

## Keri Yanero named Lincoln's 2022 Homecoming Queen

By Maralisa Marra

2022 Senior Homecoming Court Princess Keri Yanero was announced as Lincoln's 2022 Homecoming Queen during the halftime coronation at the homecoming game Friday against Lewis County.

Unlike the Grand Marshal title, which is voted upon and announced before the queen, Lincoln votes on Homecoming Queen after all senior court See "2022" on Pg 3.



Principal David Decker crowns 2022 Homecoming Queen Keri Yanero at the 2022 Homecoming game Friday evening.



From left, Sierra Menendez, Molly Snider (behind), Hannah Rowan, Ashlyn Riley, and Payton Riley ride on the junior class float at the 2022 Homecoming parade.



Junior Sierra Menendez waves while holding her sign as the junior class float drives through the 2022 Homecoming parade Sept. 28 with Molly Snider (behind).



Sept. 28, Senior Princess Emalee Brown and her escort Corbin Ayers smile for a picture before tossing candy as they ride through town during the 2022 Homecoming parade.



Freshman Princess Sadie Adams and her escort Cade Riley toss candy as they ride through town for the 2022 Homecoming parade Sept. 28.



Senior Princess McKinnley Riley waves to the crowd alongside her escort Levi Moore for last week's 2022 Homecoming parade downtown.

## Pageant spotlights girls with disabilities

By Erin Beck

The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center is hosting a pageant meant to help girls and women with disabilities build confidence.

The West Virginia Miss Amazing Pageant will be held at 4 p.m. at the venue, located at 444 W. Pike St. in downtown Clarksburg, on Saturday, Oct. 29.

The West Virginia Miss Amazing Pageant encourages participants to challenge themselves and take pride in themselves, according to organizers, while the pageant also increases the visibility of girls and women with disabilities and fosters community.

Organizers said because of myths about their capabilities, girls with disabilities are often held back from taking risks that could enrich their personal development and deprived of many opportunities to make friends. As a result, they may experience low self-esteem.

"Miss Amazing provides opportunities for girls and women with disabilities to consider their goals, step outside of their comfort zones, and build networks of support

See "Pageant" on Pg 4.



Johnna Kay Ruth Mullenex, WV Miss Amazing Jr. Teen Queen 2022, embraces her buddy at the pageant, meant to inspire confidence in girls with disabilities. "Buddies" at the pageant are volunteers that help and support the participants as needed throughout the day.



### BUILDING AMAZING CITIES

By JIM HUNT  
author, speaker, consultant

## Mentors in Life

Last Christmas, my daughter got me a gift that tasked me with writing a paragraph or two about my life. It is a company that compiles these stories into a book and becomes a heirloom for generations to come. I've written several of these stories in response to questions that are emailed to me each week. Things like, "What do you remember about your grade school?" or "Tell us about your first job." This week's question was "Who were important mentors in your life?" According to the Oxford dictionary, a mentor is "an experienced and trusted adviser" which is different than perhaps, a parent or close friend. I had always thought of a mentor as someone who assisted you on your career path with advice and might be a supervisor or manager in your company or workplace.

Looking back, I have had many mentors in my life and they have had a significant role in my success and ability to evaluate opportunities and decisions. Two names that popped into my head were Dr. Leonard Davis and Dr. Franklin Parker, both professors at West Virginia University. They both played an important role in my future life and were people that I looked up to and admired.

Dr. Leonard Davis was the Chairman of the See "Hunt" on Pg 3.

## Blackwell Realty Group, LLC named Business of the Month

### Man of multiple trades living his "dream"

By Maralisa Marra

At Blackwell Realty Group, LLC, Duane Blackwell said he has the pleasure of assisting clients with finding land for them to build on as their realtor, drawing blueprints for their new homes as their custom designer, and then he can even step back up as their realtor to sell their previous home.

"I always had a dream of having an office that did all three things—design, build, and sell, so you could come to me, I

could design your home, I could sell a home for you, or I could build it," Blackwell said.

Blackwell Realty Group, LLC, includes a full-service real estate office, custom design and blueprint drawing, and residential contracting.

As founder and owner of October's Business of the Month, Duane Blackwell has Shinnston's best interest at heart and is eager to grow his business and community involvement for the betterment of the town and future generations to come.

Blackwell said, "I would like to thank the community and other business owners for welcoming me with open arms to this area, and I look forward to being a staple in the community for years to come. I have an open-door policy at the office. If you see my truck parked outside feel free to stop in and say hello anytime."

See "Blackwell" on Pg 3.



Duane Blackwell stands in front of the Blackwell Realty Group, LLC logo inside his storefront. Blackwell Realty Group, LLC, which provides several services for those searching for a new home, is October's Business of the Month.



Guest Column

Newspapers have never been more relevant

By Brett Wesner, Chair National Newspaper Association

We all have stories of readers desperately seeking reliable information about COVID-19 during the pandemic and turning to us to deliver accurate national and state health departments' evolving assessments as well as local reporting on treatment options in our communities.

We at NNA see it in our daily government affairs work with members of Congress, who almost uniformly admire their local community papers regardless of how they might feel about the national press.

We see it in the example of the civic leaders in Mineral Wells, TX, who were so distraught over the closing of their newspaper that they reached out to Jeremy Gulban and his CherryRoad group to open one. That he did, as he has in other communities.

And these examples of relevance are borne out by the hard numbers. In March, the National Newspapers Association and NNA Foundation commissioned a survey of readers from across the country, conducted by the highly regarded Susquehanna Polling and Research team. The results confirmed our daily experiences.

The study found local newspapers as the most trusted source when it comes to learning about candidates for public office. On a 10-point scale (with 10 being the "highest"), local newspapers are rated a 7.38, higher than TV stations (6.45), radio (5.58), political mailings (4.63) or social media platforms (2.65). And our trustworthiness is growing. Compare

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Howard Mason Gore, who served as U.S. secretary of agriculture and the 14th governor of West Virginia, was born in Harrison County on Oct. 12, 1877. He graduated from Clarksburg High School before attending West Virginia University, where he graduated in 1900 with a degree in agriculture. He developed a reputation for cultivation and breeding cattle, and in World War I, he served as the assistant food administrator for West Virginia. In 1921, the U.S. Department of Agriculture hired him to develop a plan for the government marketing of livestock and livestock products. He was later named Secretary of Agriculture by President Calvin Coolidge. He resigned from the Coolidge cabinet in 1925 to become governor of West Virginia. He died in Clarksburg in 1947.



