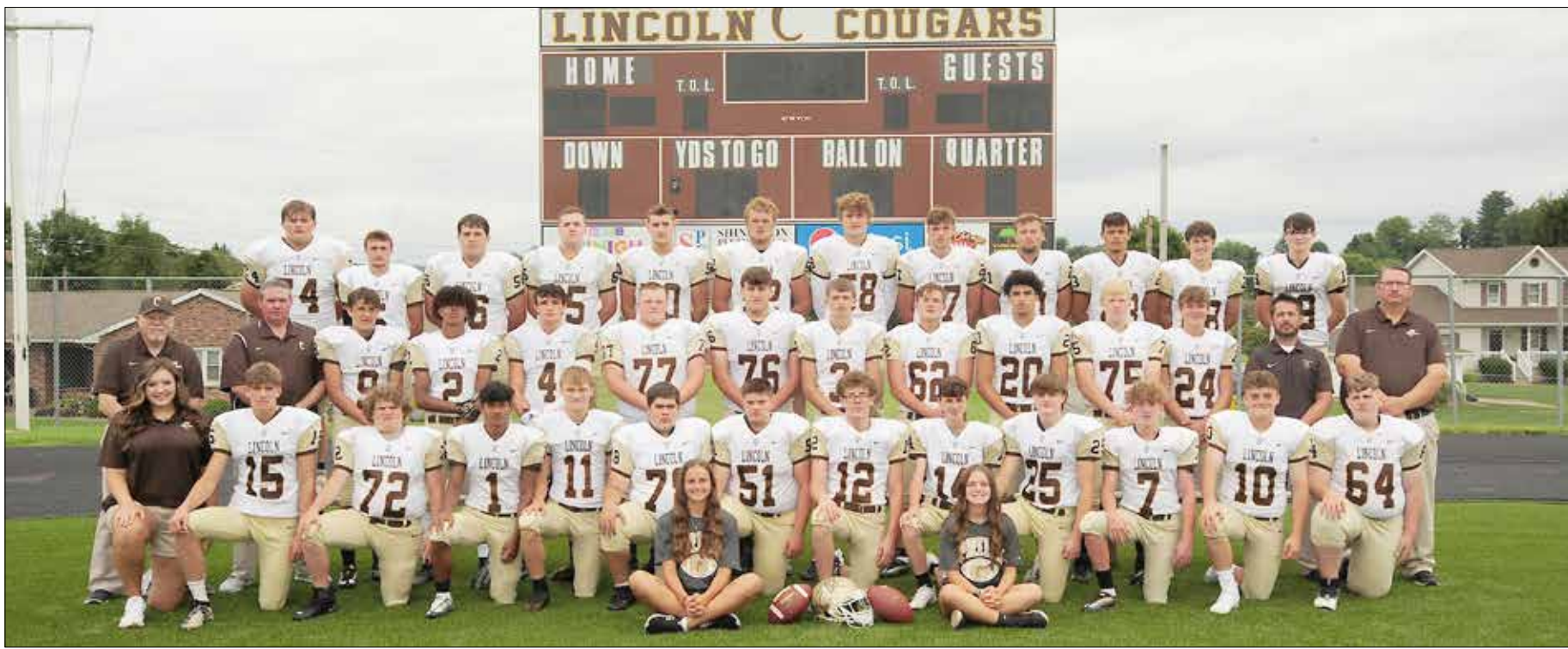
Marion County Rescue Squad.

John Guido is a partner with Baker Tilly US, LLP. He has 40 years of domestic and international audit and accounting experience. He is a leader on issues regarding federal program compliance audits performed under Uniform Guidance, audits of employee benefit plans subject to requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as well as public company audits performed under the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and regulations of the Securities Exchange Commission.

Christina Lavorata is a 1970 graduate of Fairmont State with a degree in elementary education. She also holds an MA and an Ed.D. from West Virginia University. Lavorata taught in Marion County schools from 1971 through 1998, before joining the faculty in the Education Department at Fairmont State. In 2004, she transitioned from teaching to administrative roles, serving as associate provost and provost at Fairmont State until 2018.

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LINCOLN FOOTBALL 2022



The 2022 Lincoln Cougar Football Team. Photo courtesy Sam Santilli Photography

Lincoln looks for more

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

The Lincoln football team has been at the top of the game under the tutelage of veteran mentor Rob Hawkins.

