



Digital art depicts the artificial turf field planned for the completed Buzz Henderson Center.

Dr. Joseph Simmons named January Fellow of the Month



Dr. Joseph Simmons, Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Resident of the Month, receives his plaque from Dr. Eva Patton Tackett, associate professor and director of the internal medicine residency program.

Dr. Joseph Simmons has been named January Resident of the Month at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, announced Dr. Paulette S. Wehner, vice dean of graduate medical education.

Simmons is finishing his third and final year of the internal medicine residency program at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine where he obtained his M.D. The Shinnston native was nominated by members of the internal medicine faculty.

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Gala to benefit church youth center

By Kara Linaburg

Jewel City Church in Meadowbrook plans to host a fundraising gala Friday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. to raise money for the completion of the Buzz Henderson Center. A 29,000 square foot sports complex that sits directly beside the church building, the center is large enough to hold two junior courts, one full size basketball court, a turf field, batting cages, a weight room, and concessions stand.

"The heart and purpose of this facility is to be an asset to our community by providing a safe and healthy space for children, students, and families to come and compete, stay healthy, and enjoy community," said Trey Lefevre, media director of Jewel City.

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Pastor Robert Shingleton preaches in his church of 29 years. This sermon was part of the "farmer series," about preaching the gospel and working toward bringing people to a relationship with Christ like a farmer who is diligent about working in the fields."

Name released in fire death

By Kara Linaburg

The identity has been released of the 86-year-old woman who died in a late night house fire Jan. 26 on 3rd St. in Shinnston.

Janet Lafollette died in the fire, according to the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

"The fire is undetermined in cause but most probably accidental," said Deputy State Fire Marshal, Jason D. Baltic.

According to WBOY, seven fire departments reported to the scene after a 911 call was placed at 10:47 p.m. It was reported early on of a possible entrapment in the single-story home, and surrounding neighbors said the smell of the fire continued to be overpowering several streets over. First responders arrived on the scene to find a fully involved structure fire, and it took fire crews approximately an hour to get the fire under control and extinguish it. "We had it (the fire) under control in about 45 minutes and we were on the scene until about 4 a.m. Friday," Shinnston Fire Chief Donnie Lindsey told WV MetroNews.

The body of the deceased was then taken to the Chief Medical Examiner's Office in Charleston for identification.



BUILDING AMAZING CITIES

By JIM HUNT
author, speaker, consultant

The most exciting game

Youth sports can teach kids lessons like sharing, teamwork, and discipline. As a young boy, I remember playing School Boy Patrol basketball for Linden Grade School and enjoyed that experience as much as anything in my life. The practices and games gave me a lifelong love for the game of basketball, and I built many lasting friendships. It was also the first time I had a coach and began to understand the rules and regulations of the game.

Imagine my happiness when my granddaughter, Emery, decided to try her hand at basketball. My wife and I have attended several games over the past couple of years, and it was fun to see the kids having fun and learning the game from Emery's dad, Matt. He has coached

youth sports for many years and knows how to help these young kids learn the skills needed while trying to get all the kids in the games and keep it fun.

This year's team is called "The Crazy Pandas" and is made up of seven girls between the ages of seven and nine years old. As the season began, the team was just getting used to playing together and the first four games were all losses. My wife and I went down to South Carolina in December and got to see one of the games and although they lost, Emery was excited to be playing, and she had several good friends on the team.

My daughter would go to the games and send us videos of the games and slowly but surely, the Crazy Pandas started to gel and got



Jim Hunt, News & Journal columnist, hugs his granddaughters Emery, left, and Avery.

a few wins under their belts. The season was coming to an end, and it looked like the kids might have a chance to be in the playoffs. They were excited and Emery would go out in her yard after school and practice on her portable hoop for hours. With a real team effort, the team won their playoff game and moved on to the championship game this past week.

While I wanted to see the game, a seven-hour drive to South Carolina in the middle of winter and the fact that I had to attend a conference in Charleston seemed to make

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The Crazy Pandas youth basketball team, which includes Jim Hunt's granddaughter Emery, celebrates their win.



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OPINION

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Submitted by the West Virginia Press Association

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Email your legislators and tell them to leave legal advertising and public notice alone.

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Find your legislator's email and contact information here: wvlegislature.gov.

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. 16, 1821: Morris Harvey was born near Prosperity in Raleigh County. Harvey's gifts to the Barboursville Seminary led to its name being changed to Morris Harvey College in 1901. The institution is now known as the University of Charleston.

Feb. 16, 1917: The legislature established the West Virginia State Colored Tuberculosis Sanitarium for the care of Black TB patients. It was built at Denmar in Pocahontas County.

Feb. 16, 1951: Second Lieutenant Darwin Keith Kyle died during an intense exchange against Chinese forces in Korea. He was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Feb. 17, 1735: Morgan Morgan of present-day Berkeley County was commissioned a captain of militia in the 201st Field Artillery, which is considered the oldest military unit in the United States.