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. Oct. 6, 1864: Labor activist Sarah "Mother" Blizzard was born in Edmond, Fayette County. Blizzard was deeply involved in the United Mine Workers of America from the organization's early beginnings in the late 19th century. Oct. 7, 1747: Pioneer Ebenezer Zane, the founder of Wheeling, was born on the South Branch of the Potomac River near present Moorefield in Hardy County. Oct. 7, 1900: Poet Roy Lee Harmon was born in Boone County. He was the founder of the West Virginia Poetry

Society and served as the state's poet laureate for 38 years. Oct. 8, 1993: The Rev. Bernard Coffindaffer died unexpectedly of a heart attack. Starting in 1984, Coffindaffer began erecting clusters of crosses in West Virginia and other states. He was buried in Nicholas County, just across the highway from a set of his crosses. Oct. 9, 1877: The Episcopal Church created the Diocese of West Virginia. The initial convention of the new diocese met at St. John's Episcopal in Charleston, with 14 clergy and 16 lay delegates. Oct. 9, 2014: Following court rulings and announcements by the governor and the attorney general, same-sex marriage was effectively legalized in West Virginia. Oct. 10, 1774: Shawnee warriors led by Cornstalk were defeated at the Battle of Point Pleasant. It was the only major engagement of Dunmore's War and the most important battle ever fought in present West Virginia. Oct. 10, 1878: Blanche Lazzell was born in Madsville, Monongalia County. She was one of West Virginia's most notable artists and is recognized as one of America's leading abstract painters and print makers. Oct. 10, 1948: During a boat-racing event in Charleston, Chuck Yeager flew a Lockheed P-80 Shooting Star up the river and under the South Side Bridge, surprising boaters, audience and news media at the event. Oct. 11, 1811: State founder and U.S. Senator Waitman Thomas Willey was born near Farmington.

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Super Crossword GOOD DOGS!

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#### North Central Walk to End Alzheimer's

Sunday, Oct. 9

North Central Walk to End Alzheimer's at 1 p.m. in Clarksburg at Jackson Square, 321 W. Pike Street. Walkers will step off at 2:15 p.m. Contact Bill O'Field or Betty Waddy 304-623-6795.



# Prezioso family starts scholarship

A Marion County family has provided a gift of \$26,000 to Fairmont State University to create a new scholarship for future teachers, according to a news release. The donation will establish the Roman and Amelia Prezioso Endowed Scholarship benefitting students in the Teacher Education program in the College of Education, Health &

Human Performance. Roman Prezioso Jr., his wife, Deborah Prezioso, and his sister, Marie Prezioso, have established the scholarship in honor of the parents of Roman Jr. and Marie. The Prezioso family wishes to honor the value that their parents and grandparents placed on education.

"My grandparents came to the United States in the early

1900s to make a living, practice their religion and educate their children. My parents, Roman Sr. and Amelia, held the same values and encouraged me and my sister to pursue college degrees after high school," Roman Prezioso Jr. said.

Roman Prezioso Jr. is a 1971 graduate of Fairmont State who went on to serve in education administration and

as a West Virginia state senator. Deborah Prezioso completed her education at Fairmont State in 1973 and is a retired elementary school teacher. Marie Prezioso is a retired investment banker who currently serves as the executive director of the West Virginia Water Development Authority.

Preference will be given to students from Marion County.

## "Blackwell" From Pg 1.

Blackwell grew up in southern Harrison County. After attending Fairmont State University and meeting his wife Lisa, who is originally from Fairmont, they decided to settle down in the Shinnston area about 12 years ago with their daughters Kayla and Hope.

Blackwell said his wife worked at the local Huntington Bank before it closed down which allowed them to get acquainted with the community and make connections with local citizens.

"We attended a wedding at Jewel City Church," Blackwell said. "And just really felt at home with the community and the church, so that pulled us here and we thought that's [Shinnston] halfway between Fairmont, halfway between where I grew up, it's the perfect place to set our roots, and I love the small-town atmosphere."

After years of working from his home office and under a few brokers before attaining his own brokers license, Blackwell took the chance to finally open his own storefront in the Barrick Center in Shinnston at 401 S. Pike St. this past spring.

"My oldest daughter graduated from Lincoln, my youngest daughter is currently at Lincoln, so we just thought this is where we're planting our roots. This is where we are raising our family and making a home for ourselves," Blackwell said. "I want to have my office as close as I can and support Shinnston and be part of the community, so that was a big, big draw for me [to open the business in Shinnston]."

## "2022" From Pg 1.

princesses have been selected, and they wait to reveal the queen at the homecoming game each year.

However, like the Grand Marshal, all grade levels vote upon Homecoming Queen, so the title is a reflection of both lower and upper classmen votes.

"It means a lot that my school thought of me to have them represent me as their homecoming queen," Yanero said.

Yanero's involvement both within and outside of the halls of Lincoln is reflective of her title as queen. She is a member of the cheerleading squad, tennis team, Student Council

Blackwell holds a bachelor's degree in engineering technology from Fairmont State and a Master of Business Administration from West Virginia University which led to the formation of D-Blackwell LLC, a construction blueprint design company that Blackwell has been operating for the last 20 years.

He said, "While growing the custom blueprint design business, I decided to start a second career as a Licensed Realtor about 13 years ago. I really enjoy working with buyers and sellers."

He also said, "I thought, if I'm designing someone's home, they should trust in me that I know how it goes together and should be built."

Blackwell Realty not only features work from Blackwell himself, but he has one agent signed on already, and he said he is looking to grow his team with either new agents looking to begin their career or seasoned agents searching for a new office.

Not only is Blackwell interested in serving his community through his design and realty expertise, but he is also a member of the Shinnston Development Authority where he hopes to help the community sell properties that can be rehabbed and work to bring developers and contractors to the city to help bring some businesses in, as well as to funnel clients and customers into town to make the city as best as it can be.

He also teams up with local business owner and dentist Andrew Minigh for the community Easter egg hunt. Blackwell said he and Minigh

Executive Committee, and Key Club, all in which she portrays leadership, achievement, and character.

