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Advocate gives dogs a voice

By Maralisa Marra



Judge, a boxer mix, sits for Certified Dog Trainer Stevie Hayes at the Humane Society.

Animal advocate and Certified Dog Trainer Stevie Hayes not only has a passion for positive reinforcement dog training, but she is also immensely passionate about the animal rescue world.

“I want to be an advocate for the dogs and the best interest of them,” Hayes said. “There is just a lack of regulation and education in the dog industry, so no matter what aspect it is—whether it is a shelter environment or a boarding and daycare—I want to be a voice for them and for us, as dog guardians to educate and learn the basics of dog body language so that we can better care for them and the community as a whole.”

Hayes is a graduate of the Victoria Stilwell Academy for Dog Training & Behavior, as well as the owner of Evergreen Canine Training Academy. She is also a former staff member of the
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West Side meeting held on Drain Hill plans

By Maralisa Marra

At last week’s Council Meeting on Aug. 29, city officials met at the Otterbein United Methodist Church on the West Side for the August work session because Vice Mayor Maryann Ferris is seeking a grant for a small recreational facility to be put on an empty piece of land at the foot of Drain Hill.

Among ideas discussed included a dog park and a pickleball court.

Ferris is planning to apply for an AARP grant with a December deadline through the city. Ferris said she is on the West Virginia Association of Retired School Employees State Board and the AARP West Virginia Volunteer President sits on the same board which is how Ferris discovered the grant. She said it is called a Challenge Grant, and it is designed to “enable cities, municipalities, or entities, that can be charitable entities also, to complete a short-term project with a little amount of money.”

Ferris also said, “We have been talking as a Council, for a good number of years, about doing something for the citizens of the West Side, so that’s why we’re having this meeting here [at the Otterbein Church]. We hoped that
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Lumberport Lions beautify city

By Maralisa Marra

Over the summer, the Lumberport Lions Club has dedicated many hours to beautifying and tidying their city.

Lumberport Lions Club President Daniel Wilson said every year Lumberport hosts an alumni event for graduates of Lumberport High School. The reunion took place on July 22 and 23 and served as the Lions Club’s motivating factor this summer.

Wilson said they decided to “neaten it up a little bit” downtown on Main Street. They dug around a few trees on the sidewalks on Main Street and mulched around them.

“We painted the municipal building,” Wilson added. “Just to clean it up; just to give it a nice clean look.”

They painted the two sides that can be seen from the road, according to Wilson.

He said they also painted some of the telephone poles to clean them up a little bit, and they planted flower beds throughout the town.

“We just did little things just to beautify the street,” Wilson said. “We also got some new Lumberport flags, and we put them along the street [on the poles].”

Wilson said they also put new flags on the community building.

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As part of its mission of service, Lumberport Lions painted the local municipal building. From left are Michael Webb, Daniel Wilson and in front of him is his wife Fran Wilson, Patty Vincent, Tom Exline (on ladder), and Dalton Gould.

Local dances at Italian festival



Pictured are Pat Boggess, Whitney Boggess, and Giada Boggess. Giada danced with the Italian Heritage Festival Dancers on the main stage and in the parade at the WV Italian Heritage Festival in Clarksburg last weekend.

State is full of hidden gems



BUILDING AMAZING CITIES

By JIM HUNT
author, speaker, consultant

As September rolls around, my favorite time to travel begins. The weather is just right, the oppressive summer heat has subsided and the coolness in the air is invigorating while hiking or taking long walks.

The crowds are not usually a problem, with kids back in school and vacationers back at work. I find that I like shorter trips in the fall, with day-long car trips my favorite. While many people wait for the leaves to turn, I find that the back roads and rural areas are beautiful, even before the golden colors begin to appear.

West Virginia has a multitude of places that can be accessed in a short drive and offer an enjoyable day or weekend trip. It’s not always necessary to spend a lot

of time planning your getaway since there are hidden treasures lurking in most parts of the state.

I recently drove on Route 50 from Kingwood to Clarksburg and was surprised at the little shops and interesting sights along the road. The remnants of the booming coal and lumber

industry make a great backdrop for some interesting photographs. Churches and old school buildings dot the landscape and often house some historic pieces that you may find interesting.

The towns of Davis and Thomas have unique histories and have created an interesting array of shops and restaurants that attract visitors year-round. Canaan Valley and Blackwater Falls State Park are nearby and can fill up a day or a weekend with great food and lots to see.

Elkins and Buckhannon are also worth a visit and have a wonderful atmosphere with a diverse population and many historic places to visit. I like to look at the map and seek out some of the

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Guest Column

By Mac Warner WV Secretary of State

It's a good time to register to vote

Since 2002, the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) has recognized September as National Voter Registration Month to encourage eligible Americans to register to vote or to update their voter registration information.

Voting is a right guaranteed to every eligible citizen. But you must be properly registered. In West Virginia, we're making it easy, safe and secure to register online and in person.

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Those are incredible numbers given the small size of our state. Our efforts to make it easy to register and easy to vote in West Virginia have been recognized throughout the nation.

Today, eligible voters can register online anytime by going to the WV Secretary of State's safe and secure website at www.GoVoteWV.com. Eligible voters can also register to vote in person by going to their local County Clerk's office.

We want every eligible West Virginian to be registered and ready for the upcoming November General Election.

Mac Warner is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, WVU College of Law, and a master's degree recipient from UVA Law School. He has over 35 years of public service in the Department of Defense, the US State Department, and WV State Government.

Super Crossword

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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. 8, 1862: Raiders led by Confederate Gen. Albert G. Jenkins, a Cabell County native, rode into Barboursville. They skirmished with the enemy, then rode into Wayne, Logan, and Raleigh counties.

Sept. 8, 1947: Morris Harvey College (now University of Charleston) moved to its current location on the south side of the Kanawha River.

Sept. 9, 1839: Anderson "Devil Anse" Hatfield was born in Mingo County. He was the patriarch of the Hatfield family and their leader during the Hatfield-McCoy feud.

Sept. 10, 1782: Frontier heroine Betty Zane is credited with saving Fort Henry in Wheeling during an attack by the British and Indians. According to one account, Zane sprinted across a field to retrieve gunpowder from the Zane family cabin.