Feb. 18, 1843: Ritchie County was created from portions of Wood, Lewis, and Harrison counties. The county was named for Virginia journalist and politician Thomas Ritchie.

Feb. 18, 1890: Ellison Mounts, a cousin to the Hatfield family, was hanged for murder, ending the Hatfield-McCoy Feud.

Feb. 18, 1969: Hundreds of miners in Raleigh County went on strike over the issue of black lung. Within days, the walkout spread throughout southern West Virginia.

Feb. 19, 1908: Orval Elijah Brown was born near Lizemores in Clay County. Brown, a free-spirited individual, gained notoriety as the "Clay County Wild Man" during the Great Depression for his untamed physical appearance, which included a flowing beard and the wearing of little more than a self-made loincloth.

Feb. 19, 1943: Author Homer Hickam was born in Coalwood, McDowell County. Hickam's second book, "Rocket Boys: A Memoir," was published in 1998 and became a runaway bestseller.

Feb. 20, 1875: The West Virginia Legislature approved a bill to move the state capital back to Wheeling.

Feb. 20, 1995: The West Virginia Legislature voted to make the Golden Delicious apple the official state fruit.

Super Crossword

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Crossword grid with numbered squares for clues.

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Feb. 21, 1895: Bluefield Colored Institute was established by the Legislature to prepare Black West Virginians for the teaching profession. After several name changes, the school became Bluefield State College in 1943 and achieved university status in 2022.

Feb. 21, 1913: Workers' compensation passed the West Virginia Legislature, modeled on the German system Governor Hatfield had studied in the Ruhr Valley coalfields.

Feb. 21, 1940: Former Governor Gaston Caperton was born in Charleston. In 1988, Caperton defeated Arch Moore to become the state's 31st governor.

Feb. 22, 1927: Longtime Agriculture Commissioner Gus R. Douglass was born in Mason County. Douglass, a Democrat, was first elected commissioner of agriculture in 1964. Reelected nine times, Douglass was the longest-serving agricultural commissioner in the country.

Feb. 22, 2018: 33,000 schoolteachers and service personnel walked off the job over wages and health benefits. The strike drew national attention, and teachers in five other states organized work stoppages.

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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

Black History Month exhibit

The Clarksburg History Museum and Kelly Miller Association is presenting a month-long exhibit by Cathy Burley, "Come Sharing the Journey."

Experience the journey of Black people from Africa to the present time 1619-2023.

The exhibit will display such items as portraits, figurines, books, plaques, etc. Black inventors invented everyday items such as peanut butter, potato chips, the Almanac, and ice cream.

The museum is open Tuesday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

A reception on Saturday Feb. 11 from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. with refreshments.



"Hunt" From Pg 1.

it doubtful that the championship game was in my future. As the conference wound down, it looked like the weather was cooperating and I could get on the road and make it to see the Crazy Pandas.

The game tipped off at 6 p.m. and while the Pandas seemed ready to play, the score at the end of the first half was 10-0, with the Red team leading. The second half tipped off and the Pandas finally hit a foul shot and the score was 10-1. Little by little, the Pandas crept back into the game and with about two minutes left, Emery hit a shot to tie the game and

was fouled. She scored the foul shot, and they finally took the lead, 15-14. They hit one more basket and the horn sounded with the Crazy Pandas winning 17-14! What a game. It was the most exciting game I have seen this year.

It was so nice seeing these kids hugging and posing for pictures with their trophies. While this game won't be on ESPN's SportsCenter, it was my game of the week. My son-in-law Matt did such a great job and each one of the girls played a part in the win. I'll never forget this special night and watching the Crazy Pandas!

"Gala" From Pg 1.



Digital art illustrates the basketball court for the completed youth center for Jewel City Church in Meadowbrook.

Pastor Robert Shingleton says that the center will act as not only a health and wellness facility or activity building, but hold an after-school program for youth.

According to youth.gov, a federal government web resource, centers that hold activities for youth can support social, academic, and cognitive development, as well as provide a safe environment for children to grow physically.

Statistics from K-12 Dive, an education news source, show that students who are mentored and have people supporting them are 55% less likely to skip school, 48% less likely to try illegal drugs, 78% more likely to volunteer in the community, and 130% more likely to hold leadership positions in the future. In 2022, a report from WalletHub also showed that West Virginia is ranked as fourth in the United States with the most at-risk youth, and these facts alone may make projects like the Buzz Henderson Center vital in the health of the community both physically and mentally.

"The Buzz Henderson Center is the result of God's vision," Shingleton said in a letter on the church's website. "And we seek to use it as a tool to impact and love our community and surrounding regions."

Jewel City regularly draws large crowds to their events, and they are known for their annual

activities for children and families, including their Vacation Bible School (VBS), Fall Fest, and widely anticipated Christmas production. But the heart of their programs are always outreach and sharing the gospel message in a loving environment.