For the 2021 tennis season, Yanero was deemed as Lincoln High's Female Tennis Player of the Year, and in previous years, she has served as a class officer.

This year, Yanero also took first place in the Big 10 tennis tournament for first seed girls doubles.

After high school, Yanero plans to attend the University of Alabama where she hopes to study radiology and try out for their cheerleading team.

She said, "Alabama has been my dream since I was seven years old."

From senior princess to queen, Yanero plans to take her leadership skills to the next level at Alabama and excel just like she has in high school.



The office space in Blackwell Realty Group, LLC features a sleek, modern aesthetic for clients.

cosponsor the event.

"In the last five years we've done that together and have really taken it from 50 kids to three or 400 kids the last few years at the Shinnston Park, so that's something we really have a heart for," Blackwell added.

He is also excited about volunteering and helping out with the haunted house that the SDA is hosting at the

city park this Halloween season.

"Here at Blackwell Realty Group, we treat every buyer and seller like family and turn every house into a home," Blackwell said. "With over 30 combined years of experience in designing, selling, and constructing homes, (the company) has the expertise you need."

## "Hunt" From Pg 1.

Speech Department at WVU and in addition to having him in class, I worked in the Speech Department as part of my work-study job. As a freshman, I would see Dr. Davis as he came to his office and he was always impeccably dressed. He commanded a room and you could see why he chose speech as his profession. He was also very politically involved and was called upon by many politicians for his advice and counsel. Over my college career, I would see Dr. Davis on campus and we would speak and he would ask how I was doing and what was happening in my life. After graduation, I got involved in politics and bumped into Dr. Davis several times in Charleston. I always enjoyed talking with him and felt I had someone who I could reach out to for advice.

I met Dr. Franklin Parker during my last year at WVU and worked for him as a graduate assistant in the Education Department. He was a Benedum Professor of Education and spent a good deal of his time traveling and doing research for his many published books. I never had him for a class but I spent a good bit of time in his office and admired his love for travel. My main task working for him was opening his mail while he was away from

the office. He would receive the Congressional Quarterly, in addition to many professional journals and other assorted mail. I would stack the Congressional Quarterly in the corner of his office and it was almost as tall as I was. He entrusted me to respond to letters and invitations to events and often to go in his stead. On one of his trips to Africa, I opened a pamphlet about a trip to the USSR in 1972 to attend the First Soviet-American Young Peoples Conference in Minsk, USSR. Upon Dr. Parker's return, I asked if he would write a letter of recommendation for me to attend this conference. He gladly agreed and I was accepted to attend this exciting trip and it led to my lifelong love of travel.

While Dr. Davis and Dr. Parker probably didn't think that they had a great impact on my life, I consider them two of the most important "mentors" in my lifetime. They were as different as day and night, but they inspired me to develop a love of speaking and a passion for travel. Over my lifetime, I have interacted with hundreds of young people and I use as my guide the example that Dr. Davis and Dr. Parker gave as to what a true "mentor" can be. Have an Amazing week!



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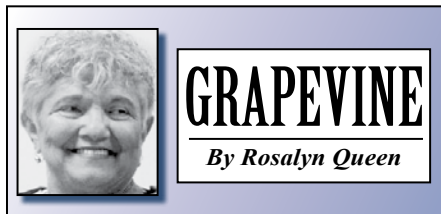
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# GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

October has been proclaimed as Italian American Heritage and Culture Month. On Oct. 12, 1989, President George H. W. Bush proclaimed the first Italian American Heritage and Culture Month in the United States.

As we prepare to celebrate the 34th anniversary of this proclamation, we remember what we have overcome to create a better life for Italian Americans. Even here in West Virginia Italian Americans were discriminated

# Luncheon to honor women of Italian descent

against and our ancestors could share stories with us about such action.

The National Italian American Foundation is devoted to the promotion and preservation of Italian American Heritage. It promotes publicly honoring the achievements of Italian Americans.

Every October the Progressive Women's Association sponsors a luncheon honoring 10 women of Italian descent from Harrison County. The women are honored by a keynote speaker and presented with a plaque signifying them a Woman of Distinction. Although the women have achieved much through their

professional careers, emphasis is made on the volunteer status they have acquired in our community.

In the turn of the 20th century, most women remained home to care for their children. But as time progressed women found themselves going to college and becoming an integral part of the community. The contributions these women made were unbelievable.

It is with this in mind that the PWA honors these individuals.

This year the luncheon will be held on Friday, Oct. 28 at noon at the uptown Event Center. It is open to the public and tickets can be purchased by calling 304-624-6881. Due to

limited seating, it is suggested that reservations be made early.

Officers of the PWA are Betty Waddy, president; Laura Davis, vice president; Sharon Twentier, secretary; and Rosalyn Queen, treasurer. Two of the main projects of the PWA are a Food Pantry and a Pet Pantry. Organizations wishing to donate to either of these projects should contact the Center at 304-624-6881.

It looks like we are going to have a beautiful fall with the leaves turning beautiful colors. Take care, stay healthy and until next week "Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine."

## "Pageant" From Pg 1.

and potentially lifelong friendships," said Ian McAra, the Robinson Grand's managing director.

The pageant is free to participants and open to girls and women ages 5 and up with a disability who reside in West Virginia. Every participant receives a crown, trophy, t-shirt, and a crowning moment on stage.

Jason A Young, Robinson Grand program director, said that the Robinson Grand is 100% ADA accessible with ramps, handrails, elevators, braille signage, and large adult dressing rooms.

Lacey Rae, West Virginia Miss Amazing state director, also said that she would look into providing a sign language interpreter if needed.

"Participants are of course welcome/able to use their assistive communication devices throughout the day," she added.

Rae said one participant in each age division, for girls 10 and up, will be chosen as the "queen" and will represent West Virginia for the next year in her community and at the national summit in St. Louis, Missouri next summer from Aug. 4-6.

Travel costs are paid by the families, but they may fundraise to cover these costs, she said, and they may also opt out of attending the national summit.

Ages 5-9 do not advance to the national summit at this time, she said. They only participate at the one-day state event and are crowned "Rising Stars."

