

Historical Association president fills museum board vacancy

By Maralisa Marra

New Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum Board member Bobby Bice has a positive outlook for his new position and said he plans to serve his community while making the preservation of the town's history his utmost priority. Bice is also the president of the Shinnston Historical Association.

"The founders of the museum were my family, and I've been a life member of the museum since shortly after its inception," Bice said, "My family's original intent for the museum was that the Shinnston Historical Association and the City operate the museum jointly, but that didn't happen. I think it's appropriate that I, being not only a family member, but also a member and current president of the historical association, serve on the museum board."

The museum board had recommended Maxine Weser's reappointment, according to city officials' meeting notes. On July 11,

Councilmember Patrick Kovalck had motioned to appoint James Coulter instead, based on Coulter's interest in the position. Councilmember Maryann Ferris has spoken in support of Weser.

During last week's City Council meeting July 25, Council filled the vacant seat after Coulter resigned after being appointed. Council made a motion to appoint Bice to the museum board. The motion carried with no opposition.

Bice said he is interested in history, and he is well versed in Shinnston history, as well as the surrounding areas' histories.

"My parents started us out young going to museums and learning history," Bice reflected.

Bice said he believes he is a good fit for the museum board since he is a relative to the founders of the museum and because of his interest in history.

"I'm not a stranger to the museum," Bice said, "I was one of the volunteers who staffed it during its first year of operation. See *"Vacancy"* on Pg. 3.



Good friends gathered at Casey's for lunch to discuss plans for the SHS Block Party. Pictured from left are Dave Minor, in blue; City Manager Chad Edwards; Jimmy Scudere; Brendan Gallagher; and Steve Glass. Photo by Maralisa Marra.

Grab the letterman jackets and class rings SHS Block Party hosted by City, Class of 1968, Casey's of Shinnston

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Steve Glass said when he, Dave Minor, and Jimmy Scudere learned that there was not going to be an all-class reunion hosted by the Shinnston High School Alumni Association, they came up with their own idea to bring everyone together.

"I looked at them [Minor and Scudere] and I said, 'Why don't we do a simple concept of a block party?'" Glass said.

He said the block party is for anyone that attended Shinnston

High, all their friends, their kids, and even Lumberport and Lincoln High graduates.

The block party will take place at the Green Space on Aug. 20 from noon to 11 p.m.

"It's just an open block party. We're not having any formal activities that anybody pays for. It's free," Glass said. He said everyone is free to pitch their own canopies and bring their own drinks, snacks, and hopefully, eat and shop in Shinnston. The stage will also be open for dancing, and they

are planning on having some live music.

"It's open so people can come and go as they please," Glass added.

He also said that the Shinnston Fire Department is willing to provide extra parking if needed.

"The whole idea is to just have a big party," Glass said, "No formality."

"My desire is to see Pike Street in Shinnston filled with cars and people on the street at different times during the day, and truly make it a Shinnston block

party extending beyond the Green Space from one end [of the street] to the other end," Glass added.

City Manager Chad Edwards, Glass, Minor, and Scudere want to encourage local businesses along Pike Street to decorate their doors and windows with Shinnston High or Lincoln High decorations, pictures, yearbooks, at the like.

Glass said, "We encourage people to visit everything in Shinnston while they're here."

August work session dedicated to citizens' ideas

By Maralisa Marra

At last week's City Council meeting on July 25, Council filled the Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum Board vacancy after James Coulter, who was to replace Maxine Weser, resigned after being appointed.

Councilmember Patrick Kovalck made a motion to appoint Robert Paul Bice III, Bobby Bice who is also the president of the Shinnston Historical Association, to fill the vacant seat. The motion was approved with no opposition.

Weser, who served on the board for 18 years and director of the museum for eight, had said she was "blindsided" when she wasn't reappointed. According to meeting notes provided by city officials, the museum board had recommended Weser's reappointment.

Mayor Rodney Strait shared that he would attend the Harrison County Economic Development meeting July 27, as well as West Virginia's 53rd Annual Municipal League Conference in Morgantown from Aug. 2-5 alongside several other councilmembers. Vice Mayor Maryann

Ferris reported on the Harrison County Mayors Association meeting on July 13 where they discussed various grant funding programs like the Recycling Assistance Grant Program, as well as the Litter Control Grant Program. Ferris said she hopes these are possible outlets to apply for extra monies for the city.

She also mentioned the federal Communities Local Energy Action Program. In March, the U.S. Department of Energy announced 24 communities would take part in the initiative, and that they would "receive support from DOE to create community-wide action plans that reduce local air pollution, increase energy resilience, lower utility costs and energy burdens, and provide long-term jobs and economic opportunities," according to a news release. Mingo and Logan counties were included.

City Manager Chad Edwards updated Council on road repairs. Repairs to Simon Drive were in progress, and officials have expanded the project to include storm drainage to prevent further surface

erosion.

Edwards also said that 60 new AMR meters are ready to be entered into the system, and the leak detection program is working. Edwards said there have been a few false alarms, "but it is

working."

Edwards told Council that he and Kevin Nuzum are going to arrange the Frontier Days parade for Saturday, Aug. 13 at 11 a.m.

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Veteran Patrick Matheny honored



Pictured, left to right, are Mayor Rodney Strait, Vietnam Veteran Patrick Matheny, and Sergeant David Tucker. Matheny's service was honored at last week's City Council meeting July 25. Matheny served honorably with the United States Army from September 1964 to September 1967 attaining the rank of sergeant, completed basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and served in the Republic of Vietnam from April 1965 to April 1966. Matheny served in Southeast Asia with the 118th Aviation Company—a very distinguished unit that was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. He also served as a crew chief on a Huey helicopter and as a left door gunner—a hazardous duty where he flew combat missions on a daily basis exposed to enemy fire. Upon his return from Vietnam, Matheny served as a military policeman at Fort Eustis, Virginia. Shinnston City Council said, "We are grateful to Mr. Matheny for his service to our nation and thank him for a job well done."



**BUILDING
AMAZING CITIES**

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

No complaints!

While it seems like there is a lot to complain about in these times of divided politics, hot weather and rising prices, I'd like to suggest that you commit to a month of no complaints. I did this over fifty years ago and it changed my life. I read a book titled "Success through a Positive Mental Attitude" by Napoleon Hill and for some reason, it met with a willing listener. I pledged that I would live my life with a positive mental attitude and be a bright light, regardless of how bad things might be.

