



Clothing give-away planned

By Erin Beck

The Warrior’s Chapel is holding its annual “Show Love” clothing drive. The free clothing give-away will be held on Feb. 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Warrior’s Chapel at 68 Main St.

Currently, the church is collecting items, including gently used clothes, as well as purses, shoes, blankets, and baby furniture. Those who want to donate can drop bags of clothes off on the church ramp.

“It’s any clothes from babies to adults,” said Ashley Dytzel, wife of Pastor Jeffery Dytzel. “There’s dress clothes. There’s winter clothes. There’s accessories.”

The clothing drive is open to everyone in the community; there are no income or other requirements.

“It’s open to the community and outside the community,” Dytzel said.

Eight to ten church members volunteer each year for the effort, she said.

In years past, people were waiting at the door. Those who arrive on Feb. 25 will see items organized by men’s, women’s, kids’ and babies’ clothing.

“It’s really pretty awesome and we have a good turnout,” Dytzel said.

Donation to fund new pavilion

Submitted by City Clerk Kathleen Panek

At the Jan. 9 Regular Shinnston City Council Meeting, Steven Strait, fraternal insurance counselor, managing partner, Modern Woodmen of America presented a check from Modern Woodmen of America to the Shinnston Park Board for \$10,000 to be used at Shinnston’s Bice-Ferguson Park for a new pavilion. The concrete slab for this pavilion was donated by an anonymous donor.

Modern Woodmen of America is a member-owned, fraternal financial services organization.

Receiving the check from left to right are Walter Post representing the Shinnston Park Board, Steven Strait, David Harbert of the Shinnston Park Board, and Shinnston Mayor Rodney Strait. Post commented that Steven Strait worked on this donation for eight months.



BUILDING AMAZING CITIES

By JIM HUNT
author, speaker, consultant

Understanding pronouns

In the last several years, I’ve noticed a lot of discussion about pronouns. As a C student in English class, I never liked learning about adverbs, adjectives, nouns or diagraming sentences, and all the other things that English teachers seem to get excited about. In fact, I am sure that, if one of my old English teachers, follows this column, they could mark it up with so much red ink, that you would wonder how I made it through high school, let alone graduated from college. But pronouns seem to have gained a whole new following and even political campaigns have politicians proclaiming that their pronouns are “proud American” or in the case of a recent Arizona gubernatorial candidate, who proclaimed her pronouns were “I won.” There is even proposed legislation to prohibit teachers from referring to students with a different pronoun than is on their birth certificate.

Like many people, whose last encounter with an English textbook was over 50 years ago, I became intrigued when receiving a business card at a recent conference that had the person’s name, followed by (he/him). I did a quick Google search and learned that some pronouns are gender specific, such as he/him and she/her. A non-gendered pronoun would be something like they/them, where it would not identify a person by their gender. Example: As the school children filed off the bus, they each picked up their bookbags from the locker. In the example, the school children are not identified by their gender, but were referred to by the non-gendered pronoun “they.” By now, I’m sure anyone over 40 has quit reading this column, but hopefully I can put some relevance to this subject.

On a recent trip to South Carolina, to visit my grandchildren for Christmas, I took them out for breakfast, at the local Dunkin Donut shop. As we ordered our drinks and donuts, I saw a young teen in front of us and noticed that several older people were looking at this teen and rolling their eyes and shaking their heads at each other. Upon looking closer, I observed that this teen had long hair that

See “Hunt” on Pg 3.



Delegate Clay Riley, R- Harrison, speaks during the House Technology and Infrastructure meeting on Jan. 12, the second day of the first week of the legislative session last week. A professional engineer, Riley is also the vice-chair of the Committee on Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services. He won re-election to the state Senate on Nov. 8.



State Senator Ben Queen, R-Harrison, gets to work in the Senate Finance Committee on Jan. 12, the second day of the West Virginia legislative session, his first term as a state senator, last week. In 2016, the Bridgeport resident was elected to his first of three terms in the House of Delegates. At that time, Queen was just 21 years old and a student at West Virginia University.

Cheerleaders recognized



Lincoln High School’s cheerleading team members, the 2022 Class AA champions, were honored with a proclamation at the Jan. 9 Shinnston City Council meeting. Mayor Rodney Strait is at right. The team hadn’t won a state championship since 2007 but they were regional champions last year, according to Coach Mandi Brown.



McDonald's

of Harrison County

OPINION

Getting out of a rut

By Bryan Golden

It's so easy to get into a rut yet difficult to get out. A rut is a regular habit, pattern, or expectation. There is a certain degree of comfort associated with being in a rut. It is consistent, familiar, and safe. We can fall into a rut unintentionally without realizing it.

Although dwelling in a rut can induce feelings of frustration and dissatisfaction, not all people are unhappy being in one. There are those who are happy and satisfied with a regular, dependable pattern. If you are happy with your circumstances -- great. But if you want to break out of a routine, this article is for you.

Any aspect of your life has the potential to fall into a rut. If it does, you have the power to pull yourself out. Ruts are an insidious trap because it's easier to stay in familiar territory than to venture out into the unknown.

How do you know if you're in a rut? An unending routine, a job without any perceivable chance of change, or a situation that appears to have no potential for change are all situations that qualify.

Pay attention to your feelings, they can identify a rut. Are you bored, frustrated, or apathetic? Do you feel a lack of excitement or challenge? Is it tough getting started each day? Do you lack motivation? Some or all of these emotions may be indicative of a rut.

You can get used to being in a rut and accept it as an inevitable part of life. Once this happens, your drive and ambition begin to wane. Getting out of a rut can then seem unattainable. The good news is that a rut doesn't have to be permanent and you possess the ability to get yourself out. The key to extricating yourself is being proactive and taking initiative.