"Participants are never evaluated on their appearance," Rae said. "The focus is on building self-advocacy skills, confidence, and a network of support for these ladies and their families. It is a very fun and supportive environment. Each participant is paired with a 'buddy' for the day which are volunteers that help and support the ladies as needed throughout the day. They accompany them into their interviews and on stage to support them."

Tickets for the 2022 West Virginia Miss Amazing Pageant are \$10. All tickets can be purchased online at tickets.therobinsongrand.com or by calling the Robinson Grand ticketing center at 855-773-6283.

Learn more at missamazing.com.



From left to right, Brianna King, Chelsea Richards, Elyse Brown, Haley Haught, and Ellie Hall, West Virginia Miss Amazing pageant participants, pose for a group photo.



Brianna King, West Virginia Miss Amazing 2022, beams for the camera.



Johnna Kay Ruth Mullenex, WV Miss Amazing Jr. Teen Queen 2022, beams for the camera.



Kayleigh Kinsley, West Virginia Miss Amazing Rising Star 2022, poses for a photo. The West Virginia Miss Amazing Pageant will be held at 4 p.m. at the Robinson Grand, located at 444 W. Pike St. in downtown Clarksburg, on Saturday, Oct. 29.

## "Newspapers" From Pg 2.

this year's results to our 2019 study, when on the issue of trustworthiness, community newspapers represented a more trusted news source (5.77 on a 10-point scale) than other news sources, rating higher than national network TV news (5.13), cable TV news shows (4.60) and all others. Social media sources like Twitter or Facebook were rated lowest, at 2.92.

The study confirms there is a strong correlation between those who read community newspapers and those who cast ballots in elections. A combined 96% of readers of local newspapers say they plan to vote this November—either "very" or "somewhat" likely.

"It seems to us," Jim Lee, president, Susquehanna Polling and Research, Inc., said, "that voters are increasingly hungry for a higher level of professional integrity when it comes to journalism (both local and national) in today's age of constant cable TV news and partisan leaning news media outlets."

TV stations (70%) and local newspapers (68%) are most often relied on as news sources to make decisions about elections compared to much lower scores for direct mailings from candidates or political parties

(44%), radio stations (40%) or social media platforms (19%).

A combined 77% of respondents say they read a newspaper that covers their local community (a nice increase from a 65% average, 2017-2019), consumed via printed edition and online edition, as well as these additional online options that were not in previous surveys: Facebook, YouTube, TikTok or other social media platform.

Local newspapers also continue to receive high metrics on things like "[it] informs me" (93% agree), "[it] provides valuable local shopping and advertising information (81% agree), and "my household relies on [it] for local news (83%)."

The trust quotient is easy to understand. While some readers may think they get news from social media, who knows the source of that news? But readers know where their local newspaper is and how to ask questions or challenge the editor's news judgment when they disagree.

The difficulty, as most in the industry realize, is not in the relevance of our content, but in our revenue models.

Most local newspapers are experimenting with technology to enhance our readers' experience and

provide new ways for our advertisers to reach our still-strong audience, including newsletters, video, e-editions, and social media publishing, both for our own publications as well as our advertisers. But the reliance upon the revenue from the print newspaper remains the backbone of the newsroom. Too many have written the obituary of the print newspaper when, instead, they should be supporting its mission.

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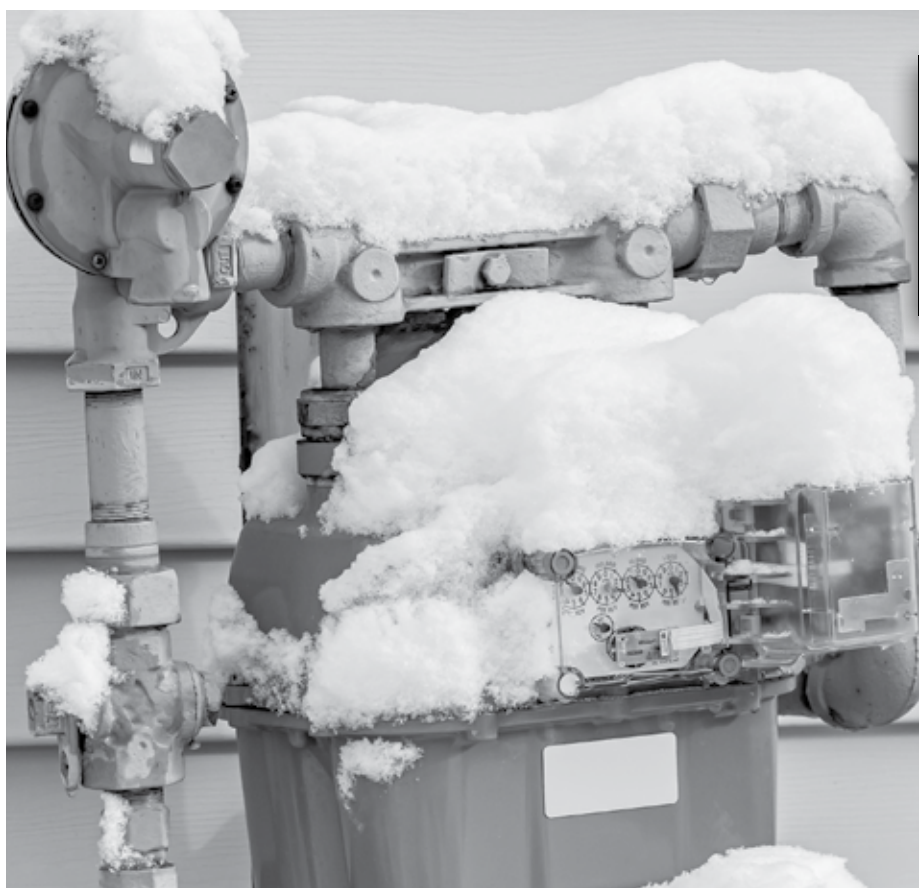
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# BUSINESS MATTERS

## BlaineTurner golf tournament donation benefits nursing school

The UHC Pro-Am Golf Tournament hosted by WVU Medicine United Hospital Center, United Health Foundation, and title sponsor BlaineTurner Advertising was held on Sept. 26 at Pete Dye Golf Club in Bridgeport.

This is the fourth year for the tournament, which has raised more than \$610,000 for projects and programs at UHC, according to a news release. Fourth-year title sponsor BlaineTurner Advertising donated \$35,000 toward the fundraising effort, bringing their total donations to more than \$110,000 since the tournament's inception.

