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Small Business Saturday draws crowds to Shinnston

Holiday shoppers swarm Shinnston

By Erin Beck

Small Business Saturday drew a flurry of deal hunters from both Shinnston and surrounding areas to downtown. Window shoppers and gift-givers gravitated to local businesses offering discounts on presents, seasonal décor and holiday treats and candy.

Dale's Daily Deals was especially busy. Several shoppers noted they'd been impressed with the discounts there.

Robin Shingleton, of Shinnston, was shopping with her mother, Willa Queen, of Cass, at the Pike Street shop.

"These are great deals here at Dale's Deals," Shingleton said. "These have been the best ones."

They had also just made a few purchases at Home Style. They were specifically in search of toys for South Harrison High School's annual toy run for children in need.

"Black Friday's a little too big for us," she said.

Lisa Brown, of Salem, had seen Dale's Daily Deals' video promotion on Facebook. She was shopping for her

grandsons. "So I wanted to stop by and support small business," she said.

She had visited a few businesses in Salem and done some online shopping but also skipped shopping at big box stores on Friday.

"I did a lot of my Black Friday shopping online," she said, noting that she likes to avoid crowds.

Amanda Sayers, the owner of Home Style, said the Christmas season is her busiest time of year.

"It's been a good day," she said. "We've seen lots of friends and lots of people coming through here and supporting small today."

Multiple media outlets have reported that

shoppers are skipping in-person shopping after Thanksgiving for online sales.

"Black Friday, from my understanding, has kind of been a thing of the past," Sayers said. "I've been hearing from a lot of people even Walmart and Target were kind of dead on Friday. I think the local communities are more apt to come out on Saturdays versus Fridays just because they're our friends. They want to see the businesses succeed. They want to be able to shop here year after year, so this is the perfect day to support everybody."

She noted that "Walmart and Target See *"Shoppers"* on Pg 8.



Willa Queen, left, of Cass, and her daughter, Robin Shingleton, of Shinnston, shop at Dale's Daily Deals on Small Business Saturday. They were looking for new toys for South Harrison High School's toy run. Photo by Erin Beck.



Christmas shoppers said Dale's Daily Deals on Pike Street had particularly good discounts on Saturday. Photo by Erin Beck.



Teresa Wallace, of Folsom in Wetzel County, chooses a screen-printed shirt at T&M Value Haven on Pike Street on Small Business Saturday. Her daughter Tiffany Ash owns the business with her husband Mark. Photo by Erin Beck.

Record number of Thanksgiving dinners served



Volunteers with First Baptist Church prepare a record number of Thanksgiving dinner orders. In front, from left to right, they are Megan Sinyard, Phyllis Gore and Marsha Riley. In back, they are Betsy Riley and Valarie Riley. Courtesy photo by Pastor Kevin Nuzum.

By Erin Beck

Volunteers dished out Thanksgiving Day dinner to a record number of people last week, according to Pastor Kevin Nuzum, whose church holds the annual event.

Nuzum said volunteers served about 400 meals, including curbside pick-ups, deliveries and a small group of dine-ins.

That's the highest number Nuzum, who

grew up in the church and previously served as youth pastor, can remember in decades.

He remembers years when about 100 meals were served. Back then, churchgoers would prepare food and bring it, and the dinners specifically went to those who frequent the Lord's Pantry.

Now about 400 people regularly pick up food at the Lord's Pantry. The dinner is open to anyone in the Lin-

coln feeder area, and they buy in bulk.

Nuzum said some people who called to reserve an order described this year as a greater struggle for them, whether that was because of higher food costs or less discretionary income.

People could pick up reservation forms at the Lord's Pantry, and the Lord's Pantry is serving a greater number of people.

The church did not set any income requirements. But most of the deliveries went to apartments where people live who are low-income, lack transportation, or are older, he said. He also said the event draws older and single people who have no need to purchase ingredients to prepare dinner for a group.

The event is made possible through do-

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Pastor Kevin Nuzum of First Baptist Church in Shinnston addresses volunteers on Thanksgiving Day, when they served dinner to more than 400 people.



BUILDING AMAZING CITIES

By JIM HUNT
author, speaker, consultant

The coronavirus, a cautionary tale

As the curtain seemed to be closing on the COVID-19 epidemic, I breathed a sigh of relief that I had escaped the virus. I can't say that it was that much of an inconvenience for me. I was able to do most everything that I had wanted. I kept a supply of masks in my car and put one on when necessary. I was anxious to receive the vaccine and drove up to Morgantown to have my first two shots. I knew the virus was dangerous and a list of people who were affected. I knew an increasing number of them and sadly, some friends died after contracting COVID. As things progressed, I took the first of three booster shots and did not have a reaction to any of them.

In the spring of 2022, my wife and I were able to take our granddaughter on a trip to Paris that had been delayed when the virus hit in 2020. The trip was wonderful but there was still a lot of concern, and many people were wearing masks throughout our trip. The United States required that everyone coming into the country be required to take a COVID test and we awoke at 5 a.m. one day to take the test before we flew home.

I have to say that I was a bit nervous waiting for the results of the tests, since it would have required being quarantined in a French hotel for ten days,

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OPINION

By Mac Warner WV Secretary of State

State elections are a model

Congratulations, West Virginia! Once again, West Virginia has executed a great election and demonstrated to the nation how to hold an election and deliver results on election night.

Consider that vote counting continued in other states more than a week after Election Day, while West Virginia held true to its pledge to provide confident results on election night. Our success story is a powerful precedent and evidence that West Virginia is a national leader in election administration.

