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## Volunteers count, connect the unhoused to resources

By Kara Linaburg

Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 4:30 p.m., volunteers planned to meet behind Amy's Attic in Glen Elk. They were there to partner with United Way to gain a count of the homeless population, but to also provide support and aid to hurting individuals. This is the second year the national count of PIT, "Point-In-Time," has been held in Harrison and Doddridge counties. PIT, according to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development website, "is a count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January."

While the count isn't necessarily a clear picture due to time, weather, and circumstance, it does allow for an estimate of how many individuals need help, as well as offers a night of outreach that volunteers can participate in.

"What we're trying to do," Brad Riffie, executive director of United Way said, "is to identify individuals actively living outside right now. Because if someone is living outside right now, they need help. They need our support. The main goal is to get them the services that they need. United Way is always looking for better ways to serve our community and implement programs that don't exist, and this is a perfect example of that."

The records from past Point-In-Time counts show that state-wide the unsheltered population increased significantly between 2016 and 2021, and while there was a drop in homelessness in Harrison County last year, organizers are working hard to keep the numbers down. There is a widespread stigma about the homeless, including that they are immoral and dirty, and this idea can cause people to feel isolated and alone. This isolation can trigger or worsen mental health issues and help often must

go beyond housing. United Way is attempting to fight the divide, and give hope as well as the right stepping stones to a better future.

During the outreach, volunteers were instructed to maintain an appropriate distance, honor any requests not to participate, and respect individuals by not taking pictures, waking any sleeping persons, or sharing anyone's personal stories on social media.

If volunteers encountered persons they thought might be homeless, they were to ask specific questions from a provided list, submit the proper report to PIT for the count, and offer help and support. Volunteers were also equipped with kits and food and water to hand out, as well as contact numbers for resources.

However, Marissa Rexroad, director of homeless services with United Way, said that their efforts are about more than one night. "This is work that our street outreach team at United Way does each day in Harrison County," she said. "We work with folks who are living outside, who have become homeless, to get them back into housing, and connected to things like medical care, health care, addiction care, any kind of benefits that they might qualify for. And our ultimate goal is to get folks back into housing, and to become equipped with the tools and resources they need to be successful long term. So nights like the PIT count are great opportunities for other people to see what this work looks like," Rexroad said. "And it's work that we are doing each and every day."

There are other opportunities for citizens to partner with United Way beyond PIT night. United Way has a form on their web page for anyone wishing to get involved with their community and be a voice of hope. You can find the link here: <https://www.unitedwayhdc.org/volunteer>

*The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal has named Carla Wilfong as Citizen of the Month, a recognition sponsored by Dorsey Funeral Home in Shinnston – locally owned and operated.*



**Carla Wilfong, Citizen of the Month, has been an active member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 31 for about 25 years. Here, she attends The American Legion Auxiliary Department of West Virginia annual fall workshop on Sept. 10, 2022, at Hilton Garden Inn in Clarksburg. Auxiliary members represented West Virginia's 63 Auxiliary Units from its six Districts.**

## Carla Wilfong named Citizen of the Month

*Auxiliary leader is the "glue" that keeps group together*

By Erin Beck

Whether the American Legion Auxiliary is throwing a children's party or bringing gifts to ill veterans, Carla Wilfong is behind the scenes, ensuring veterans are respectfully honored and events run smoothly.

Wilfong has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31 for about 25 years. She

*See "Wilfong" on Pg 10*

## City manager credentialed by international group

Chad Edwards, city manager of the City of Shinnston, recently received the Credentialed Manager designation from ICMA, the International City/County Management Association, according to a news release. Edwards is one of over 1,300 local government management professionals currently credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program.

ICMA's mission is to advance professional local government through leadership, management, innovation, and ethics and by increasing the proficiency of appointed chief administrative officers, assistant administrators, and other employees who serve local governments and regional entities around the world. The organization's 13,000 members in 27 countries also include educators,

students, and other local government employees.

To receive the prestigious ICMA credential, a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government; have earned a degree, preferably in public administration or a related field; and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development.

Shinnston Mayor Rodney Strait stated, "It

has been my pleasure to work with Chad as city manager of Shinnston. He is very devoted to the city and works hard on improving the quality of life for our residents."

Edwards is qualified by eight years of professional local government executive experience. Prior to appointment in 2019 as city manager of Shinnston, he served as city manager for Gordon, Nebraska and prior to that as city recorder for the City of Sistersville.

Edwards has also made significant contributions to several other organizations, including the Pleasants County Humane Society, the Shinnston Rebekah's Lodge, the Lord's Pantry in Shinnston, and the Shinnston Garden Club. Edwards is currently the president of the West Virginia City Managers Association having previously served as vice president and secretary/treasurer.

For more information regarding the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program, contact Jenese Jackson at ICMA, 777 North Capitol Street, N.E., #500, Washington, D.C. 20002-4201; [jjackson@icma.org](mailto:jjackson@icma.org); 202-962-3556.



**City Manager Chad Edwards, who recently received the Credentialed Manager designation from the International City/County Management Association, speaks during an October City Council meeting.**



**BUILDING AMAZING CITIES**

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

## Healthy cities require collaboration

A recent study by the Forbes Advisor presented some shocking facts about the health of West Virginia residents. According to Forbes, West Virginia is ranked as the unhealthiest state in the country, followed by Mississippi, Kentucky, Alabama and Arkansas. The primary reason for West Virginia leading this list is the prevalence of illness and death from chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease and respiratory illness. While states like to trumpet the news that they are number one in a ranking of states, this is one list that does nothing to enhance the quality of life or the attractiveness of the state for business and tourism.