Sept. 10, 1996: Movie and television actress Joanne Dru died in Los Angeles. Dru was born

Park in Huntington opened. During the Great Depression, the Works Progress Administration contributed to constructing the roads and stonework around the park.

Sept. 12, 1872: The Great Bend Tunnel was completed. The tunnel, also known as Big Bend Tunnel, is the place where John Henry defeated the steam drill, becoming one of the world's great folk heroes.

Sept. 12, 1952: A group of local youths were startled from a game of football by a fireball streaking across the sky. The fireball fell to earth just beyond a hillside at Flatwoods. This sighting led to the legend of the Braxton County Monster.

Sept. 12, 1974: Kanawha County schools were closed for four days because of an escalation in violence during the Kanawha County Textbook Controversy. Throughout October and November, sporadic violence continued as protesters demanded the resignation of pro-textbook board members and the superintendent of schools.

Sept. 13, 1844: Milton Humphreys was born in Greenbrier County. During the Civil War, he enlisted in the Confederate

service as a sergeant. At the battle of Fayetteville, Humphreys fired his cannon at Union artillery from behind an intervening forest. This demonstration set a precedent for modern warfare by the use of indirect fire.

Sept. 13, 1848: Attorney "J. R." Clifford was born in present Grant County. In 1887, Clifford became the first African American admitted to practice law before the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals. He was one of the first lawyers in the nation to challenge segregated schools.

Sept. 13, 1862: Confederate and Union forces clashed in Charleston. Southern artillery gained the high ground on Fort Hill and smashed the federals who were lining the west bank of the Elk River.

Sept. 13, 1910: Musician Leon "Chu" Berry was born in Wheeling. He was one of the most highly regarded saxophonists of the Swing Era.

Sept. 14, 1898: Okey L. Patteson was born in Mingo

County. Patteson, called the "Great Persuader," tackled difficult decisions as West Virginia's 23rd governor from 1949 to 1953.

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FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

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Thursday, Sept. 8 at 10:30 a.m.
Marion County Convention & Visitors Bureau in Pleasant Valley.
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Sept. 10 | 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
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Metal concert to benefit cemeteries

Shinnston band is opening act

The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center is preparing to host “Chaos Brings Honor,” a fundraising concert featuring FLAW, The Fall of Babylon, and ScareTape, according to a news release. The opening band, ScareTape, is from Shinnston.

The concert is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 12, at the historic Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center located at 444 W. Pike St. in Clarksburg.

“Chaos Brings Honor” is a concert to raise funds to assist the Historic Clarksburg WV Cemetery Preservation

Alliance in continuing its mission to restore respect, dignity, and honor to distressed cemeteries.

“The HCWVCPA got its start as a community-based group of volunteers that came together in the late summer of 2011 to provide care for the former IOOF Cemetery on S. Chestnut St. in Clarksburg,” said Sean Jedju, the Alliance’s president. “Since 2011 HCWVCPA has grown and now owns three cemeteries in Harrison County, WV, and has provided support services to several others.”

The Louisville, Kentucky-based metal band FLAW has been



playing music for more than 20 years. The band has seen multiple lineup changes over the years; however, the core of Chris Volz’s vocals has remained as the creative driving force.

The band has signed a deal with Pavement Entertainment, and they released “Divided We Fall” on Aug. 19, 2016. FLAW’s most recent heavy-hitting album, “The Fall,” was released in 2018. **See “Concert” on Pg 8.**

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smaller places along the way that once played a role in the development of our state. Places like Rowlesburg, along the Cheat River, are interesting for their Civil War history and some unique architecture.

Visiting college campuses in West Virginia is also a good excuse for a trip. While we have heard of most of the small colleges and universities in West Virginia, I enjoy walking around the campus and seeing the buildings and the tree lined walkways.

West Virginia Wesleyan in Buckhannon is one of the most beautiful small colleges in the country and the fall is one of the best times to visit. Davis and Elkins is another quaint small college that sits on a hill that overlooks Elkins, as is Alderson-Broadus in Philippi. In many small college towns, there are festivals and concerts during the fall which make for a nice evening outing. For those that don’t want to fight the crowds and traffic at WVU games, small college football and soccer are

great activities and have the atmosphere and competition at a fraction of the cost of big-time college football.

All in all, West Virginia is the perfect place to visit and explore in the fall. Get in your car and pick a direction and drive. It is hard to go wrong, and you will never go hungry, with a multitude of choices. If you find a hidden gem that I have missed, please let me know. I am always up for a road trip!

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Humane Society of Harrison County where she found her passion in dog training and rescue advocacy.

About three and half years ago, Hayes began her journey at the Humane Society, and she worked there from February of 2019 to the fall of 2020, as well as a couple months in the fall of 2021. Then, she decided to pursue dog training.

“I fell in love working with animals here at the Humane Society. I’ve always had a passion for animals, but being here, being involved in the rescue world and seeing everything firsthand was such a great but heartbreaking experience,” Hayes said. “I wanted to continue my involvement in the rescue world but find a way to further help, so that was why I chose to pursue dog training.”

After becoming certified, Hayes set out to not only offer private in-home dog training lessons through her training academy, but she made it a point to return back to the Humane Society where her training passion began.

“Even [training] dogs that have never been in a shelter, to be able to be a part of that process and keep that dog in their home, so that they never end up in this [shelter] environment—I just want to make a difference in that way,” Hayes said.

She volunteers her time working with shelter dogs twice a week for at least a few hours. She said, “Right now, my focus is on the dog training and how I can help out here at the Humane Society.”

When working with the shelter dogs, Hayes said, “It isn’t just all about obedience. Yes, we get obedience in there, but we also like to work on enrichment activities, exercise, and mental stimulation because these dogs can be in their kennels for 23 hours a day.”

Lately, Hayes has been working closely with two surrendered dogs at the shelter: Judge and Rocco.

Judge is a boxer mix around 1 year and 10 months old who has been a long term shelter resident, and Hayes makes sure she works with him each time she volunteers at the Humane Society. He has been in and out of the shelter since Dec. 2021.

Rocco is a 10-month-old hound mix who has been returned three times to the shelter. Hayes said he was originally adopted out as a puppy. She said she is offering a highly discounted price through her training academy to do training with him for his next adopters so that way he stays in his home.