We have leveraged technology, from voting machines to GIS mapping and texting. Actual implementation of the technology has been done via meticulous preparation and training by county clerks, their staff, and our field investigators. In 2016, only 16% of registered voters in West Virginia were using state-of-the-art voting equipment.

Our election personnel attended numerous meetings wherein we helped make policies that required communication between states and the federal government and facilitated communications between states as well as with our county officials.

Our systems were under constant guard leading up to Election Day by an extensive network of cybersecurity protections and close coordination with our West Virginia National Guard, State Office of Technology, Fusion Center, Secretary of State Office of Information Technology, SOS Investigations Staff, and federal partners at the Department of Homeland Security and Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.

Another technological tool in bolstering voter confidence has been our first-in-the-nation "See Something, TEXT Something" campaign. Along with our 877-FRAUD-WV hotline, more than a dozen messages were sent by concerned citizens and instantaneously acted upon by our investigation team deployed throughout the state.

All of West Virginia should be proud of our elections and the example we set for the rest of the nation. Our Legislature has done a great job of prescribing the rules by which we run elections, and officials throughout West Virginia have done a great job of following those election laws.

Congratulations to everyone who worked, voted, ran for office, or simply enjoys living in a state that has become an election model for the rest of the country.

Mac Warner is serving his second term as the West Virginia Secretary of State. A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the West Virginia University College of Law, Secretary Warner retired from the U.S. Army with 23 years of service at the rank of Lt. Colonel.

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.

Dec. 1, 1797: Journalist and politician John S. Gallaher was born in Martinsburg. He owned or managed several Whig newspapers and was instrumental in establishing the free school system in Virginia.

Dec. 2, 1859: John Brown was hanged at Charles Town in Jefferson County. Maj. Thomas J. Jackson, later nicknamed "Stonewall," was among those commanding the Virginia forces standing guard at the execution of the abolitionist who led the raid at Harpers Ferry.

Dec. 3, 1871: Statesman Newton Diehl Baker was born in Martinsburg. Appointed by

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Grid for the crossword puzzle with numbers 1-106.

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On Dec. 3, 1921, operatic soprano Phyllis (Smith) Curtin was born in Clarksburg.

President Woodrow Wilson, Baker served as secretary of war from 1916 to 1921. Baker oversaw U.S. involvement in World War I.

Dec. 3, 1921: Operatic soprano Phyllis (Smith) Curtin was born in Clarksburg. She made her debut with the New York City Opera in 1953, where she sang both classical and

Morgantown began broadcasting. In 1949, it became the flagship station for a statewide network (now the Mountaineer Sports Network) distributing broadcasts of West Virginia University football and basketball games.

Dec. 7, 1941: The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. The USS West Virginia suffered massive damage from torpedoes and bombs. Two officers, including the captain, and 103 crew members died.

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modern repertoire. Dec. 3, 1949: WSAZ-TV provided the first telecast of a Marshall College (now University) basketball game. The television station, the 72nd in the nation and the first in West Virginia, was an affiliate of WSAZ radio station.

Dec. 4, 1883: Social reformer Stella Fuller was born Stella Lawrence Cremeans in Point Pleasant. In the 1940s, Fuller opened a relief operation on Huntington's Washington Avenue. Eventually, the Stella Fuller Settlement expanded into the area's largest haven for the disadvantaged and homeless.

Dec. 5, 1892: Daniel D. T. Farnsworth died at the age of 73 in Buckhannon. As state senate president, Farnsworth succeeded Governor Boreman, who resigned in the last days of his term after being elected as a U.S. senator by the state Legislature.

Dec. 6, 1865: Artist Annie Virginia Latham Bartlett was born in Grafton. Her clay sculptures included conventional busts as well as figurines interpreting West Virginia's historic and cultural past, with such titles as 'The Moonshiner.'

Dec. 7, 1940: Radio station WAJR-AM in

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N&J Briefs

FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

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

Christmas Rummage Sale

Saturday, Dec. 3
8 a.m.-2 p.m. at First Baptist Church Lighthouse in downtown Shinnston
Decorations, toys, household items, and more plus homemade Christmas goodies, hot dogs, and pork barbecue sandwiches
304-592-0232

Harrison County Senior Center Book Club

Wednesday, Dec. 7
12 p.m. at King's New York Pizza and Restaurant
499 Rosebud Plaza, Clarksburg
There will be an open read book discussion about any book of the reader's choice. Everyone is welcome to attend and share the book they have been reading.
Contact Bill O'Field at 304-623-6795.

Region VI Workforce Development full board meeting

Thursday, Dec. 8
10:30 a.m. at the Marion County Convention & Visitors Bureau in Pleasant Valley
For more information about the meeting, contact Maria Larry at 304-368-9530.
Region VI is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. If you have a hearing impairment and need assistance, please call WV Relay 7-1-1.

Annual Christmas bake sale

St. Ann's Catholic Church, 610 Pike St.
Saturday, Dec. 10 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Indoor in social hall.
Breakfast from 8 a.m.-11 a.m.
\$7 menu of sausage & biscuits, scrambled eggs, hash browns, fruit & beverage. Pita Piata, nut roll, nut crescents, wedding cookies, galettes, peanut butter balls, large variety cookie trays
Accepting phone orders till Dec. 6
Call the following phone numbers: 304-584-4376; 304-841-1487; 303-592-0665 or 304-203-8905; 304-677-0799 or 304-592-2243.