The state also had the highest percentage of adults who smoke and the highest rate of drug overdose deaths in the country. As most people can attest to, illegal drug use has devastated our communities and impacted families in a way that will carry forward to future generations. Cities and towns share a disproportionate amount of the cost of illegal drug use, with homelessness and increasing crime, consuming a greater share of their budgets than any time in previous history. As might be expected, unhealthy lifestyles lead to a shortened life expectancy of 73.9 years compared to the most healthy state, Hawaii, which has a life expectancy of 80.87 years.

*See "Hunt" on Pg 3.*



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OPINION

Dental insurance in West Virginia is at a crossroads

Submitted by the West Virginia Dental Association

It doesn't take much to see how poorly dental insurers are serving people under the current system.

Compounding that problem in West Virginia, many dentally insured patients are losing access to their dentist of choice.

Many dentists are refusing the excessive demands insurance companies place on their dental care delivery.

Dental insurance patients are shocked to learn their private insurance reimburses less than Medicaid for many procedures.

The decades-old \$1000 limit on coverage buys much less today - especially with recent inflationary pressures.

Up to 40% of dental insurance premium dollars are kept by insurance companies to cover administrative costs rather than the actual cost of care.

That is why the WV Dental Association is supporting the Dental Insurance Transparency Act, which would require more transparency from dental insurers about how they spend their money.

How? Dental insurers, who are exempt from certain federal regulations, ought to be held to higher standards. The proposed legislation will:

Require Transparency: Patients deserve visibility into how much of their dental insurance premiums are paying for their oral healthcare - as opposed to dental insurer administrative, marketing, and operations costs.

Increase Accountability: Reporting requirements can restore employers' confidence in their choice of plans when providing a dental insurance benefit to their employees.

Enhance Consumer Protection: By requiring that a minimum share of premium dollars be spent on patient care, dental insurers would be given a meaningful incentive to expand the number of procedures they cover or reduce out-of-pocket expenses if their medical loss ratio is below that threshold.

Ensure Parity: Dental insurance plans have not been subjected to the Affordable Care Act's 80% MLR mandated standard for health plans.

Given how much more coverage people get from their medical insurance than they do from dental insurance, it's clear that setting some baseline for how premium dollars are spent ultimately benefits consumers.

West Virginia dentists care about their patients, and it is unfair that patients' money is being spent on administrative costs rather than paying for actual patient care.

As the mouth-body connection between dental health and overall physical health is better understood, it is clear that healthy mouths are essential to healthy bodies. Please encourage your state legislator to support the Dental Insurance Transparency Act today.

Travis Wills, DDS Shady Spring 2023 President, West Virginia Dental Association

Dan Carrier, DDS Morgantown 2022 President, West Virginia Dental Association

Super Crossword

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Grid for Super Crossword with numbers 1-129 indicating starting positions for clues.

FIND THE SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS ON PAGE 8!

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.

Feb. 2, 1908: Justice Marion Chambers was born in Huntington. Chambers was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in the World War II Iwo Jima campaign in February 1945.

Feb. 3, 1825: Confederate General William Lowther Jackson was born in Clarksburg. He was one of at least three Southern officers to bear the nickname "Mudwall."

Feb. 3, 1845: Gilmer County, located in the heart of West Virginia, was established from parts of Kanawha and Lewis counties. It was named for Thomas W. Gilmer, a governor of Virginia.

Feb. 3, 1923: Broadcast announcer Jack Fleming was born in Morgantown. He was the long-time "Voice of the Mountaineers."

Feb. 3, 1961: The West Virginia legislature passed a resolution adopting "The West Virginia Hills" as an official state song. "The West Virginia Hills" is the best-known of four official state songs.

Feb. 4, 1845: Doddridge County was formed from parts of Harrison, Lewis, Ritchie, and Tyler counties. It was named for Philip Doddridge, a Western Virginia congressman, state legislator, and member of the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1829-30.

Feb. 4, 1945: The hotel at Minnehaha Springs was destroyed by fire. Built in 1914, it was the first facility in Pocahontas County built strictly for the tourist business and was a

forerunner of today's local tourism economy.

Feb. 5, 1889: Fiddler and self-taught physician James Franklin "Doc" White was born near Ivydale, Clay County. White served the community as doctor, dentist and midwife, delivering more than 1,800 babies.

Feb. 5, 1890: Coach Eli Camden "Cam" Henderson was born in Joetown, Marion County. He is a revered figure in Marshall University sports history.

Feb. 5, 1941: Actor David Lynn Selby was born in Morgantown. His stage and screen credits include the outdoor drama "Honey in the Rock," and the television shows "Falcon Crest" and "Dark Shadows."

Feb. 6, 1882: Poet Anne Spencer was born See "History" on Pg 3.

Advertisement for The News & Journal, Harrison County, featuring contact information for Michael Showell, Erin Beck, Debra Smith, and Bill Nestor, along with subscription rates and publication details.

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# N&J Briefs

## FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

The Shinnston News provides a calendar of events 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](mailto:newsandjournal@yahoo.com)

### Clarksburg Chess Club

Tuesday, Feb. 7  
Meeting at the Clarksburg History Museum, 6-8 p.m.  
All skill levels welcome  
Bring your own chessboard if you have one.  
Justin Crawford, [CrawfordJustin66@gmail.com](mailto:CrawfordJustin66@gmail.com)



## "History" From Pg 2.

Annie Bethel Bannister in Henry County, Virginia. In 1886, she and her mother moved to Bramwell, where she spent most of her childhood and adolescent years.

**Feb. 6, 2007:** Selva Lewis "Lew" Burdette, a native of Nitro, died in Florida. Burdette was an outstanding major league baseball player who spent most of his career with the Milwaukee Braves. In 18 major league seasons, he won 203 games and lost 144.