This year's tournament raised the funds for the new WVU School



**Pictured left front:** Veronica Gallo, WVU School of Nursing Bridgeport Campus chair; **Giinna Royce**, CEO, creative director of BlaineTurner Advertising; **Kendra Westfall**, vice president of Human Resources; **David F. Hess, M.D.**, president and CEO; **John Fernandez**, vice president of operations, UHC Pro-Am Golf Tournament co-chairman; and **Scott Griffiths**, manager of The Gift Shop at UHC and UHC Pro-Am Golf Tournament co-chairman. **Pictured left back:** Delbert Royce, CFO of BlaineTurner Advertising; **Sarah Rogers**, president of BlaineTurner Advertising; **Molly Abraham**, manager of HR; and **Benji Riley**, recruiter, Human Resources.

of Nursing program on the UHC campus by providing state-of-the-art training equipment for the skills lab. The School of Nursing campus will offer the

fast-track BS/BA to BSN nursing program alongside state-of-the-art classrooms, and skills labs that are just steps away from the clinical facility at UHC.

## Hearthstone acquires Hope Gas

### Company moving headquarters to Morgantown

Hearthstone Holdings, Inc., a portfolio company of Ullico Infrastructure Fund announced, in a news release, that it closed on its acquisition of 100% of the equity interests in Hope Gas, Inc., a regulated gas distribution company located in West Virginia. Hearthstone indirectly acquired Hope Gas from Dominion Energy, Inc.

Morgan O'Brien, Hope Gas and Hearthstone's president and CEO, said "Customers will receive the same great utility service from great Hope Gas employees all located in West Virginia. As we build out the local operation, we plan to aggressively hire in the state by adding jobs that will fuel the health of our local West Virginia communities."

Founded in 1898, Hope Gas is now one of the largest local natural gas distribution companies in West Virginia. With approximately 3,200 miles of main and 2,000 miles of gathering pipes, Hope Gas serves over 111,000 residential, commercial, and industrial customers across 35 counties in West Virginia.

Hearthstone owns and operates natural gas LDCs in Indiana, Ohio, North Carolina, Maine and Montana and water and wastewater utilities in Arizona and Michigan. As part of the definitive agreement, Hearthstone will move its headquarters to Morgantown.

## Nominations sought for small business awards

Do you or someone you know have what it takes to become America's "Small Business Person of the Year" for 2023? If so, the U.S. Small Business Administration wants to hear from you.

In a news release, the U.S. Small Business Administration announced that its West Virginia District Office is ready to accept nominations for the 2023 National and District Small Business Week Awards, including the annual Small Business Person of the Year Award.

Visit the SBA's dedicated website at [www.sba.gov/nsbw](http://www.sba.gov/nsbw) to download forms, criteria, and guidelines for submitting a national nomination.

The West Virginia District Office award categories and guidelines can be found on the district's website at [www.sba.gov/wv](http://www.sba.gov/wv).

Categories include:

- Small Business Person of the Year (National and District)
- Small Business Exporter (National and District)
- West Virginia Family-Owned Small Business of the Year
- West Virginia Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year
- West Virginia Woman-Owned Small Business of the Year

"We know the West Virginia economy is built on the back of small businesses," stated SBA West Virginia District Director Karen Friel. "This is an opportunity to highlight their success and all they do for us."

The West Virginia District Office must receive all nominations by electronic submission only to the District's Box account found at [www.sba.gov/nsbw](http://www.sba.gov/nsbw) no later than 3 p.m. Eastern Time on Dec. 8.

To obtain additional information, please contact Nikki Bowmar at [nikki.bowmar@sba.gov](mailto:nikki.bowmar@sba.gov).

## Historical tours take off



**On Sept. 14**, owner of Shinnston's Folklore and Historical Tours **Johnna Nestor** cuts the ribbon at her ribbon cutting ceremony in downtown just days before her historical and folklore tours began.



**In front of the First United Methodist Church**, owner of Shinnston's Folklore and Historical Tours **Johnna Nestor** shares a story from a firsthand account of a Shinnston native about the 1944 Shinnston Tornado just moments after her ribbon cutting ceremony.



**After Johnna Nestor's ribbon cutting ceremony on Sept. 14** for Shinnston's Folklore and Historical Tours, **Nestor** shares a spooky story with the group after taking them on a snippet of her tour.

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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The Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library will feature rocket launches and telescopes. The library will have a small book sale. Old-time trains will be at the Model Railroad Club.

A Gray Barker exhibit will be at the Clarksburg History Museum. The Light Saber Combat Group will be at Jackson Square. The group will perform intermittently from 4:30 p.m.-8 p.m. They will allow visitors to participate.

The John Henry Band will perform at Orpheum Park from 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.

An art show will be in the Clarksburg Community Action Building at 331 West Main St.

Trunk or Treat will be at 6:30 p.m. in Jackson Square.

Events will take place rain or shine.

Vendors and food trucks will also be on site.

Businesses and restaurants will have extended hours.

For more details, call the Clarksburg Visitors Bureau at 304-622-2157.



Substitute quarterback #21 Levi Moore throws the ball while #74 Caleb Miller and #23 Antwan Hilliard protect him from Lewis County's line last Friday in Lincoln's homecoming game where they won 21-20.



Lincoln football players Nate Swiger, Brayden Edgell, and David Burdette pose for a picture during the 2022 Homecoming parade in downtown Shinnston Sept. 28.

## Midterm football breakdown



### The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor  
Sports Editor

Lincoln took advantage of their off week by preparing for play without their quarterback. Signal caller Nick Kellar was ejected from the North Marion game and forced to miss this past week's contest with Lewis County.

Veteran mentor Rob Hawkins and his staff used the extra week of preparation to get ready for play without Kellar and the game plan netted a 21-20 win over Lewis County.

Hawkins moved Levi Moore to the quarterback position and the senior responded with a herculean effort. Moore was 12 of 18 for 146 yards in the air. Moore also proved to be a legitimate dual threat signal caller utilizing his legs to score all three of Lincoln's touchdowns. Moore found paydirt on runs of 2, 5, and 2 yards the last coming in the fourth quarter when his team needed it most.