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waiting to be allowed to travel home. Thankfully, we all tested negative and were able to complete our trip without a problem.

In the past several months, it seemed that people had quit talking about the virus and moved on to other things. When I went to work out in the mornings, I would rarely see anyone wearing a mask and even my doctor's office had quit requiring masks. The news had mentioned that this year might be a bad one for the flu, so I scheduled my flu shot and got it shortly before Thanksgiving. I was glad I got it since my wife was planning our Thanksgiving dinner and I was looking forward to it, with all the family together for the first time in a long time.

I had a trip to Kansas City scheduled for the National League of Cities Conference and once again, there were just a few participants wearing masks, and people were crowded into the meeting rooms like before the pandemic. As I was walking through the vendors' expo, I saw a stuffed animal in the shape of the coronavirus, and I thought that

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nations and help from volunteers, including those affiliated and not affiliated with the church.

Churchgoers could "adopt a turkey" from their "wall of turkeys" for an about \$30 donation to help out.

Nuzum, who said more volunteers served this year, said he was thankful for the volunteers' efforts. Cub Scouts and members of North Shinnston Baptist Church were among those helping, he said.

Many have volunteered for years. Cooking began at 7:30 a.m., packaging began at 10:30 a.m., and most everything was delivered by noon when the small dine-in began.

"So we've got it down pat," Nuzum said.

Due to pandemic-related food supply chain problems, they had to purchase food from places like Sam's Club earlier this year, Nuzum said, to ensure all food items were available.

Price Cutter in Adamston, which prepared turkeys, was of great help, he said. A member of his church, Rick McComas, is a butcher there and helped them connect with that business. Church donations paid for the turkeys, but Price Cutter prepared them free of charge, he said.



Volunteers for the First Baptist Church's annual Thanksgiving community dinner are a crucial part of its success.

Nuzum emphasized that while the church only has the capacity to serve the Lincoln feeder area, meaning the area serving Lincoln High, Lincoln Middle, Lumberport Elementary and Big Elm Elementary schools, it's not meant for only church members. It's meant for the community.

He said holding the dinner, one of the church's biggest events of the year, aligns with the church's goal to take care of its neighbors. He said the church was blessed with the resources to meet those needs.

"I believe that's what Jesus did," he said. "He met the needs of the people."

At the same time, he said he hopes to be more helpful to those outside the feeder area in future years. Some

would be a great gag gift to bring home. I had planned to give it to my granddaughter when we had Thanksgiving dinner and tell her I brought home the "coronavirus" from Kansas City.

Unfortunately, my joke was not as funny when I woke up a couple days after returning from Kansas City with a sore throat and my wife said I should take the at-home test for COVID. I put the drops on the test strip and watched as the two pink lines appeared, which indicated that I was positive for COVID. That meant no Thanksgiving dinner, and I was isolated in my house while everyone else was enjoying the holiday. It seems to be a mild case and my doctor feels that by having all the booster shots, I should be fine in a few days.

My words of wisdom are that the virus is still among us and to not take this virus lightly. Wear your mask if you are going to be in crowded areas and make sure to keep up with your boosters. Good health to you and have an Amazing week!

people called from other areas, such as Clarksburg and Marion County. Some were upset that the meal was meant specifically for the local community.

Nuzum said in future years, he hopes to prepare a list of other locations serving meals.

"We're going to be better prepared when people call and if they're not in our feeder area, we can help them find somewhere else to get a meal," he said. "Our intention is not to exclude anyone."

Nuzum also mentioned several upcoming events. On Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., the church will hold a Christmas rum-

mage sale at its Lighthouse in downtown Shinnston. That sale includes decorations, toys, household items and more. Hot dogs and pork barbecue sandwiches will also be available. That's a fundraiser for the church youth group.

At 6 p.m. is the downtown Christmas parade; following the parade, the Shinnston Community Band will play around 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church's Lighthouse. Cookies will be served, Nuzum said.

The following Saturday is the First Baptist Church's Christmas giveaway of winter clothes, such as coats.

Radio artifacts sought

Clarksburg History Museum is looking for artifacts about early radio stations in Clarksburg and the surrounding area. Contact Pete Secret at 304-669-6574.

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Pantries provide meals for pets and people

GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen



From left to right are Christy Blair, Pet Supply Plus district manager; Rosalyn Queen, PWA treasurer; Randal Lynch, PWA volunteer; Megan O'Dell, Pet Supply Plus local store manager; Betty Waddy, PWA president; and Sandy Cox, PWA volunteer. The group stops for a minute as they serve a free dinner to homeless individuals.

Several years ago, the Progressive Women's Association sent out a questionnaire to the public asking for their input on programs that were needed in the area. One of the programs most listed was a need for a pet pantry to assist individuals with feeding their pets. The PWA board immediately set up a pantry to complement their food pantry. Donations of pet food and money came in and we welcomed the birth of Peppy's Pet Pantry. Hundreds of pounds of cat and dog food have been distributed to local individuals through the pantry.

Betty Waddy, PWA president, met with management at Pet Supply Plus and they partnered with the PWA in keeping the pantry supplied for our little furry friends. Pet Supply Plus continues to be one of the largest donors to the pantry.

The PWA will also be preparing free meals for the homeless and Pet Supply Plus employees will be assisting in the serving of the meals. This will be a community project. For more information about the project, call 304-624-6881.