Hill taught that every situation can be viewed in either a positive or negative manner and the choice is up to you. Like many of us, I needed to be convinced. I thought, "Well, what if I run out of gas on a lonely road?" I could sit and stew at my bad luck or I could set out on an adventure and maybe meet someone who would help me and might even turn into a great friend. "Well, what if I miss my flight?" I could go to the airline desk and complain, or I could find out my options and maybe even get upgraded or receive a flight voucher for another flight.

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OPINION GUEST COLUMN

Congress needs to deliver clean energy opportunities

By Thomas Minney and Beth Wheatley

The Nature Conservancy

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West Virginia's economic future depends in part on expanding opportunities for clean energy.

The U.S. Senate is considering whether to advance a package of clean energy incentives that would yield significant economic benefits for West Virginians

Just as West Virginians are interested in being part of a more sustainable future, as demonstrated by polling showing 95% of voters support expanding clean energy production, the marketplace is also demanding action.

Clean energy is already informing the decisions of major new business prospects. Access to renewable energy was a key consideration in Nucor Steel's recent decision for locating their proposed \$2.7 billion facility in the state.

Nucor is not an isolated case, Beam said. Because one large manufacturer's renewable energy needs could not be met, for example, their new project went elsewhere.

For some time, companies have been making promises to shareholders and customers to become more sustainable and provide benefits for the land, water, and air that communities need to grow, including the power it takes to run their factories.

In Congress, our own Sen. Joe Manchin has been pragmatically discussing federal incentives and investments that could help level the playing field for West Virginia. These incentives would build off the state's energy foundation and support the full suite of clean energy options—natural gas plants that capture and store emissions underground, clean hydrogen, alongside wind and solar power.

Manchin has rightly focused on what these actions by Congress mean for families in West Virginia facing ever-increasing economic uncertainty. So in addition to increasing our state's ability to attract new business, we wanted to quantify the positive job impact these clean energy incentives could also bring to our communities.

New research commissioned by The Nature Conservancy shows these policies are a smart investment in the state's economic future. The analysis, conducted by BW Research Partnership, reveals that these investments would support more than 7,300 jobs every year for the next decade, at least half of which are "career jobs" mentioned by Beam.

Finally, we must also consider what additional government spending will do to the deficit and inflation. Here again is good news. In general, expanding clean energy lowers energy costs, which both helps consumers and addresses a key driver to inflation.

The state and the country face tough challenges with the economic uncertainty right in front of us and farther in the future. The clean energy policies in discussion can help address both. The opportunity to make that economically sustainable future a reality is in front of our lawmakers right now and they must act quickly to enact the clean energy provisions on the table this Congress.

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Aug. 4, 1824: John Jay Jackson Jr. was born near Parkersburg. Jackson was a prominent judge who became notorious among those trying to organize labor unions in West Virginia.

Aug. 4, 1897: Musician William Jennings "Billy" Cox was born near Charleston. Cox, known as the "Dixie Songbird," ranked as one of West Virginia's premier country music vocalists and songwriters during the 1930s.

Aug. 5, 1958: Jennings Randolph defeated former governor William Marland in the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate. Randolph went on to become the senior senator from West Virginia.

Aug. 6, 1864: Delayed three times by the Civil War, Sisters of the Visitation of Holy Mary finally arrived in Parkersburg, where they later founded DeSales Heights boarding school for young women.

Aug. 7, 1864: In what became known as the Battle of Moorefield, Union troops under Gen. William W. Averell attacked the headquarters of Gen. Bradley Johnson. The Confederates were routed and fled south into the town; the Union captured 500 men and 400 horses.

Aug. 7, 1877: West Virginia voters chose Charleston as the state capital over Clarksburg and Martinsburg.

Aug. 8, 1915: Businessman Alex Schoenbaum was born in Richmond, Virginia. After settling in Charleston in 1943, he went into the restaurant business. His restaurants were named Shoney's when Schoenbaum's nickname was selected in an employee contest.

Aug. 9, 1916: A storm front from the northwest dumped nearly six inches of rain in less than five hours on the headwaters of Cabin Creek in eastern Kanawha County. 71 people died and 900 homes were destroyed in the flood.

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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 Bash Friday, August 5

4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Ages 4 -18

Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library lawn

404 W. Pike St., Clarksburg

Join us on First Fridays for free backpacks, school supplies, and connecting with local organizations.

Registration not required

Indoor yard sale Saturday, Aug. 6

St. Ann's Catholic Church

610 Pike St., Shinnston

8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Hot breakfast until sold out

Used book sale July 25-Aug. 13

Tuesday- Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

West Virginia Heritage Crafts

exit 115 I 79 Quiet Dell Grade School

304-622-3304

Lunch at the Library Weekdays, July - August 12

Free lunch, 12 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Kids 18 years & under

Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library

404 W. Pike St., Clarksburg

Registration is not required. Drop-ins welcome.

Please do not leave your children unattended.

Hot wing eating contest Saturday, 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



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Aug. 10, 1920: General Frank Kendall "Pete" Everest Jr. was born in Fairmont. Everest was a military aviator and a pioneer in U.S. rocket plane flying. In 1956, he flew the X-2 at Mach 3, exceeding 1,900 miles per hour and breaking the record of Chuck Yeager, his rival and close contemporary.

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Fairmont State prepares for Homecoming

Fairmont State University's 2022 Homecoming celebration, which will take place Sept. 22 - 24, includes events for surrounding community members, according to a news release.

"We are thrilled to resume our Homecoming festivities again this year," said Fairmont State University Director of Alumni Relations, Katie Byers. "We're looking forward to bringing back some of our traditional Homecoming events, and welcoming alumni from both near and far back to our cozy hilltop campus. We also encourage our friends in surrounding communities to join in the celebrations."

Traditional events will include the parade, campus bonfire, alumni tailgate and Fighting Falcons football game on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 2 p.m. against the University of North

Carolina at Pembroke. Other Homecoming weekend highlights such as the alumni & emeritus luncheon and Hall of Fame recognitions are also slated to take place.

"I am so excited with the plans for this year's Homecoming events," said Fairmont State Alumni Association

President, Mary Jo Thomas. "The 2022 celebrations are promising to be our best yet, with the help of our Falcon Family. We look forward to seeing our alumni soon and wish you safe travels on your journey back home to Fairmont State."

A full Fairmont State University 2022

Homecoming schedule will be announced as details are finalized, along with the Alumni Award winners and Hall of Fame inductees.

Forthcoming information will be available at www.fairmontstate.edu/homecoming.