The Minutemen scored 13 unanswered points and took a 20-14 lead heading into the final period of play. Moore wanted to guarantee his team a homecoming win, and he did not want to let the fans down in Shinnston.

Moore led his team to a dramatic come from behind win to move his team to a 3-2 record on the campaign. Moore was the Cougar's leading rusher on the affair with 86 yards on 25 carries and accounted for all but 47 of his team's yards.

Antwan Hilliard was responsible for the remaining yards on 16 rushes. Lincoln will host Robert C. Byrd in a key Class AA lockup this week.

Bridgeport went on the road this past week to play Class AAA #1 Parkersburg South. Rushing touchdowns from Charlie Brazier (25 yards) and Zach Rohrig (2 yards) kept the Tribe tied 14-14 at the halftime break. The Patriots scored first in the third quarter to grab their first lead of the evening. Phil Reed countered with a four-yard run and Taylor Thomas added the extra point for a one-point lead heading into the final frame.

The Indians utilized their guard

game to eat up the majority of the remainder of the game, and Rohrig added a four-yard scoring run to reel the deal. Rohrig had a game-high 219 yards on 39 attempts, and

Reed added 102 yards on 15 carries to lead the Tribe.

The Indians are at Preston this week.

South Harrison upended Valley (Wetzel) 36-14 behind the rushing of Noah Burnside. Burnside went over the 200-yard mark for a second consecutive week earning 207 yards and three touchdowns in the affair.

Aiden Moreno added 87 yards and a seven-yard touchdown run along with a pair of interceptions to move the Hawks to 3-2 on the season.

South Harrison is back in action this week traveling to Richie County.

Liberty jumped out to a 25-8 halftime lead in Clarksburg and held on for a 31-23 win over Braxton County. Quarterback Jace Bartley was 8 of 11 for 87 yards in the air and earned a game-high 111 yards on the ground to lead the Mountaineers. Bartley also earned a pair of rushing touchdowns from 55 and 9 yards respectively.

Brock Benedum added 68 rushing yards on 14 attempts. Benedum scored on a seven-yard run and on a seven-yard reception from Benjamin Cobin. Jenson Dodd hauled in a team-high four receptions for 57 yards. Dodd also made a 32-yard field goal to aid in the win.

Liberty moved to 3-2 on the year, and they have a lengthy trip to Berkeley Springs this week.

West Virginia suffered a road setback this past week at Texas. The Longhorns fed off of the emotion of a packed house to jump out to a 28-0 lead. The Mountaineers rallied to outscore Texas 20-10 the remainder of the way, but it was too little too late.

WVU has some extra time before a key battle in mid-October when Baylor comes to town. It is a must win as the Mountaineers fell to 2-3 on the season.

They will be looking for their first conference win of the season when the Bears come to Morgantown.

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

## Fall brings many recreational activities for families



### From The World of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

Old Mother Nature was spot on when the first day of fall hit us a couple weeks ago. Temperatures dropped into the 40s and 50s in the morning and later hit the mid-60s mark around 10 to 11 a.m. giving us a break from the hot summer we endured. As we welcome the change in temperature, we look forward to fall activities here at Parks and Recreation.

Director Mike Book always holds a place in his heart for the fall. Whether it is for the beginning of the enrichment programs or the color changes that happen with the trees, he feels that this time of year gives everyone a chance to enjoy some outdoor activities before we see that first frost or snowflake in the later part of the year.

"Loving to hike and explore, the fall paints a beautiful picture of nature," Book said. "The color of the leaves and the cool air makes our travels more enjoyable. Do not get me wrong, the summer is great, but the fall does allow for those who have issues with hot weather to go out and do things that they cannot in July and August. More families are at the parks now exploring the areas that we see on a daily basis."

The fall also brings in the festivals for many towns throughout the state. The Buckwheat and Forest Festivals normally run during this time of year and brings many visitors from the surrounding states. West Virginia during the fall is one of the most beautiful states and for those who travel on I-79 from Harrison to Kanawha County can agree that the

scenery is some of the best in the fall months.

The New River area as well as Cooper's Rock draws a ton of visitors now simply for the scenic hiking and views at both the high

and low sections of the Mountain State. Only a forty-minute drive past Elkins winds you into Canaan Valley where stay and play travel is some of the best that our state has to offer. Bike trails, hiking, and sight-seeing are the main attractions to the area and is a prequel to the skiing season beginning in December. Travel to all areas of interest is less than a two-hour drive, and a day trip is well within reason for families looking for something to do without breaking the bank.

Locally, our properties offer plenty of outdoor recreation for families including picnic areas at one of our pavilions, as well as hiking, sight-seeing, and learning while on our trail or even our nature-themed playgrounds. For the sports enthusiast, the parks have basketball, disc golf, gaga ball, or organized sports on our multi-purpose sports fields.

Book feels that all the parks leased to the Parks Commission has something to offer for everyone.

"We have plenty to offer for young families, adults, and even the senior population at one of our facilities. Playgrounds today have play areas that are known for inclusive play for kids of all abilities. We feel that our properties meet the criteria for everyone at any age. Young and old throwing a Frisbee or just enjoying company while sitting under the pavilion. Families taking walks on the trail or learning about the myths of the state or whatever they want to do we can offer it through a facility we manage," Book added.

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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.

This week's winners of the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal Athletes of the Week Award are Robert C. Byrd's CarLeigh Curotz and Lincoln's Levi Moore.

Flying Eagle soccer player CarLeigh Curotz scored important goals in all three of her team's games this past week.

Curotz scored Robert C. Byrd's lone goal in a 1-0 win over Liberty on Tuesday. Curotz had her team's lone goal in a 1-1 tie with Lincoln on Thursday, as well. She

finished up the week with the game winner in a 4-0 win over Martinsburg on Friday in Clarksburg.

Cougar football standout Levi Moore led his team to a 21-20 win over Lewis County in Shinnston last week. Moore filled in at quarterback and was 12 of 18 for 146 yards. Moore also rushed for a team-high 86 yards and accounted for all three Cougar scored-on plays of 4, 5, and 2 yards on the ground.

Congratulations to Robert C. Byrd's CarLeigh Curotz and Lincoln's Levi Moore for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal Athletes of the Week!

## Bocce League games end

Submitted by Lou Belcastro

The late Summer Bocce League games ended on Thursday, Sept. 22. The top team consisted of Rudy Durci, Stanley Gaston, Dave Greaver, and Gary Pastorial.