Last year, the Cougars corralled the #4 seed in Class AA. This year, Hawkins and company are prepared to take the next step towards a state championship.

Lincoln's roster is 34 strong with 15 returning starters, and that experience is key according to Hawkins, "We have a lot of guys that have seen a lot of snags." It is not only the fact that there are so many players that started on last year's edition, it is also the additional players that saw extensive action that will fill the exciting voids.

"We had quality backups last year, and they will step up and fill those rolls," Hawkins explained.

The offense will be run by senior signal-caller Nick Kellar. The center of his line will be senior Dakota Peele, and the guards are seniors Mason Quinones and Tyler Stevens. The tackles are seniors Kobi O'Dell and Caleb Miller. The backfield is a pair of standouts: seniors Antwan Hilliard and Levi Moore. The receivers include a foursome that is comprised of juniors Brayden Edgell, David Burdette, and Maddox Perine, and sophomore Aiden Rice. Burdette will also see time in the backfield. Juniors Gerald Parado and Noah Sears are also in the mix on the outside.

Junior Nate Swiger will also lend support in the backfield while fellow juniors, Riley Lanham and Dillon Shaw, will see time on the line.

On the defensive side of the ball, O'Dell and Peele are the tackles. The defensive ends are Quinones

and senior Corbin Ayers. Shaw will also see reps at defensive end.

The linebacking corp is led by four-year starter Moore. Swiger joins him on the inside while senior Lance Hostuttler is the outside backer.

Hilliard moved from linebacker to join Burdette as the safeties. Parado and Edgell are the cornerbacks.

Special teams play is an integral part of any team's success and Hawkins has top performers here, as well.

Junior Liam Gallagher is the kicker and Perine is the punter. Freshman Cade Riley is pushing for time at both positions. The kick returners are Swiger, Burdette, and Stevens. Edgell and Parado will handle the punt returning duties.

The Cougars will be under the lights at Stydahr Field on Sept. 9 against Grafton for their first home game of the season.

The schedule is full of playoff teams from a year ago and a few squads that narrowly missed out on the extra season.

The Cougars have all of the ingredients and experience to make this a special season. If they can stay healthy, they will be a force once again in Class AA.

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08/26/22	7:00PM	A	BRAXTON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL	68 - 20	W
09/09/22	7:00PM	H	GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL	-	-
09/15/22	7:00PM	H	NICHOLAS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL	-	-
09/23/22	7:00PM	A	NORTH MARION HIGH SCHOOL	-	-
09/30/22	7:00PM	H	LEWIS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL	-	-
10/07/22	7:00PM	H	ROBERT C BYRD HIGH SCHOOL	-	-
10/14/22	7:00PM	A	ELKINS HIGH SCHOOL	-	-
10/21/22	7:00PM	A	LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL	-	-
10/28/22	7:00PM	H	SCHOOL-HARRISON PHILIP BARBOUR HIGH SCHOOL	-	-
11/04/22	7:00PM	A	BRIDGEPORT HIGH SCHOOL	-	-

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#	Pos.	Name	Gr	Ht	Wt
1	CB	Gerald Parado	11	5'5	134
2	CB/WR	Brayden Edgell	11	5'11	150
3	WR/S	Noah Sears	11	6'1	149
4	WR/K	Liam Gallagher	11	5'11	174
5	QB	Nick Kellar	12	5'8	143
7	DB/WR	Cade Heflin	9	5'7	129
9	QB/DB	AJ Bart	9	5'10	158
10	LB/TE/K	Cade Riley	9	5'8	167
11	RB/WR/S	David Burdette	11	5'10	157
12	WR/DB	Samuel Flint	10	5'11	159
14	WR/DB	Christopher Mazzei	9	5'6	100
15	WR/DB	Aiden Rice	10	6'2	167
19	WR/DB	Kaden Carder	10	5'11	145
20	WR/LB/P	Maddox Perine	11	6'1	194
21	LB/RB	Levi Moore	12	6'2	218
23	RB/S	Antwan Hilliard	12	5'11	182
24	RB/LB	Nathan Swiger	11	6'	170
25	LB/RB	Trenton Hardesty	9	5'8	145
27	TE/LB	Lance Hostuttler	12	6'2	178
28	DE	Corbin Ayers	12	5'9	165
38	WR/DB	Patrick Kovach	12	5'7	136
50	DT/C	Dakota Peele	12	6'2	219
51	DT/C	Gabe Kellar	10	5'9	209
52	T	Kobi O'Dell	12	6'2	248
56	DE/G	Mason Quinones	12	6'	240
58	G/DT	Tyler Stevens	12	6'1	261
62	DE/OL	Dillon Shaw	11	5'10	187
64	DL/OL	Brayden Faber	9	5'11	254
65	DL/OL	Talan Dyer	12	6'1	197
72	DL/OL	Landon Taylor	10	5'1	174
74	OT/DT	Caleb Miller	11	6'3	295
75	OL/DL	Riley Lanham	11	5'11	200
76	OT/DT	Zach Cottrill	10	6'3	270
77	OL/DT	Christian Skidmore	10	5'9	287
78	OL/DL	CJ Hayes	11	5'5	232