I know it sounds simplistic but believe me, it works. When it rains, I think about all of the things I have been putting off for a rainy day. When I was on a long flight or an extended flight delay, I would write a chapter for one of my two published books or even edit some videos for work. My second book, "The Amazing City-7 Steps to Creating an Amazing City," made tens of thousands of dollars and was largely written in airports or on flights. It got to the point where I was hoping my flight would be delayed so I could finish a chapter.

During conversations, watch how the mood can change with a positive attitude. When someone says, "It looks like rain", try saying something like "I'm so happy, my garden needed it!" Contrast it to the sad sack who says, "All it ever does is rain in this miserable

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in 2006. It was soon decided to pay someone to not only staff it, but to act as a curator for organizing displays. Maxine Weser was the first paid person, succeeded by Braden Noon and then Steve Glass and T.J. Book."

Bice said, "As a newly elected Board member, I'd like to thank each of them for the work they put into the museum's operation over the years, and current Director Debra Herndon has done an absolutely excellent job in hosting programs, organizing displays, and attracting visitors into the museum. She has even worked closely with the historical association for a few joint programs, which has helped build relationships."

Bice also said, "Credit goes to everybody for everything that's accomplished."

Bice discussed his aspirations for serving on

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In other matters, Council discussed potential meeting locations other than the Woman's Club. They want to go back to their council chambers in the Shinnston Police Department.

Ferris said, "There has to be public access because that's the open meetings law in the state of West Virginia," so if the City Council meetings are held inside of the police department, then a door will have to be unlocked for the duration of the meeting.

Chief John Harbert expressed concern for leaving the department unlocked because it raises potential security issues.

Harbert suggested looking into grants for a community building and building Council chambers within. "I'm willing to help," Harbert said, "I'm willing to play ball with everything, but also with the things that are getting worse, and it's in our community, we can't hide it. It's here."

Harbert said, "Ultimately, you guys are in charge of that part. I have to follow what you do. I can just recommend what I have and what I've experienced."

Mayor Strait said, "I think it deserves further discussion."

Council shifted their discussion to the possibilities of the AARP Challenge Grant Investigation. Ferris said she wants the city to file a 2023 application for

the museum board.

"To serve on this board, I feel like each member should have an interest in educating people on local history as well as be dedicated to preserving items for their historical value."

"I'm sure I'll work well in joining the other members of the board. I've always respected Mrs. Ferris for the passion she puts into everything she does. Woody Maley and I have been friends for many years," Bice said in reference to current board members, "Clark Riley, Eddie Boggess, and I all grew up together."

"I think we each bring something different to the table, and we've all got a solid foundation of our own histories to build on," Bice concluded.

a "short term, small grant." Ferris said if Shinnston is awarded the grant, the city could receive between \$5,000-\$15,000.

Ferris said the volunteer AARP president recommended "that when we do the grant, that we make sure in our application that we have solicited input from the citizens, and that we involve other organizations."

Ferris suggested developing some property on West Shinnston for recreational purposes. She mentioned a dog park.

Ferris also suggested taking the August work session to devote it to soliciting "information from the citizens about what they would like to see us put on that land" on the West Side." The land is located at the foot of Drain Hill.

However, she said no permanent structures can be built on the land due to Federal Emergency Management Agency regulation.

Edwards also suggested combining the August work session discussion with discussion of ideas for the use of the opioid settlement money that will be coming to the city soon.

Therefore, the August work session will be dedicated to citizens sharing ideas for the AARP grant and how to best utilize the opioid settlement money.

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place!" Who would you like to spend your afternoon with?

I am suggesting that you don't complain about anything for a month. If they forget the cheese on your cheeseburger, say, "That's great; I have been wanting to watch my calories!" When you forget something at the office, say "Great, I needed a break; I'll work on it tomorrow!"

Is it easy? Absolutely not! But gradually, you will see a change in yourself and others. Your frustration level will go down and your attitude will soar. As I write this, I am sitting in the middle row of a bumpy flight to Atlanta with two football-sized guys on either side of me and I have finished my column for this week. What could be better?

Have a positive and Amazing week!

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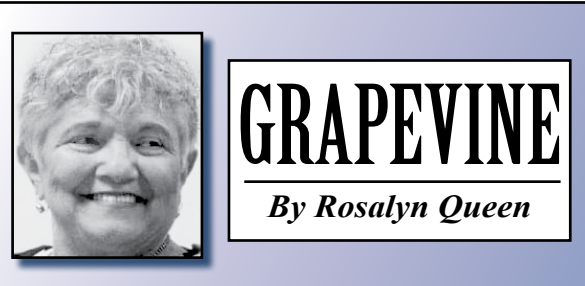
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An untold story of the Italian Festival office locations and the staff continued



GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

In 1987, an appeal was made to the County Commissioners for more space, and they donated space in the Correctional Center to be used as the Festival Headquarters. Rosalyn Queen was hired as the new executive director and David Seamon was the new chairman of the board of directors. The city manager of Clarksburg was Dan Boroff.

In 1988, the festival did business from the Correctional Center and held their board meetings in the conference room located there. Jayne Folio served as the secretary.

In 1989, Gaston Caperton was the governor of the state with the festival still operating from the same location and with Queen as the director. Beverly Stickel was appointed as secretary, and the festival utilized the services of the governor's summer youth program to get the festival on the street.

While David Seamon was still serving as the board chairman, arrangements were made to move the office to a suite located in the Goff Building. Queen was the director, Caperton was the governor, and Stickel was the secretary when several nonprofit businesses in the downtown area had the opportunity to utilize the old C&P building on main.

In 1991, the festival joined this group and relocated their offices with Tom Basil now serving as chairman of the board of directors. The same space was used in 1992, and Queen was still the director, and Joy Payton was the secretary.

In 1993, a decision was made to do away with the C&P building, and the festival found a new home on Second Street. Stickel and Cheryl Cummings shared the secretary responsibilities. John Shields was now the chairman of the board of directors, and Lori Mancuso was supervising the governors summer youth workers.

In 1994, everything seemed the same as the year before with Queen still serving as the executive director.

Once again in 1995, the festival was faced with having to move the offices. This time, they moved to the Schroath building on Washington Avenue. Shields conducted the board meetings in the conference room of the Correctional Center. Cummings was handled the secretary duties.

In 1996, still at the same location, Louis Iquinto was elected as chairman of the board of directors. Mary Barberio was the summer workers

supervisor, and Katy Titus volunteered as the marketing coordinator. Stickel was the secretary and Queen was the director.