You can't get out of a rut by waiting for things to change. A rut will only become deeper with the passage of time. Only you can change your situation. To do so you need to recognize that you are in a rut, have a desire to get out, and be willing to put in the effort necessary to do so.

Once you have decided to get out you are ready to begin. You can't just jump out of a rut, you have to climb out one step at a time. It took time to get in and it will take time to get out. Unrealistic expectations create frustration and may cause you to abandon your efforts altogether.

Climbing out necessitates changing engrained habits. You want to take small successful steps that will motivate you to keep going. So, pick something that is relatively easy to alter and not overwhelming. Some ideas: take a different route to work, do something different during lunch, vary your daily schedule, or change your evening routine. No aspect is too insignificant.

The goal is to build confidence in your ability to successfully make changes. With each successful alteration you make, you will be building strength to tackle bigger challenges. It's the same process as getting into shape physically. You start out with easy exercises and make them more challenging as you get stronger.

As your confidence builds you can tackle bigger ruts. Every aspect of your life has the potential for adjustment. If you believe you are stuck in a rut and can't get out, you are right. If you believe you can get out of any rut, you are also right. The choice is yours, get started today.

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

- Jan. 19, 1818:** The Virginia General Assembly established Preston County from part of Monongalia County. The new county was named for James Patton Preston, then governor of Virginia.
- Jan. 19, 1820:** Fairmont was established by the Virginia legislature on the farm of Boaz Fleming. The original name of Middletown was changed to Fairmont in 1843.
- Jan. 19, 1844:** The Virginia General Assembly established Taylor County from parts of Barbour, Harrison and Marion counties. The county was named in honor of U.S. Sen. John Taylor, a soldier-statesman from Caroline County, Virginia.
- Jan. 19, 1848:** Wirt County was created by the General Assembly of Virginia from portions of Wood and Jackson counties. It was named for William Wirt, Virginia statesman

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- 1** Doorway part
- 5** Mix for a deli sandwich
- 13** Snooty sort
- 20** River in Europe and Asia
- 21** Long, bitter speech
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- 23** Calf-length skirt
- 24** Navigable sea route in southern Chile
- 26** Hayloft sites
- 28** Home to Boise: Abbr.
- 29** Extra game periods, for short
- 30** Distrustful
- 31** Designer for Jackie Kennedy
- 35** 1958 Leslie Caron film
- 38** Head dog
- 39** — tai (drink)
- 42** Really must
- 47** Tag again
- 51** One mapping terrain
- 53** In excess of
- 54** "Woe —!"
- 57** Prefix with sense
- 58** — Melodies (old cartoon series)
- 59** Stand-up comedy TV series
- 64** Ending for form
- 65** Wince
- 66** Pakistani's language
- 67** Like circles
- 71** Daniel Boone or Johnny Appleseed
- 76** Lustrous gem
- 79** Pushpin's kin
- 80** Jewel box for music
- 84** Color
- 85** Kia Sedona competitor
- 90** Mystery's Christie
- 94** Org. offering tows
- 95** Actor Morales
- 96** Sundae toppings
- 97** Florence institute near the Uffizi Gallery
- 100** New York Giants' div.
- 103** Gussied up
- 104** MGM's lion
- 105** Tree yielding chocolate
- 107** "QED" center
- 109** Eric the Red, for one
- 115** Alvin of choreography
- 119** Klutz
- 122** Pumped stuff
- 123** Flood stopper
- 124** All through the dark hours
- 130** Show sleepiness
- 131** Most promising
- 132** "Been there myself, man"
- 133** Really liking
- 134** Combination punches
- 135** Sends along
- 136** Org. associated with the nine missions featured in this puzzle
- DOWN**
- 1** Very big
- 2** Common typeface
- 3** "The Treasure of the Sierra —"
- 4** Flashy jewelry, informally
- 5** Mag staffers
- 6** "Skedaddle!"
- 7** Tastelessly showy
- 8** Sports venues

- 9** Suffix with sect
- 10** Illuminated
- 11** "Peek- —!"
- 12** Skillful and clever
- 13** JFK datum
- 14** Fall behind
- 15** Religious convert's cry
- 16** Anecdote
- 17** Atoll part
- 18** Wound result
- 19** Actor Danza
- 25** Soup additive, for short
- 27** Strikebreaker
- 32** Bar drink
- 33** Skedaddle
- 34** "— little teapot ..."
- 36** Shiba — (Japanese dog breed)
- 37** Virus, e.g.
- 40** A.D. part
- 41** False god
- 43** German "the"
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- 50** Sports venues
- 51** — double life
- 52** TV show since fall '75
- 55** Feng —
- 56** Old Ford make, in brief
- 60** Pinnacle
- 61** Those people
- 62** Kicks on football fields
- 63** Suffix with ball or bass
- 68** Spanish for "dry"
- 69** Lamarr of "Boom Town"
- 70** Esoteric button abbr.
- 72** Camcorder
- 73** Primitive kind of diet
- 74** Freezes
- 75** Creole veggie
- 76** Winner, informally
- 77** Foretell
- 78** Razz
- 81** Water, to Juanita
- 82** Mounts, as a gemstone
- 83** Formerly, formerly
- 86** "2001" computer
- 87** Train support
- 88** Harvard rival
- 89** Singer Gill
- 91** Golf peg
- 92** Melon variety
- 93** Golden — (senior)
- 98** Cavity fillers' org.
- 99** Mega years
- 101** Most preferred: Abbr.
- 102** Corkscrew
- 105** Baby bed
- 106** Analyzes in a lab
- 108** "TiK —" (#1 Kesha hit)
- 110** Stares at creepily
- 111** Enter, as to a database
- 112** An ex-Trump
- 113** Lizardlike amphibians
- 114** Port of Italy
- 115** "Hair" hairdo
- 116** Pumped stuff
- 117** Suffer defeat
- 118** Discharge
- 120** Leave — (reward the server)
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and a presidential candidate in 1832.