Thanksgiving was a time for us to think about all those things we

have to be thankful for. I hope it prepared you spiritually for the coming season of Christmas. No matter how many negatives you have in your life, there are always those who are worse off than we are. As we prepare for this most holy season, I hope you will add a little spirituality to your daily activities.

I want to send out birthday wishes to Mike and Marty Queen, Miranda Lang and Holli and Hunter Queen, and many, many more in good health.

I urge each of you to get in the spirit of the holiday season, to stay safe and healthy and until next week "Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine."

Raunchy comedian coming to Clarksburg

Outback Presents, in cooperation with The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center, is bringing blue collar comedian Rodney Carrington to downtown Clarksburg on Friday, Jan. 20, at the historic Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center located at 444 W. Pike St. in Clarksburg.

Carrington is a multi-talented comedian, actor, singer, and writer playing sold-out shows around the world. A platinum-recording artist, Carrington recorded eight major record label comedy albums, followed by three albums on his own record label, Laughter's Good Records.

Carrington is fresh off the release of his latest album, "Get Em Out," released in 2019, which hit #1 on iTunes. His album "Here Comes the Truth," released in 2017, climbed to #3 on the comedy charts, accruing tens of millions of streams on Spotify and even spawned a Netflix special.

"We couldn't be more excited to have Rodney Carrington headed to Clarksburg," said Jason A. Young, the Robinson Grand's program manager. "We are also very excited to be working with Outback Presents, another wonderful promoter with whom we hope to build a wonderful

relationship."

Over the years, he's starred in his own TV sitcom, "Rodney," which ran for two seasons on ABC, co-wrote and co-starred with Toby Keith in the feature film, "Beer for My Horses," which won the Tex Ritter Award from the ACM, and starred in his own Netflix special "Here Comes The Truth." Carrington also appeared on countless other TV shows, including the ACA (American Country Awards), hosting the American Country New Year's Eve Live show on FOX, and won "Supporting Character of the Year"



Rodney Carrington, one of the top 10 highest-grossing touring comedians for the past two decades, will perform in Clarksburg at The Robinson Grand on Jan. 20.

from the CMT Music Video Awards for his appearance on Trace Adkins' music video "I Got My Game On."

"Rodney Carrington's show is definitely for

mature audiences only," said Young. "But if you are up for a little blue in your comedy, you are in for a great night."

Tickets for Carrington start at \$49.50. All

tickets can be purchased online at tickets.therobinsongrand.com or by calling the Robinson Grand ticketing center at 855-773-6283.

Library to host "Women Speak"

The Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library is pleased to announce it will once again host the Women of Appalachia Project's "Women Speak" performance on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. The presentation is a juried performance of story, poetry and song showcasing women artists from throughout West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Virginia,

Tennessee and North Carolina, according to a news release. The event also marks the publication of their latest book.

Many people have an image of an Appalachian woman, and they look down on her. The mission of Women of Appalachia Project is to showcase the way in which female artists respond to the Appalachian region as a source of inspiration, bringing

together women from diverse backgrounds, ages and experiences to embrace the stereotype - to show the whole woman, beyond the superficial factors that people use to judge her. The project also aims to showcase the complexities of the region.

The event will be held at Waldomore and online via Zoom.

To register, please visit clarksburglibrary.org/

author-series or call 304-627-2236 ext. 128.

For more information about the Women of Appalachia Project, go to womenofappalachia.com. For questions, email womenofappalachia@gmail.com

The event is sponsored by the Cultural Foundation of Harrison County and the Friends of Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library.

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BUSINESS MATTERS

Small Business Spotlight: Salem Does Yarn



Michelle Cari, of Shinnston, sells hand-knitted, hand-dyed stuffed animals at Lincoln High School's craft show, which benefited the sophomore class, last month. Photo by Erin Beck.



Michelle Cari, of Shinnston, stands among the vendors selling locally made products at a recent craft show. Photo by Erin Beck.

Michelle Cari, of Shinnston, owns Salem Does Yarn and sells stuffed animals and mushrooms with soft fabrics, including hand-dyed yarn. She said everything is also child friendly. She uses acrylic for kids with wool allergies and also offers customs. Her shop is called Salem Does Yarn after her cat Salem. She has an Instagram, @salemdoesyarn, and an Etsy shop, salemdoesyarn.etsy.com.

Walking tour plans progress

In between Christmas shopping Saturday, Shinnston Development Authority President James Coulter provided an update on a proposed sidewalk and crosswalk project.

During a previous SDA meeting, Coulter had encouraged creating a walking tour through town, with signs letting pedestrians know how far they'd walked, and replaced crosswalks offering more accessibility, especially for those with disabilities.

"It's going to cause you to walk by a place like this, not just drive by it, so when you're walking by it you look in the window and you're like 'I want to go buy something there,'" he said, standing in Home Style during Small Business Saturday.

Coulter said he planned to take measurements for signs while City Manager Chad Edwards had been working with state roads officials on returning the crosswalks. There had been talk of four crosswalks, but Coulter said plans for the one by Saltwell Road had been scrapped due to the heaviness of traffic there.

The other three cross Pike Street; walk boxes will also be turned back on, Coulter said.



Amie Glover, of Mannington, peruses Michelle Cari's Salem Does Yarn display of handmade stuffed animals. Photo by Erin Beck.

Haden Boulevard at Charles Pointe named for WVU alumnus

Genesis Partners joined with local government officials on Nov. 17 to officially name the main boulevard that will take traffic off of West Virginia Route 279 and into the new Charles Pointe Crossing.