Cecil Underwood was elected governor in 1997. Under the leadership of Iquinto, in 1998, the festival found a permanent home. Once again James D. Larosa came to the forefront and donated the use of his home place for a festival office, as well as space for a library to house the archives of the festival. The new office was located at 309 Clark Street in the Papa Jim and Emily Larosa home for the preservation of Italian culture. The same year, Judy Fryzel was hired as the secretary, and Rachel Torchia was the

advertising coordinator for the souvenir book. In 1998, for the first time in a long time the festival hired an assistant: Barbara Murray. She took care of marketing and publicity. She also did some grant writing and compiled the souvenir book.

In 1999, Queen continued to serve as the executive director at the new location. Mary Weege Vargo was elected to serve as chairman of the board, and John Farmer joined the staff as the souvenir book coordinator.

In 2000, when Queen announced her retirement plans, the board hired Sheila Hauser from Huntington to serve as executive director, and Queen remained in a training capacity. Hauser resigned that same year, and Queen remained in the position while the board conducted a search. Fryzell continued to serve as the secretary. At the end of 2000, Torchia was hired as the executive director to head up the 2001 festival while Queen remained as a consultant, and Titus came back to the office as the assistant. Farmer retained his position as souvenir book coordinator.

2001 marked the first year that the festival did not participate in the governor's summer youth program. Mike Fusco was elected to serve as chairman of the board of directors and the new governor was Bob Wise.

2001 marked the 24th annual festival held in Clarksburg. Past chairmen remained active in consulting positions and headed up volunteer committees throughout the year. The original founders continued to serve as consultants and a support team.

There have been eleven different office locations and seven individuals who have served as the executive director.

Through all of this, the festival stands strong and solvent. The community and state can point with pride to this event that generates millions of dollars for the economy in North Central West Virginia and attracts over 100,000 people to Clarksburg every Labor Day weekend.

Until next week, "Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine."

Lurch Fest set for Saturday

This Saturday, Lurch Fest in Philippi will welcome crafters, food vendors, activity-based vendors, craft beer breweries, a costume competition, photo ops with the life-size stature of Lurch, and live music to the noon-to-dark day of celebration of Philippi native Ted Cassidy.

The planning committee of the event encouraged downtown businesses and organizations adding to the festivities of the one-day event to decorate store front windows to highlight the second annual Lurch Fest, according to a news release. One winner, chosen by anonymous judges, will receive \$100. Cassidy brought to

life the comically eerie character Lurch in the 1960's TV series The Addams Family.

The day's event will spill out over Philippi's Museum Street, in front of the Barbour County Historical Museum, and into the parking area and surrounding green spaces filling the space and the day with enjoyment for all.

For additional information about Lurch Fest and to volunteer to help set up/work/take down the event, call Tammy Stemple at 304-457-3773 Ext. 226 and visit Philippi Main Street and the Barbour County Historical Museum on Facebook and Instagram.

August events

Shinnston city officials announced the following events for August:

Aug. 6: Farmer's Market + Citywide Yard Sale (10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Green Space and throughout town)

Aug. 8: City Council Meeting (7 p.m. at The Woman's Club)

Aug. 11-13: Frontier Days (Thursday and Friday 5-9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m. at the City Park)

Aug. 14: Frontier Days Car Show (11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Green Space)

Aug. 17: Park Board Meeting (6 p.m. at the Pavilion)

Aug. 20: Shinnston High School Block Party (Noon-11 p.m. at the Green Space and throughout town)

Aug. 29: City Council Meeting (7 p.m. at The Woman's Club)



City manager: water testing back on track

By Maralisa Marra

While Shinnston's water was not tested for lead and copper in 2021 because a few water plant employees contracted COVID-19, according to City Manager Chad Edwards, 2022 sampling is up to date.

All lead and copper samples will be complete in 2022, Edwards said. No lead or copper has been detected, according to Edwards.

"No one has tested positive [in Shinnston]," Edwards said.

Edwards also said the city received a Drinking Water Performance Gold Award for the quality of its water and for being a 2021 Optimized Water Treatment Plant from the West Virginia Department of Human Resources Bureau of Public Health. They received the award for remaining a low turbidity of 1.0 NTU for settled water and 0.10

NTU for filtered water at least 95% of the time.

According to the United States Geological Survey website, turbidity is the measure of relative clarity of a liquid, and it is an optical characteristic of water and is a measurement of the amount of light that is scattered by material in the water when a light is shined through the water sample. It also states, "The higher the intensity of scattered light, the higher the turbidity." When the light is being shined through the water, it is reported in nephelometric turbidity units, according to the USGS.



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BUSINESS MATTERS

DeMarco's Meat Market named Business of the Month

By Maralisa Marra

Longtime Shinnston staple, DeMarco's Meat Market, is dedicated to offering Shinnston fresh, authentic Italian foods and ingredients alongside staying true to their family traditions.

"We enjoy people," owner Sammy DeMarco said, "There's a lot of chairs up front and people can come in and sit and talk to any of us that are there. We're family operated and just trying to keep the Italian traditions up."

In 1984, the late Sam and Joe Ann DeMarco opened the family business on July 23, and 38 years later, their devoted children are staying true to their parents' traditions and dreams.

"Dad actually wanted the store all his life," son Sammy DeMarco said, and when the company his dad was working for went out of business, "he decided to start a family grocery store."

DeMarco's is known for their sausage line made in house with freshly sourced ingredients. The recipe for their famous Sam's Italian Hot Sausage

was created by their late father, and they are loyal to that same recipe.

"It's a family recipe, and dad stressed to us to make sure that we keep fresh ingredients," DeMarco said, "The sausage needs to be fresh pork butt and try to be consistent on what we produce, and he instilled that into us [himself and all his siblings]."

DeMarco said, "We started out offering a little bit of groceries, and we expanded, and now we started making Spanish sausage about a year ago."

He said they are seeing a high demand for the Spanish alongside the hot Italian sausage, so they are increasing the availability of the Spanish sausage, as well.

During citywide activities like Frontier Days and parades, DeMarco's always participates and sells their delicious sausage sandwiches until they run out. "We make sandwiches that people come from all over to get," DeMarco said.

Grab one of their mouth watering sandwiches this weekend, Aug. 6, at



Founders of DeMarco's Meat Market, Sam and Joe Ann DeMarco, pose together.

the citywide yard sale. They will begin grilling around 10 a.m. and sell until they run out.

Alongside their iconic sausage, DeMarco said, "We try to get as much authentic Italian stuff as possible." They have deliveries that come from the Strip District in Pittsburgh once or twice a week.

"We mix our own olives there at the store," DeMarco said. They sell small green, large green, and black olives.

DeMarco said their utmost priority is to stay true to what their parents taught them, "Be good to the customers, and they'll be good to you, and that's what we try to do. We try to give a good product to the people."