The vision for the Buzz Henderson Center came to Shingleton a few years ago during their VBS program. Shingleton explained to the church, "At one bus stop, two boys came up to the bus. They asked me, 'Why are you picking up kids?' I told them, 'I'm picking up anyone who wants to go to VBS.' They asked me if they could come and if there would be food. My heart sank as I realized that many do not have a place to go that is safe, uplifting, and loving."

Jewel City is striving to go into this project debt free. The charity gala is for those who want to learn more about how they can partner with this project, and donations will be appreciated no matter the amount.

Purchasing the \$20 tickets for the fundraising event are required, as it will cover the cost for the meal. Folks must RSVP by Feb. 24 and can learn more about the gala, to be held at the church at 511 Jewel City Blvd, and the center at <https://jccwv.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1611795>. They may also call the church with questions at 304-592-5678.



Digital art shows the design for the Buzz Henderson Center building.

"Simmons" From Pg 2.

"Dr. Simmons epitomizes resident excellence," stated Dr. Eva Patton Tackett, associate professor and director of the internal medicine residency program. "Not only is he strong academically and clinically, but he is a terrific teacher with an incredible work ethic and strong devotion to his patients and community. His knowledge is evident by his outstanding performance as a three-year member of our medical jeopardy team."

"Simmons's nomination was a pleasure to read, and we are always thrilled when a local physician-in-training excels," Wehner said. "He deserves to be recognized."

As part of his Resident of the Month recognition, Simmons received a plaque and a designated parking spot.

After completing his training in June 2023, Simmons and his wife, Kelly, will move to Morgantown where he will enter a gastroenterology fellowship program at West Virginia University.



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Lincoln vs. Robert C. Byrd round two



The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

Last Thursday, Lincoln and Robert C. Byrd met for the second time on the hardwood this season. The Cougars took the first lockup 54-50 in Shinnston, and they were in search of a clean sweep of the regular season series with the Flying Eagles.

RCB had home court advantage and the emotion of senior night on their side. The Flying Eagles start five seniors, and they have been responsible for a resurgence in play that has helped them win three of their last four games since the setback in Shinnston.

Round two was an epic battle that came down to the last possession, and when the dust settled, RCB came away with a 55-52 win. The see-saw affair started with the Flying Eagles utilizing the pregame adrenaline to race out to a 17-13 lead after the first period. The Cougars outscored the home team by four points in the second frame to tie it up heading into halftime.

Throughout this matchup, veteran mentor, Jordan Toth, utilized multiple defenses to disrupt the flaw of the Flying Eagles offense. A diamond in one and a triangle in two on Quinten Cooley and Brayden Thomason were effective, especially in the third quarter helping the visitors to a three-point lead.

RCB played their best eight minutes of the night in the last period. Flying Eagle Head Coach, Basil Lucas, is a man-to-man man all of the way. It is his trademark defense that is used the majority of the minutes his squad is on the floor. In an attempt to slow down the Lincoln offense that put 22 points on the board in the third, he decided to add some double teams in the fourth. The aggressive approach paid off forcing a handful of turnovers and quick shots that led to just five fourth quarter points from the Cougars. In the process, the offense became more effective and Thomason responded

with a pair of deep three-point shots that touched nothing by net. Thomason went on to score a team-high 15 points while collecting three key steals. Charles Hawkins and Bryce Byrd each had 11 points and five rebounds for RCB.

This was my first opportunity to see the Cougars in action this season, and I left the gym rather impressed by their effort. Lincoln is a hardnosed athletic team that will be a handful in the second season. David Burdette and Brayden Edgell really stuck out to me. If Burdette was working a job instead of playing hoops, his boss would have to pay him overtime. He was the sweatiest player on the floor and for a good reason. He drew the assignment of shadowing Cooley everywhere on the floor, and on the offensive end, he was busy being Lincoln's leading scorer. It was not the 17 points he scored that stood out, but rather how efficient he was scoring them. Burdette was seven of 10 from the floor and three of six from three-point land.

I have broadcasted 21 MEC conference games this year and Edgell reminded me of several of the top guards I have seen. He has a burst for a first step and the ability to pull up on a dime. He has great court vision and led his team with a handful of assists. Edgell scored 14 points going five of 11 from the field and four of five from the foul line.

The sectional is comprised of four teams: Elkins, Liberty, Lincoln, and Robert C. Byrd. The seeding will go a long way in determining a sectional champion. This is the most parity we have had in recent memory. The Tigers are currently undefeated in sectional play but only play the other three squads once, and they have been on a losing skid lately.

The Cougars will host Liberty tonight in a huge matchup. Lincoln is looking to avenge an earlier loss to the Mountaineers. The Flying Eagles defeated Liberty earlier in the campaign, and they will face off again on Feb. 21. The plot thickens as the playoffs draw near. It sure is a great time to be a basketball fan!

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 past week's winners of the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal Athletes of the Week award are Lincoln's Ashlyn Riley and Bridgeport's Kamar Summers.