Charles Pointe Crossing is the newest phase of Charles Pointe - a 1,700 acre Master Planned Development located almost entirely inside the city limits of Bridgeport. Charles Pointe Crossing is a flat 67-acre site created with the move of more than four million cubic yards of rock and dirt,

create the flat land, and to install all utilities, streets, and streetlights in phase one of Charles Pointe Crossing is in excess of \$24 million. Last month, national home improvement retailer Menards broke ground for a new super center at Charles Pointe Crossing that will include more than 240,000 square feet of retail space. Menards is a family-owned business headquartered in Wisconsin that owns and operates over 330 stores throughout 15 states. The super center at Charles Pointe will be Menards' fourth store in West Virginia.

In addition, the new \$22 million Mon-Health Harrison hospital will also be located at Charles Pointe Crossing.

Genesis Partners, along with City of Bridgeport and Harrison County officials, gathered to recognize the commitment and dedication of the planner and landscape architect who worked with Genesis on the original master plan and layout of Charles

Pointe. Jim Haden is a native of Morgantown and is a 1971 graduate of West Virginia University where he earned a degree in landscape architecture. After several years as a principal with an internationally known design firm, Jim and his partner founded Haden-Stanziale to focus on domestic clients throughout southeastern United States. The firm has been recognized nationally for their work with clients to ensure quality, to encourage creativity, and to maximize responsible stewardship of the land.

Haden has nearly four decades of professional experience in the design and creation of Master Planned communities like Charles Pointe. He stated "Throughout my entire career, I've had the opportunity to work on numerous projects both internationally and throughout the United States, but I've only had the opportunity to work on one in my

home state of West Virginia, the one that I am most proud of, Charles Pointe." He is now happily retired and resides in Charlotte, North Carolina with his wife and family. "When we started this journey to create a community that Bridgeport, Harrison County, and the state of West Virginia would be proud of, we knew that we had to have Jim Haden on board with us," said Jamie Corton of Genesis Partners. Haden and his family returned to Charles Pointe to join Genesis Partners and local officials for the dedication of Haden Boulevard. Joining Corton and his team from Genesis Partners was Harrison County Commission President Susan Thomas, Bridgeport City Manager Brian Newton, City Engineer Beth Fox, Community & Economic Development Director Andrea Kerr, and Bridgeport Police Chief Mark Rogers.

New flights to Charlotte take off

The North Central West Virginia Airport (CKB) is excited for Contour Airlines flights to Charlotte, North Carolina, which were set to begin Thursday, according to an email from Amy Haberbosch Wilson, executive director of the Harrison County Economic Development Corporation.

"We know it's important to folks that are living in your communities to know how to book flights for business & vacation travel; and it is equally important to know how to bring folks home to West Virginia," the email stated. "Contour is our new daily essential air carrier. The Allegiant destination flights are completely separate and are continuing as usual."

The flights were made available due to an interline agreement with American Airlines.

Tickets may be booked at countourairlines.com.



Members of the Shinnston Development Authority discuss economic development ideas, including a potential walking trail through town during their October meeting. Photo by Erin Beck.

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A new season begins in Morgantown



The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

The West Virginia men's basketball team started the season on fire. The Mountaineers jumped out to a 4-0 record with three of them coming at the Coliseum. Wins over Mount St. Mary's, Morehead State, and Penn were impressive in front of WVU fans. The Mountaineers won those three contests by a 23.3 average margin of victory.

The backyard brawl at rival Pitt could not even offer a close contest for the 'Eers. The decisive 81-56 win over the Panthers was indeed satisfying to fans that would cheer a win over Pitt in anything from lawn darts up, but this year's Panther squad is not much to speak about. Veteran mentor Bob Huggins is fresh off of being inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame (Class of 2022) and has been around long enough to know that a good start is just that and nothing more.

The tune up wins allowed an opportunity to see how different combinations of players might mesh together. Huggins has a deep, talented roster that looks really good in warmups, and the 10-12 players that show unlimited potential are all jockeying for playing time. The hope is that the competition in practice will help with player development and team cohesiveness at the same time. Huggins is looking to kill more than one bird with one stone.

Watching the veteran mentor on the sideline against Mount St. Mary's and Penn, he appeared to be doing more watching than anything else. Let's face it, if you removed Huggins and the rest of the coaching staff, the Mountaineers would have won both of those lockups rather easily.

Huggins was observing his troops to see how they would react in various situations. He has been rather quiet about his real thoughts concerning

this group. He knows that his words can make a difference in the preparation and the play of his players. When the time is right, he will praise and critique to mold his team how he sees fit.

Thanksgiving is a special holiday that brings family together for all of the right reasons, and the Mountaineers spent the holiday in Portland, Oregon participating in the Phil Knight Legacy Tournament. After WVU broke bread, they had their win streak broken by #24 Perdue.

The Boilermakers jumped out to an 11-point halftime lead and looked poised to put the 'Eers away early. The time arrived for WVU to play a good team and it took them some time to adjust. Once they found their footing, the Mountaineers battled back to trail by four with 5:30 left in the game.

The fight back effort drained the tank, and they did not get any closer, eventually losing 80-67. There are going to be games that are lost and there is nothing good that comes out of them. After the setback, Huggins mentioned being 4-0 prior to this game and the reason was that his squad was better than the previous opponents. In other words, they would have to play better and, more importantly, be ready to play when the ball is tossed up.