DeMarco's Meat Market is located at 417 Pike

Street, and they are open from 7 a.m. to noon on Sundays, 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays, 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, and 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Training available for service-disabled veterans

The U.S. Small Business Administration recently announced, in a news release, a new funding opportunity for eligible non-profit organizations, state and local government agencies, private sector firms, and institutions of higher learning to provide entrepreneurship training to service-disabled veterans. The awarded organization(s) can use the funding to market, deliver, and scale existing service-disabled veteran entrepreneurs' training programs for veterans, service-disabled veterans, and Reserve component members who intend to start new businesses or expand existing small businesses.

"In line with the Biden-Harris Administration's priorities, the SBA continues to work to remove barriers for service-disabled veterans who are interested in pursuing entrepreneurship after their military career," said Larry Stubblefield, associate administrator for SBA's Office of Veterans Business Development. "Through this funding opportunity, awarded organizations will help us extend our reach to the service-disabled veteran small business community to help them succeed at every stage of their entrepreneurial journey."

The Service-Disabled Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Program (SDVTEP) award is for a base project period of 12 months, with three 12-month non-compete continuation year periods. A total of \$300,000 in funding is available for this program in FY 2022. SBA anticipates making up to six (6) awards, each valued between a minimum of \$50,000 up to a maximum award of \$150,000.

How to apply: For specific instructions on obtaining, completing, and submitting an application, visit www.grants.gov and search SB-OVSD-22-001.

Submissions must be sent via grants.gov no later than 11:59 p.m. ET on Aug. 18. Proposals submitted via other media will be rejected and will not be evaluated.

For issues with grants.gov, please call the grants.gov support line at 1-800-518-4726 or email support@grants.gov.

Charles Pointe plans 45 additional single-family homes

Bridgeport – Forty-five more quality-built single-family homes are coming to the Worthington Village neighborhood at Charles Pointe, according to a news release.

Genesis Partners, the developer of the 1,700-acre Charles Pointe development, said that Preston Contractors, Inc. of Kingwood has been selected to prepare a 20-acre site for the expansion.

"Preston Contractors is an established and well-respected contractor," said Mark Dellana, executive director of development for Genesis Partners. "They have a dedicated team that comes with years of experience."

The \$2.3 million expansion project will include 80,000 cubic yards of earthwork adjacent to the Worthington Village neighborhood located in the heart of Charles Pointe. In addition, Preston Contractors will build 1,900 linear feet of asphalt road with concrete curb, gutter, and sidewalk.

The contract also includes 2,300 linear feet of sanitary sewer main line; 1,800 linear feet of water main line; 1,400 linear feet of storm drains; 2,300 linear feet of natural gas line; and nearly 4,000 feet of conduit for underground electric, telecommunications, and high-speed broadband internet.

"We're excited to work with Genesis Partners and appreciate the confidence shown in our company by selecting us to complete this project," said Ed Boyle, president and CEO of Preston Contractors, Inc. "Charles Pointe has become the preferred address in North Central West Virginia for growing families and seniors alike. We're proud to be part of this development."

Dellana said that Dan Ryan Builders will continue to construct the homes in Worthington Village. Homes are custom built to the specific needs and desires of each homeowner. Lots will range in size from

.25 acres to .4 acres. Homes range from 1,700 to 4,000 square feet of living space.

"Worthington Village is one of the fastest growing single-family neighborhoods anywhere in North Central West Virginia," Dellana said.

Joe Cassidy, Land Manager for Dan Ryan Builders, said, "Our collaboration with Genesis Partners has made it easy for DRB Homes to deliver the ultimate new construction experience for our homebuyers in Bridgeport. Charles Pointe is a beautifully designed and well-thought-out community. With a location near brand-new amenities like the Bridge Sports Complex, Charles Pointe inspires families to want to live and work here."

"Homes built at Worthington Village provide incredible value to the homeowner in one of the safest cities in the state and served by one of the best school systems in West

Virginia," Dellana said.

Construction on the 20-acre expansion of Worthington Village has started. The project should be completed by November.

Homeowners interested in learning more about the 45 lots in the expansion and the possible construction of a new home at Worthington Village should contact Holly White at Dan Ryan Builders at 304-288-3448.

To date, Charles Pointe has 407 residential units with a mix of single-family homes, apartments, and multi-family dwellings. When fully developed, Charles Pointe will have more than 2,300 residential units.

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Best Virginia was almost the best in the TBT



The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

Best Virginia is a collection of former West Virginia alumni along with a handful of other players that played their college ball in the Mountain State. This squad was put together to compete in The Basketball Tournament. The TBT is a single elimination tournament comprised of 64 teams that are divided into eight regions. It provides a winner-take-all scenario with the prize being a cool \$1 million. Sure it pales in comparison to the recent one billion plus Mega Millions jackpot, but still, it provides a nice payout. To some people, more importantly, it gives bragging rights to the winner.

Best Virginia was put together by former Mountaineer John Flowers. Other former WVU players include recent Hall of Fame inductee Kevin Jones, Devin Ebanks, Juwan Staten, Jay Sean Page, Jermaine Haley, and D'Angelo Hunter. Jamel Morris played at Glenville State before transferring to Fairmont State, and Tanner McGrew who played at West Virginia Wesleyan College rounded out the core players.

The opening round game pitted Best Virginia against Virginia Dream. Home court advantage came into play as Best Virginia was the top seed in its region and would play in Charleston for its potential first three lockups. Best Virginia was built as a big half court squad that would focus on defense. They clamped down on Virginia Dream holding them to 30% shooting from the field holding their opponent to a mere 45-point total route to a 30-point win.

Jones paced Best Virginia with 18 points and eight rebounds. Haley and Morris scored 11 points each while Flowers chipped in with 10.

The next evening brought a rivalry matchup with Herd That, Marshall's alumni-based team.

The most unique aspect of this tournament is its ending. It's the Elam Ending, and it causes the fourth quarter clock to stop with the first dead ball inside of four minutes. The game clock is turned off and eight points are added to the total of the leading team. That number becomes the target score, and whichever team can get to the number first wins. It did not come into play in the opening game, but it did for the rest of the tournament.

Against Herd That, a see-saw affair took place with Best Virginia gaining a large lead, and Herd That battling back until BV pulled out an 89-79 win. Flowers, Jones, and Haley pumped in 17 points a piece while Morris added 15.

Best Virginia advanced to the region final and played a third straight evening. They clashed with the Bucknetneers, an East Tennessee Alumni group. Best

Virginia had never taken a regional championship in their three previous TBT appearances. They claimed gold on a Kevin Jones bucket to edge that Bucketneers 63-62. Jones and Morris led the charge with 10 points each.