Both Judge and Rocco need homes that will provide them with a lot of

exercise and mental stimulation.

Although Hayes is volunteering her time, she said she would like to be able to spend two full days at the Humane Society once they find a grant to pay her for her training services.

Hayes said, “The Humane Society has plans to apply for grants so that I can be paid for my time. Frankie Dennison, the director, has made many improvements during her time here and this is another huge step. I wouldn’t be here today as a business owner and certified dog trainer without her taking a risk hiring me as a kennel tech years ago.”

Hayes is an advocate for force free training methods and said she uses progressive training methods that are force free.

She said there are many aversive techniques out there such as prong collars, electric collars, choker collars, among others. However, Hayes’ training techniques do not consist of any aversive techniques.

There are very few shelters in the area with dog trainers, and Hayes said, “At this point, the state that the shelter and rescue world is in, I don’t think it’s a question of if there should be a trainer [at shelters]. I believe it needs to be the normal for any shelter no matter the size to have

a trainer on staff.”

As Hayes continues her work in dog training and in the rescue world, she plans to grow her business and potentially have her own training facility.

“In order for me to be a good dog trainer, no matter what the situation is, I have to be able to be compassionate with the person, as well, because you don’t know until you know,” Hayes said. “I have to be able to relate to my client because it doesn’t matter if I’m good with the dog if I’m not good with you, my client, I’m there for you and to help you along the way.”

Hayes noted that dogs are sentient beings, and they have emotional and physical needs, “so we have to be supporting them and setting them up for success.”

She is now accepting clients through Evergreen Canine Training Academy. Visit Hayes’ website, <https://evergreenk9ta.wixsite.com/2022>, or the Evergreen Facebook page.

If interested in adopting a dog, visit the Humane Society of Harrison County’s website to fill out an application.

Overall, Hayes plans to continue bridging gaps for the rescue world and advocating for all dogs.

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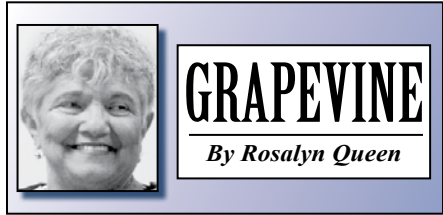
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From behind the scenes to the festival front

This kind of seems backward, but this is what happened to me this weekend as I sat in front of the stage watching the coronation of Regina Maria 43rd.

When I was in the back, I wondered if everything was in order. I wanted to make

the Queen. I became nervous as I watched the minor court wiggle wondering just how many were going to back out, but none ever did. Then I rechecked the script to make sure no names were deleted.

As the court and the dignitaries gathered in the

sure that at least 25 girls were ready to go lead the procession that would precede the announcement of

courthouse, I became a little nervous wondering what important item I had forgotten. If I ever did, I was never reminded and I knew I had to move on to the next event that came after the coronation.

Today as I sat in front of the stage, when the music started, I immediately looked at Bank One for the clock to make sure it was noon and time for the coronation to start. But

the clock is not there so in front of the stage I had to trust that it was time. I listened intently to the script as it was read by the announcer and from the front, I did not detect one error. From the front of the stage, I was impressed to see all the beautiful smiles on the faces of the court, where from the back I only admired their hairstyles.

It was great to see all the wiggling and waving of the

minor court to their families. From the front of the stage, I finally realized that all our planning had to be seen to know that we have attained our goal in the presentation of the festival.

I will probably never go to the back again, but I sure hope that I will be in the front for a long time.

Stay safe and until next week "Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine."

"Meeting" From Pg 1.

we would have more input from the citizens about what they wanted."

Few citizens of West Side came to the meeting to express ideas for the project and improvements to their neighborhood. The meeting was promoted on windows throughout town.

Ferris said Council has considered two ideas for the improvements: a dog park or a pickleball court.

"The plot of land that we're talking about is...when FEMA came in and took some of the buildings that were affected during the flooding," Ferris said. "One of the rules that they have is that we cannot build a permanent structure on those plots of land."

Therefore, since the plot of land at the foot of Drain Hill is in a FEMA flood zone, the improvements that Council is hoping to make can only be a minor structure in case of flooding.

City Manager Chad Edwards said an improvement would be permitted so long as it's not "something that can be removed and cause damage down the river."

"We would like to offer something for the citizens, for the youth [of West Side]," Ferris added.

Ferris said the application process is due in December, and the AARP foundation makes the announcements about who will receive grant money in June.

In other matters, Council further discussed ideas about building an addition onto the City Building big enough for Council Chambers and a few offices.

Mayor Rodney Strait said Council wants "to add a structure big enough for City Council Chambers" and is looking at including an office for the water department "where people can just walk up to it and pay their bill without having to go up the ramp. Possibly an office for Chad and maybe the mayor."

Councilmember Patrick Kovalck said, "It doesn't have to be the Taj Mahal by any means—something we can afford. I think it's doable for under \$400,000."

He said they still have to appoint a committee at the Building Commission to come up with ideas. "Before we know any facts or what it's going to cost, we've got to come up with some rough design to submit to people for bids," Kovalck added.

Councilmember Amanda Sayers said she spoke with Duane Blackwell about coming up with some plans

since he is an architect. Duane Blackwell is the broker and owner of Blackwell Realty Group, LLC that just opened in the Barrick Center in Shinnston.

"He said he would be happy to do something that didn't cost a ton, and that we could be proud of in our downtown, so we don't have to have Council meetings at the Woman's Club or here [at the Otterbein Church] or wherever, so we have something nice that you guys can come to and be comfortable in," she said.

Kovalck mentioned that the front porch of the potential addition can also serve as the stage at the Green Space, as well.

Ferris said that the next step in this process would be to put on the next meeting agenda to authorize the city manager to proceed. "We need to authorize our city manager to expend our public funds in doing this and [start] the process rolling. That's the first step as far as I'm concerned," she added.

In other matters, Strait said he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at the airport on Aug. 16 alongside Ferris, Councilmember Julia Currey, and City Clerk Kathleen Panek.

He said, "Governor Jim Justice was also present, and this celebrated leveling of the mountain for expansion to the airport for a new terminal and new businesses moving into the airport complex."