Jan. 19, 1894: Railroad worker John Hardy was hanged for killing a man in a drunken gambling dispute. The episode inspired the widely popular ballad "John Hardy."

Jan. 20-21, 1824: West Virginia's most famous soldier, Thomas Jonathan Jackson, was born near midnight in Clarksburg. When Virginia left the Union in 1861, Jackson went with his native state. He commanded the strategically important post at Harpers Ferry until being appointed a brigadier general of infantry. In the opening battle at Manassas on July 21, 1861, he won the name "Stonewall" for steadfastness at a critical point in the engagement.

Jan. 19-20, 1978: An overnight snowstorm paralyzed Charleston. Unusual in that more snow fell in the capital city than in Randolph County, total snow depth in Charleston averaged 24 inches, the deepest on record for the city. January 1978 became the snowiest month for both Huntington and Charleston, and extended cold kept the snow cover on the ground into March, the longest known continuous snow cover for most towns in West Virginia.

Jan. 21, 1906: The first passenger train ran from Elkins to Charleston following completion of the Coal & Coke Railway. The new railroad, a project of former senator Henry Gassaway Davis, provided a much-needed north-south route through the heart of West Virginia.

Jan. 22, 1927: Confederate General John McCausland died. After the fall of the Confederacy, McCausland fled the country. He returned in 1867 and spent the remainder of his life on his large farm in Mason County.

Jan. 23, 1850: Raleigh County was established by an act of the Virginia General Assembly. The county's founder, Alfred Beckley, named it after Sir Walter Raleigh.

Jan. 23, 1888: Union leader Fred Mooney was born in a log cabin on Davis Creek in Kanawha County. He was secretary-treasurer of United Mine Workers of America District 17 from 1917 to 1924 and was a radical leader in the West Virginia Mine Wars.

Jan. 23, 1890: The United Mine Workers was organized at a meeting in Columbus, Ohio, with John B. Rae, a Scottish immigrant, as the first president. Just three months later, in Wheeling, UMWA District 17, encompassing most of West Virginia, held its first meeting, elected M. F. Moran as district president and immediately launched what became a struggle of more than 40 years to unionize the state's coal mines.

Jan. 24, 1968: Mary Lou Retton was born in Fairmont. She made history at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles when, at 16, she became the first American woman ever to win a gold medal in gymnastics and the first native West Virginia woman to win a gold medal in Olympic competition.

Jan. 25, 1814: Francis Harrison Pierpont was born near Morgantown. On June 20, 1861, Pierpont was unanimously elected as governor of the unionist Reorganized Government of Virginia, which sat at Wheeling until West Virginia entered the Union two years later.

Jan. 25, 1878: Activist Lenna Lowe Yost was born in Basnetville in Marion County. She held key leadership roles in the woman's suffrage movement and the temperance movement.

Jan. 25, 1889: Anna Johnson Gates was born in Kanawha County. The state's first female state legislator, Gates was elected to the House of Delegates in 1922 and served a single term.

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Book Talk

Wednesday, Jan. 18
Clarksburg Author Michael Gorzka will present at 11 a.m.
Kinley Cafe at the Harrison County Senior Center.
As a “Tech Wizard”, Gorzka will discuss his book “Help for the Technology Shy.”
Contact Bill O’Field: 304-623-6795.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31 monthly meeting.

7 pm, Thursday, Jan. 19
Post 31, Shinnston
All members welcome

Book Sale

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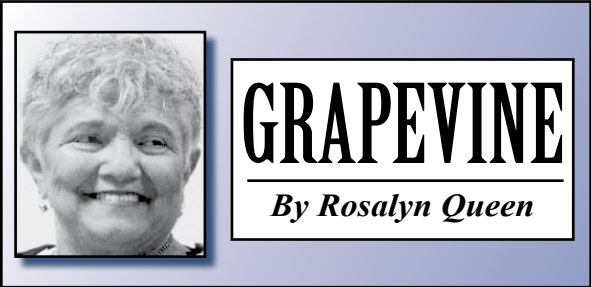
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was dyed black on one side and blond on the other, along with black nail polish and heavy eye shadow. With torn jeans and a colorful scarf, the teen was waiting at the pick-up counter. As I walked over to get my order, I thought about how brave this young teen was by expressing their identity in a way that I am certain was not embraced by many in society. I remembered back to my own youth and how I was so unsure of myself and tried to fit in, no matter what I was feeling internally. As I picked up my order, I said, “Sure looks like it’s going to be a nice day today!”. Somewhat taken aback, the young teen said, “Yes sir, it does!” I could feel my grandchildren’s eyes burning into my back, wondering why grandpa chose to speak to this young person, who seemed to be the object

of disgust by so many patrons in the shop.

I wasn’t sure what pronoun was appropriate and I’m not sure it made a difference to me. I know that this young human being was trying to make their way in the world and their presence seemed to bother many of the customers. I also know that young children take many cues from their parents and grandparents and the impact can be lifelong in how they treat others. While it’s true that in the “good old days,” few people worried about pronouns and simply used a hateful slur or two, to identify things they didn’t understand, I don’t think it’s a bad thing to revisit a few English lessons that we may have missed along the way. Have an Amazing day!

Cancer Association memories remembered



GRAPEVINE
By Rosalyn Queen

When you move, you kind of get an education. I swore this would be my last time so I have worked diligently sorting things and getting rid of items that I have kept for one reason or another.

When going through my files I came across a tablet that was entitled Harrison County Cancer Association. I was asked to join this organization by David Young and within the year I was elected president of the organization. Little did I know then what my future held as far as cancer was concerned. But I was adamant about being involved with this deadly disease to help individuals and families who had been touched by it.