**Feb. 7, 1867:** West Virginia University was established by an act of the West Virginia Legislature. The college, originally called the Agricultural College of West Virginia, opened its doors in September 1867.

**Feb. 7, 1889:** Nell Elizabeth "Pistol Nell" Walker was born at Sewell Mountain. Known as the "First Lady" of Fayette County, she served 12 terms as a member of the House of Delegates.

**Feb. 8, 1892:** Cartoonist Irvin Dugan was born in Huntington. For many years, his "Adam" cartoon character was a feature on the editorial pages of the Herald-Dispatch.

**Feb. 8, 1915:** Photographer Volkmar Kurt Wentzel was born in Dresden, Germany. He emigrated with his family to the United States at age 11. As a teenager in West Virginia, Wentzel took up with an eclectic group of people who had retreated to Youghiogheny Forest, a Preston County artists colony.

**Feb. 8, 1918:** Medal of Honor recipient Herbert Joseph Thomas Jr. was born. He excelled in football as a halfback for South Charleston High School, and Herbert J. Thomas Memorial Hospital in South Charleston is named for him.

## "Hunt" From Pg 1.

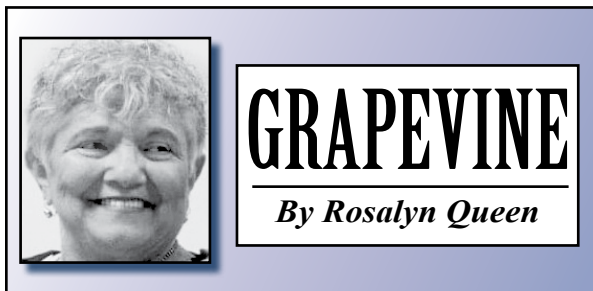
Cities and towns are coming to realize that the solution to these troubling statistics will require community-wide efforts and changes in policy, rather than relying on individual actions. Building a healthy community requires public investments and commitment to giving citizens an environment that allows for healthy activities and access to healthy food choices. Sidewalks, walking trails, public parks, and swimming pools are all a part of building a healthy community. Cities and towns can also adopt policies for their own workforces that lead to a healthy outcome for their employees. In addition to assisting employees on their journey to healthier lifestyles, it also sends a message to the community that focusing on healthy choices is good for business and helps with retention and recruitment for both the public and private sector.

On the policy front, cities and towns can continue to support efforts to reduce tobacco use

and drug use. While decades of Surgeon General warnings and public relations campaigns have reduced smoking levels in other states, West Virginia's cities and towns need to encourage further legislation to discourage young people from starting to use tobacco products and provide programs for older citizens to quit this dangerous habit.

Many people are under the belief that if we build enough hospitals and healthcare facilities, we can improve the health of our state's citizens. While healthcare facilities can treat people who are ill, real improvement in these health statistics come about when communities are working together to make changes in lifestyles and make better choices available for citizens. Change won't come overnight but cities and towns in West Virginia can make a meaningful difference in the lives of all citizens and insure a bright future for the Mountain State. Let's get started!

## Plan ahead for Easter baking



If you happen to associate with local ladies who like to bake, especially those who want to make Easter Bread, the hottest question in town is "where can I get anise seed?"

My answer is "I do not know." I have sent out several of the ladies at the Progressive Woman's Association in search of it and Sandy has reported that the bulk food store in Quiet Dell has some, but it is not the real Italian seed. I am sure it will season your bread just as well, but it still is not the authentic anise. I have even heard from my Italian contacts that it is very hard to come by in Italy and that it is very expensive. I understand that the price at Quiet Dell is \$11 a pound but you certainly do not need that much. There is also an anise oil which will add the flavor, but the bread will lose its personality without the black seeds. The oil is very strong and you must be careful about how much you use.

I know it is a little early for Easter Bread, but I thought I would put out this column so that I could advise you about the seeds and give you the opportunity to search for it or at least a substitute. If you do not have the recipe and cannot read the picture, the recipe is in the Arrivederci cookbook.

The PWA will have Easter Bread for sale the week before Easter and I would recommend that you place your order by calling 304-624-6881. We will only be making a limited number of loaves



The Burnett family Easter Bread recipe was inscribed on a cutting board and is in the original handwriting of matriarch Florence Burnett.

and I am sure they will go fast.

The PWA held another free meal for those in need. If you would like to help by donating, please call the PWA. You really do not know how the other half lives until you have the opportunity to interact with them at one of these functions. It certainly makes you feel thankful for what we have.

I suppose with the price of eggs we will not be using real eggs for Easter. I suggest you purchase your plastic eggs early before there is a run on them.

Really and truthfully, I know that Valentine's Day and St Patrick's Day are coming up soon and I hope you take the time to celebrate both! Send a valentine to a shut-in or someone who lives alone. No matter what I still enjoy receiving a bouquet of flowers, especially roses.

Stay healthy, take care and until next week "Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine."

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## The Cougars and Mountaineers earn big wins



### The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor  
Sports Editor

It's hard to believe that there is less than one month remaining in the boys' high school basketball season. At this juncture of the campaign, every game is significant. Teams are jockeying for position in the sectional standings in hopes of hosting lockups when the second season begins.

Lincoln Head Coach Jordan Toth knows how much playing at home means, especially in March, and his squad took a huge step toward achieving that goal this past week.

The Cougars erased a seven-point halftime deficit and trailed by two heading into the final period of play to claim a 54-50 victory over Robert C. Byrd. There were plenty of final frame fireworks in Shinnston. The Cougars utilized a 14-4 run to take an eight-point lead. With time running out, the Flying Eagles made a run of their own (8-4), but when the dust settled, it was not enough.