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Mothman Festival in September sparks HCPR interest



From The World of Parks & Recreation
By Doug Comer

For those who do not know, there are many legends and myths in the Mountain State. Sightings of Big Foot in Harrison County, huge two-headed turtles in Morgantown, and even a white blob-looking creature was spotted in Grafton. I am sure you definitely know about one of those creatures. I am also sure you know about the Mothman.

He was spotted for the first time in 1966. This red-eyed winged creature roamed the Point Pleasant area, and many witnesses who met the creature close up claimed that he resembled an enormous owl with red eyes, 12-foot wingspan, and was over seven feet tall. Sadly, one of the last sightings happened during the winter months standing on the Silver Memorial Bridge in Point Pleasant.

In the winter of 1967, many vehicles were crossing the bridge when there was a shift and it collapsed killing 45 people. Many said that the Mothman was perched on the highest part of the bridge, which was built in the 1930s. Later inspection claimed that a single link on the bridge caused stress corrosion, cracking, and eventual collapse.

Others think it may have been something different.

Claims were made that mysterious men in black matching suits came to question folks in the area about the accident as well as seeing the Mothman. Maybe there was a connection between the Mothman and the accident? Or, as others say, it could have happened because of a curse laid onto the town by an old Native-American Chief named Cornstalk. Maybe it was simply just an accident. Many people have different ideas of what happened.

All-in-all, no matter whether people believe it or not, the Mothman is still celebrated as the town hosts a festival in September that always draws people from surrounding states. The weekend activities always fall on the third weekend of the month, and Main Street, between the 200-500 block, is packed with people, vendors, and even cosplay to pay homage to the cryptid. The town is flooded with tens of thousands for the weekend event.

Now, you are probably trying to figure how this links to Parks and Recreation. Here is your answer:

Our walking trail has a section for legends of West Virginia, and the Mothman is one of the highlights of that trail. The rabbit hole of information gathered has opened other avenues for staff to teach to the kids that visit for enrichments. Director Mike Book, who may know the most about Legends Loop, feels that things like this needs to be spoken about whether kids believe in it or not.

“Personally, when kids are given the info that we gather, we just ask them what they think about what we told them,” Book said. “Some believe and some do not and that is okay with us as we want them to take in all the info and render their own decision. I just love telling the kids about the stories of the legends in hopes of piquing their interest into studying more about them.”

If you are interested in learning a little about some of our legends in the area, take a trip out to the Recreation Complex, hit the trail, which begins at the far-right corner of the park, get some exercise, and make your opinion about the Legends of the Loop.

The Mothman Festival is scheduled to take place on Sept. 17 and 18 in Point Pleasant.



Lincoln football captains lineup for the first coin toss of the season last Friday at Braxton County. From left are Kobi O'Dell (52), Antwan Hilliard (23), Levi Moore (21), and Nick Kellar (5).

County football teams open the season



The Bottom Line
By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

This past weekend the football season started for all five Harrison County teams. County teams fared well as Lincoln, Bridgeport, and Liberty all picked up wins while Robert C. Byrd and South Harrison suffered setbacks.

The Cougars took to the road and earned a 68-20 win over Braxton County. Lincoln dashed out to a 35-0 lead in the second quarter and never looked back. Quarterback Nick Kellar connected with Aiden Rice on a seven-yard pass play to get the scoring started. Liam Gallagher added the point after, and the visitors were off and running. Antwan Hilliard added back-to-back scoring runs of 15 and 14 yards respectively.