Strait also said he and Currey attended the Harrison County Chamber of Commerce dinner on Aug. 22.

According to Strait, the city repaired two sewer leaks this past month, and they worked hand and hand with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection on the repairs. He said one leak was on the rails to trails, and it was an eight-inch line that was clogged with baby wipes and towelettes being flushed down toilet drains.

"This clogs up lines and gets into pumps and tears the pumps up, so we need not to do that," Strait advised.

Edwards added, "I cannot stress enough, no paper towels, no wipes [flushed down the toilet], and grease—do not dump grease down your sink because that's what causes deterioration of sewer lines."

He also said, "I think that our water clerk said it best when she said, 'Treat your public sewer system like you would a septic tank,' because

it basically is a septic tank for the whole city."

Strait said, "If you find a sewer leak, have a sewer leak, call the city. We can't fix it unless it's reported, and not to depend on social media to get the word out. You need to call the city, so the city workers can take care of that."

Edwards also reported on his attendance, alongside other city workers, at the Rural Water Conference at Snowshoe on Aug. 13-17. He said, "We got some valuable training and continuing education credits for our operators so they can keep their licenses current."

Edwards also noted that since the last Council meeting, the police department has lost two officers.

Chief of Police Jon Harbert pointed to negativity toward the department and pay.

"There are things that we have in this city that are valued, and a lot of values, but a lot of negativity is starting to come recently and come towards people in City Council, my department. I believe Council should

look at possibly addressing the truth of things that go on. Falsehoods sometimes take precedence over the truth, and that has been happening a lot lately." He didn't elaborate.

Shinnston police are paid \$16.50 an hour if they are uncertified; certified officers are paid \$19 an hour. Bridgeport and Clarksburg pay more, although other factors were unclear, such as benefits and overtime. Bridgeport pays a salary of \$39,728 for non-certified and \$46,758 for certified. Clarksburg's starting pay for a probationary officer is a salary of \$45,009, and after their one year probation period, they receive a salary of \$48,827.

Harbert also said, "If I want to get anybody to protect the citizens of this city that's going to stay, and want to stay, they're not going to keep putting up with the childishness for what they get paid."

In April, the Shinnston News reported Shinnston police made up the biggest portion of the 2022-2023 city budget, with a \$626,000 allocation out of nearly \$2 million.

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HCSCC SPOTLIGHT

Featuring news from the Harrison County Senior Citizen Center

Tax officials hold mobile office for seniors

Harrison County seniors wish to thank the Harrison County Assessor's Office and chief tax deputy for help with assessments and tax payments.

The Harrison County Assessor's Office and chief tax deputy provided several 2022 Assessment and Tax satellite locations during the month of August. One of those locations was at Harrison County Senior Center on the morning of Aug. 23.

Seniors expressed gratitude for the convenience of taking care of assessment paperwork and tax payments at their local center.

The HCSCC also thanks the Assessor's Office and Tax Office for their assistance.



From left to right, pictured are Deanna McNemar, Assessor Rocky Romano, Denise Hyman, and Melissa Loder, customer. Not pictured, Chief Tax Deputy Jim Terango and Ivan George IV.

Note:

Harrison County Senior Center will be closed on Monday, Oct. 10 in observance of Columbus Day.

Harrison County Senior Center Board of Directors News

Board of Directors meeting scheduled

The HCSCC Board of Directors' next meeting will be Sept. 22, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in person and via Zoom.

After Sept. 22, the remaining 2022 HCSCC Board meeting date is Oct. 27.

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

Mt. Clare members support Walk to End Alzheimer's



From left to right are Sharon Bragg, Mt. Clare satellite secretary/treasurer; Margaret Vincent, Mt. Clare satellite president; Bill O'Field, North Central Walk to End Alzheimer's Walk co-chair, and Beth Fitzgerald, North Center Walk to End Alzheimer's logistics co-chair. Margaret Vincent presents donations and advocacy cards to Bill O'Field and Beth Fitzgerald.

The Mt. Clare Senior Citizens Satellite is one group providing much-appreciated help for the local Walk to End Alzheimer's.

At their monthly meeting on Aug., Mt. Clare Senior Citizens Satellite members showed their support for

the Harrison County Senior Center Walk to End Alzheimer's Team with Advocacy Card signatures and monetary donations.

The 2022 Walk will take place on Oct. 9 at 1 p.m. at Jackson Square in Clarksburg.

Farmer's Market Coupon Books still available

Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program Coupon Books are still available at the Harrison County Senior Center for seniors age 60+ that meet the income guidelines shown below. Coupons are good until Oct. 31, 2022. Call the senior center at 304-623-6795 for additional information.

Household Size	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	Twice-Monthly	Monthly	Annual
1	\$484	\$967	\$1,048	\$2,096	\$25,142
2	\$652	\$1,303	\$1,412	\$2,823	\$33,874
3	\$820	\$1,639	\$1,776	\$3,551	\$42,606
4	\$988	\$1,975	\$2,140	\$4,279	\$51,338

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Marshville Satellite visits Quinet's Restaurant



On Aug. 30, several of the Marshville Satellite seniors traveled to New Martinsville to lunch at Quinet's Restaurant. Pictured from left to right are Lynne Clutter, Diane Clutter, Bob Clutter, Marvin Minor, Bill O'Field, Barbara Lucas, Sue Maass, Vickie Clutter, Sharon McCarty, and Tom McCarty

Stonerise sponsors Bingo after lunch



From left to right are Shanti Amos, Stonerise Account Executive, and Beth Fitzgerald, HCSCC Executive Director. Amos watches for participants to call Bingo while Fitzgerald calls the numbers.



Shanti Amos, left, presents Senior Center Member Julie Cobb with a bingo prize.

Stonerise was pleased to recently participate and provide prizes for the weekly Bingo after Lunch in the Kinley Café at the senior center.

Shanti Amos, Stonerise account executive, was on hand, presenting prizes and offering information.

Stonerise offers transitional care through skilled nursing homes, home health, therapy and hospice services.

In addition to playing Bingo and winning prizes, members received information on the services Stonerise offers.