Lincoln had an impressive effort on the boards (a 32-20 advantage), and it was key in the fourth quarter when it mattered the most. The Cougars showed excellent scoring balance with three players in double figures: Noah Sears (14 points), Aiden Rice (12 points), and David Burdette (11 points). Sears also added a team-high eight caroms while Rice added five boards.

The Flying Eagles were led by Braden Thomason and Charles Hawkins. Thomason had a game-high 16 points while Hawkins chipped in with 12.

These two teams are joined by Elkins and Liberty to makeup the sectional. The Tigers have the lead for the top seed after defeating Lincoln, Robert. C.

Byrd, and Liberty earlier in the season. However, the highly coveted second seed is still up for grabs. The Mountaineers defeated the Cougars at their place on Jan. 17, once again proving the worth of home court advantage. They will match up again on Feb. 16 in Cougar Country.

Lincoln will travel to Robert. C. Byrd for a key clash on Feb. 9. This one could be the deciding factor in the race for seed 2. The Flying Eagles upended Liberty earlier last week and head to Mountaineer Country for the last game of the regular season. The four seed is the worst to have because that will mean a long winter trip to Elkins where the Tigers are a perfect 2-0 versus sectional opponents. Business is picking up as the season is winding down.

West Virginia's men's basketball team broke a 12-game road losing streak this past Wednesday. The Mountaineers stormed into Lubbock and kicked a downtrodden Texas Tech team. Well, stormed is a little bit of an exaggeration since they found themselves down 10-2 early on, but it is accurate to say the Red Raiders are mighty low. As a matter of fact, Tech is at the bottom of the Big 12 standings looking at the rest of the league with a winless record.

Going into this matchup, somebody had to do some snapping and thankfully it was WVU. The Mountaineers are now a full two games ahead of the Red Raiders. Veteran mentor, Bob Huggins, was so incensed at his squad's lackluster start that he brought in five fresh players almost immediately. His team received the message and went on to the triumph taking a five-point halftime lead and growing it to 15 points by the time the final whistle sounded.

Every win helps, and right now this team is starting to put things together!

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

## Harrison County EMS



## 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 Bridgeport's Jaylin Dodd and Robert C. Byrd's Jacob Howe.

Indian basketball player, Jaylin Dodd, had a strong showing in a setback to East Fairmont this past Wednesday. Dodd produced a team-high 17 points, hauled down a game-high nine rebounds, and recorded a pair of steals.

Flying Eagle swimmer, Jacob Howe, lapped the competition this past Saturday at The Bridge Sports Complex in the Big 10 Swimming Championships. Howe set a pair of meet records while winning the 50 free and the 100 free. He was also an important part of the 400 free relay team that nabbed the top spot in Bridgeport.

Congratulations to Bridgeport's Jaylin Dodd and Robert C. Byrd's Jacob Howe for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal Athletes of the Week!

## Dinosaur Exhibit slated for March 4 public opening



### From The World of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

With a little under half of the exhibit pieces in house, the annual Walking with Dinosaurs exhibit plans for an opening on Mar. 4 for the public. The free event presents museum quality dinosaur fossils comparable to the Carnegie and Smithsonian but located in the outskirts of Clarksburg at the Recreation Complex on route 19 south.

With budgetary numbers a little tighter than in the past, Director Mike Book has stretched a dollar better than anyone and guarantees that the kids who visit during the enrichment period during the week, and the public on the weekends, will enjoy what the recreation complex has to offer.

"We always wonder how we are going to top what we did last year, and we feel that we have some things in play that will even make the long-timer visitors appreciate what we offer," Book said. "As always, it is free to those who come and take a look at the dinosaurs, and before we even went down this road, we just wanted it for the kids' field day visits, and public weekends were not a part of the process. But demand and word of mouth forced us to change things up and open the weekends up for the public to visit."

Boy, did they come and see as the weekend's alone has gathered as high as 2,000 spectators.

Many of the kids who visit during the week are encouraged to tell their families to come and take a tour and tell their parents all about what was learned on their visit. We plant the seed during the enrichment's opening in hope to get more and more people to come and see what we offer.

Historically, the parks department plans the field days for groups of 80 or less (three classes max) in order to have plenty of time to tell the kids about the different sections of the exhibit. Also, staff is limited during the week, and our manpower allows for three rotations including the big room with the Mosasaur hanging above, room B for skulls and heads, and finally, the storage room upstairs that is designated for a dig room. Each rotation takes roughly 45-55 minutes to complete, and somewhere along the way, the kids have lunch and a scavenger hunt before they dismiss for the bus.

For the weekends, the exhibit is completely open and while we do not do rotations, we do offer a dig day for the kids on the hour. Kids can sift through our sand pits for sea fossils and they are allowed to take home a fossil to start their own collection. Book still recalls from how all this came about since day one, as he explains.

"For over 10 years, we have offered some sort of campaign involving dinosaurs, and at the beginning, a T-rex femur bone was the featured item of the program, and today we have full-sized dinosaur fossils of a Stegodon and Tarbosaurus. We have come a long way since the first time we started this, and we will continue to keep bringing the dinosaurs to Harrison County for many more years to come," Book added.

## It's not too late to support the UHC Holly Ball

The 2023 Roaring 20s Holly Ball, a benefit for United Hospital Center, is to be held Feb. 4 at The Morris in Clarksburg. Even though it sold out early, there is still an opportunity to support the fundraiser. A silent auction, featuring a variety of unique items, from spa services to golf packages, has been launched at uhchollyball.com, according to a news release.

Bidding has begun and will be open through 6 p.m. Sunday. Clarksburg McNicol China, a Secret Garden handmade quilt, quality spirits, WVU football tickets, a designer ensemble, gym memberships, and many more items will be awarded to the highest bidders.