Cougar basketball standout, Ashlyn Riley, had a great week on the hardwood. In Monday's loss to Buckhannon-Upshur, Riley scored a game-high 19 points, grabbed eight rebounds, and recorded four steals. Riley had a double-double in Wednesday's win over Bridgeport. She netted 15 points, pulled down 10 caroms, and added three steals. Riley ended the week by propelling her squad past Notre Dame. She pumped in a game-high 17 points, snared eight boards, and picked up three steals.

Indian grappler, Kamar Summers, took a title last Saturday in Bridgeport to remain undefeated. Summers continued his remarkable season at the Big 10 Championship. Summers backed up his Big 10 Wrestler of the Year award by pinning Lewis County's Joseph Davison in less than a minute. His second win of the day came via forfeit over Fairmont Senior's Kaleb Arbogast.

Congratulations to Lincoln's Ashlyn Riley and Bridgeport's Kamar Summers for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal Athletes of the Week!

WV Division of Forestry urges caution during dry winter conditions

Spring fire season begins March 1
The West Virginia Department of Forestry (WV DOF) urges West Virginians to be cautious of burning amid dry, windy conditions this winter.

"Our winter hasn't seen as much precipitation as we would like, and the warmer temperatures and higher winds tend to dry out the fine fuels like leaves and grass," said Assistant State Forester-Fire Jeremy Jones, WV DOF. "We have seen an uptick of fires in the past few days, with 30 fires burning 150 acres, so we urge caution at this time. Hopefully, this next system coming through will bring some needed precipitation with it. Until then, we ask that you please listen to the weather report, and if high winds are called for, please refrain from burning."

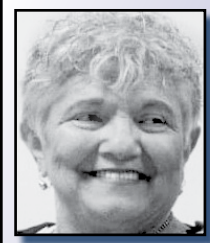
Safe Burning Tips

A summary of forest fire laws and safe fire practices can be found on the state Division of Forestry website and here.

- Before leaving any fire for any length of time, the fire must be completely extinguished.
- Clear at least a 10-foot area (safety strip) around the fire and make sure all burnable material has been removed.
- Any equipment that can throw sparks and operating on land subject to fire by any cause must be provided with an adequate spark arrestor.
- If your fire escapes, you are liable for the costs of fighting the fire and any damage the fire may cause.

Spring fire season begins March 1.

The Division of Forestry protects nearly 12 million acres of forestland across West Virginia. For more information on fire safety and programs such as forest legacy, logging and landowner assistance, visit the website wvforestry.com



GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

The Women of Distinction luncheon sponsored by the PWA of Harrison County will be held at noon on Friday, Feb. 24, at the Uptown Event Center. This luncheon is in conjunction with the observance of Black History Month. Ten local women will be honored, especially for their volunteer efforts in our community.

Rhonda Holyfield Mangieri will deliver the keynote address and the women will be presented plaques in observance of their accomplishments. The luncheon is open to the public, but it is requested that reservations be made by calling 304-624-4881.



Melissa Albert

Dr. Melissa Albert hails from Clarksburg, West Virginia. She grew up in Mt Zion Baptist Church. Attended and graduated valedictorian from Notre Dame High School. She attended West Virginia University and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. She continued at WVU to complete medical school and receive a Doctorate of Medicine. Dr. Albert is double boarded in Pediatrics and Psychiatry.

She first completed residency training in Pediatrics at Wright State University in Dayton, OH. While working with children and families she realized that she wanted additional training to focus on their emotional needs. She then returned to West Virginia University and completed a Psychiatry residency training program, where she served as Chief Resident during her final year. Following her training, she became a faculty member in Behavioral Medicine at WVUH completing consultations to children and families hospitalized in the Children's Hospital. She then worked for Cornerstone Care in PA. During her time in PA, she was awarded the Patient Choice Award from the Pennsylvania Association of Community Health Centers. Wanting to service her home state of West Virginia, she worked with PSIMED Corporation in the Morgantown and Charleston locations.

She has given lectures around the state educating people on mental health and treatment options available. She is dedicated to her patients and their wellbeing. She is devoted to her family. She is proud to call First Presbyterian Church of Morgantown her church home.



Christina Beck

Christina Beck brought her talents to the Alzheimer's Association, WV Chapter in June 2013. She currently serves as the state's Senior Walk Manager. Born in Pittsburgh, Christina went to West Virginia as soon as she could, moving to North Central West Virginia when she was six years old. She studied Psychology at Fairmont

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Dinosaur fossil makes debut to USA at the Rec Complex



From The World of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

Parks and Recreation will host a fossil that has never stepped foot on the western hemisphere during the months of March and April as the "Walking with Dinosaurs" exhibit introduces the Scelidosaurus, who comes from across the pond via England. Director Mike Book is more than thrilled to see this piece make it to our program.

"Carnegie, the Natural and all the other museums throughout the states cannot say what we can about this fossil coming to our place. To say at the right place at the right time is an understatement, but that is exactly how all this came to life. The Scelidosaurus is an amazing creature and will be an instant hit when we open the doors in March," Book said.

