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

Kristi Barnard named Citizen of the Month

Volunteer called to work with children

By Kara Linaburg



Citizen of the Month Kristi Barnard and her husband, Gibson, pictured with their new dog Gus, have lived in Shinnston for 28 years.

“Kristi (Barnard) is a co-worker, but she’s also a dear friend,” said Carrie Hill, worship pastor at Jewel City Church of Meadowbrook. “She leads everything that she puts her hand to with integrity and full of the love of Jesus. It’s evident in the way she serves our community.”

Barnard has worn several hats,, including wife, mom, church children’s director, and co-owner of Gibby’s Ice Cream in downtown Shinnston. She said that she grew up going to a small church in Clarksburg, where she later became the youth leader.

“I was in college getting two degrees,” she said. “One was in child development, so I always

felt that I was to work with children...When (my husband) Gibson sang for the Jewel City Quartet and when God spoke to Robert (Shingleton) to open the church, we felt led to go with him... And pretty much we’ve been with the church since it opened. I’ve been involved in the kid’s ministry since the start of it.”

She volunteered as the children’s ministry director for 15 years, before last year becoming full-time staff. Overseeing the children’s ministry in a congregation of approximately 700 every Sunday, as well as coordinating annual outreach events that draw large crowds, such as Fall Fest and Vacation Bible School, Barnard said

that she isn’t going to lie; there are several times she has felt burnt out. “Perseverance. Keep on keeping. It has gotten me through, knowing that I am doing it for the Lord and not man,” she said.

She also gave credit to “amazing” volunteers who have helped her organize, take care of the children, and take on sometimes overwhelming events. “It wouldn’t happen if it wasn’t for them,” she said.

Working with the children makes it all worth it, according to Barnard. “It really truly blessed me, and I get teary eyed if they even go out of here a lot of times... just listening to them, knowing that God has had his hand in it the whole time,” she

See “Barnard” on Pg 6

Churches plan special Easter services

By Kara Linaburg

“Easter is what we are all about, overcoming,” said Father Chris Turner of St Ann’s Catholic Church. “Rising back, crawling back, from everything that holds us back, not only from God but also our family.” Turner’s church on 610 Pike St. in Shinnston has a special service planned for Saturday, April 8, at 8 p.m., as well as service on Easter Sunday at 10 a.m.

He said this is a special holiday that’s about coming together as a family. His favorite Easter memories circle around dressing up with his family and attending church together. “That’s what it’s all about,” he said.

All around Harrison county, churches will celebrate Easter with special services, egg hunts for the children, and special meals.

Even though people have reported less interest in religion over the last several decades, local church leaders still report above-average attendance on Easter and gatherings are still a common tradition. In a 2014 Gallup poll, 56% of people said that religion is important and about 40% said that they attended some sort of church service once a week.

This is a considerable drop from the 1950s, where more than 70% of people said they thought that religion was important to them.

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Softball team springs forward



Lincoln High School softball team senior Delaney Haller pitches at one of the team’s first games of the season last week. Haller, one of this week’s Athletes of the Week, pitched three perfect games last week. This week, they have several games conveniently located at home for local supporters. For more Lincoln softball, see page 4.

Lodge collects socks for veterans

By Kara Linaburg

Rebekah Grand Lodge #47 is hosting a fundraiser for West Virginia’s veterans, “Socks For Vets.”

The organization, which has served Shinnston for 128 years, is asking for donations in the form of both new men’s socks of all kinds and sizes, as well as monetary donations to purchase additional socks.

Debby Starkey, Noble Grand for the lodge and the director of Lowe Public Library, said this is an important fundraiser, and the lodge strives to remember veterans not only on Veterans Day, but throughout the year.

“We will give to our local veteran’s hospital and Rebekah Grand Lodge to be distributed... I just want to make sure they know it’s going to be distributed locally and to Grand Lodge, which is in West Virginia,” said Starkey.

Those wishing to donate may drop off donations at Lowe Public Library at 40 Bridge

St., or Shinnston City Hall at 40 Main St. Please make any checks payable to Rebekah Lodge #47.

Rebekah Lodges are known for sponsoring the annual Pilgrimage for Youth, a program that promotes “friendship, love and truth,” according to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows website, the Living Legacy tree-planting program, and the annual “Pilgrimage to the Tomb” where a representative from each state lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, among other activities.



BUILDING AMAZING CITIES

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

Falling down

Several years ago, I was having Thanksgiving dinner with my family and after watching a football game, I decided to go into the kitchen and get a piece of pumpkin pie for dessert. As I stood up, I experienced a woozy feeling and the next thing I know, I am falling. For those who have ever had this happen to them, you do not just drop to the floor. As you are falling, it feels like it takes several minutes before you hit the ground. The slow motion journey ends with a thud and the realization of what had happened. My family was all standing over me and I could feel their eyes surveying me from head to toe. I started to get up and realized that I had hit my head and probably should just stay on the floor for a while. My son called 911 and soon, the emergency car was pulling up and I was soon being evaluated by the EMS workers and was loaded into the ambulance, headed to the hospital.