Visit uhchollyball.com, click Silent Auction, and check out the Auction Catalog. Establish an account and start bidding. Items are still being added so check back regularly.

The following sponsors have stepped it up big this year to support the Holly Ball, which has provided major funds to UHC projects for more than a half century:

TheGreatGatsby: WBOY 12; The Prohibition: Antero Resource, Ralph and Tanya Sutton, PRN Solutions, The Morris; The Showstopper: PharmaLogic, Dr. and Mrs. Joshua Skyes; The Wellington: Andy and Lisa Lang, Dr. P and the Povroznik Family, BHE GT&S; The Speakeasy: Waste Management, Dr. Gerardo and Mrs. Jennifer Lopez, WYK Associates, Inc., Blue Ridge Risk Partners, Maximum Energy, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, Huntington Bank; The Fitzgerald: All Things Sports, Dr. Joe and Mrs. Krysta Fazalare, Sam Olivio-WDTV, Norm and Cheryl Farley, Dr. Ben and October Raymond, Dr. Chris and Mrs. Toma Courtney, Central Van Lines, Dr. Jeffrey and Dr. Sarah Dodson.

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# BUSINESS MATTERS

## Dale's Daily Deals named Business of the Month

By Kara Linaburg

Dale's Daily Deals started out of Dale Oliverio's basement in Lumberport five years ago with the help of his son, three pallets, and a love for finding bargains. At the liquidation and new merchandise store in downtown Shinnston, now people line up daily for the opening and to find good deals on things that might cost twice as much, or more, in retail stores. Dale's has many returning customers, and people are appreciative that Oliverio, the owner, has been able to keep his prices so low in a tough economy.

Oliverio sources the merchandise himself from multiple places in West Virginia, and he says that finding deals is addicting. "As much as I like selling merchandise, I like buying it more," he said "It's a gamble; You never know what you're getting."

Pallets in the liquidation industry refers to the merchandise (e.g. tool pallet, sporting goods pallet) stored in a wooden structure. Friday, they had a big load of groceries, with everything from breakfast foods, to snack items, to coffee and canned goods. Despite the cold weather that morning, a line had formed before the doors opened.

Oliverio also strives to give back to the community, and is an advocate for The Lord's Pantry and the work that they do. He keeps a box in the store for customers who want to donate money, as well as food and other supplies for the organization.

Reviews on Google and Facebook describe Oliverio and Dale's Daily Deals, located at 301



Dale Oliverio, owner of Business of the Month Dale's Daily Deals, makes one of many sales on Small Business Saturday. Photo by Erin Beck.

Pike St., as, "friendly," "great atmosphere," and "personable." And while Oliverio enjoys his job for multiple reasons, he says that he's most gratified by meeting people from not only Harrison and the surrounding counties, but also travelers

who happen to see the store and stop by. He loves getting to know them and hearing their stories.

Store hours for Dale's are currently 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday.



Several shoppers reported that Dale's Daily Deals, at 301 Pike St. in Shinnston, had the best deals in town during the holiday shopping season.



Dale's Daily Deals, which recently celebrated its third anniversary, recently received a large amount of grocery items to sell at a discount. Since they make their pallet purchases unsure what's inside, inventory changes quickly.

## Gillum House among B&Bs launching Valentine's monthlong campaign

The Gillum House Bed and Breakfast in Shinnston is one of more than half a dozen bed and breakfasts coming together to create a Valentine's 'month' and help couples remove the unnecessary pressure that comes with celebrating love on one specific day, according to a news release.

All of February, seven B&Bs in Shinnston, as well as Texas, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Minnesota are offering Valentine's specials and helping couples mark the occasion on their own schedules; a formula they believe is more conducive to fun, spontaneity, and romance. The various - sometimes quirky - packages range from a more traditional overnight stay with champagne, to carrots to feed a nearby

camel to a couples' archery session. In addition, all of the properties listed offer multiple romantic getaways on their individual websites.

### Gillum House Bed and Breakfast in Shinnston

Did You Say Carats? Gillum House Bed and Breakfast sure knows how to add a dash of whimsy to a romantic getaway. Stay at this West Virginia B&B for two nights in February and you'll receive a heart-shaped cake and a bag of carrots to feed to a camel and a zebra about two miles up the road. It may not be the type of carat your date was seeking but the unexpected jaunt is sure to bring a smile (and lots of photos) to mark the occasion. You'll also receive a roast of coffee in your

choice of the 27 different in-house blends to take home in a heart-shaped container. <https://gillumhouse.com>. This package costs \$375 plus tax and includes the cost of a 2-night stay.

Information about other inns is available at the following web addresses:

- <https://chehalemridge.com/>
- <https://www.historicsmithtoninn.com/>
- <https://www.huronhouse.com/>
- <https://www.thehotelsaugatuck.com/>
- <https://www.turningwatersbandb.com/>



A guest at the Gillum House in 2014 kisses a camel; feeding a camel a "carrot" instead of giving a gift of "carats" is part of the bed and breakfast's Valentine's Day month special.