The defense got into the act when Lance Hostuttler intercepted an Eagle pass and went 36 yards to pay dirt. Maddox Perine hauled in a Kellar pass on a 35-yard scoring connection. After Braxton County found the scoreboard, Hilliard earned the hat

trick on a one-yard plunge. Bayden Edgell and Kellar hooked up on a 26-yard pass play to extend the Cougar lead to 49-7.

David Burdette took a handoff and dashed 38 yards for a Lincoln score. Perine scooped up a fumble and rambled 51 yards for six points. Gallagher caught a 27-yard touchdown pass from A.J. Bart, and Cade Riley added the extra point to end the scoring.

Kellar was a near perfect 8 of 9 passing for 186 yards and three touchdowns. Edgell hauled in four passes for 127 yards.

This week, Lincoln has a week off and will prepare for the home opener with Grafton.

Bridgeport hammered Buckhannon-Upshur, 63-7. The Indians had five rushers gain 50 yards or more. The Tribe ran out to a 42-0 halftime lead and never looked back. Phil Reed gained a game-high 158 yards on nine carries along with a pair of touchdowns. Tyler Martin had 68 yards on three rushes with a 46-

yard touchdown. Ryan Hall picked up 58 yards and three rushing scores in the process. The Bridgeport defense only allowed four Bucs first downs.

Liberty edged Elkins 21-20 in overtime. The Mountaineers scored first on a five-yard run by Jayce Clevenger. The Tigers connected on a pair of field goals to cut the Liberty lead to a point. Clevenger scored on a two-yard run. Elkins eventually tied the game and forced overtime. Jace Bartly scored on a seven-yard run. Jenson Dodd hit his third consecutive point after which proved to be the game winning point when Elkins missed their attempt to force a second overtime.

Keyser upended RCB, 35-21. The Flying Eagles held a 14-0 first quarter lead. The Golden Tornado scored four consecutive touchdowns to claim the victory in Clarksburg.

RCB was led by senior signal-caller Nick George. George was 17 of 41 for 276 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Bryce Byrd caught four balls for 126 yards including a 72-yard score. Brayden Thomason hauled in six passes for 90 yards and a 52-yard touchdown.

Doddridge County defeated South Harrison, 25-6. The Hawks' defense was impressive and forced four Bulldog turnovers. However, their offense struggled to manage only one touchdown in the fourth quarter on a Caden Davis run from one yard out. Aiden Moreno led the South Harrison ground game with 98 yards on 17 attempts. The Hawks played a disciplined game, commuting only two penalties for 15 yards and no turnovers in the affair.

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

It's that time once again to acknowledge the efforts of Harrison County's student-athletes. Each week we review the performances of the athletes from the six schools (Bridgeport, Liberty, Lincoln, Notre Dame, Robert C. Byrd, and South Harrison) in our county.

The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal's Athlete of the Week award is an avenue to promote the youth of our county while bringing attention to their athletic accomplishments.

This past week's winners of the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal Athletes of the Week Award are Lincoln's Payton Riley and Robert C. Byrd's Brayden Thomason.

Cougar soccer player Payton Riley helped her team to a pair of wins while scoring six goals in the process. Riley scored three goals in last Thursday's victory over Liberty. Riley added her second consecutive hat trick in an 8-0 win over Braxton County last Saturday.

Flying Eagle soccer and football player Brayden Thomason had an impressive week on the pitch and the field. Thomason scored three goals in Tuesday's win against Williamstown. On Friday, Thomason caught six passes for 90 yards. It was his first varsity football game and Thomason responded with a 52-yard touchdown reception in the loss to Keyser. Thomason finished the week with a goal in RCB's win over Wheeling Central on Saturday.

Congratulations to Payton Riley and Brayden Thomason for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal Athletes of the Week!

Parks Commission Board invites applicants



Harrison County residents with an interest in the Parks and Recreation Department can apply for a vacancy with the board effective immediately, according to a news release. Following the WV Code Harrison County Parks guidelines, the Parks

Commission is a board consisting of 10 land-owning citizens including representation of one member from the County Commission.

Commission meets a minimum of once a month to discuss the day-to-day operations, budget as well as long-term projects, and capital improvements to properties leased by the Parks Department.

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HEALTH NEWS

UHC, other WVU Medicine hospitals recognized for electronic medical record adoption

United Hospital Center is one of 12 WVU Medicine hospitals that received high marks for its adoption of electronic medical records (EMR), according to a news release.