For those looking up what a Scelidosaurus is

while reading this article, you will notice the famous photo of the "Limb Lizard" in the Death Pose—a term used because many fossils were found with its head moved back like it is looking up which is caused by the ligament in the neck that is stretched at nearly twice its length is relaxed in the neutral state. Most are found in this position after their death, thus the meaning behind the name.

Upon looking at the creature, which roamed the Earth during the early Jurassic period around 200 million years ago, it stretched close to 13-feet and weighed over 500 pounds. Most of the weight is accounted for in the scutes that covered its entire upper body. Mostly for protection, this armored dinosaur falls into similarities with the Stegosaurus and the Ankylosaurus as all three have the plates to protect themselves from predators. At one time, it was said that all three were related in some form, but the theory was debunked as better information was attained.

"Dinosaur science is ever evolving as new evidence tells us that what was once thought as true, really is not," Book added. "Even today,

there are new theories about these creatures simply because the means to understand has gotten better through technology. And it changes at a rapid pace. What we are teaching at the exhibit this year, may take another approach in the coming years. It is an exciting time to be in this field today."

The study of the Scelidosaurus dates back to the nineteenth century because this dinosaur was the oldest genera of dinosaur known to date. Out of all the fossils collected from the British Isles, the Scelidosaurus is represented by some of the most complete fossil material.

They were herbivores, which means that plants were their daily diet, and the body structure shows that the back limbs were longer than the front meaning that they could stand on their back legs to reach for food. They mostly roamed about the land on four legs or quadrupedal.

With the exhibit opening less than a month away, we encourage those who are looking for dates for public viewing to contact the office for more information at 304-423-7800.

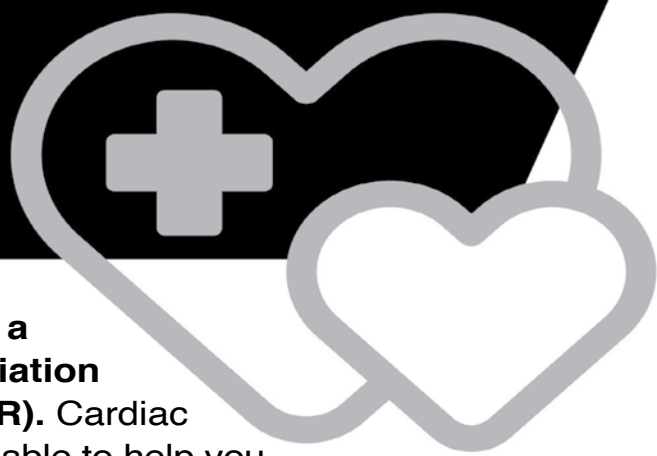


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State University. Beck has focused her talents on recruiting outstanding volunteers for the Alzheimer’s Association who have hearts for the mission. She is the most successful and tenured Walk Manager in Chapter history. Together, her Walk Committees and volunteers in Morgantown, Wheeling, Charleston and North Central WV have raised over \$1M to fund local care & support services, raise concern and awareness about Alzheimer’s and dementia, and support research to build a world without Alzheimer’s. Christina is an advocate for her community, volunteering to increase vaccination rates among African Americans and bringing attention to health disparities in the Black and Appalachian communities. She is the proud mother of four and an amazing Mimi of one.

with volunteering in food kitchens and with the homeless. The past 5 years, Angela worked as a contractor for the US ARMY traveling worldwide assisting inventory for hospitals. Angela continues to work with adults in need and take care of her parents.



Jessica Donaldson Sykes

Born in Clarksburg and raised in Bridgeport WV, Jessica attended West Virginia University where she obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies with a minor in History. After earning her she moved to Martinsburg, WV and pledged Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. in 2009. While still

active in her sorority, she has held various offices and is involved in different committees within the organization. Jessica sat on the board of Stars that Shine for over 3 years and now is on the advisory board. Jessica still provides her knowledge to help assist the CEO and President in any way possible. Jessica took on the role of overseeing and monitoring the financial report process, compliance, and ethics. In July 2020, Governor Jim Justice appointed Jessica to the WV Developmental Disability for the developmentally disabled to receive services, support, and assistance needed to achieve a better life. Jessica is a wife, a mother, a sister, and a great friend. Jessica resides in Spring Mills with her Husband and five-year-old daughter. Jessica enjoys spending time with her family

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and friends, along with spreading awareness of Down syndrome. Her life’s mission is Advocate, Educate, Inspire, Open Minds, and Unite the disability community!



Tammy Washington

Tammy Washington was born and raised in Clarksburg, WV. Graduate of Washington Irving High School and Salem International University.

Recipient of the Associate Commissioners Award while employed at Disability Office and received the Dean’s List Award while attending Salem International University.

I am currently employed in the cardiac unit at UHC.

My passion has always been helping and caring for people, or even being resourceful in some type of way.