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 To: OCCUPANT, ALENA ASHBY, ALENA KELLY, 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 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 <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 3,031.37
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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# LEGAL

(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 <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 2,490.64
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 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 <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 2,427.80
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# LEGAL

(2020-S-00000385 - Harrison County - GLEN ELK VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION)  
 To: OCCUPANT, CITY OF CLARKSBURG, AMBER FARROW, 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 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 <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 2,065.01
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# LEGAL

(2020-S-00000332 - Harrison County - GLEN ELK VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION)  
 To: NORMAN MITCHELL, II, NORMAN MITCHELL, H. DANA MITCHELL, CITY OF CLARKSBURG, DONNA MITCHELL, NORMAN MITCHELL, DANA MITCHELL, H. DANA MITCHELL ESTATE C/O NORMAN MITCHELL, II, 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 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 MONTICELLO 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 <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 3,121.77
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 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**  
 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-00000325, 1 LOT PT 109 STEALEY HTS (315 ASH AVE), located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of GOODWIN JUSTIN RYAN, 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.	\$ 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 <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 3,570.13
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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**DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 3 PARCEL 0423 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-00000326, 1 LOT PT 109 STEALEY HTS (315 1/2 ASH AVE), located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of GOODWIN JUSTIN RYAN, 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.	\$ 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 <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 2,315.86
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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## OBITUARIES



### Bradley Allen Griffin

Bradley Allen Griffin, 71, of Bridgeport, passed away at his residence on Jan. 25, 2023. He was born in Clarksburg on May 1, 1951, to the late Maurice Griffin and Betty (Shreve) Griffin.

He married Vicky (Lozier) Griffin who still survives him. He is also survived by his daughter, Brandy L. Griffin (Martin Slater) of Wichita Falls, TX; sister Robbie A. Spadafore (James) of Shinnston, WV; four nephews: James R. (Mitchell) Spadafore of Fairmont; John M. (Lisa Garcia) Spadafore of Bowling Green, KY; Joseph B (Brandy) Spadafore of Shinnston; and Joshua D. (Sarah) Spadafore of Worthington; five great-nephews; and two great-nieces. He is preceded in death by his brother, Marshall S. Griffin.

Bradley worked for Pittston Coal and Action Expediting and retired as a truck driver. He was a Shinnston Mason and a member of St. John's Lodge No. 24. Bradley served his country in the Air Force and was in Vietnam. He was a lifelong farmer. Per his wishes, he was cremated.

A service of Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston.



### Gregory Lynn Harvath

Gregory Lynn Harvath, 65, of Clarksburg, passed away on Monday, Jan. 23, 2023, at United Hospital Center. He was born in Clarksburg on Mar. 31, 1957, to the late William Clinton Harvath and the late Mary Lee (Coburn) Harvath.

Gregory was a graduate of Lumberport High

School. He worked as a truck driver for Roman J. Claproods for 20 years, Montgomery Wards, Commercial Hydraulic, and Scott LAD. He enjoyed predicting the weather, puzzles, working outside, and travelling.

He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline Pearl (Byrd) Harvath; one son, Timothy William Harvath of Clarksburg; five sisters: Karen Main of Wallace; Bobbi Jo Hager and husband Richard of Ozark, AL; Tina Marchiny and husband Gary of Lumberport; Duwan Romage and husband David of Beckley; and Shannon Lowe and husband Jeff of Wallace; two brothers: Ricky Harvath of Beckley and Mark Harvath of Lumberport; his loving pets: his Chihuahua, "Millie," and his parakeet, "Bunga," as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Gregory is preceded in death by one sister, Kimberly Ann Harvath.

Family and friends were received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and the funeral service was on Friday, Jan. 27, 2023, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Brian Price officiating. Interment followed at IOOF Cemetery in Brown, WV.

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



### John Paul Perkins

John Paul Perkins, 51, of Fairmont, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born July 20, 1971, in Fairmont, a son of the late Clarence Woodrow "Woodie" Perkins and Grace Lilly Carpenter Perkins.

John is survived by his loving wife, Tressa Lynn Stevens Perkins, whom he married on Dec. 23, 2019. Also surviving are his daughter, Johnna Perkins of Fairmont; his stepchildren, Christopher Martin of Mannington and Ashley Martin of Hepzibah; his grandchildren, Kyla Hibbs, Tabias Hibbs, Nathan Martin, Bentley Martin, Carson Martin, Paisley Martin, Aryonna Martin, and Zander Martin. Darick Hibbs was his go-to for any projects that John needed help with, and Steve Tichnell was his best buddy and bonus brother. John enjoyed sitting around and shooting the breeze with Steve and his family.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his brother, David "Dave" Perkins, as well as his sister, Barbara Perkins.

John loved spending time with his wife, daughter, grandbabies, and friends. He had a talent for woodworking and could build most anything. He also enjoyed camping and fishing with his daughter and taking road trips with his wife.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation services

were provided by Perine Funeral Home. There will be no public services.

Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Perkins family.



### Lora Ann Parmer

Lora Ann Parmer, 63, of Clarksburg, passed away on Monday, Jan. 23, 2023 at her residence. She was born in Clarksburg on Feb. 19, 1959, a daughter of the late Kinzy and Thresa Swisher Swiger.

Lora is survived by her two daughters, Amanda Jo Parmer and her husband John Sharek of Wilmington, NC and Danielle Nicholson and her husband Geoffrey of Clarksburg; three siblings: John Jenkins of Wallace, Martha Pratt of Sulphur, LA, and William Swiger of Shinnston; along with several nieces and nephews; and her former spouse, Edward Parmer.

In addition to her parents, Lora was preceded in death by her four siblings: Marilyn Kay Swiger, James Swiger, Tim Swiger, and Tom Swiger.

Lora graduated from Liberty High School Class of 1977. She served in the Army National Guard for eight years. She was a cook for several years and most recently in the transportation department for the oil and gas industry. She loved to connect with people and share stories. She loved animals and was an avid gardener.

Family received friends at Davis Funeral Home 124 Olen Thomas Drive, Clarksburg, WV 26301 on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023 from 3 to 6 p.m.

Davis Funeral Home is honored to serve the Parmer family.

See "Obits" on Pg 8.

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Looking down the western half of Main Street one winter morning in the early 1920s. Photo submitted by Bobby Bice.