The HIMSS Electronic Medical Record Adoption Model (EMRAM) measures clinical outcomes, patient engagement, and clinician use of EMR technology to strengthen organizational performance and health outcomes across patient populations. The internationally applicable EMRAM incorporates methodology and algorithms to score a whole hospital, including inpatient, outpatient, and day care services provided on the hospital campus. EMRAM scores hospitals

around the world relative to their digital maturity, providing a detailed road map to ease adoption and begin a digital transformation journey towards aspirational outcomes.

Measuring evidence-based data at each stage, organizations use EMRAM to optimize digital work environments, improve performance and financial sustainability, build a sustainable workforce, and support an exceptional patient experience. Leveraging information digitally improves patient safety and clinician satisfaction by reducing errors in care, length of stay for patients and duplicated care orders, and streamlining the access and use of data to inform care delivery.

Twelve WVU Medicine hospitals have received Stage 7 validation – the highest possible – from HIMSS. They include:

- Berkeley Medical Center
- Braxton County Memorial Hospital
- Camden Clark Medical Center
- Jackson General Hospital
- J.W Ruby Memorial Hospital
- Potomac Valley Hospital
- Reynolds Memorial Hospital
- St. Joseph's Hospital
- Summersville Regional Medical Center
- Uniontown Hospital
- United Hospital Center
- Wetzel County Hospital

“HIMSS Stage 7 doesn't just benchmark whether you have the capability, it benchmarks your actual utilization of the technology to improve safety. There are around 270 hospitals in the country that have reached a HIMSS Stage 7. When you look at what we're doing as an organization compared to our peers, 12 out of 270 is a pretty high percentage for a health system with 17 member hospitals,” Albert L. Wright, Jr., president and CEO of the WVU Health System, said. “Our leadership team is committed to making sure not only do we have the technology, but we're utilizing it to make sure we're taking great care of patients.”

CCC Museum seeks participation

Members of the public are invited to the West Virginia CCC Museum Association meeting on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 3:30 p.m. in the Quiet Dell Schoolhouse, according to a news release.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect a board of directors and to discuss ideas to further upgrade the museum to encourage participation and solicit public input. There is a growing amount of public interest in the time period surrounding World War II, said Joy Winet, treasurer.

During the pandemic, several members of the WV Heritage Crafts Co-Op cleaned and arranged exhibits in the Schoolhouse. They have been invited to join the Association free of charge as a thank you for their much-appreciated efforts.

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OBITUARIES

Eva B. Bragg Kerns



Eva B. Bragg Kerns, 88, passed away on August 22, 2022. She was born in Wallace, WV on Nov. 7, 1933, to the late William Lee Bragg and Carrie Bell (Dye) Bragg. She married her late husband, Loren V. Kerns, on September 23, 1954.

Eva is survived by her children, son Loren V. Kerns Jr. and wife Tempest of Farmington; daughter Francis Joyce Babbin, daughter Carrie Lee DeLaCruz, son Kevin (Trapper) Kerns, daughter Annie Kay Kerns, all of Lumberport; brother Raymond Bragg and wife Mary of Beachwood, NJ; sister Glenna L. Hall of Lumberport; grandchildren: Joshua Garrett (Kerns), Vanessa Kerns, Jesse L. Delacruz (Tiffini), Markie W. Babbin, Alta Kerns, Sarah R. DeLaCruz (Thomas), Amanda D. Cagle (Zach), Matthew A. Cagle, Anna M. Yeager (Dylan); and seven great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her twin sister Evie M. Kline; sisters: Mary Bragg, Freda Bragg, Leatric Bragg, Elizabeth Haught; and brothers Herman and Henry Bragg.

Eva graduated Wallace High School in 1952. She worked at Lydie Clark Nursing Home in Clarksburg as a PCA for five years, then at UHC as a PCA for nineteen years. She was a devoted wife and mother who raised five children, took care of a garden, and multiple farm animals. She loved to spend time with her family, read, work puzzles, and travel. Eva

had a heart of gold and would do anything to help people in need.

Friends were received at Harmer Funeral Home on Aug. 25 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. A funeral service was held at the funeral home on Aug. 26 at 1 p.m. Interment followed at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

A service of Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston.