Best Virginia was just two wins away from the cash, and they had a day off before heading to Dayton, Ohio to play the Dayton-based Red Scare. This game went back and forth, and it was just a two-point lead for the Red Scare heading into the Elam Ending. Various second chance opportunities and cold shooting would doom Best Virginia. They were outscored 8-3 down the stretch and suffered a 67-60 loss ending their magical run. Flowers was the offensive leader with 12 points.

Best Virginia may not have accomplished the main goal of winning the TBT, but they earned a ton of national respect. They also made Mountaineer Nation mighty proud during this exciting week of basketball. Fans are already looking forward to next year.

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



This edition of "Tee It Up" took us across the state line for a pleasant trip to Rocky Gap Gold Course located just outside Cumberland, Maryland. Rocky Gap is the state's only Jack Nicklaus signature course.

This tract ranged 7,000 yards from the tips, and it is a par 72. Preparation for your round is key and Rocky Gap affords you the opportunity to best prepare for the amazing 18 ahead. A sizable driving range, two large putting greens, two chipping areas, and a practice bunker will have golfers of all skill levels ready for their round. The five tee boxes afford players of all skill levels a challenging but also an enjoyable round.

This is a true tell of two varying nines. The front side is carved out of mountains with tighter fairways which places more emphasis on ball placement. Elevation changes offer breathtaking views and a higher level of difficulty.

The back nine is wide open and allows golfers that opportunity to cut loose. Two of the last three holes are picturesque par 3s that make the stretch run very interesting.

A friendly and dedicated staff make the course impressive, and they set the tone for a memorable day. The 19th hole offers food, drink, and a spectacular casino. What better way to culminate a special trip?

It is no gamble, a trip to Rocky Gap for a round of golf is a guarantee win!

Another successful year in the books for Parks and Recreation



From The World of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

The Summer Parks Program, Aim High, and Energy Express closed doors during the last couple weeks. The footprint that the parks department left was important as the success of these programs reflects all the hard work and dedication put in by all parties involved.

Director Mike Book, who normally finds August as the time to relax and enjoy the rewards of another successful year, will be back at it finding ways to improve upon moving forward into 2023.

"It is a great opportunity to operate or help with these programs and we are appreciative that we are trusted to provide the services to the kids in the area who rely on our department during the summer months," Book said, "The joy in providing the safe and friendly atmosphere for the kids is always our number one goal and we can do that with other agencies. To get the opportunities to branch out to other agencies like the Board of Education and AmeriCorps and work as one unit toward similar goals only solidifies the presence we have in the area."

Numbers stayed strong throughout the six weeks on all levels and sites. In fact, the Harrison County Recreation Complex was so popular that it stayed open another week. Through the help of cooks, staff, and the nutrition department, parks had the green light to stay open another week. Overhead was under budget and having food service were the deciding factors in having the program stay longer at this facility.

Book feels that this site is a good hub for those who work locally in the area. "Besides this being one of the better pieces of property under the County Commission name, we have always seen this site as one of the better simply because of all things that we can do here. From beach volleyball, gaga pit, and the top scale playground pieces the parks give the kids the benefit of many things to do here compared to other county owned facilities," Book said.

Book has been strong from the start of this program working as a park leader in college until being hired full time as the assistant before taking over as the director of the department.

The program has not necessarily changed but has evolved into what it is today. Kids today are more mature than previous, and technology has a lot to do with that. Not to sound like "that guy," but back in the 70s and 80s, things appeared different as there was more innocence than you see today. Kids were being kids and playing outdoors. Today's kid has to be stimulated more simply because they have all the resources at home to keep them busy. As Book said, show them some of the simpler things, and some kids will gravitate towards those them.

"You would be surprised what a card game, arts and crafts, or even making friendship bracelets do to a kid. Yes, the video games, phones, and the apps take up a lot of their day, but some things we did 25-30 years ago seem effective as well.

Teaching the kids the game of hearts or creating artwork for the fridge is not out of the realm of possibility. Sometimes going old school can be the new school if introduced."

I am sure that 40 years ago and today are like night and day to most, but the overall evaluation of the kids today can be something simply played like a card game or a skill competition and you do not even need batteries or a charger to play it." Historically, the program has spanned many decades and today most parks kids from the early years are now grandparents dropping their grandkids off at one of the sites

2022 Summer Bocce League Winners

At the Ferguson City Park, the team of Lou Belcastro, Tony DiDomenico, Mona Sims, and Jeff Swiger took first place with a 21-3 record.

The foursome of Marsha Duckworth, Katie Alvaro, David DeCosta, and Pam Gemondo finished in second place.

Third place finishers were Stanley Gastor, Rudy Durci, Dave Greaver, and Gary Pastorial.

The Late Summer Bocce League will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 9. Games are played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. Those interested in participating can call Lou Belcastro at 304-584-4159 or Mary Jo Bastin at 304-672-5404.

Waterfall nominations being accepted



Valley Falls, in Fairmont, creates four scenic falls created by the Tygart Valley River.

WV Press Release Sharing

Since its launch in early June, the West Virginia Waterfall Trail has received more than 10,000 participant check-ins in six weeks. With the success of the trail, the Department of Tourism is now accepting nominations for new waterfalls to be added to the trail.

"We started this trail because our research showed that folks love waterfalls. And wow – that's really proven to be true," said West Virginia Tourism Secretary Chelsea Ruby. "If you're looking for a great summer activity, I encourage you to hit those Country Roads and start your waterfall hunt. There's truly no better place to get out and explore than right here in Almost Heaven!"

Out of the twenty-nine included waterfalls, Cathedral Falls, Kanawha Falls and Blackwater Falls weigh in as the top three most-visited falls. Mill Creek Falls of Hawks Nest and

Elakala Falls are also among the trail favorites, with visitor check-ins totaling close behind. If you're looking for a hidden gem, check out High Falls of the Cheat, Seneca Creek Falls and Whitaker Falls for some of the least crowded spots.

The trail has been nationally recognized by national travel publications such as Travel + Leisure, USA Today, Southern Living and TravelAwaits, all of which have echoed that this trail is the perfect activity for anyone to add to their summer bucket list.

The Waterfall Trail is a simple process made possible by Bandwango, a travel technology platform that makes checking in at each location quick and easy. This trail featuring more than two dozen waterfalls rewards participants with exclusive prizes for getting off the beaten path and reconnecting with nature.