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Fantasy drafts complete—now let's watch some football

From The World of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

Labor Day weekend capped off the majority of Fantasy Football drafts where eight to 12 adults pretend to be armchair quarterbacks and strategize through the rankings in hopes of capturing their league's title. The winner will receive a trophy made of tin foil, wooden blocks, and a high school football that cheerleaders throw into the stands during games. I, just like many others, am sucked into this world as well, but dog-gum it, I love it!

Fantasy Football has been around for years and the game has grown exponentially. From the stat lines in the USA Today sports section to the second stats via ESPN, Yahoo, or other avenues of leagues, it captures everyone nowadays. What was once

a group of buddies from the neighborhood, is now leagues consisting of dads, moms, kids, and other relatives plus their friends. The league that I play in has participants from Texas, Florida,

Ohio, and West Virginia. It keeps our friendships even stronger because we keep tabs through the league.

For those who are unfamiliar with the league, Fantasy Football is a game with various formats—Standard, PPR (Points Per Reception), Super Flex (2 QB rosters), and Dynasty (Keeper). Points are awarded for yards rushed, received or thrown, while kickers and defensive teams or players can play a role, as well. We compete in head-to-head competition each week just like the NFL.

The draft sometimes takes place at a bar, a person's house, or strictly online. There is a predetermined draft order which can be random or based on how teams fared last season.

See "Football" on Pg 8.

The backyard squall

The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

West Virginia University opened up the football season with a nationally televised lock up against their most despised nemesis: the Pitt Panthers. Last Thursday's opener was such a big deal that ESPN's gameday crew was on hand for a special show to open up the 2022 campaign.

The Backyard Brawl started back in 1895 with WVU and Pitt locking up 105 times. Their last meeting in 2011 seems like an eternity ago, and in reality, it has been over a decade since one of the most bitter rivalries in all of college football has taken place.

The tilt is so big that the capacity, crowd of 70,622 fans, was the biggest to ever see a game in Pittsburgh sports history. The Panthers came into the

affair ranked #17 in the country and a decided favorite of nearly a touchdown. As a matter of fact, every single game day picker took Pitt to win this heated battle. At the end of the day, when the dust finally settled, the Mountaineers won every major category (total yardage, total first downs, and third down efficiency), except for the one that matters most: the final score.

WVU brought a secret weapon to the Steal City: newcomer CJ Donaldson Jr. He blocked a punt and rushed down seven times for a game high of 125 yards including a five-yard touchdown run.

Donaldson, quarterback JT Daniels, and receiver Bryce Ford-Wheaton combined to give the Mountaineers a lead in the fourth quarter. Daniels found paydirt on a one-yard touchdown plunge with just over 10 minutes left in the contest giving the

See "Squall" on Pg 8.

Gov. Justice: Countdown to Gauley Season begins

According to a news release from the governor's office, Gov. Jim Justice announced the countdown to Gauley Season has officially begun. In just a couple days, America's newest national park will begin offering whitewater rafters from around the globe an opportunity to take on some of the world's top whitewater runs in a picturesque fall backdrop that is practically heaven-sent. Each fall, more than 40,000 people flock to the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve to experience this once-in-a-lifetime thrill during the six-week period also known as Gauley Season.

"West Virginia's whitewater is truly something special," said Gov. Justice. "With Gauley Season quickly approaching, I want to personally invite everyone to come see and experience it for themselves. It's a once in a lifetime West Virginia adventure you just can't miss out on."

Each year, controlled releases from the Summersville Dam are scheduled for six weeks beginning after Labor Day, releasing 44 million gallons of water into the Gauley River at a rate of 50+ mph, creating premier whitewater rafting conditions. That volume is enough to fill one Olympic-size pool every 10 seconds. This year's releases begin the weekend of Sept. 9 and are scheduled to run until the weekend of Oct. 15.

Whitewater rafting in West Virginia has become a strong tradition for

thousands living across the country. Randy Ebersole, of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania began his whitewater rafting hobby in 1978 and took his first trip down the Upper Gauley River in 1989 when one of his rafting guides recommended it. From then on, he started organizing large groups of friends, with 30-45 people to join in on the excitement.

"After my first Gauley Season, I thought to myself, okay, that was fun, I've done it. I can check it off the list," Ebersole said. "But that quickly turned into planning another trip for the following year. 34 years later, we're still coming back. Each time the group looks a little different, we return with some of the same folks, and bring newbies along too."

Gauley Season is welcoming to all walks of life. One trip Ebersole organized had a 26-year-old and 72-year-old present. He has had friends join from all over the country, from states such as Florida, Washington, Texas, and New Jersey, to name a few.

"One of the craziest things about Gauley Season is the controlled unpredictability of it all," Ebersole stated. "It's 'controlled' because of the seasoned guides. But even those guides will admit that they don't always know what will happen on the river. It's what keeps me coming back. And I'm looking forward to returning to my home away from home, West



Pictured are whitewater rafters in the Upper Gauley River.

Virginia, in September."

The Upper, Middle, and Lower Gauley River make approximately 25 miles of world-class whitewater. The Upper Gauley is best for those looking for more of an intense, pulse pumping adventure. Here you will find legendary Big 5 Rapids—Insignificant, Pillow Rock, Lost Paddle, Iron Ring and Sweets Falls. This section is steep, fast, and technical, rightfully earning its nickname: the Beast of the East.

The Middle Gauley provides a nice, calm reprieve between the Upper and Lower sections and is a great litmus test to decide if you are ready for the Lower. While not

as steep and challenging as the Upper, the Lower Gauley holds its own as a high-quality section of whitewater.

The Lower Gauley really shines with its scenic cliff lines at Canyon Doors and Junkyard. Rapids like Upper Mash and Lower Mash will get your blood pumping.

Gauley Season 2022 will include 22 scheduled water releases, with an extra hour of release scheduled for Sept. 17-19. Many rafting companies are offering exclusive deals in honor of Gauley Season. Plan your rafting excursion today at WVtourism.com.

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Athletes of the Week

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

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

The winners of this past week's Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal award are Bridgeport's Gabby Reep and Robert C. Byrd's Nick George.

Indian soccer player Gabby Reep helped her team to a big win over cross-town rival Robert C. Byrd. This past week, Reep scored both of the Tribe's goals in the key Big 10 victory (2-0) over the Flying Eagles last Thursday in Bridgeport.