**OBITUARIES**



**David Lawrence Marshall, Sr.**

David L. Marshall, Sr. passed away at Mercy Hospital Baltimore Maryland. He attended Kelly Miller's school in Clarksburg, West Virginia, and then, he went on to join the army and served 10 years.

David married Betty Jean Brown, and they had nine children: David Junior Marshall, Mike Marshall, Bettina M. Marshall, Marcus D. Marshall, Kimberly Marshall, Regina Marshall, Josephine A. Marshall, Hope Marshall, and Quincy T. Marshall. He has 14 grandkids and 20 great grandkids.

David Sr. owned and operated his own construction company. He also was a meat cutter in Detroit, Michigan. David loved cars, dancing, and traveling. He took pleasure in talking to his children and grandchildren. David was full of energy, and he loved life and lived it to the fullest. He will be missed.

Family and friends were received at the Davis Funeral Home, Monday, Jan. 30, 2023 from 11 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at noon with Brother Brian Cox officiating. Interment followed at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery where military honors were accorded by the Harrison County Honor Guard and the US Army Honor Guard.

Davis Funeral Home is honored to serve the Marshall family.



**Frank Floyd Robinette**

Frank Floyd Robinette, 81, of Clarksburg, WV passed away at home, with family by his side on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023. He was born in Clarksburg on May 8, 1941, son of the late James E. Robinette and Josephine Lapon Robinette.

Frank graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1959. He also graduated from Fairmont State College with a degree in Business Administration. He married the love of his life, Sandra, on Jan. 7, 1986. Frank was City Manager for several States and Counties. He was also employed as a Hospital Finance Controller for several years.

In addition to his loving wife, Frank is survived by five children: Michele Gifford and husband Robert, of Shinnston, Brian Shreves and wife Michelle of Buckhannon, Frank, Jody, and James; three grandchildren: Desirae Greathouse of Bridgeport, Devon M. Shreves of Tampa, FL, and Callie White of Buckhannon; two great-grandchildren: Brynna Greathouse and Isaiah Greathouse; one brother, James Robinette and wife Sarah, of South Carolina; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Frank was preceded in death by his sister, Lydia Hevey.

Davis Funeral Home and Onsite Crematory handled the cremation and is honored to serve the Robinette family.

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"This award represents an important recognition from the industry's leader in measuring, understanding, and improving the delivery of care," said John C. Forester, vice president of UHC and CEO of UPC. "I commend our physicians, advanced practice professionals, and employees who make the difference by continuing to strengthen the patient experience under challenging circumstances." To learn more about United Hospital Center visit [www.uhcwv.org](http://www.uhcwv.org) and [www.uhcspecialties.com](http://www.uhcspecialties.com).

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**LEGAL**

**The Region VI Workforce Development Board (RVI WDB) is issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the provision of Assessment and Case Management/Employers Services Assistant for Adults, Dislocated Workers, Youth, and employers in the thirteen-county area of Region VI.**

Beginning February 1, 2023, interested organizations can contact the RVI WDB at (304)-368-9530 to obtain a copy of the RFP, OR a copy of the RFP can be downloaded from the RVI WDB website at [www.regionviwv.org](http://www.regionviwv.org).

The period of service provision is from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024 with the possibility of a renewal contract negotiated for an additional two years, based on yearly performance and cost effectiveness. All parties interested in submitting proposals in response to this RFP **MUST** attend a bidder's conference to be held at 2:00 p.m. on February 13, 2023, at the Region VI Workforce Development Board offices at 17 Middletown Road, White Hall. Further information on the bidder's conference is included in the RFP.

The proposal in response to this RFP is due by 4:00 p.m. on must be received by post or by hand delivery in to the RVI WDB offices located at 17 Middletown Road, White Hall, WV 26554. Fax or email submissions will not be accepted. Refer to the RFP for the complete details on the process for the submission of a proposal.

The RVI WDB reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals submitted. For more information, contact Amy Hall at the Region VI WDB office at 304-368-9530.

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**LEGAL**

**The Region VI Workforce Development Board (RVI WDB) is requesting proposals for the provision of a program of activities and services for youth in the thirteen-county area of Region VI.**

Beginning February 1, 2023, interested organizations should contact the RVI WDB at (304)-368-9530 to obtain a copy of the Request For Proposal (RFP), OR a copy of the RFP can be downloaded from the RVI WDB website at [www.regionviwv.org](http://www.regionviwv.org).

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The proposal in response to this RFP is due by 4:00 p.m. on March 2, 2023 and must be received by post or by hand delivery in to the RVI WDB offices located at 17 Middletown Road, White Hall, WV 26554. Fax or email submissions will not be accepted. Refer to the RFP information for the complete details on the process for the submission of a proposal.

The RVI WDB reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals submitted. For more information, contact Amy Hall at the Region VI WDB office at 304-368-9530.

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## Legislative Agenda of WV for Life in the Legislative Session of 2023

**HB2002 MOTHERS AND BABIES SUPPORT ACT** will establish a pool of state funds to assist the more than 30 Pregnancy Resource Centers here in West Virginia in their important role of serving women and their babies. **WOMEN'S RIGHT TO KNOW ACT** will provide women with factual information.



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2. Plan to attend Pro-Life Rally Day from 10 to 2 in the State Capitol's lower rotunda on Monday, February 13. The noon main event will include speeches by your legislators.
3. Join us. Become a member by sending in the coupon to the left.