Sarah Kathaleen (Leasure) McIntire



Sarah Kathaleen McIntire, 67, of Shinnston, passed away on Aug. 23, 2022, at United Hospital Center. She was born in Fairmont on Aug. 12, 1955, to the late Eugene Leasure and Adalene (Satterfield) Leasure.

She worked as a clerk, loved to bake and crochet, and most of all, she loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Sarah is survived by her two sons: Franklin Jackson and wife Dottie of Enterprise and Eugene Jackson and life partner Kelly Hensley of Shinnston; three granddaughters: Sarrica Layman, Katelynn Hayes, and Brittney Jackson; one grandson, Kasey Jackson; two step-granddaughters: Jessica Espinosa and Summer Mendez; one step-grandson, Geoff Peele; 24 great grandchildren; one brother, Aaron "Butch" Leasure and wife Katherine of KS; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, David McIntire; one daughter, Penny Hayes; one brother, William Leasure; and one sister, Shirley Beeles.

Family and friends were

received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, on Monday Aug. 29 from 2 to 7 p.m., time of service, with Aaron "Butch" Leasure officiating. Honoring her request, she was cremated. Inurnment at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery will follow at a later date.

Arwin Bradley "Red" Underwood



Arwin Bradley "Red" Underwood, 81, of Shinnston, Peora Community, passed away on Friday, Aug. 26, 2022, at the Genesis Salem Center. He was born in Jacksonburg, WV, Dec. 14, 1940, a son of the late Frank and Nellie Opal Fisher Underwood. On Oct. 26, 1963, he married Helen Louise Shay Underwood who survives. Also surviving are one son, Aaron B. Underwood and his wife Kelly of Fairmont, and several cousins.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Underwood was preceded in death by one son, John Dorsey Underwood. Red, as he was known, started his career working in construction at the Harrison Power Station. He later became a coal miner and worked in several mines including: Williams, Blacksville, Martinka, Pursglove, and Robinson Run from which he retired.

He was a member of the St. John's Lodge #24 A.F. & A.M., Shinnston, a 32 Degree Mason with membership in the Scottish Rite and the Nemesis Temple in Parkersburg. He was a former member of the Shinnston Fire Department and enjoyed fishing the Cranberry River,

hunting, and camping.

The family received friends at the Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St., Shinnston, from 2-8 p.m., Aug. 28 where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, Aug. 29, with Pastors John Carnes and Sherman Goodwin officiating. Interment was in the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Underwood family.

Barbara "Bobbie" Lynn Ogden Berry



Barbara "Bobbie" Lynn Ogden Berry, 83, of Sneads Ferry, NC, formerly of Wallace, WV, went home to the Lord, while in her daughter's arms on Aug. 20, 2022, following a long battle with coronary heart disease.

She was born Oct. 27, 1938, in the Ogden Farmhouse on Big Elk Road in Wallace, WV to the late Lynn and Mildred (Robinson) Ogden. She married the love of her life Fred Berry on June 30, 1974.

She is survived by her daughter, Shelley Berry-Amlotte and husband Bill of Sneads Ferry; her stepson, Terry Berry and wife Vonda of Fairmont, WV; stepdaughter, Vicki Berry and companion Melanie Miller of Sebring, FL; son-in-law, Kevin Arbogast of Shinnston, WV; her grandchildren: Carrissa (Billy) Prine, Angela Arbogast, Bridget (Josh) Pyle, Jake Amlotte, Dalton Amlotte, Kage Rohde, and Jaci Rohde; her grand pups: Mack and Lilly; several great grandchildren; sisters Hedy Belknap and Joan Mayfield; sisters-in-law, Gail

Berry and Jean Wise; several nieces and nephews; and her adopted family: Ted Jr. Gene, Bart Rogers, Cheryl Dorsey Brogley, and their families.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her in-laws, Frank and Nell Berry; stepdaughter, Becky Arbogast; granddaughter, Staci Arbogast; grandson, Devin Langford; brothers-in-law: Dearl Mayfield, Bob Berry and Fred Belknap; and her adopted family: Ted and Gwen Rogers and Paul and Genevieve Dorsey.

She graduated from Wallace High School in 1956 and Fairmont State College in 1960. She taught at Wallace and Lumberport High Schools and then went to work at Hope Gas. She started substitute teaching at Wallace Elementary in 1984 and continued to teach in the Harrison County School system until 2000. Her favorite "job" was working side by side with Fred on the Farm. She was active in Young Republicans and sang in the acapella group Sweet Adelines for many years. She was a member of Wallace United Methodist Church for many years and most recently was a member of Salem Baptist Church in Sneads Ferry. She will always be remembered as a loving child of God with a beautiful smile that touched everyone she met.