To get started, visit WVtourism.

com/waterfalls and register to have the West Virginia Waterfall Trail passport delivered straight to your smartphone. As travelers explore each of the more than two dozen waterfalls featured on the trail, they can stamp their passports by checking in at each location.

The West Virginia Department of Tourism is rewarding waterfall chasers with exclusive gear along the way:

Check in at three or more waterfalls and receive a custom sticker.

Check in at 10 or more waterfalls and receive an aluminum water bottle.

Check in at 20 or more waterfalls and receive a waterfall wanderer t-shirt.

For more information on the trail or to learn more about nominating a waterfall, visit wvtourism.com/waterfalls.

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OBITUARIES

Sharon Lynn Ash



Sharon Lynn Ash, 63, of Mount Clare, passed away at her residence surrounded by her family on July 24, 2022. She was born in Akron, Ohio on June 10, 1959, to the late Jerry Yeager and Shirley Deschamps Yeager. Sharon is survived by her son Cody Ash and fiancée Aimee of Clarksburg; sister Lisa Owens and husband Brian of Shinnston; sister Tina Stanley and fiancée Mike of Mt. Clare; brother Terry Yeager and companion Tess of Clarksburg; granddaughters Megan Ash and Deanna Ash of Clarksburg; grandson Brady Ash of Fairmont; great-grandson Mason Doctor of Clarksburg; step-grandchildren; step-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Sharon was a very fun-loving person to be around. She loved hanging out with her friends, trips to the mountains, camping, and be-bopping to her music while taking long walks. The most important thing to Sharon was being with her family. She was Pentecostal by faith.

Friends were received at Harmer Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, from 4-6:30 p.m. with a funeral service immediately following at 6:30 p.m. with Pastor Tim Maxwell officiating.

Per her wishes, Sharon was cremated.

A service of Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston.

Eva Ilene (Colwell) Vincent



Eva Ilene (Colwell) Vincent, 87, of Shinnston, passed away at United Hospital Center on Friday, July 22, 2022. She was born in Clarksburg on June 16, 1935, to the late Millard Manson Colwell and Magaline (Swiger) Colwell.

She was a housewife and enjoyed cooking and loved mowing grass. She was a graduate of Lumberport

High School.

Eva is survived by her husband, Wayman Lee Vincent. They married on March 5, 1954.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her brother, Arnold Lee Colwell.

Friends and family were received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston on Wednesday, July 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. time of service with Pastor Duane Bartrug officiating. Interment followed at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

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

Ronald "Ronnie" John Stuttler



Ronald John "Ronnie" Stuttler, 77, of Shinnston, died unexpectedly on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at his residence. He was born April 16, 1945, in Clarksburg, son of the late Denzil Franklin Stuttler and Mary Jane (Cassady) Stuttler.

Ronnie was a U.S. Army Veteran, a member of American Legion Post 31, and the Moose Club of Shinnston. He was the owner and operator of S & S Garage in Shinnston for 40 years. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. He loved carving and woodworking, working in his garden, and camping. He also loved to travel with his bride, and they visited 49 states.

He is survived by his wife Diane (Goff) Stuttler of Shinnston; one daughter: Rebecca D. (Stuttler) Miller; one son: Brian K. Stuttler and wife Donna of Chillicothe, OH; one grandson: Matthew Stuttler of St. Louis, MO; one granddaughter: Laura Knauss and husband Kyle of Columbus, OH; one brother: William Stuttler and wife Sharon of Shinnston; one sister: Janet Anderson and husband Roger of Shinnston; his "adopted" daughter: Janice Vernon and husband Bruce of Shinnston, as well as many nieces and nephews. Also, his friends in the "Breakfast Club": Jim Jarrett, Tom Harrison, Randy Moore, and many others.

In addition to his parents, Ronnie is preceded in death by a sister Judith Diane Stuttler.

Friends and family were received on Thursday, July 28, 2022, from 2-8 p.m. Service was held on Friday, July 29, 2022, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Jim Simmons officiating. Interment followed at West Virginia National Cemetery.

Military honors were provided by the United States Army and the Harrison County Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite Veteran's charity.

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

Kathryn "Kay" Elizabeth Tannehill Winters



Kathryn Elizabeth "Kay" Tannehill Winters, 99, of Bridgeport, WV, passed away on Monday, July 25, 2022, at Stonerise Bridgeport. She was born January 6, 1923, in Scottdale, PA, daughter of the late Alva Meade and Elizabeth Mary Rhodes Tannehill.

On August 24, 1946, she was united in marriage to Kenneth Raymond Winters, Sr. who preceded her in death on September 9, 2014.

With her parents, she is also preceded in death by her only sister: Sara Frances Tannehill Crouse; two sons: Neil Alan Winters in 2009 and Kenneth R. Winters II in 2015; her only daughter: Kim Elaine Winters in 1963; one great grandson: James Fox Harris; and daughter-in-law: Christina Taylor Winters.

Kay is survived by two sons: James David Winters and wife Sarah Prince Winters of Clarksburg and Craig Tannehill Winters of Bridgeport; two grandchildren: Meade Gaston Winters and his partner Kiley Daughtery and Elizabeth Paige Winters Harris and her husband Shane Fox Harris of Hurricane; one great granddaughter: Emily Paige Winters; two bonus great granddaughters: Abigail and Addison Daughtery; and several nieces and nephews.

Kay attended Scottdale, PA public schools and graduated from Scottdale High School in 1941, and she was a 1944 graduate of WV Wesleyan College

Out Of The Past

Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



Ferguson and Hardesty families on the porch of the George A. Ferguson home in East Shinnston. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

in Buckhannon with a degree in elementary education. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority.

While living in Clarksburg, Kay was a member of the First United Methodist Church where she was a longtime member of the Chancel Choir, and she also held membership in the Clarksburg Altrusa Club. After moving to Bridgeport, she joined the Governor Johnson Garden Club and attended the Bridgeport United Methodist Church.

Kay will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, and grandmother.

Family will receive friends at the First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg on Sunday, August 7, 2022, from 2 p.m. until the time of her funeral service at 4 p.m. with Pastor Michael Atkinson officiating. Inurnment will follow at a later date at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests those wishing to make memorial contributions can be made to the First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg, 117 N 2nd Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301, Bridgeport United Methodist Church, 251 Worthington Drive Bridgeport, WV 26330, or the Humane Society of Harrison County, PO Box 4397, Clarksburg, WV 26302.

Davis Funeral Home is honored to serve the Winters Family.