You never know how far a little love and compassion goes. My goal is to always be a better person than I was the day before. I pride myself in being the mother to Victor Meeks. He is my pride and joy!



Amber West

Amber West is a born & raised resident of Clarksburg WV. She is married to Jarrod West & has 2 sons. She has been a nurse for 23 years & currently takes care of veterans at the VA hospital. Her greatest accomplishment is raising 2 amazing sons: Jarrod West II who’s currently playing professional basketball in Greece & Jaidyn West who will be playing basketball at Fairmont State College next year.

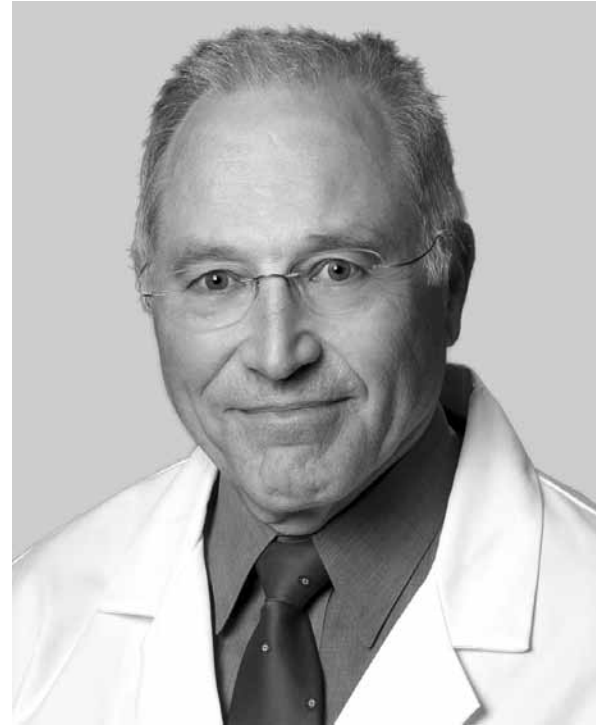


Theresa Yarboro

A native of Western Pennsylvania from Hermitage, currently residing in Clarksburg, West Virginia, Ms. Yarboro has been employed with the United States Federal Government Department of Justice since 2010. As a Management and Program Analyst, she supports state, federal, tribal, and nongovernmental entities for noncriminal justice purposes. Ms. Yarboro participates and has planned community service activities which support the goals and objectives which focus on education, health, economics, technology, and family. Ms. Yarboro has participated in local Community Outreach Programs where she represented the Division in the safety and wellness of children; Harrison County National Night Out; Black History Month activities; and served as a judge for a local school’s essay contest. Ms. Yarboro is a member of the Division’s Diversity and Inclusion Program’s Black Affairs Diversity Committee and is a Board Member of the Health Sciences & Technology Academy (HSTA) supported by the WVU Health Sciences Center. As a Board Member of HSTA, Ms. Yarboro is one of the Harrison County representatives that oversee programming and enforce HSTA policies and procedures. Ms. Yarboro is a daughter of Dr. Theodore Yarboro, Sr., (Hermitage, PA) and the late Deanna M. Yarboro.

This event is sponsored by Davis Funeral Home, Clarksburg, WV.

United Hospital Center receives accreditation from College of American Pathologists



Dr. Gerald T. Wedemeyer, director of the United Hospital Center Main Laboratory, was recently advised of national recognition.

The Accreditation Committee of the College of American Pathologists (CAP) has awarded accreditation to United Hospital Center Main Laboratory, Bridgeport, according to a news release, based on results of a recent on-site inspection as part of the CAP’s Accreditation Programs.

The facility’s director, Dr. Gerald T. Wedemeyer, was congratulated for the excellence of the services being provided. United Hospital Center Main Laboratory is one of more than 8,000 CAP-accredited facilities worldwide.

“This award only further validates the high-quality standards in place at UHC,” said Dr. Wedemeyer. “It is an honor to be nationally recognized once again for providing excellent laboratory services.”

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Angela Smith

Daughter of Raymond and Barbara Smith and sister of Arissa. Angela is a Stonewood native, attended Roosevelt Wilson HS and WVU. Angela has been a resident of Morgantown for 30 years working in Health-care and volunteering in the community. Angela has been a case worker with the handicapped, a resident worker with teenagers and became a Mental Health Technician. She has been a Special Olympic volunteer for 30 years, along



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OBITUARIES**Shelia J. Marino**

Shelia J. Marino, 74, of Clifton, MI, formerly of Clarksburg, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, at her residence. She was born in Clarksburg, Oct. 4, 1948, a daughter of the late Ruben Carroll and the late Betty Bennett Carroll Mckelvey. On Dec. 31, 1969, she married Theodore L. Marino who preceded her in death on Sept. 24, 2007.