The family would like to thank Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Dr. Geraldo Lopez for all his years of cardiac care. A memorial service will be held at Salem Baptist Church Sneads Ferry, NC on Sunday, Sept. 11th at 4 p.m. The service will be live streamed for those unable to attend. A

Celebration of her Life will be held at Perine Funeral Home in Shinnston, WV at a later date.

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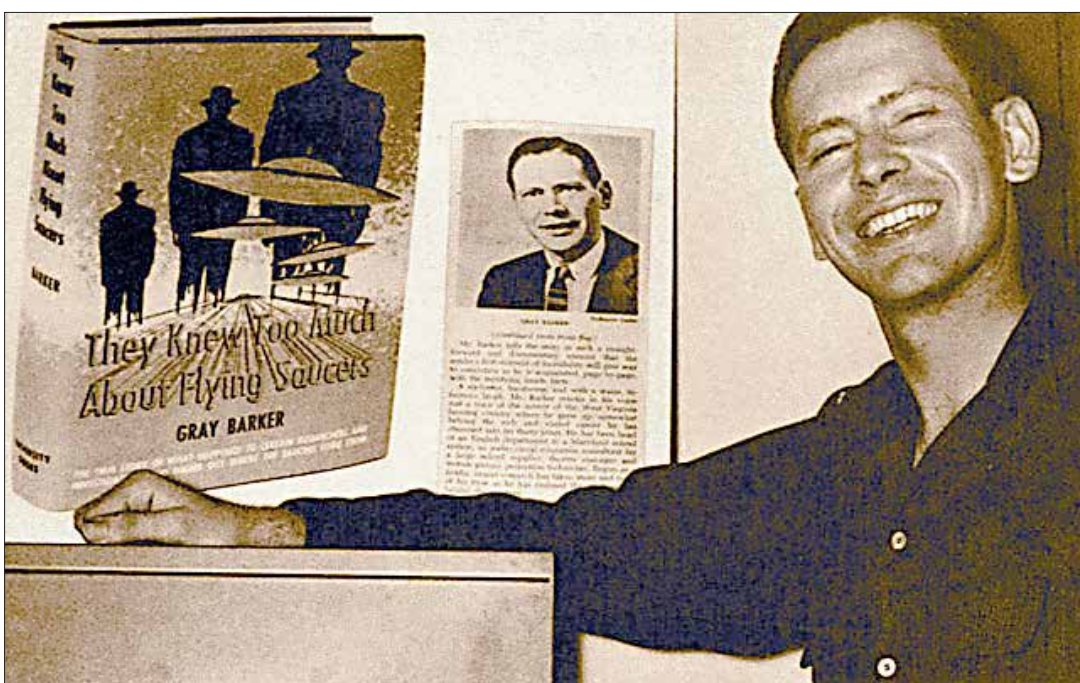
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Event planned on Clarksburg UFO connection

The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center is excited to host the Clarksburg History Museum's event "UFOs – The Clarksburg Connection" on Saturday, Oct. 22, according to a news release.

"We want people to know that Clarksburg resident Gray Barker wrote the books that are the basis for the 'Men in Black' film franchise and basically created the legend that is the Mothman," said Michael Joseph Spatafore of the Clarksburg History Museum.

"UFOs – The Clarksburg Connection" will feature an alien costume contest with cash prizes available to participants. Special guest speakers include David Houchin of the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library and Les O'Dell, the co-founder of the Midnight Talkers Paranormal Group and WV Cryptids and Strange Encounters. The event also includes discussion of the late Gray Barker, Clarksburg's famous author



A native of Riffle in Braxton County, Gray Barker wrote about UFOs, including in "They Knew Too Much about Flying Saucers." His work will be part of an event planned for the Robinson Grand on Oct. 22.