Flying Eagle signal-caller Nick George helped his squad to a 57-23 win over Oak Glen last Friday. George was 19 of 34 for 317 yards. It was a career best for George and the seventh highest single game total in school history. George also threw for three touchdowns on plays 19, 34, and 9 yards respectively. He was also the team's rushing leader with 81 yards. George added three rushing scores on carries of 1, 5, and 15 yards.

Congratulations to Bridgeport's Gabby Reep and Robert C. Byrd's Nick George for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal Athletes of the Week!



Head Coach Sam Marra (pictured in middle with his team) of the 1982 Shinnston Pee Wee Football Pop Warner State Champions (11-1) will represent the team as Lincoln High School's first honorary guest captain in the coin toss at Stydahar Field for Lincoln's first home game on Friday, Sept. 9. Alongside Marra were Assistant Coaches Buzzy Book, the late Jimmy Salentro, the late Billy Myers, and the late Bubba Ayers. The late Marion Russell served as the team's business and equipment manager, and Anthony Marra recorded the team's statistics. Sam Marra will be representing his team of David McDougal, L.T. Bryant, Mikey Kellar, Shane Russell, Mickey Tate, Chad Riley, Mikey Salentro, David Grier, Billy Tichenor, the late Joey Gemono, Buzzy Book Jr., Matt Sturm, Brian Fortney, David Sears, Nick Sears, Earl Layton, Chad Hudson, Jay DeBerry, George Coffman, the late Mark Gregory, the late Rusty Tichenor, Timmy Wentz, Brad Spencer, Marvin Hillard, Robbie Talkington, and Scott Williams.

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OBITUARIES**William "Bill" Homer Sampson**

William "Bill" Homer Sampson, 86, of Shinnston, WV received his wings on Aug. 28, 2022. He passed away at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on May 7, 1936, to the late James Andrew Sampson and Sarah Grey in Brenizer, PA.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Sherry McIntyre Sampson, and daughters, Christie Richards and husband Mitch Richards and Cecile Flanigan and husband Derek Flanigan, as well as his grandchildren: William "Chase" Sampson, Kenneth "Kip" Stutler, and Requel Richards.

Bill was employed by Beckwith Machinery as an On-Road Mechanic for Caterpillar Equipment working with Engines and Generators for over 25 years. He installed seven huge CAT driven generators at the new FBI site. He had a natural charisma that helped him meet many people during his traveling. He loved talking with people and sharing stories.

After retiring from Beckwith, Bill started new endeavors, working with Repair King. After this, he picked up a part time job driving deliveries for Advanced Auto Parts.

Bill was truly a great man whose impact will be felt by all the lives he has touched. His ability to sacrifice, love, and provide will forever be engrained in all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by two sisters: Audrey Trader and Loretta Jean Hinzman Matheny.

A special "Thank you" to WVU Medicine Hospice and Health for their special care and wonderful services.

In honoring Bill's wishes, he will be cremated. Family and friends were received at Reynoldsville Baptist Church on Friday, Sept. 2 from 11 a.m. to noon. Funeral service followed from noon to 1 p.m. with Pastor Jon Hayes officiating. Inurnment will be at Floral Hills Memorial Gardens for family only from 2 to 3 p.m.

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

Elmer "Bozoo" Lee Robinson

Elmer "Bozoo" Lee Robinson, 74, of Wallace, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022, at United Hospital Center. He was born on April 4, 1948, in Cherry Fork to the late Junior Boyd Riley and Mary Magdaline Robinson.

Elmer had worked as a logger and as a railroad contractor for Roy Holcomb and Cherry Fork Timbering in Buckhannon. He also served in the US Army.

He's survived by one daughter, Mellisa Giles and husband Wayne of Bridgeport; four granddaughters: Ayla Barnett, Shania Barnett, Bindra Rai, and Stephanie Lucas; five great granddaughters; four brothers: Cecil Robinson of Hodgesville, Roy Robinson and wife Janet of Wallace, Kenneth Robinson of Wallace, and David Robinson and wife Angie of

Clarksburg; special friends, Joe and Melissa "Flick" Thrower of Wallace; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Elmer is preceded in death by one brother, Marion "Buster" Francis Robinson, as well as three brothers and one sister at infancy.

He enjoyed his CB radio and loved shuckin' and jivin' with his friends.

Honoring Elmer's wishes, he was buried on his homeplace property, 482 Gateway Road in Wallace on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022 at 11 a.m. with Pastor Angie Robinson officiating. Military honors will be provided by the U.S. Army and Harrison County Honor Guard.

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

Dorothy J. Garrett Kehrer

Dorothy J. Garrett Kehrer, 87, of Clarksburg passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Sept. 1, 2022, in a local nursing home following a brief illness.

She was born in Worthington on Nov. 7, 1934, a daughter of the late Paul Basil and Josephine Elizabeth Blackburn Garrett.

She was married to Albert Frank Kehrer on Nov. 12, 1955, who preceded her in death on Aug. 18, 2017 after 61 years of marriage. Surviving are three sons: Frank E. Kehrer and his wife Betty of Buckhannon, Albert P. "Al" Kehrer and his wife Stacey of Bridgeport, and William G. "Bill" Kehrer and his significant other Rhonda Wolfe of Clarksburg; three daughters: Dianna K. Urse of Fairmont, Doris Curley and her husband Tom of Wilmington, NC, and Sue Ellen Beebe and her husband Albert of Alma, WV; 15 grandchildren: Linda Butcher and her significant other Robin Wilson, Christina Wilson, Dean Thorniley, Melinda Backlund, Sunshine Thorniley, Joplin Kehrer, Broden Michael Kehrer, Raeanna Urse, Jay Brandon Urse and his wife Jill Sherman, Brittany Urse, Corey Urse, Katelyn Yost and her husband Christopher, Daniel J. Wilson, Rebecca Flint and her husband Brian, Kristen Bassell and her husband Terry; great grandson, Uriah Bassell; and several additional great and great, great grandchildren; one sister, Paulette Morgan; two sons-in-law: Clifford Thorniley and Lynn Butcher; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by three daughters: Helen Thorniley and twin daughters Linda and Lana Kehrer; one grandson, Bonn David Kehrer; one sister, Joann Bowen; and one brother-in-law, Philip "Satch" Morgan.