Ending in second place was the squad of Katie Alvaro, Dave DeCosta, Marsha Duckworth, and Pam Gemondo.

The third-place finishers were the foursome of Lou Belcastro, Tony DiDomenico, Mona Sims, and Jeff Swiger, plus valuable substitute Joe Skelley.

On Saturday, Aug. 24, the annual Italian Heritage Tourney was played.

First place winners were Mary Jo Bastin, John and Vinny DeMarco, plus Christy Hittel.

Placing second was the team of Josh Bastin, Marsha Duckworth, Josh Shaw, and Danny Summers.

Finishing third was the foursome of Lou Belcastro, Lou Del Rio, Tony Rossi, and Willard West.

On Saturday, Aug. 10, the Two-Man Tourney took place.

Danny Summers and Willard West captured the title edging out the defending champs, Lou Belcastro and Lou Del Rio.

Ending in third were Dave DeCosta and Jeff Swiger.

Also, on Saturday, Sept. 24, the One-On-One Tourney was held to round out the season completely. The winner was Lou Belcastro who just celebrated his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Drew Bates was second followed by Willard West in third.

All games were played at the Ferguson City Park bocce courts in East Shinnston.

Next May, we will resume with the Spring League to be followed by the Summer League. After that, the tournaments will begin!

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**Arlene Cody "Ginga" Bashnett**



sick patients. Ginga spread love and laughter worldwide and will live forever in our hearts.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Ginga's name to St. James Catholic Church, 2107 Pride Ave, Clarksburg, WV 26301 or the Harrison County Senior Center, 500 W. Main Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301.

In keeping with her wishes, Ginga was cremated.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in the Holy Cross Cemetery. A service of Amos Carvelli Funeral Home.

**Alice Adair (Broadstone) Moore**



Alice Adair Moore, 77, of Lumberport, passed away at her residence on Sept. 26, 2022. She was born in Clarksburg on Feb. 2, 1945, to the late Leonard Shierbert Broadstone and Virginia Ellen (Howell) Broadstone.

She worked for McDonald's in the early 80s, loved to play bingo, and playing with her grandchildren.

Alice is survived by two daughters: Louella Scofield and husband Thomas of Warren, OH and Patricia Moore of Lumberport; one son, Walter Moore of Lumberport; six grandsons: Danny, Jimmy, Jesse James, Thomas Jr., Brian, and Kirk; nine granddaughters: Jessie, Jade, Josie, Aleeha, Ashley, Jamye, Brooklyn, Allison, and Iszabella; five sisters: Sharon McGraw-Stawicki and husband of Cleveland, OH; Linda Cano of Oklahoma; Patricia Murphy of Meadowbrook; Pam Fields of Cleveland, OH; and Tammy Watson of Clarksburg; and one brother, Thomas Randall Broadstone of

Clarksburg.

In addition to her parents, Alice is preceded in death by her husband, James Donald Moore, Sr.; one son, James Donald Moore, Jr.; one daughter, Elizabeth Joann Morris; seven brothers: Leonard, Roger, Jimmy, Gary, Steven, Robert, and Ronnie Broadstone; four sisters: Shirley Floyd, Sheila Davis, Rose Swiger, and Dorthy Bragg.

In keeping with Alice's wishes, she was cremated with no services.

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

**Claris Lee (Craig) Standard**



Clariss Lee Standard, 73, of Fairmont, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022, in the comfort of her home with her family by her side. She was born Nov. 2, 1948, in Shinnston, daughter of the late Robert Lee Craig and Jane Marie Swiger Craig.

Clariss worked as a CNA in a personal care home in Mannington and later went into private care for many years. She loved spending time with her family and long-time partner. She enjoyed listening to country music and dancing.

Clariss is survived by her three children: Angela Campbell and husband Todd, Pittsburgh, PA; Gale Lynne Standard, Bridgeport; Rodney Alan Standard and companion; Angel Price Bradley, Shinnston; five grandchildren: Nathaniel Standard, Courtney Mrvan and Dayne, Derek Mrvan, Hannah Parsons, and Chandler Standard; one great grandson: Roman Williams, Bridgeport; three siblings: Margie Burch, Fairmont; Eddie Craig, Frederick, MD; Helen Limbley, Shinnston; a nephew that was raised like a brother, Lee Haught, Morgantown; numerous nieces and nephews; her companion, Wesley "Junior" Heater, Bridgeport.

In addition to her parents, Clariss is preceded in death by six siblings, Freda Kurbaba, Geneva Haught, Norma Custer, Freddie Craig, Junior Craig, and Wanda Donachy.

Family received friends at Davis Funeral Home 124 Olen

Thomas Drive, Clarksburg, WV, on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022, from 4-8 p.m. and on Thursday, Sept. 29, 2022, at 9 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11 a.m. with Pastor Bill Preston officiating. Interment followed at Floral Hills.

Davis Funeral Home is honored to serve the Standard family.

**Michael Pearl Wilfong**



Michael Pearl Wilfong, 76, of Clarksburg, passed away at United Hospital Center on Sept. 24, 2022. He was born in Fairmont on Jan. 11, 1946, to the late Henry Lee Wilfong and Dorothea (McGraw) Wilfong.

Michael worked as a truck driver for many years and served in the US Army. He was a member of the American Legion and Moose Club. He loved to cook, go camping, work on old cars, listen to music, and travel to different states.

He is survived by two daughters: Tina Jallow of KY and Sherry Swiney and husband Gary of KY; one son, Michael Wilfong, Jr. of MO; 10 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; two sisters: Waneta Wheeler of Caldwell, OH and Robin Fear of OH; three brothers: Leroy Wilfong of Charlotte, NC, Richard Wilfong and wife Luann of OH, and Roland "Dale" Wilfong and wife Marie of Enterprise; his ex-wife, Geraldine Martin; and several nieces and nephews. His nieces and nephews were very special to him and had a special place in his heart and life.

In addition to his parents, his is preceded in death by one son, William Wilfong; one brother, Henry Bud Wilfong; and four grandchildren.

Family and friends were received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022, from 4-8 p.m. Funeral service was held on Thursday, Sept. 29, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. with Pastor Gary Carr officiating. Interment at WV National Cemetery with Military Honors provided by the US Army and Harrison County Honor Guard.