The message was received, and the next night against Portland State, WVU came out ready to play. Instead of trailing at the break, the Mountaineers grew a 17-point lead at intermission. They kept the foot on the gas and never held less than a double-digit lead in the second half.

At the time this article was written, the third game of this event had not been played. That will bring another chapter for another day, but for now, Huggins has reminded us that he still has what it takes to motivate his players. He still has the pulse of his team and, in time, will transform them into the best team they can be. How good they will be is determined later, but for now, enjoy watching the legend work.

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

Changing of the guard



Lincoln High School freshman upcoming quarterback A.J. Bart, left, hugs senior quarterback Nick Kellar following the Cougars' loss in the playoffs Nov. 11.

Pickleball is creating quite a racket in the area



From The World of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

Quietly, Pickleball has emerged as one of the fastest growing sports across the country. I know, this is not hot off the press news, but this game has opened its range from young to old, and equal to golf, it is definitely one of the sports that no matter the age, you can play.

To give those an idea who have never played, just imagine playing tennis on a smaller court with a smaller racket but use the strategies that you find when playing ping-pong. The rules take a little time to get used to, but once you do, let the competition begin.

Currently, I am a newbie but hooked on the game. Gym teachers have taught the game for decades, and the parks department even brought the sport as part of the life-time sports enrichment during our outdoor adventures program. The game is a workout too.

Now that I have piqued your interest, onto the rules of the game:

The game is most commonly played as

doubles and the court is reduced in size compared to a tennis court. To start the game, the serve must be determined either by honor, guessing a number, or playing even/odds. The server's arm must be moving in an upward arc when the ball is struck and contact with the ball must not be made above the waist. Just like tennis, the serve must make it into the back serving box diagonal to where the server begins play for it to be legal.

After the serve, the return must be struck after the bounce and the same applies after the return crosses the net to the opponent's side. From there, the goal is for the ball to bounce twice or place the ball where your opponent cannot return. It is a game of finesse and power, just depending on your situation.

Scoring points only happens when the team is serving the ball. Games normally go to 11, and you have to win by at least two points. Before each serve, you announce the score and who is serving. At the beginning, there is just one serve by the team, and once there is a "fault" the other team has two chances to accumulate points. For example, to open the match, the server says "0-0-2." That allows everyone to know the score and who the server is. Pretty similar to ping pong scoring. You are allowed only one serve unlike tennis.

Here is the caveat to playing this game: there is a non-volley zone, otherwise known as the "kitchen." This area is only 7-feet on both sides of the net, and volleying is prohibited within the area. The rule prevents players from executing smashes from a position within the zone. If you smash a shot, and your momentum takes you into that zone, then you have committed a fault and lose the point or the serve. The only way to step into the zone is if the ball actually bounces into the area. This is when players try to dink or dunk the ball with soft shots performed on purpose.

As mentioned previously, the rule for faults is any action that sops play because of the rule violation. If you are the receiving team and you commit a fault, then the serving team gets a point, and if the serving team violates, then it is a loss of serve or a side out.

The easiest thing to do is get online and watch some YouTube videos about the rules to see how the game is played because it will be easier to understand. Locally, there are plenty of places to play this game. When the weather is right, you will see a packed house at Veterans Park, and during the cold or windy days, you can make a trek to the Bridge in Bridgeport and see the basketball courts being transformed into Pickleball courts.

If interested in to getting involved, you can find a Pickleball group on Facebook and simply send them a message, and they welcome new players to the game.

Giving thanks for Tiger Woods

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

Thanksgiving is a special holiday because it has been able to keep its original meaning throughout the years. Christmas, and even Easter to some extent, have been commercialized and have fallen victim to the almighty dollar. Corporate America has not found a way to infiltrate Thanksgiving and all that it stands for in our country. The trick is to try to remain thankful all year long while truly giving God thanks for all of those blessings that he provides us with day in and day out.

The golf world is extremely thankful to have the best golfer of the times back on the course just in time to celebrate Christmas. Tiger Woods and his son Charlie have confirmed that they will be participating

in the PNC Championship at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Club Orlando, Grande Lakes, December 15-18.

The tandem is hoping that the third time is the charm. Two years ago, they finished seventh, and last year they garnered a runner-up finish. Tiger, by all accounts, is looking like a real threat to compete for major championships again while Charlie is developing into an impressive young golfer with a bright future. The dynamic duo is looking to enact some revenge on John Daly and his son, as well as several other big-name participants.

I hate to wish time away, but I'm really looking forward to seeing how far Tiger has brought his game since we last saw him. Anytime you have a chance to see a legend play, it is a blessing, and in mid-December we will have a golden opportunity.



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OBITUARIES



Lena Joann Cottrill Tucker

Lena Joann Cottrill Tucker, 86, of Shinnston, passed away on Nov. 20, 2022, at her residence. She was born in Clarksburg, May 25, 1936, a daughter of the late Madison Jacob and Myrtle Dawson Cottrill. On April 4, 1959, she married Charles W. Tucker, who survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Beth Tucker, Shinnston; her granddaughter, Kaleigh Tucker-Rosalez, Shinnston; one stepdaughter, Edith Kay French and her husband Jerry, Taylor County; her siblings, Roger Cottrill and his wife Sammie, Stonewood and Sandra Kay Murray, Clarksburg; and several nieces and nephews.

Lena was a graduate of Victory High School. She was formerly employed with UP Hospital in Clarksburg, Pursglove Coal, and Tolley Electric. Lena served as a Brownie Leader in the Gypsy community and was a Band Mom. She enjoyed working and spending time on the farm, especially with her bull, Cassidy. She enjoyed working in the garden and, most importantly, taking care of her family. Lena attended the First Baptist Church of Shinnston.