Dorothy was the previous owner of City Window Cleaners and was a member of the Wesley United Methodist church in Ellenboro. She was the first female Exalted Ruler of the Clarksburg Lodge No. 482 B.P.O. Elks, having served two terms, was an active member of the Buckhannon Elks Lodge No. 1736, and was a lifelong volunteer at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center and the WV Veterans Nursing Facility. She was also a member of the Grange Organization. Dorothy loved to sing and play the piano, was an avid WVU and Pittsburgh Steelers football fan, and was proudly voted the Ritchie

Out Of The Past**Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.**

The first streetcar that ran through Shinnston on Sept. 1, 1906. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

County Belle at the Ritchie County Fair.

The family would like to extend a special "Thank You" to all of Dorothy's caregivers for their loving care and compassion at the hospitals, nursing facility, and at home.

Family and friends called at the Amos Carvelli Funeral Home, 201 Edison Street, Nutter Fort on Sunday from 3 to 8 p.m. where funeral services were held on Sept. 6 at 11 a.m. Interment was in the Floral Hills Memorial Gardens.

A service of Amos Carvelli Funeral Home.

Ronald "Ron" Waine Hill, Jr.

Ronald "Ron" Waine Hill, Jr., 68, of Bridgeport passed away on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022, at his residence. He was born May 28, 1954, in Greensburg, PA, son of the late Ronald Waine Hill, Sr. and Rebecca Rae Sickenburger Hill.

Ron graduated from Hempfield High School in the Class of 1972 and graduated from Pittsburgh Art Institute with an associate degree. Ron started his career at McWhorter Advertising as a painter. He held multiple positions before moving to Bridgeport and working in management. Then, he purchased and operated the company as Standard Advertising for several years. He taught as a Dale Carnegie Instructor.

Ron was a pastor at Horizons Church in Lost Creek where he was also a member. He was currently working as a Corporate Counselor for McDonald's and for John Ebert. He was a member of the Clarksburg Rotary Club and was also past District Governor. Ron served as the President on the board of Heritage Christian School for over ten years.

Ron is survived by his wife of 30 years, Cynthia Louise Abraham Hill; three daughters: Rachele Hill of Round Hill, VA, Meredith and Marina Hill both of Bridgeport.

In addition to his parents, Ron is preceded in death by one daughter, Megan Hill.

Family received friends at Davis Funeral Home 124 Olen Thomas Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301 for visitation on Saturday, Sept. 3 from 11 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 1 p.m. with Pastor Kelly Clevenger officiating. Interment

followed at Bridgeport Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Heritage Christian School, 225 Newton Ave, Bridgeport, WV 26330.

Davis Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hill family.

Randall "Trigger" Scott Watson

Randall "Trigger" Scott Watson, 56, of Lumberport, went home to be with the Lord after fighting a long battle with cancer on Feb. 7, 2022, at his home with his loving wife, Doris, by his side. He was born June 12, 1965, in Clarksburg, a son of the late Harold Albert Watson Jr. and Sue Ann Ashley Watson.

Randy is survived by his wife, Doris Faye Hayhurst Watson, whom he married on June 2, 1990. Also surviving are his brother, Craig Alan Watson of Clarksburg; his nephew, Jordan Watson and his mother, Vickie Watson of Flemington; his mother and father-in-law, Charles and Marjorie Hayhurst of Fairmont; sisters-in-law, Donna Tubolino of Morgantown; and Deborah Bouvy of Fairmont; and his brother-in-law, Danny Hayhurst and companion Phyllis Brown of Morgantown; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Randy was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Mason and Mary Ashley; and paternal grandparents, Edith and Harold Albert Watson Sr.

Randy was a graduate of Lincoln High School and the Diesel Institute of America. He enjoyed his work as a mechanic and was employed by several trucking companies in the area including Salerno Brothers, Atha Trucking, Nuzum Trucking, and Nuzum Enterprises. Randy went on to retire from the West Virginia Department of Highways District 4 after sixteen years of service. In Randy's spare time from his mechanical duties, he loved working the family farm on Jones Run Road.

Friends will be received at Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St. Shinnston, on Sunday, September 11, 2022 from 3-4 p.m. A Celebration of Life service will be held immediately following at 4 p.m. with Don Simmons and Mike Sheets officiating.

Thank you to Hospice and all his friends who helped throughout his battle.

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

Broadway's "Buddy" scheduled in Clarksburg

The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center is bringing the national tour of the hit Broadway and West End jukebox musical "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story" to downtown Clarksburg on Saturday, Nov. 19, according to a news release.

The show will take place at the historic Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center located at 444 W. Pike St. in Clarksburg.

Loved by critics and audiences alike, Buddy tells the enduring story of the musical icon's meteoric rise from his Southern rockabilly beginnings to international stardom and his

legendary final performance at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa, before his tragic and untimely death at the age of just 22, promoters say.

In 18 short months the bespectacled boy from Lubbock, Texas, revolutionized the face of contemporary music and would influence everyone from The Beatles to Bruce Springsteen and the Rolling Stones.

"We've had 'Once,' we've had 'Stomp,' and now it's time for 'Buddy,'" said Jason A Young, the Robinson Grand's program manager. "Bringing Broadway shows to



"Buddy," a Broadway show planned for the Robinson Grand, is one of the small number of iconic musicals including "Les Miserables," "Phantom of the Opera," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "Miss Saigon," "Evita," and "Cats" in reaching a phenomenal three decades on stage.

downtown Clarksburg is a big deal and a big task; we're excited!"

Since its inception, Buddy has inspired a generation of multi-million selling jukebox musicals, including "Mamma Mia!" and "We Will Rock You," yet remains true to the original and a musical phenomenon. Seen by more than 22 million theatergoers since it opened in London's West

End in 1989, Buddy speaks an international language and continues to have audiences rocking in the aisles across the globe.

Tickets for Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story start at \$55. All tickets can be purchased online at tickets.therobinsongrand.com or by calling the Robinson Grand ticketing center at 855-773-6283.

"Lumberport" From Pg 1.