Jason Corey Pritt



Jason Corey Pritt, 43, of Lumberport, went home to be with Jesus on Wednesday, July

27, 2022. He was born December 16, 1978 in Clarksburg, West Virginia to Albert and Paula Pritt.

A 1997 graduate of Lincoln High School, Jason furthered his education through the Fairmont State Aviation Technology Program which led to his work as an A&P mechanic at Pratt & Whitney for nearly 20 years.

He married the love of his life, Kristen Rogers in 2003, and together they have three sons.

Jason was a loving husband, a wonderful dad, and a loyal friend. He was easy to love, kindhearted, humble, and honest.

He was an avid fisherman and hunter, but his real passion was stream fishing. He enjoyed spending time with his family at dirt bike races, as well as watching college football with his lifelong friends.

Above all, he deeply loved his wife, Kristen, and their sons, and he demonstrated love not only through words but actions. The world needs more men like Jason Pritt, and we are all poorer for his absence.

In addition to his beloved wife, Kristen, and their sons, Camden, Casen and Canon Pritt, he is survived by his parents Albert and Paula Pritt, and his brother, Jesse Pritt, of Lambert's Run; Jim and Rhonda Finch of Lamberts Run; Gary Finch and Dolly Murray of Lamberts Run; Roger and Debbie Pritt of Sardis; and Beverly Pritt of Rt. 73.

Jason is also survived by his in-laws: Mark and Julie Rogers and Sue Rogers, as well as his wife's siblings and their spouses to whom he was like a brother: Eric Colaianni of Lumberport; Robert and Shannon Tinnell of Morgantown; BJ and Chasity Rogers of Lumberport; Pat and Brandi Belcastro of Haywood; Jason and Kandace Glasscock of West Union; Jesse and Joanie Rogers of Lumberport; Reba Rogers of Lumberport; Tyler and Katelyn Jones of Lumberport; Jake Barr of Lumberport; Halie Bramer of Lumberport; and Colton Rogers of Lumberport. He will be deeply missed by his many nieces and nephews who knew him as Uncle J, as well as many very close friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Betty Jean Finch Yeager, Paul Finch, Junior Yeager, Juanita Pritt, and Paul Pritt.

Family and friends were received at Harmer Funeral Home in Shinnston on Sunday, July 31 from 4-8 p.m. and Monday, August 1 from 2-8 p.m. A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 2, 2022, with Pastor Tim Sandy officiating. Interment followed at Lions Club Cemetery, Lumberport.

A service of Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston.

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Local Legion members visit Gold Star memorial



Five members of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31, Shinnston visited the first Gold Star Mothers Living Memorial in North Central West Virginia, which is in Middlebourne, on July 2. Pictured, from left, are Carla Wilfong (Unit 31), Dortha Parsons (Unit 31), Paulette Anderson, Margaret Yost (Unit 31), Ann Buchanan, Kim Mellie (Unit 31), American Legion Auxiliary Department of West Virginia President Cathy Post, American Legion Auxiliary National President Kathy Daudistel, Betsy Turner (Unit 31), Rhonda Best, Laura Clark and Susan Brown.

Submitted by Betsy Turner

On Saturday, July 2, five members of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31, Shinnston, traveled to Middlebourne for the dedication of American Legion Auxiliary Department of West Virginia President Cathy Post's special project, the Gold Star Mothers Living Memorial. This is a park with 55 apple trees; one for each county in the state, with a dog tag on each tree stating honoring the service members' lives lost; a granite bench; three flag poles; and a gazebo. It is the first one in the

North Central part of the state.

The greeting was given by Post. The greeting was followed by the Posting of the Colors by the Veterans of Foreign War Blue Blazers and the invocation by American Legion Auxiliary Department Chaplain Laura Clark. The National Anthem was played by the Tyler Consolidated Ensemble. Guest speakers included Terry Cunningham, president of the West Virginia Gold Star Mothers; Kathy Daudistel, American Legion Auxiliary national president; Kent Leonhardt, West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture; and James

McCormick, national commander, Military Order of the Purple Heart. The placing of the dog tags by the Gold Star Mothers was led by Rose Shilling, secretary of West Virginia Gold Star Mothers.

This was a very moving dedication to the sons and daughters, veterans, that have been lost during service to their country. Closing remarks were given by Post.

Following the dedication, a luncheon of pork barbeque, macaroni salad, baked beans and dessert was served to the attendees.

Marion County 184th COVID-19 death reported

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) reported another Marion County COVID-19 death on Friday.

That's of 184 deaths in Marion County. There were 259 in Harrison County.

That was 20 deaths reported since the last report, with a total of 7,149 deaths attributed to COVID-19. There were 3,351 active COVID-19 cases statewide.

"As we share this sad news, we pause to

remember each West Virginian," said Bill J. Crouch, DHHR Cabinet Secretary. "Each life lost is one too many, and we must do everything we can to stop the pandemic including getting vaccinated and boosted."

At the time, there were 124 active cases in Harrison County and 105 in Marion County, although many cases, such as those detected at home, are not reported to health officials.

West Virginians ages 6 months and older are recommended to

get vaccinated against the virus that causes COVID-19. Those 5 years and older should receive a booster shot when due. Second booster shots for those age 50 and over who are 4 months or greater from their first booster are recommended, as well as for younger individuals over 12 years old with serious and chronic health conditions that lead to being considered moderately to severely immunocompromised.

United Way announces 2023 campaign chair

Clarksburg — This year, United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties has teamed up with longtime community activist Wayne Worth, according to a news release.

Together, they hope to raise \$780,000 to support 20 partner agencies reliant upon the United Way and its direct funding to provide vital services to those who need it the most, such as children, seniors, people with disabilities, and veterans living in our community.

"We had just left a meeting with Wayne and were discussing our 2023 Campaign Cabinet," Aimee Comer, fundraising

and development director explained, "Wayne was assisting us (to) organize our Day of Action Community Clean-up. As we were talking about what we wanted in a chair, Brad (Riffee, United Way executive director) and I just stopped, looked at each other and smiled. We both knew, he was perfect."

"I truly believe Wayne is the ultimate advocate for everything we represent at United Way," Riffee said. "He instills community spirit through his volunteer efforts and exemplifies what it means to be a community leader. Hopefully, with Wayne's

help, we can begin to revitalize our community's spirit of giving. Like I always say, it's incredible to know that 100% of your donation goes back to the community when you support UWHDC."

In a letter penned to the citizens of Harrison and Doddridge Counties, Wayne Worth states "At the end of the day, it is not what you do, but why you do it. Moreover, when we find the courage to share with others our personal story of 'why' we do what we do, we inspire connection and foster genuine partnerships."

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