and paranormal propagandist. The event will conclude with a showing of "The Mothman Prophecies", the 2002 film starring Richard Gere and Laura Linney. A native of Riffle in Braxton County, Gray Barker was working as a theater booker in Clarksburg when

he began collecting stories about the Flatwoods Monster, an alleged extraterrestrial reported by residents of Braxton County. Barker submitted an article about the creature to FATE Magazine, and shortly afterward began writing regular pieces about UFOs for Space Review, a

magazine published by Albert K. Bender's International Flying Saucer Bureau. In 1953, Albert K. Bender abruptly dissolved his organization, claiming that he could not continue writing about UFOs because of "orders from a higher source." After pressing Bender for more details, Barker wrote his first book, "They Knew Too Much about Flying Saucers," which was published by University Books in 1956. The book was the first to describe the Men in Black, a group of mysterious figures who, according to UFO conspiracy theorists, intimidate individuals into keeping silent about UFOs. In 1962, Barker and Bender collaborated on a second book on the topic, called "Flying Saucers and the Three Men," which was published under Barker's own imprint, Saucerian Books.

by Richard Hatem, and starring Richard Gere and Laura Linney, follows John Klein (Gere), a reporter who researches the legend of the Mothman. Still shaken by the death of his wife two years earlier from glioblastoma, Klein is sent to cover a news story and ends up inexplicably finding himself in Point Pleasant, where there have been sightings of an unusual creature and other unexplained phenomena. As he becomes increasingly drawn into mysterious forces at work, he hopes they can reconnect him to his wife, while the local sheriff (Linney) becomes concerned about his obsessions.

"After the event at the Robinson Grand, audience members are invited to visit the Waldomore and the Clarksburg History Museum," said Spatafore.

The Gray Barker Room at the Waldomore holds a collection of Gray Barker's writings, as well as files of correspondence between Barker and notable figures of the UFO field from the 1950s to the early 1980s, such as George Adamski, Howard Menger, James Moseley, and others. The Clarksburg History Museum will be featuring a new exhibit focused on Barker and his life and dealings in Clarksburg.

The complete schedule for "UFOs – The Clarksburg Connection" is as follows:

- 1 p.m. - Doors open for alien costume contest
- 2 p.m. - Speakers David Houchin and Les O'Dell
- 2:30 p.m. - "The Mothman Prophecies"
- 4:30p.m. - Guests are invited to tour the Gray Barker Room at the Waldomore (until 6 p.m.) and the Clarksburg History Museum (until 8 p.m.)

The historic Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center is located at 444 W. Pike St. in Clarksburg. Tickets for "UFOs – The Clarksburg Connection" are \$10. All tickets can be purchased online at tickets.therobinsongrand.com or by calling the Robinson Grand ticketing center at 855-773-6283.

UHC opens eight-bed Observation Department

WVU Medicine United Hospital Center recently completed an eight-bed Observation Department to streamline emergency department (ED) operations and expedite care for short-term stay patients, according to a news release.

Emergency visits to UHC total more than 50,000 annually, making it one of the busiest in the state, according to the release.

"A real dilemma for hospitals across the country has been how to treat patients that enter the ED but are not well enough for immediate discharge or sick enough to qualify for inpatient status," said Stephanie Smart, MSN, RN, vice president of nursing at UHC. "Research provides that observation departments help to shorten hospital length of stay, reducing overall healthcare cost, while improving healthcare outcomes."

A regular hospital admission is for longer lengths of stay, usually three to five days; however, observation status patients have readily treatable conditions and can be quickly stabilized and then released from the hospital, often within one to two days.

"With the opening of this department, UHC will be able to provide a more appropriate environment than that of the ED for patients requiring extended evaluation and care," said Sharon Mitchell, RN, department director. "These patients can be treated in a short hospital stay, while at the same time stabilizing their condition within the first 24 hours".

Treatment conditions in observation may include but are not limited to dehydration due to vomiting, which requires IV fluids and anti-nausea medications. Another example is the early diagnosis of simple,



Pictured in the new Observation Department at UHC in the back, at left is Brandy (Harris) McDaniels, BSN, RN, float pool, and pictured from left, in front are Stephanie Smart, MSN, RN, vice president of nursing and Sharon Mitchell, RN, department director.

uncomplicated infections that require IV antibiotics. However, the most common condition treated is chest pain, not caused by a heart attack, but still requires an EKG (heart tracing), multiple laboratory studies, and possibly a stress test procedure.

"Having observation patients in a dedicated department will allow UHC to increase inpatient bed availability and improve ED throughput during peak times, as well as support patient

satisfaction," said Dr. David F. Hess, president and CEO at UHC. "An observation department will also help to shorten the length of stay for most patients and it will permit UHC to manage its patient load more efficiently."

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