We had a form that would be filled out by the individual seeking assistance, and it would be presented to the membership to vote on the amount of assistance we would give them. Most often we helped with medications and bandages and dressings. There were times when I tried to encourage the group to help families with gas and overnight accommodations at the hospital. Some members opposed this but there were times when they did approve this type of assistance. We purchased a VCR for the cancer department of the hospital so that patients could watch tapes to educate them about cancer.

We met monthly, usually at a restaurant for lunch. We tried very hard to be involved with hospice, the health department and other groups that had direct contact with cancer patients. We spoke to the bar association and asked them to guide their clients into supporting the organization. We even contacted the Speakers Bureau to help us

get information out about the association and its mission.

Over the years this organization helped many cancer patients in Harrison County. As cancer became more serious and prevalent in our area, the hospitals and universities became more involved and the American Cancer Association headed up fundraisers and educational reports. It was at this time that the Harrison County Cancer Association decided that action had to be taken to either grow or dissolve this group.

After much research, it was decided that it could no longer continue functioning as a 501(c)(3) business. It was decided to contact the United Way and they would continue with the same mission as the Association. An endowment was set up for the same purpose as the HCCA adhered to and we entered into a written agreement with the United Way. On Jan.10, 2005, the HCCA was dissolved and a plan to distribute their assets was adopted by the United Way.

Over the years some of those individuals who were members of the HCCA were Mary Harrison, Mary Straface, Connie Lieuliette, Dr. Dale Simmons, Dave Spelsburg, David Young, Wilma Pertz, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Moore, Mr. Poling, Barbara Palmer, Dr. Oliverio, Regina Lucente, M. Merrill’s, Dr. Gordon, and Dr. Williamson. All of these members were dedicated and sincere about helping cancer patients.

The United Way has a grant process and interested individuals can get information by contacting their office.

There are many other stories that I will share with you that I have come across in my move. Some you will be interested in and some you will not but some will only prove that our goals remain the same even with the passage of time.

A very happy birthday to my sister, Joan and brother, Bill, both on Jan. 15. Stay happy and healthy and until next week “Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine.”

Harrison County schools to join state program

Harrison County is home to three schools newly added to the Communities in Schools program, according to a news release.

West Virginia First Cathy Lady Justice announced last week that two counties were added to West Virginia’s Communities In Schools (CIS) program, and three new schools will receive Friends With Paws therapy dogs.

CIS aims to forge community partnerships and bring resources into schools to help remove barriers to student learning with a goal of keeping all students in school and ultimately graduating.

The new CIS counties/schools announced are as follows:

- Harrison County
- Nutter Fort Primary School
- Nutter Fort Intermediate School
- Norwood Elementary School
- Webster County
- Glade Elementary School

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A big change in Morgantown



The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

Once the Big 12 portion of the schedule started, West Virginia University’s basketball team began to struggle. The Mountaineers began 0-4 in conference play. Loss three to Kansas and number four to Baylor really stung because they took place in the Coliseum. For as long as Mountaineer Nation can remember, up until recent times, the Coliseum has provided one of the best home court advantages in the nation.

Back-to-back home losses, granted they came from a pair of powerhouses, have this season teetering on the verge of disappointment. Adding insult to injury, the Bears had just one double-double, and it was served up by former WVU player Jalen Bridges. He was not happy with his role in Morgantown, so he made his way to Bear territory. This past week, Bridges played his first game in Touchdown City since his departure, and it resulted in a 10-point and 11-rebound effort. The Fairmont native had a homecoming for the ages and that was the last straw.

The next day, following the loss to Baylor, a major change to the coaching staff occurred. Associate Head Coach Larry Harrison was removed from his position. Harrison and Head Coach Bob Huggins go way back. The duo worked together for nearly two and a half decades. Harrison was there with Huggins through the golden years. Huggins had a pair of Final Four appearances to his credit. The first win was in 1992 when Huggins was at Cincinnati and the second

was in 2010 when Huggins and company captivated Mountaineer fans when he took WVU to the Final Four. Harrison was there for both appearances, and it seemed as if he and Huggins would ride off into the sunset together. It was a Batman and Robin scenario that had the recipe for success.

The last few seasons have brought more losses than wins in games that really matter. In recent times, it looked as if Robin wanted to become Batman and everyone knows that there is only room for one Batman. Harrison has always been quick off of the bench to address play on the floor. His passion was evident by the look on his face while communicating with Mountaineer players during in-game opportunities.

It is really hard to say what prompted the move for sure. It could be something directly connected to Harrison’s actions, or it could be something that he said or did behind closed doors that led to his dismissal. This is not such a great time for Huggins, so I am sure he is not the most pleasant person to be around. I am not casting blame on the veteran mentor, but I am saying that he is under heavy stress. He is dealing with a winless Big 12 record and having to see a former player come back and play an integral part in the setback to the Bears could have pushed him to the brink.

The reaction to the parting of ways has drawn an outpouring of love for Harrison from both current and former players alike. It was a total shock to Mountaineer faithful, but Huggins is moving on with the search for a new man. Losing makes changes inevitable. Hopefully, Morgantown wins start coming soon!

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

Harrison County EMS



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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 Lincoln’s Ashlyn Riley and David Burdette.

Cougar basketball player, Ashlyn Riley, had an impressive week. On Wednesday, Riley scored 27 points in a loss to East Fairmont. She also added five rebounds, three assists, and a pair of steals. Riley added a double-double in Friday’s win over Sissonville. She hit for 27 points, hauled down 13 rebounds, and recorded five thefts in the victory. The next evening, Riley burned in another solid effort in a setback to Logan. She had 12 points and seven caroms against the Wildcats.

Cougar hoopster, David Burdette, continued his strong play this past week. Last Tuesday, Burdette had a team-high 17 points in an overtime loss to East Fairmont. He also hit for a game-high 20 points and grabbed six rebounds in Thursday’s win over Philip Barbour.