Surviving are one son, Ray Gower, Clinton, MI; two daughters, Twila Marino, Clarksburg, and Kathy Boney, Mississippi; four grandchildren: Cody Gower and his wife Skylar, Clinton, MI; Cassandra Walters and her husband Travis, SC; Dakota Coburn and Michael Gregory, both of Clarksburg; her great-grandchildren: Ember Rose Gower, Landon Gregory, Alana Gregory, Rayleigh Foster, Makaylann Foster, and Aubrey Walters; two sisters, Patricia Swiger, East View, and Cheryl Hinerman and her husband Robert, Morgantown; and several nieces and nephews.

Shelia was formerly employed in food service at the United Hospital Center in Clarksburg and the Hardee's on Joyce St. in Clarks-

burg. She loved her children and her grandchildren.

The family received friends at the Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St., Shinnston, from 4 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023, where funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 10, 2023. Interment was in the WV National Cemetery in Pruntytown.

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

**Yvonne L. Tate**

Yvonne L. Tate, 67, of Meadowbrook passed away on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023, at United Hospital Center. She was born Sept. 5, 1955, in Grafton, a daughter of the late Grover Lee and Freda DeMoss White.

Yvonne is survived by her loving husband of 49 years, Walter "Jim" Tate, whom she married on Oct. 6, 1973. Also surviving are her children, Walter "Jay" Tate II of Meadowbrook; William "Bill" Tate and his wife Tisha of Clarksburg; Edna Jane Aley and her husband Mike of Bridgeport; and her special granddaughter whom she raised, Tara Dawn McFadden and her husband Chase of Lost Creek; her grandchildren, Elizabeth

Aley and her companion Jake Rahming of Weston; Shawn Aley of Bridgeport; Austin Aley of Nutter Fort; Chloe Aley of Shinnston; Travis Kuhens and his wife Abby of Lost Creek; Walter "Jamie" Tate III and his companion Cheynne of Connellsville, PA; Sara Tate of Meadowbrook; Cody Tate of Clarksburg; and Courtney Tate of Clarksburg; eleven great-grandchildren and two on the way; as well as her brother, Grover Lee White II and his wife Lynn of Byron, GA; and her sister, Cathy White of Lumpkin, GA; and a special nephew, Steven Tate.

In addition to her parents, Yvonne was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Grace Ruby Tate, and her sister, Annette Atkinson.

Yvonne loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. She loved to read and could always be found with a good book. Yvonne enjoyed watching paranormal television shows and collecting purses and cups. She will be missed by her favorite dogs, "Smokey and Clyde." Yvonne was a member of the Church of The Lord Jesus Christ.

Friends will be received at the Church of The Lord Jesus Christ, 124 Hood Ave. Shinnston, on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, from 4 to 8 p.m. A funeral service was held at the church on Wednesday, Feb. 8,

2023, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Tom Brown officiating with guest speaker, Bob Swope. Interment followed at the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

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

**Johnny Sakacsi**

Johnny Sakacsi, 74, of Shinnston passed away on Feb. 2, 2023, at United Hospital Center in Bridgeport. He was born in Morgantown, on Mar. 12, 1948, son of the late Joseph and Helen Sakacsi.

Johnny was a dedicated worker, and he worked at Swanson Industries as a machinist and moved up to become a manager. Years later, he retired from Swanson Industries.

Johnny also loved to serve his community as he was a member of not only the VFW Post 629 of Fairmont, but the Eagles of Clarksburg as well. He enjoyed wood working, tinkering with things, and loved his Corvettes.

Johnny is survived by his son John Michael Sakacsi of Charlotte NC; one brother, Joseph Sakacsi, Jr. and his wife Sharon; niece, Sherry Cristancho and her husband Edward; nephew, Jeff Sakacsi and his wife Mari Kay; niece, Jackie Shipley;

nephews, Jeremy He was born in Clarksburg on Jan. 28, 1962, a son of the late David G. Wine Sr. and Barbara B. Cominsky Wine.

He is survived by his goddaughter, Hope Vernon, and his Best friend and caregiver, Sabrina Martin.

Mr. Wine attended Roosevelt Wilson High School. He graduated from the National Fire Academy in 1987. His passion in life was serving the residents of Harrison County, and in particular, his beloved hometown of Nutter Fort. He was a retired 911 Dispatcher with the Harrison County Bureau of Emergency Services from 1988 to 2011. Davey was a member of the Nutter Fort Fire Department where he held several offices. In addition, Davey was a former member of the Anmoore Fire Department, Bridgeport Fire Department, Lost Creek Fire Department, Mt. Clare Fire Department, Reynoldsville Fire Department, Salem Fire Department, Shinnston Fire Department, Harrison County Emergency

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Per Johnny's wishes he was cremated. Davis Funeral Home and Onsite Crematory handled the cremation and is honored to serve the Sakacsi family.

**David G. "Davey" Wine, Jr.**

David G. "Davey" Wine, Jr., age 61, of Nutter Fort, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, in the United Hospital Center.

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Fairmont State professor awarded Higher Education Art Educator of the year award



The West Virginia Art Educators Association (WVAEA) has awarded Department of Architecture, Art & Design Chair and Associate Professor of Art, Joel Dugan, with the Higher Education Art Educator of the year award, according to a news release from Fairmont State University.