The family received friends at the Perine Funeral Home, Shinnston, from 11 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 1 p.m. on Nov. 25. Pastor Kevin Nuzum officiated the service. Interment was in the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

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



Patrick Donald Price

Patrick Donald Price, 78, of Wallace, passed away on Nov. 25, 2022, at the United Hospital Center, Bridgeport. He was born in Lisbon, OH, June 29, 1944, a son of the late Donald Paul and Edith Virginia Moore Price.

Surviving are his wife, Marlene Lee Kain Price, whom he married in 1964; six children: Patrick "Pip" Price and his wife Penny of West Union; Dawn Ross and her husband Jody of Kinchloe; Randall Price and his wife Karla of Bridgeport; Steve Price and his wife Suzzane of Lumberport; Brian Price and his wife Sherry of Wallace; and Patrick Lamont Price, Jr. and his wife Angel of Wallace; grandchildren: Shannon McCumber and her husband Ray of Ashtabula, OH; Brittany Miller and her husband Vance of Kinchloe; Samantha Brightbill and her husband Kyle of Weston; Ashley Marchiny and her husband Gary of Wallace; Andrea Coffman and her husband Josh of Lumberport; Chelsea Minutelli and her husband Nick of Lumberport; Courtney Brooks and her husband Daniel of Wallace; Cameron Price and his wife Sarah of Fairmont; Cassidy Price and her fiancé Greg Guire; Skylar, Shana, Michael, Madison, Harley, and Chloe Davis, all of Ashtabula, OH; his great-grandchildren:

Mason, Trevor, Molly, Charles, Tucker, Bristol, Kinsley, Kylan, Nyra, Christian, Chandler, Arrow, Austin, Brianna, and Estella; one sister, Robin Lee Walker and her husband Billy of Butler, OH; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Price was preceded in death by one grandson, Cory Michael Scott, and three siblings William Earl Price, James Edward Price, and Nancy Virginia Flinn.

Mr. Price was a hard worker all his life. He worked for Glory Coal and Clinchfield Coal for 42 years as a coal miner. He later went into the logging business and worked for 30 years. He was also a farmer and worked hard up until the day that he went in the hospital last week. He was an avid hunter and a man who loved his family and was very generous. Patrick was a wonderful husband and loving father and grandfather. Most importantly, in the last year, he rededicated his life to God and is in heaven with him now. He will be truly missed by his family.

In keeping with his wishes, there will be no public services. A private interment will be held at the convenience of the family.

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



Samuel Richard Hamilton, II

Samuel Richard Hamilton, II, 69, of Shinnston, passed away suddenly on Nov. 25, 2022, at his residence. He was born in Clarksburg, Sept. 11, 1953, a son of the late Samuel Richard and Rose Marie Ashcraft Hamilton.

Surviving are his wife, Becky Drain Hamilton; four sisters: Shirley Berry of Wyatt, Sally Rice of Villa Rica, GA, Carol Crawford of Morgantown, Barbara Blaire and her husband Robin of West Milford; his brothers and sisters-in-laws: Dottie Marie Postlethwait of Shinnston, Helon "Sis" Postlethwait of Stringtown, Earlen W. "Bub" Drain and his companion Jackie of O'Dell's Knob, Christine "Chris" Arnett and her husband Scott of Pine Bluff, and Steve Drain of Shinnston; his special granddaughter, Madaline Pushinsky; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

In addition to his parents, Sam was preceded in death by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Earlen and Edna Drain.

Sam was formerly employed by Ace Welding in Enterprise as a machinist for over 30 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, cooking, and shooting guns. He especially loved his dogs.

The family received friends at the Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St., where funeral services were held at 11am, Tuesday, November 29, with Pastor Aaron Cayton officiating. The interment was to be in the Postlethwait Family Cemetery in Stringtown. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com.

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



Victoria Anne "Vicky" McAllister Ashby

Victoria Anne "Vicky" McAllister Ashby, 72, of Bridgeport, WV, went to be with the Lord Nov. 17, 2022. She was born on April 7, 1950, in Savannah, GA to the late Robert Marcus McAllister and Mary Ann Montgomery McAllister.

She grew up in a Military family, moving around the United States and Europe, as required. She graduated from high school in Commack, NY in 1968 and from the University of Hawaii in 1972. Throughout the years, Vicky traveled extensively with the Mediterranean Society of America, her parents, and a host of friends, that made up her close extended family.

When she retired, Vicky was working as a Computer Security Engineer for the U.S. Government.

She was an active and faithful member of the Christ Episcopal Church in Clarksburg, WV and a beloved member of the Shinns Run Community Educational Outreach Service (CEOS) Club, where she served as the Vice President and Purposeful Reading Chairman. Vicky had a degree in Chinese and practiced every chance she could whether it was ordering food at a restaurant or while traveling in China.

Her hobbies included card making, crafting, gardening, knitting, volunteering at the Robinson Grand Theatre, activities at the Harrison County Senior Center, and in general, participating in various community service projects and activities whether it be the Winterfest parade or making gifts to take to the Veterans Nursing Home.