Congratulations to Lincoln’s Ashlyn Riley and David Burdette for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal Athletes of the Week!

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Costa Comer his the big seven in 2023



From The World of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

As a kid, it was a big deal to have a birthday party with friends in the neighborhood. Those having their annual event in the basement of the downtown Clarksburg McDonald’s was pulling out all the stops in order for their child to have a great day. Hi-C Orange drink by the gallons and all the cheeseburgers with fries that one could handle made this a utopia for kids. The trade-off for the meal would be a gift of a Star Wars action figure and a couple packs of baseball cards.

Back then, Linda Thorp, the mother of one of my closest childhood friends, David, would make these amazing cakes for my parents. Whether it was a baseball or movie-themed cake, she had the imagination and talent to pull it off. Fortunately for me, my parents knew how to make a little kid’s birthday memorable. Even to this day, I can still remember what some of those cakes looked like.

Now, as a father, I try to pass joy onto my son, and I take great pride in doing so. We only go around the sun so many times in a lifetime and whether you are a newbie or an oldie, a birthday is always something you want to celebrate. The celebration now is for our youngest kid, Costa, because turned seven on Jan. 15, and hopefully, we did our job in making it great for him.

Costa is a smart, yet stubborn kid. We quiz him on his spelling words throughout the week, and it is like pulling teeth to get him to spell the words. He knows the words like the back of his hand, but it is taking him away

from his time. With the smarts, the gifts he received challenged his mind. Puzzles and STEM activities were the main theme to his celebration in hopes of things that we can all do as a family and away from the television and other electronic devices.

All things were retro this year as one of the gifts he received was the game Simon. For those who remember, it is a light-up, sound memory game where you have to repeat the patterns given by the game. The longer you play, the harder it gets. It is a perfect toy to challenge him. Also, Legos have been a staple for all of our kids, and he loves to build, so a couple were added to the gift pile for him to work on.

Probably the best gift he received (at least in my eyes) was an Evel Knievel stunt cycle. For those who remember the most famous stuntman of the 70s and 80s, he had a line of toys made that did jumps and seemed to be almost impossible to break. We would set up ramps and crank the starter before releasing it to jump over potholes, my sister’s stuffed animals, and furniture. We had a lot of fun with that toy.

Even though he was not able to have a cake from Mrs. Thorp, my buddy Patrick at Bonnie Belle’s hooked his little buddy up with a Ghostbusters themed cake. Known simply as the “baker” to Costa, Patrick has been making his cakes since year one, and I greatly appreciate him as birthdays are nothing without a cake, and Costa also agrees.

After the celebration, the party continued as we took a couple free days and spent a weekend in Pittsburgh at Dave & Buster’s where he was over-stimulated with games including Skee-Ball, bowling, driving games, and many, many others. He loves to travel away and enjoys hotels, which is cool. We were able to have lunch prior to setting him free to go play games. Unfortunately, we could only get Orange Crush as the McDonald’s Hi-C Orange was not served there.

Lincoln High Key Club continues Feed-a-Family tradition



Key Club members, Sierra Menendez (left) and Hannah Rowen, organize food for the annual Feed-a-Family event this past Christmas season.

Submitted by Cheyenne Batton

On Wednesday, Dec. 21, members of the Lincoln High School Key Club delivered 10 boxes of food to families in need for the holidays. This is an annual event that the Key Club has done for about 20 years to help out local families. The following people assisted in donating and delivering the food: Alli Bragg, Cheyenne Batton, Hannah Rowen, Lance Hostuttler, Abby Jones, McKinnley Riley, Cole Heflin, Sierra Menendez, Payton Riley, Aliyah Elder, Alexis Williams, Ashlyn Riley, and Antwan Hilliard. The co-chairmen of this event were Cole Heflin and Zack Mills.



Other Key Club members, McKinnley Riley (left) and Abby Jones, help carry boxes of food to be delivered to local families for the annual Feed-a-Family event this Christmas season.

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Your doctor will likely request a physical checkup, routine blood work and urine test. If you are older than 50 years old, or you have a heart or respiratory issue, you may also need an EKG and a chest X-ray. Your doctor will recommend test based on your specific diagnosis and medical condition.

What are typical outcomes with the use of the surgery robot, especially with total knee replacement?

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DISTRICT COAL CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 13 PARCEL 0409 0000
You will take notice that GLEN ELK VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000379, 1 TRACT (LOTS 63 62) REYNOLDS ADD (1302 N 13TH ST), located in COAL CLARKSBURG CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of KELLY ALENA, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Harrison County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 5th day of November, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after March 11, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 10, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 10, 2023.	\$ 800.20
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 10, 2023.	\$ 643.44
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2021, following the sheriff's sale to March 10, 2023.	\$ 1,095.80
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 10, 2023.	\$ 491.93
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.	\$ 3,031.37
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

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(2020-S-00000357 - Harrison County - GLEN ELK VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION)
To: TERRY LYNN LEWIS (LE) C/O MISTY D. LEWIS, TERRY LYNN LEWIS, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA HARRISON COUNTY MAGISTRATE CLERK, FELICIA DAWN LEWIS C/O TERRY LYNN LEWIS, JR., FELICIA DAWN LEWIS C/O MISTY D. LEWIS, OCCUPANT, TERRY LYNN LEWIS, TERRY LYNN LEWIS, JR., MISTY D. LEWIS, TERRY LYNN LEWIS, MISTY D. LEWIS, TERRY LYNN LEWIS (LE) C/O TERRY LYNN LEWIS, JR., or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 1112 PARCEL 0121 0000
You will take notice that GLEN ELK VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000357, 1 LOT 174 SUMMIT PARK, located in COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT, which was returned delinquent in the name of LEWIS TERRY LYNN (LE), and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Harrison County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 5th day of November, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after March 11, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 10, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 10, 2023.	\$ 141.58
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 10, 2023.	\$ 36.15
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2021, following the sheriff's sale to March 10, 2023.	\$ 1,248.85
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 10, 2023.	\$ 1,064.06
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.	\$ 2,490.64
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