As part of its recent efforts to beautify the city, the Lumberport Lions planted flower beds.

Also, on Aug. 20 members raised nearly \$260 to purchase some American flags for Veterans Day, among other patriotic holidays. Members stood on Main Street and collected donations from drivers throughout the day for their Main Street Project to place new American flags on each lamppost in town.

"We want to add a couple more American flags in various places

[throughout Lumberport]," Wilson said.

The Lumberport Lions Club not only volunteers their time to their city, but Wilson said, "Whenever there's a need, we try to purchase glasses for people that need them, so we try to raise money for that too."

Wilson said they are also planning to have a spaghetti dinner in the near future to raise more funds. However, they are still deciding on a date.

"Squall" From Pg 6.

Eers a 31-24 advantage.

The defense did the job on the ensuing Panther possession and forced a three and out. A handful of WVU plays left the Mounties with a 4th and 1 situation at the Pitt 48.

It was decision time for Mountaineer Head Coach Neal Brown. It was the biggest of the match-up and there were several factors for Brown to consider. The devil on one shoulder was telling him to go for it. Donaldson had been virtually unstoppable, and it was only a short yard that was needed to keep the possession alive. WVU had been red hot, scoring touchdowns on their last two drives.

The angel on Brown's other shoulder was talking about field position and a quality punt could pin the Panthers deep in their own territory. Both of them were battling over the clock. There was 6:10 left in the fourth quarter, and depending on perspective, the glass is half full or half empty.

In football terms, if one has the ball, they can play keep away and melt the clock. If they do not have the ball, they cannot control their own destiny

or how the time is managed.

Brown elected to play it safe and punt the ball. The Panthers scored and 43 seconds later, they scored again to take the lead and eventually the win 38-31. Everyone has their own philosophy on the punt or do not punt play, and that is the excitement that comes with the win or the disappointment that follows a loss.

A large portion of Mountaineer Nation has been up in arms over Brown's decision. There has been a great deal of crying over the loss and every armchair quarterback has critiqued the coach for his call. The bottom line is that when we look back at this game, there were plenty of big plays that influenced the outcome. It was not Brown's call that lost the game.

As a matter of fact, we should praise Brown for what he has done in preparation for this season. The Mountaineers look like a completely different team in 2022. The future looks bright, and it is a direct result of the decisions of the head coach. That will do it for now. Until next week... take care and God Bless!

"Football" From Pg 6.

One unique draft scheme has involved the daily lottery draw. Each team owner picks a number and when that number pops up on the lottery, then they have the option to draft at an available spot. For instance, the numbers drawn matches one of the numbers I chose, and if I am the first to match a number, then I have the first spot available which is normally the #1 or #10 pick.

Depending on the league, selections should be based on research and not favorite players. For example, if you like Aaron Rodgers and want to draft him, be aware that he has young receivers and no longer has Davante Adams who moved onto the Raiders. He may not be the best selection of quarterbacks and you should draft a Joe Burrow instead. It is all about strategy and how you can put together a roster that will be consistent and maximize your point values on a weekly basis.

In today's leagues, running backs are the best bet to grab in most standard leagues and are snagged up in the first couple rounds: Dalvin Cook, Joe Mixon, Nick Chubb, and

Jonathan Taylor. You want backs who carry the workload and not teams with backs by committee. Derek Henry is a workhorse of a player, and if healthy, he will get over 200 carries and over 15 touchdowns in a season. These are the players you look to get in the first couple rounds of the draft.

If you are in a PPR league, then you want to go after wide receivers like Justin Jefferson, Stefon Diggs, and Keenan Allen, or the many others who get you a volume of receptions and yards. Ten catches, 100 yards receiving, and a couple touchdowns, and you have yourself a huge day from your player. To find a running back that catches passes too is a bonus like Austin Ekeler and even Najee Harris, who will be called upon a lot this season.

Good luck to all those who play this season. Remember, your strategy is what is most important. Find the selections you want and stick to your plan and when the final pick is made, you will not only have a solid draft, but a draft that just may get you that piece of swag hardware to put on your shelf when the season is over.

"Concert" From Pg 3.

album, "VOL IV: Because of the Brave," was released July 19, 2019.

FLAW is a band that is re-emerging on the strength of renewed focus and energy, and that energy is captured on the lead single from "Divided We Fall," a song called "Live and Breathe" that is a vessel of raw human experience and emotion. Just days before the release of FLAW's most recent album, the band filmed on "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert" in New York City, in a skit video supporting the album's first single "Conquer This Climb." In 2019 alone, FLAW was on tour for a majority of the year, all over the United States, including performances at Metal in the Mountains, the Blue Ridge Rock Festival, and the Vet-Traxx Festival.

Joining FLAW at the Robinson Grand is Pittsburgh's Fall of Babylon, a death metal band officially formed in 2020. Within just a couple of months, Fall of Babylon went from playing their first show ever to sharing the stage with acts such as Party Cannon, Wormhole, Rings of Saturn, Vein.fm, Upon a Burning Body, Vulvodnyia, and Signs of the Swarm.

With influences like Gojira, Fall of Babylon plays heavy, fast, aggressive music. Soon after the formation of the band, Fall of Babylon began writing

and recording their debut full-length 8-track album, "War on the Existent." Fall of Babylon will release the album's debut single "Reduced to Ash" on Friday with the full album release planned for late 2022.

The opening band for "Chaos Brings Honor" is ScareTape. On the eve of Jan. 22, West Virginia's gut-churning gore grind band ScareTape spawned from beneath the hillside graveyard of Shinnston. Four wretched individuals, Tyler Bunnell, Ethan Shaver, Jacob Hamrick, and Zorian Miner, convened in preparation for the release of their first collections of decomposition with "Conform to Rot" released in 2021.

"With this event, we hope to bring awareness, raise funds, and show that cemetery preservation isn't held to any one specific demographic but is an issue and concern crossing all genres, lifestyles, cultures, and socioeconomic classes," said Jedju. "In other words, it's an issue we all should be concerned with."

Tickets for "Chaos Brings Honor" start at \$15. All tickets can be purchased online at tickets.therobinsongrand.com or by calling the Robinson Grand ticketing center at 855-773-6283.

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