Vicky is survived by her brother, Robert Marcus McAllister and wife Deborah of Muskegon, MI and her cousin and close friend, Michael Anthony Roberts of GA; her college girlfriends and travel partners, Anna-Mae Shishado and Mary Chun from HI; her close friends Cynthia and Lawrence Harpine; her Godson, Nathan Harpine from Northern Virginia; her West Virginia clan: Jean Vincent, April Lanham, Pat Rummel, and Robin Righter; and most important in her life were her beloved pets. She could never turn away a cat or dog that was in need of a warm loving home.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her close friend, Ruth Righter Johnson.

Vicky was an extraordinary woman and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

In keeping with Vicky's wishes, she was cremated, and inurnment was at the Christ Episcopal Church in Clarksburg. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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

Out of the Past

Memorable photographs from around Harrison County



The 1938 dedication of the expanded airport at Bridgeport, now known as the North Central West Virginia Airport. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

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“Shoppers” From Pg 1.

don't care about how your grandma's doing, but we do.”

Sayers, who as the vice-president of the Shinnston Development Authority and a City Council member, also works on economic development in the city, planned to shop after her store closed.

James Coulter, the president of the Authority, is also focused on that task, and was a shopper himself as well.

“I just love this every year, just seeing people walk around downtown and seeing it be like what it used to be...,” he said. “I just look forward to it. We're actually making a day out of it.”

Teresa Wallace, of Folsom in Wetzel County, was perusing the screen-printed shirts at T&M Value Haven. That business also drew a crowd. The store gave free gift bags to the first ten shoppers.



From back to front, Lori Casto of Connecticut, along with daughter Melissa Reali and her boyfriend Scott Baribeau, scan the screen-printed shirts available at T&M Value Haven on Saturday. They were in town to visit family. Photo by Erin Beck.

“This is my favorite small business,” Wallace said with a laugh, noting that her daughter, Tiffany Ash, and her husband Mark, own it. “Look what they've accomplished

here. They're working hard at it and are going to make it a success, I'm sure.”

Lori Casto of Connecticut, along with daughter Melissa Reali and her boyfriend Scott Baribeau, were perusing that business as well.

“It's a very nice little town and lots of cute shops, and people are very friendly,” Reali said.

They were on their way to Florida for a Disney cruise for her sister Jailyann's wedding in the Bahamas.

Lori Casto's husband Randy Casto said his family, including some living relatives, were from Shinnston.

He said he used to stay with his aunt Nancy who lived nearby, pointing to the building next to Dale's Daily Deals, across the cross street.

“When I was like 7 years old, so we're talking 40, 45 years ago, I was in that



Shoppers socialize as they walk Pike Street on Small Business Saturday. Energized shoppers filled local shops for discounts and to catch up with friends. Photo by Erin Beck.

building, so I wanted to stop and take some pictures,” he said. “My wife and everybody's doing some shopping, my wife and grandkids. It's good to be back in town actually, just the memories and seeing all the old buildings.”

He recalled when the side streets were brick as well as a toy store, now closed, although the family also noted that the town has plenty of businesses now.

His grandparents and father came from the area; he used to visit Shinnston with his now-

deceased father.

“I'm letting the girls do a little shopping,” he said. “I'm doing picture-taking and reminiscing.”

Sarah Benson, who owns Soul Miner's Daughter, was selling her all-natural, organic and homemade health and beauty products. Some products use herbs she grows herself.

“I have a hard time picking a lane so it's a little bit of everything,” she said. “Bath and body stuff, some cold and cough stuff, some teas, jewelry, I do like

to do the jewelry, and of course, goat's milk soap is a really big thing around here.

“Goat's milk soap alone has a lot of health benefits and then of course I infuse it with some lavender or some pine stuff for the men.”

She said she offered discounts Saturday but hadn't even needed to promote them.

“It's been really busy,” she said. “This is the most people I've seen short of opening day. I really think people are just out today.”



Randy Casto, along with his granddaughter, Sahanna, 10, and son Nicko, 13, stop in between browsing businesses Saturday. Casto, who lives in Connecticut but has family from the area, enjoyed seeing the bustling town thriving. Photo by Erin Beck.

United Hospital Center sonography commencement held

United Hospital Center (UHC) School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography recently held a commencement and reception for three 2022 graduates, according to a news release.

Diplomas were presented on Nov. 18 by Tavia DeFazio, program director and Micah Ford, clinical coordinator, to the students.

Graduates of the School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography include Hayle Maier, Kayla Lough, and Erica Balon. All three have accepted employment positions as staff sonographers at UHC.

The General and Vascular DMS Program at United Hospital Center is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of the Joint Review on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRC-DMS). The program incorporates clinical and didactic experiences to prepare individuals for professional careers in abdomen,

vascular, obstetric, and gynecologic sonography.

About United Hospital Center

United Hospital Center (UHC) is the result of a merger between St. Mary's and Union Protestant hospitals in 1970. This bold move provides North Central West Virginia with a regional community hospital that offers a vast array of services. The new UHC opened in 2010 and is located along I-79 in Bridgeport. The 736,403 square foot structure rises eight stories. It is designed around the environment with the patient, family, employees, and community in mind—which includes enhanced patient privacy, a high level of technology integration, and improved access to care. The acute care facility has 292 private inpatient rooms and a medical staff that consist of more than 366 physicians, advanced practice providers, and allied health professionals. UHC has more than 2,450 employees and is a member of WVU Medicine (West Virginia United Health System). For more information about UHC, please visit uhcvwv.org.



Pictured left to right are Hayle Maier RDMS, RT(R); Kayla Lough RDMS, RT(R); and Erica Balon RDMS, RT(R).

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