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(2020-S-00000358 - Harrison County - GLEN ELK VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION)
To: OCCUPANT, JOHN R. LUKENS, TRUSTEE CENTRAL WV COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION INC., ROBERT R. HARPOLD, JR., TRUSTEE CENTRAL WV COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION INC., FELICIA DAWN LEWIS C/O TERRY LYNN LEWIS, JR., FELICIA DAWN LEWIS C/O MISTY D. LEWIS, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA HARRISON COUNTY MAGISTRATE CLERK, TERRY LYNN LEWIS, TERRY LYNN LEWIS, MISTY D. LEWIS, TERRY LYNN LEWIS, MISTY D. LEWIS, TERRY LYNN LEWIS, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 1112 PARCEL 0122 0000
You will take notice that GLEN ELK VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000358, 1 LOT #173 SUMMIT PARK, located in COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT, which was returned delinquent in the name of LEWIS TERRY LYNN, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Harrison County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 5th day of November, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after March 11, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 10, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 10, 2023.	\$ 111.65
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 10, 2023.	\$ 3.24
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2021, following the sheriff's sale to March 10, 2023.	\$ 1,248.85
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 10, 2023.	\$ 1,064.06
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.	\$ 2,427.80
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

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DISTRICT COAL CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 16 PARCEL 0456 0000
You will take notice that GLEN ELK VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000385, 1 LOT PT 145 146 GLEN ELK 2, located in COAL CLARKSBURG CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of FARROW AMBER, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Harrison County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 5th day of November, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after March 11, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 10, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 10, 2023.	\$ 297.43
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 10, 2023.	\$ 179.85
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2021, following the sheriff's sale to March 10, 2023.	\$ 1,095.80
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 10, 2023.	\$ 491.93
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.	\$ 2,065.01
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(2020-S-00000332 - Harrison County - GLEN ELK VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION)
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DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 25 PARCEL 0172 0000
You will take notice that GLEN ELK VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000332, 1 LOT 40 FT MONTI-CELLO AVE, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of MITCHELL H DANA & NORMAN, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Harrison County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 5th day of November, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after March 11, 2023, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, March 10, 2023, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 10, 2023.	\$ 788.93
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 10, 2023.	\$ 485.80
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2021, following the sheriff's sale to March 10, 2023.	\$ 1,180.83
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 10, 2023.	\$ 666.21
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.	\$ 3,121.77
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

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(2020-S-00000325 - Harrison County - GLEN ELK VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION)
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DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 3 PARCEL 0422 0000
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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 10, 2023.	\$ 1,047.14
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 10, 2023.	\$ 874.69
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2021, following the sheriff's sale to March 10, 2023.	\$ 1,112.80
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 10, 2023.	\$ 535.50
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.	\$ 3,570.13
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

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DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 3 PARCEL 0423 0000
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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 10, 2023.	\$ 459.53
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 10, 2023.	\$ 268.60
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2021, following the sheriff's sale to March 10, 2023.	\$ 1,095.80
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 10, 2023.	\$ 491.93
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.	\$ 2,315.86
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Charles “Rick” Hardman

Charles Rickie Hardman, of Shinnston, WV, passed away on Jan. 12, 2023, at the age of 76, surrounded by family. Rick, as he was known to many in the area, was born June 12, 1946, to Charles and Mildred Hardman. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Danny Eugene Hardman.

Rick is survived by his brother Chip (Lisa) Hardman of Hepzibah, WV. He also leaves behind his son Darren (Cindy) Hardman of Clarksburg, WV; son Josh Hardman of Bridgeport, WV; son Brandon (Marling) Hardman of Richland, WA; and daughter Melissa Hardman of Melbourne, FL; 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Rick was a graduate of Shinnston High School class of 1965 and enlisted in the US Navy as a Corpsman serving in Vietnam. In addition to proudly serving in the military, he went on to receive several degrees in Computer Aided Drafting, Civil Technology, and Architectural Drafting and Design from Butler Community College. With his extensive drafting and architectural background Rick proudly designed Marion County Korean War Veterans Memorial, located in Fairmont, WV; Clay District Veterans Memorial located in Shinnston, WV; Butler County WWII Memorial located in Butler, PA; and Apollo In the Line of Duty Memorial located in Apollo, PA.

After his retirement from Olsen and Associate Engineering in 2012, Rick loved to spend his time on his trike and was able to enjoy a trip across the

US with his son Darren in 2020. Rick was active in the American Legion Riders, American Legion Post 31, Shinnston Moose, and various other community organizations.

Visitation was at Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston, WV on Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Funeral services were conducted by Reverend Tom Snyder at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023. Ricks final resting place is at the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery where he was laid to rest with full military honors.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the WV Veterans Nursing Facility and WVU Hospice for their compassionate care during the final part of Rick’s journey.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes memorial contributions would be made in Rick’s name to:

Clarksburg Honor Flight
430 West Pike Street
Clarksburg, WV 26301

A service of Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston.



Nancy Lou (Parrish) Sandy

Nancy Lou Sandy, 80, of Enterprise, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Jan. 6, 2023. She was born Dec. 10, 1942, to the late Charles Parrish and Ada (Gurley) Parrish.

Nancy spent her life in Enterprise. She was a loving mother, sister, and friend. Nancy was a homemaker to three men who would have been lost without her, a grandma to Daniel and all of his friends, a nanny to Eric, Sara, Chris, Ryan and Missy, a baker to all pie and candy lovers, and a storyteller to anyone looking for a laugh and time to sit a spell. She was quick-witted and feisty until the

end. “Nance” will be missed dearly by her family and friends. She was a lifetime member of the Enterprise United Methodist Church, and for many years, she was the church custodian. She served as secretary, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Enterprise Rebekah Lodge No. 108.