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# Historical association celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary



Attendees of the Shinnston Historical Association's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner gather for a group photo at their fall dinner at Jimmy's Diner Sept. 25.

Submitted by Debra Herndon

The Shinnston Historical Association met on Sept. 25 at 2:30 p.m. at Jimmy's Diner. Those present were treated to a buffet dinner and good fellowship. President Bobby Bice III welcomed those present and introduced some new members. Bill Morgan said grace for the food.

The afternoon was special in part because it was the celebration of the Shinnston Historical Association's 50th anniversary. Bice recounted some of the programs and events the Shinnston Historical Association has sponsored within his tenure as president and some of his favorite memories.

Ann Spadafore spoke of working for Mr. Gillum and going with him during World War II to deliver telegrams – many with the worst news possible, Jack Anderson shared his life in Shinnston before the

Korean War, Millie Gemondo shared growing up in the old community of Riverdale, Author Denise Giardina portrayed comedian Minnie Pearl, photo days were held when members could share old photos and stories of the community, and Beth Newcome, historic textile expert spoke and received some textiles from members.

Programs were held on Stoneware pottery, the Shinnston Tornado, the Shinn Family, Daughter of the Elm, the Civil War, local Dairies, Physicians and Theaters and "show and tell" meetings were held where members could bring in their family antiques and items and share their story.

The log house has been the site of several weddings and Council meetings and many visitors from other states have arranged tours.

Bice introduced two former Association presidents in attendance, Wanda F. Ashcraft and John Davis.

Karen Morgan presented the



Former and current presidents of the Shinnston Historical Association were present at the group's dinner at Jimmy's Diner on Sept. 25. From left are John Davis, Wanda F. Ashcraft and Robert P. "Bobby" Bice, current president.

program, introducing everyone to a small book produced in the 40s by Lawrence Martin called "Hidden Powers." The frontispiece was written by the late local historian, Jack Sandy Anderson. The book recounts tales of Peter Crowe who came to live in the Bingamon area and was said to possess certain supernatural powers.

In attendance not previously mentioned were: Bobby Bice II, Beth Bice, James Howard Tichenor, Justin Morgan, Ben Anderson, Andrea Anderson, Adrienne Robey, Laura Davis, Rose Davis, Mayor Rodney



Karen Morgan presented the program at the Sept. 25 Shinnston Historical Association Dinner. She spoke about a book produced in the 40s by Lawrence Martin called "Hidden Powers," which recounts tales of Peter Crowe who lived in the Bingamon area and was said to possess supernatural powers.



Jimmy's Diner served a buffet dinner for the Historical Association's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Strait, Kathleen Panek, Debra Herndon, Robin Righter, and Carolyn Bell.

Bice has previously said the group hadn't met for their annual dinner since 2019 due to the pandemic.

# Clarksburg library to celebrate new mobile library



The Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library's new mobile library will make scheduled stops and will also provide programming and materials at schools, daycares, senior care homes and community centers throughout the county.

The Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library is excited to announce the arrival of a new mobile library. To mark the occasion, the library is hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday at the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library's entrance plaza, according to a news release.

During the event, the community will enjoy an evening of fun and excitement as they tour the mobile library, participate in games and

activities, as well as take in arts and crafts. Guests will also be able to meet and take photos with the library's mascot, Harry the Book Hound.

While many are familiar with bookmobiles, the new mobile library offers far more than just books. Amy Eakle, programming manager for the library, notes that, "The new mobile library offers a host of technology and features for the community to enjoy. From on-site internet and 3D printing to mobile hotspots, patrons will be able to take advantage of the latest in tech while also checking out books and materials."

Along with scheduled stops and deliveries, the mobile library will also provide programming and materials at schools, daycares, senior care homes and community centers throughout the county.

The procuring of a mobile library has been a long-term goal of the library, which serves over 52,000 patrons throughout Clarksburg and Harrison County.

Funding for the mobile library was made possible through the generous support of the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences, the West Virginia Library Commission, the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library, and Sacred Heart Children's Center, Inc. of Harrison County, West Virginia.

The mobile library ribbon cutting ceremony will be held from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. at the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library's entrance plaza.

For more information

# Clarksburg library to host writers workshop

The Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library and West Virginia Writers, Inc. will be hosting a Writers Editing Workshop on Saturday, according to a news release. Local writers needing help editing their story or book will enjoy an afternoon of spirited discussion as award-winning editor and author Sandy Tritt guides guests through the editing process.

Tritt is the founder and CEO of Inspiration for Writers, Inc., an editing firm composed of more than a dozen editors. Founded in 1999, it is one of the oldest continually operating online editing firms. Along with editing, Sandy Tritt is the author of "Laundry to Love: Everything I Know about Life," and "The Plain English Writer's Workbook." Currently, Sandy is writing a seven-book family saga series, "Gambel Hill."

The workshop marks the first time the library has collaborated with West Virginia Writers, Inc.,

the largest all-volunteer, writers' resource and service organization serving literary interests in West Virginia. Julia Todd, library manager and organizer of the library's Author Series notes that, "The library has a long tradition of partnering with local and state organizations to bring quality programming and events to the residents of Clarksburg and Harrison County. Working with groups like West Virginia Writers, Inc. allows the library to host accomplished guests like Sandy Tritt as well as strengthens our commitment to the community." Along with her duties at the library, Todd serves as a regional representative for Region 9 of WV Writers, Inc. alongside local author Lisa McCombs.

The Writers Editing Workshop will be held on Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library at 404 West Pike St. in Clarksburg. For more information on the Writers Editing Workshop

including to register, please visit [clarksburglibrary.org/author-series](http://clarksburglibrary.org/author-series) or call the library at 304-627-2236. The Writers Editing Workshop is sponsored by West Virginia Writers, Inc. and the Friends of Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library.

About the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library Author Series: The Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library Author Series is the library's showcase of literary events. Throughout the year, authors of varying backgrounds and genres are invited by the library to inspire a love of reading, feature voices that energize community conversations and support the arts while providing an enjoyable literary experience. Previous Author Series events include author forums, roundtable discussions, poetry readings, and writer workshops. The Author Series is sponsored by the Cultural Foundation of Harrison County and the Friends of Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library.

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