“It is an honor to even get nominated and to receive the award,” Dugan said. “Knowing that it is coming from peers that I have interacted with means a lot and is a huge compliment.”

Dugan received his Bachelor of Fine Art from The College for Creative Studies in Detroit, Michigan, in 2002.

In 2011, he completed his MFA at The Henry Radford Hope School of Fine Art at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. Dugan is an accomplished visual artist and works primarily as a painter.

He has an active national and international exhibition record of over 122 solo and group exhibitions. Dugan has also completed many public art commissions and multiple corporate commissions for institutions such as The Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Detroit Athletic Club, Fort Hays State University, and the State of Michigan. He also works to cultivate community interest in public art and community projects throughout the regions he has called home.

“The art department has done a lot of outreach to get local students to engage in art and to create a public face within the community,” Dugan added. “We use public art as a method to create partnerships with organizations like Mainstreet Fairmont and Marion

County that allow us to grow beyond Fairmont State’s campus throughout the community.”

College of Science and Technology Dean, Steve Roof, describes Dugan’s impact as an artist and educator on Fairmont State and the surrounding community.

“I think this award recognizes Joel’s outstanding contributions to art education in the state,” Roof said. “His outreach to high school art teachers across the state brings many high school students to campus, many of whom choose to enroll at Fairmont State. His work in community art gives college students who work with Joel on these projects valuable experience in big art and provides improvements in the visual appearance of the community which raises the profile of the college within the community, ultimately leading back to new students considering an art education at Fairmont State.”

Fairmont State Masquers announce Magic Theatre production

The Fairmont State student theatre organization Masquers will present “Magic Theatre” from Feb. 16-19 performed in the Wallman Hall Theatre on the campus of Fairmont State, according to a news release.

“Magic Theatre” is a roller coaster of action, sound, and images. The play is an improvisational and transformational journey for the audience. The actors create entire worlds using their voices,

bodies, instruments, and, most importantly, their imaginations.

The journey includes fables such as “Just Like Everybody Else,” “The Boy Who Sat on His Anger,” “The War and the Tickle,” and “The Journey of the Kiss.” There are stops in The Land of Yellow and The Enchanted Forest, and confrontations with The Sun, Animals, and Monsters in the Dark.

“Throughout the journey, the actors encourage the audience members to

use their imaginations and interact with them, inviting them to be partners on the journey of creation,” said Director Dr. John O’Connor. “Along the way, the audience will discover the freedom of imaginative play that is not dependent on technology. They will learn lessons about living in community, accepting diversity, acknowledging their emotions, and facing their fears. It’s a demonstration of and a tribute to the creative power that we all have

bubbling inside us. All we need to do is use our imagination.”

Director Dr. John O’Connor, senior professor of communication arts, facilitates the work of the eight Fairmont State University students comprising the acting company: Skylor Campbell, McKenzie Fittro, Catherine Gray, Hayley Harvey, Tessa Jolly, Mathew O’Neill, Jarryd Powell, and Olivia Short. The production

Assistant Director Ashley Doyle-Sine, Fairmont State Theatre Education alumna; Stage Manager James Spears, Fairmont State student; and Designer and Technical Director Troy Snyder, professor of theatre arts.

The production is suitable for all ages and will be performed in the Wallman Hall Theatre Thursday, Feb. 16 - Saturday,

Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. Tickets are free and can be downloaded at www.fairmontstate.edu/boxoffice.

The journey will continue Tuesday, Feb. 21, and Wednesday, Feb. 22, when the company takes the production out to several Marion County elementary and middle schools.

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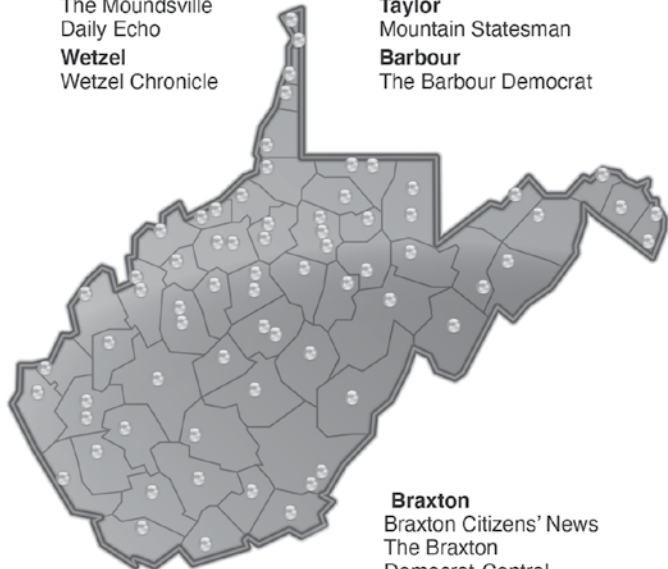
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