She is survived by two sons: Paul Sandy and wife Gloria of Enterprise and Russ Sandy and wife Danielle of Lompoc, CA; one grandson, Daniel Sandy of Enterprise; two siblings: Carol Pierce of Enterprise and Mike Parrish of Clarksburg; three sisters-in-law: Bobbie Jean Parrish of Shinnston, Joyce Parrish of Clarksburg, and Molly Sandy of Enterprise, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Nancy is preceded in death by her husband, Elwood Sandy; six brothers: Roger Parrish (her twin), Pete Parrish, Edgar Parrish, Paul Parrish, Victor Parrish, and Danny Parrish; three sisters: Patty Parrish, Jesse Parrish, and Shirley Roberts.

The family would like to thank Amedisys Hospice, the Harrison County Lighthouse Program, and in particular, Bridget Blake, her caregiver over the past year.

In keeping with her wishes, she was cremated and a graveside service at Enterprise IOOF Cemetery will be coordinated at a later date.

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



Ruby Joan (Howe) Akers

Ruby Joan Akers, 85, of Shinnston, passed away on Jan. 7, 2023, at Monongahela Valley Hospital in PA. She was born at Lamberts Run in Harrison County on Jan. 18, 1937, to the late William Ray Howe and Arizona (Shrader) Howe.

She worked as a CNA at Locust Manor in Washington PA and at The Heritage in Bridgeport, WV. She enjoyed sewing and baking. She was well known for her baked beans and fudge.

Ruby is survived by two daughters: Deborah K. Akers-Palmer and husband Gregg of Fredericktown, PA and Tammy Wentz and husband Eric of Morgantown; three grandsons: Geoffrey Jones and fiancé Halie Willard, Allen Bebout and wife Jennifer, and Lucas Bebout; three great granddaughters: Lacey Higginbotham, Destiny Jones, and Morgan Jones; six great grandsons: Preston Bebout, Chase Bebout, Brody Bebout, Wesley Bebout,, Reid Bebout, and Levi Heft; one great-great grandson, Parker Hirschi; two nieces: Melody Maxwell and husband Scott of Lumberport and Crystal Thompson and husband Eddie of Lumberport; four nephews: Randy Howe and wife Janie of Haywood, Steve Howe, Melvin Howe and wife Kim, and Shane Howe and wife Tabby,

all of Lumberport; and two sisters-in-law: June Howe and Wilma Howe, both of Lumberport.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Jack Lemuel Akers; two brothers: Melvin and Carroll Howe; one sister, Eva Howe; one grandson, Ian Wentz; and one sister-in-law, Joann Howe. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family.

The family would like to thank and acknowledge Washington Health System-California office, Washington Health System Cardiovascular Care, Washington Health System Wound Care, Mountain State Dermatology, Hillman Cancer Center, East Bethlehem VFD, and Amedisys Home Care Nurses.

Family and friends were received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston on Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, from noon until time of service, 1 p.m., with Pastor Ron Johnson officiating. Interment followed at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

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



Donald H. Knight

Donald Henry Knight, 89, of Mt. Clare, WV, passed away on Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, at the United Hospital Center.

He was born on

March 28, 1933, in Barbour County, WV the son of the late Henry Delbert Knight and Margaret Louise Propst Knight.

He married Phyllis Grace Hickman Knight on Aug. 8, 1956, who preceded him in death on Feb. 22, 2021.

He is survived by one son, Gregory T. Knight of Mt. Clare, WV; four grandchildren: Halee Knight, Heidi Knight, Cameron Miller and wife Angela, Tanner Miller and wife Reagan; and two great grandchildren: Kaden and Lawson Miller. Also surviving are siblings, Randall Knight and wife Linda and Janet Randolph and husband Butch.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Margaret Tenney who passed Sept. 2, 2022.

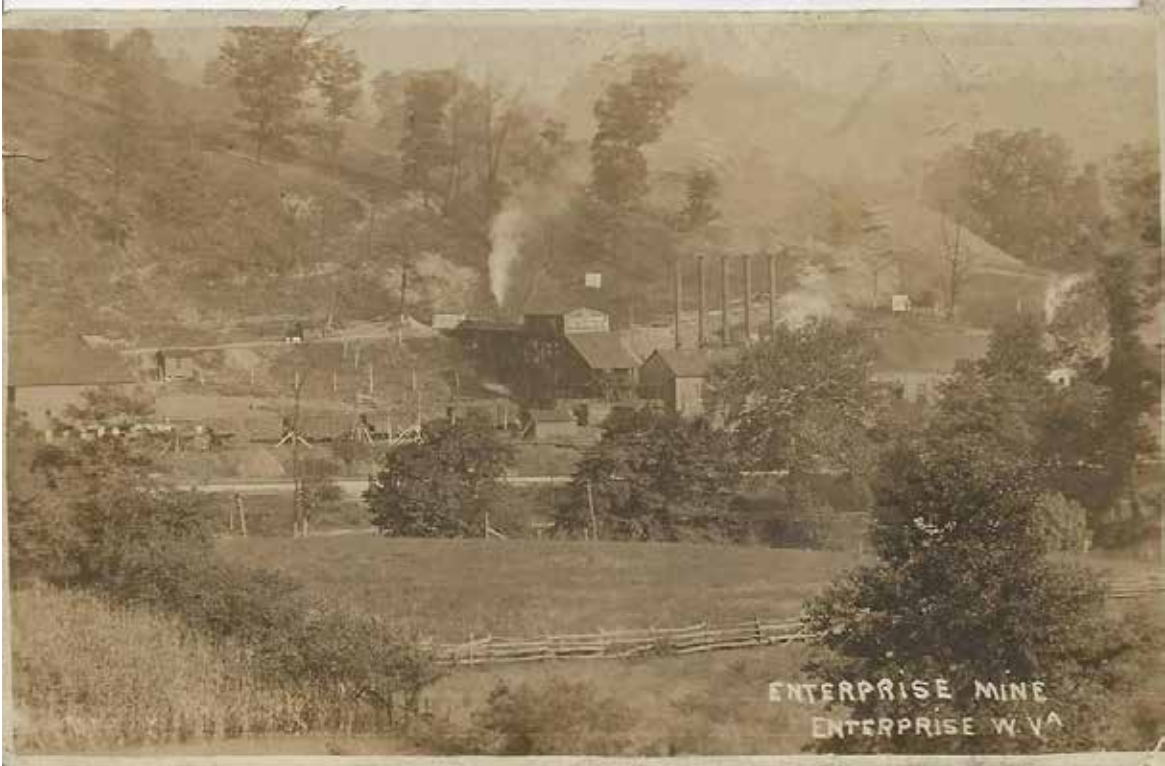
Donald was a 1951 graduate of Philippi High School, served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He retired from the Coal Industry. He and his wife were members of the Quiet Dell United Methodist Church and were active for many years, and he liked to volunteer his time to benefit others and help the community. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and was an avid bird watcher.