## “WILFONG” From Pg 1.



The American Legion Auxiliary Department of West Virginia held its annual Mid-Winter Convention last year, Feb. 11 – 13, at the Oglebay Resort and Conference Center in Wheeling. Pictured from left to right are Margaret Yost, Lois Layman, Roxie Nicholson, Carla Wilfong, Dortha Parsons and Karen Flanigan. Wilfong was selected as Citizen of the Month for her years dedicated to leadership and behind-the-scenes work at the Legion.

was able to join the organization, which is for family members of war veterans, because her father Harry Yost, who is deceased, was a World War II veteran and a member of the American Legion. She has served as president and treasurer of the unit and has been the second vice president for about 18 years.

“I do a lot of it to show my appreciation to the veterans that’s living and deceased for what they have done for our country to keep us free,” she said.

At 72, she stays busy. She also serves as secretary of the board for the Clay District Veterans Memorial in Shinnston and is a member of the Shinnston Senior Citizens satellite. When not helping with Auxiliary activities, Wilfong may be found helping with the cleaning, decorating, and installing of the plaques at the memorial.

She also tries to go to Planet Fitness twice a week and enjoys spending time with her two kids and three grandchildren, crocheting, reading, cooking, baking and caring for her indoor flowers.

Wilfong said it was difficult to put into words the impact of her father, who was one of the founders of the memorial, on her work today, but that he was supportive to her and also instilled respect for veterans. Her work is rewarding, she said, but her belief in the cause is the main reason for her efforts.

She recalled telling one veteran, “My dad was a veteran and if I wasn’t kind to you and showed my appreciation, he’d come back from the grave to kick my butt.”

The Auxiliary organizes a number of service activities in the community, including children’s parties, a Veterans Day meal with the Lions Club, bereavement dinners, elimination dinners, and Lincoln High School Band Boosters fundraisers. She said they also distribute “comfort items” to the VA Hospital and nursing home, meaning items like sweatpants, cleaning supplies, and toothpaste.

“I just enjoy getting out and meeting people and staying involved,” Wilfong said. “I have made some real good friends there, and I feel that I help them however I can.”

Thanks to her years of experience, she’s familiar with all aspects of event planning.

“I’m just in there wherever it’s needed,” she said.

After starting out 25 years ago attending Bingo, she’s now involved with all group activities. For dinners, she determines the cost and does the purchasing, among other responsibilities. She also does the purchasing for comfort items.

Betsy Turner, who does public relations for the group, called Wilfong “the glue that holds

everybody together.”

“Without her, I don’t think a lot of events would take place,” Turner said.

Wilfong is retired after working as a clerk about ten years at K&K Loans in Clarksburg. She also volunteered with the Auxiliary while working.

A graduate of Shinnston High School, she previously attended Lumberport High School.

In the community, she is known for her caring nature, even among those not involved with the Legion.

“I always tell people if they need to talk to somebody, you’ve got my phone number, you can give me a call anytime,” she said. “A lot of people have.”



The Shinnston Lions Club and American Legion Post 31 and the American Legion Family held a Veterans Day luncheon on Nov. 11.

Pictured are the American Legion Auxiliary members who graciously donated their time to help make this event a success, including, from left to right, Betsy Turner, Carla Wilfong, Marsha Duckworth, Roxie Nicholson, Dortha Parsons and Enith Wright. Not pictured, the photographer, Margaret Yost.

## Legion brings Santa to town



Santa and Mrs. Claus enjoy the day with some of the children attending the annual American Legion Post 31 and American Legion Family (Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders) annual Children’s Christmas Party.

Submitted by Betsy Turner

other small items for the children.

About 25 kids got to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus and hand-deliver their gift lists in Shinnston this year.

On Dec. 16, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31 gathered at American Legion Post 31, Shinnston to prepare for the annual American Legion Post 31 and American Legion Family (Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders) annual Children’s Christmas Party. Sixty stockings were filled with candy and

The party was held on Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. Marsha Duckworth, party organizer, also had Christmas crafts and games for the children.

The high point of the afternoon was a visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus and each child was able to visit with the famous couple, personally deliver their Christmas lists and have their pictures taken. The party concluded at 4 p.m.



Santa and Mrs. Claus, front row, bring Christmas cheer to Shinnston with their helpers at a Dec. 18 event last month; from left in the back row are Kim Heatherly, Margaret Yost, Karen Flanigan, Carla Wilfong, Buffie Capozzi and Lilly Capozzi.

## “UHC” From Pg.4

complementary venue, we felt strongly that people would respond well,” said Krysta Fazalare, event co-chair. “We also knew Holly Ball supporters were excited to return to an in-person event, which, because of the pandemic, had to be canceled for two years in a row. Our community responded in a big way, and we are grateful. Our committee is working to fine tune details, making sure our guests have a special, memorable time.”

Not only does this year’s Holly Ball offer a unique theme for apparel and accessories, but it will feature a realm of activities, further creating an aura of sultry 20s-style swing. In addition to dancing to the tunes of Crimson Reign, guests will enjoy a Blackjack table, prize wheel, bourbon tasting, and a photo booth with props. PLINKO will be available, as will the WVU vs. Oklahoma Sooners basketball game on the big screen. Available for purchase will be souvenir-worthy chips, redeemable at gaming tables. Up for grabs are fabulous prize packages including but not limited to airline tickets and a dinner/event getaway.

Those who have purchased tickets for Holly Ball 2023 may purchase activity tokens to play Blackjack and PLINKO and/or spin the Prize Wheel at the Feb. 4 event. To purchase, visit uhchollyball.com.

All event proceeds benefit UHC’s mission to provide resources for high-quality healthcare to patients throughout North Central West Virginia.

“For more than 60 years, the Holly Ball has raised major funds to support UHC,” event co-chair Toma Courtney said. “From women’s healthcare, nursing education, cancer, obstetrics, and pediatric care to cutting-edge equipment, a realm of services have been supplemented and patient care enhanced due to this important fundraiser and the extensive community support behind it.”