Family and friends called at the Amos Carvelli Funeral Home, 201 Edison Street, Nutter Fort, WV on Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, from 4 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The funeral service was held at the funeral home on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Jenn Sayers presiding. Interment followed at the Floral Hills Memorial Gardens.

A service of Amos Carvelli Funeral Home.

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UHC Family Medicine Residency, a department of United Hospital Center, is pleased to announce that it has been named a 2022 Human Experience (HX) Pinnacle of Excellence Award® winner by Press Ganey, the global leader in healthcare experience solutions and services, according to a news release. This award is part of Press Ganey’s annual ranking of the top hospitals and health systems in the country, according to performance in patient experience determined through patient surveys.

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“Only the highest performing health care institutions in the nation receive this national distinction,” said Eric J. Radcliffe, MD, UHC Family Medicine Residency director. “Earning the Press Ganey Pinnacle of Excellence Award is a tribute to the staff, faculty, and leaders at UHC Family Medicine Residency who demonstrate a continuous pursuit of excellence on a daily basis.”

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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 consists 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).

Tribute to the Queen of Rock ‘n’ Roll headed to Clarksburg

The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center is excited to welcome Suzette Dorsey’s “Forever TINA” to downtown Clarksburg on Saturday, Feb. 25, at the historic Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center located at 444 W. Pike St. in Clarksburg.

Conceptualized and launched in Philadelphia and South Jersey, “Forever TINA” is an established touring musical stage show inspired by the music of critically acclaimed singer, Tina Turner.

Featuring Suzette Dorsey as Tina Turner and a 12-member cast of singers and musicians, “Forever TINA” has performed at a multitude of international venues across the British Isles, Europe, the Middle East, Japan, the United States, and a plethora of casinos, festivals, concerts, and corporate events. This show-stopping sonic and visual extravaganza has dazzled audiences from all walks of life thanks to Suzette Dorsey’s incredible likeness to the bona fide Tina Turner. With energy to spare, “Forever TINA” is one

of the most phenomenal stage shows of this generation, according to a news release.

“Tina Turner has sold over 100 million records worldwide,” said Jason A Young, the Robinson Grand’s program manager. “This makes her one of the best-selling artists of all time. Not to mention her 12 Grammy Awards. This show will feature the music of a true legend.”

“It’s not something people think about, but a show with this energy in our venue is extra special because of our size,” said Young. “Sure, we have 970 seats, but that is relatively small

compared to a lot of concert venues, which is why we don’t have any bad seats and every show feels so intimate.”

“Forever TINA” is a total re-creation of Tina Turner’s exciting, high-energy live concerts; featuring all the classic favorites including “River Deep – Mountain High,” “Private Dancer,” “What’s Love Got to Do with It,” “Proud Mary,” “Let’s Stay Together,” “Better Be Good to Me,” and many more. The show is packed with high energy, color, and excitement with a 12-member cast of dancers, backup vocalists, and a world

class band.

Tickets for “Forever TINA” start at \$20. All tickets can be purchased online at therobinsongrand.com or by calling the Robinson Grand ticketing center at 855-773-6283.

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Grazing school planned for February

A grazing school for North Central West Virginia is planned for Feb. 3-4 in Barbour County and is open to livestock farmers in North Central West Virginia, according to a news release. It will be held at the Nestor farm near Belington.

Classroom-type work will be held in a heated shop on the farm, and field exercises will be done in the adjacent pastures of the farm.

Livestock may or may not be still grazing at the time of the workshop, but there will be plenty to see and do whether there is grazing or not.

Even though this school is being held in the winter, winter grazing and stockpiling are just a small portion of what will be covered. The school will cover many areas needed to develop a grazing plan for the growing season.

These include Grazing Principles, Forage Budgeting, Forage Species and Selection, Temporary Fencing and Water Equipment, Stocking Rate, Developing a Grazing Plan, Soil Testing and Fertility, and several other topics.

Instructors will include WVU Extension Specialist Kevin Shaffer, Jackson County Agent Ben Goff, and Extension Agents from northcentral counties, including Jody Carpenter, John Murray, Jennifer Friend, and Bruce Loyd.

The cost is \$50 and will include lunch both days, as well as some reference materials to take home.

To register, visit bit.ly/2023WVUGrazingSchool. The registration fee can be paid the morning of the first day of the school.

Details about the location and what to bring to the school will be emailed to those who register.

Contact the WVU Harrison County Extension Office if you need help registering by calling 304-624-8650 or email Jennifer Friend at jefriend@mail.wvu.edu.



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