Fortunately, I did not have any broken bones or bleeding in the brain, and I was released after a battery of tests and a night in the hospital. When I returned home, I was a little shaken that such a simple thing as a fall had disrupted our holiday and put me in a hospital bed. Through reading about the serious problem of falls, I learned that millions of people suffer serious falls each year and for those 65 and older, more than one out of four older people fall each year. The most common injury from a fall is head injury or hip fracture. In 2015, the total medical costs for falls totaled more than \$50 billion in the United States, according to a study of insurance costs published by the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society.

While my fall did not cause a serious injury, over the past several years, I have talked to many people who have had serious falls and several people have

See “Hunt” on Pg 3

Cheerleaders to give Easter Bunny a break

Fundraiser to benefit Lincoln team

By Kara Linaburg

Sign up to both support your local cheer team and have the Easter Bunny visit your house, taking one task off your Easter to-do list – hiding eggs for children’s celebrations.

Lincoln High School’s cheerleaders are hosting an “Egg My Yard” event April 7 and 8 for locals who wish to participate. Those who sign up receive a special letter from the Easter Bunny, and cheerleaders will hide surprise-filled eggs around their yard for the kiddos.

“I’ve had multiple people tell me that it’s their favorite fundraiser because it’s easy and takes something away from them they don’t have to do,” said Mandi Brown, high school cheerleading coach.

In last year’s “Egg My Yard,” Brown said that they had several sign up from as far as Bridgeport and the Mannington area.

To get in on the fun, you can contact Brown at lincolnceercoach@gmail.com or 304-669-0867. All proceeds go towards supporting the team.

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OPINION

Most health bills this year won't help



Rhonda Rogombe

By Health and Safety Net Policy Analyst Rhonda Rogombe, West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy

West Virginia has long faced significant health-related challenges, many of which could have been meaningfully addressed by bills introduced during the 2023 legislative session.

Two bills that aim to improve health outcomes in the state passed this legislative session. SB 577 addresses insulin costs for West Virginians with private insurance, lowering copay caps for a 30-day supply from \$100 to \$35.

Several additional bills sought to improve health outcomes in the Mountain State, but did not pass. SB 268 significantly changed PEIA benefits to address the program's rising costs.

Unfortunately, several harmful bills were passed this session. The most egregious of these bills is HB 2007, limiting gender-affirming care for transgender youth. West Virginia is home to more transgender youth per capita than any other state.

HB 2006 split the Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) into three separate agencies. Lawmakers did so without outlining associated costs, fully addressing how the move may impact interactions between bureaus within the agency.

Overall, the session heavily focused on health-related issues. Still, except for a couple of positive pieces of legislation, it is unclear how the health priorities of lawmakers will actually improve health outcomes in the Mountain State.

Super Crossword

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

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

March 30, 1837: The Virginia Legislature granted a charter to establish a private academy at West Liberty, in Ohio County. The first class of 65 students met in the home of the Rev. Nathan Shotwell in 1838.

March 30, 1926: Actor, singer and game show host Peter Marshall was born Ralph Pierre LaCock in Clarksburg. His career includes Broadway, television and more than 5,000 episodes as host of "The Hollywood Squares."

March 31, 1919: Governor John Jacob Cornwell signed legislation that created the West Virginia State Police. He appointed Jackson Arnold, grandnephew of Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson and former executive officer of the 1st West Virginia Infantry, as first superintendent.

April 1, 1884: Nurse Florence Aby Blanchfield was born in Shepherdstown. She served in the Army Nurse Corps during World War I, oversaw expansion of the corps from 1,000 to 57,000 during World War II, and became the first woman to hold a permanent commission in the regular army.

April 1, 1934: A sales tax went into effect in West Virginia for the first time. The 2% tax helped fill the revenue void caused by the drop in property values during the Great Depression.

April 2, 1900: Marlinton, the county seat of Pocahontas County, was incorporated. The town is generally considered to be the location of the first white settlement in the Greenbrier Valley.

April 3, 1755: Frontier scout and "long hunter" Simon Kenton was born in Fauquier County, Virginia. Upon leaving home, Kenton first traveled north through present West Virginia to Pittsburgh and then explored, hunted and trapped through much of the Ohio Valley.

April 3, 1908: Samuel Starks died in Charleston. Starks was the first African-American in the United States to serve as a state librarian when he was appointed to the position in 1901 by Governor Albert B. White.

April 4, 1980: Musician Red Sovine died in

Nashville. Sovine, born Woodrow Wilson Sovine in Charleston, gained country music fame for his recitations, especially those incorporating sentimental truck-driver themes.

April 5, 1856: Booker T. Washington was born a slave in Virginia. In 1865, he moved with his family to Malden, in Kanawha County, to join his stepfather, who had escaped from slavery during the war.

April 5, 2010: An explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine in Raleigh County killed 29 workers. Only two men escaped from the mine alive. It was the country's worst coal mining disaster since November 20, 1968, when the

Consol No. 9 Mine at Farmington, West Virginia, exploded, killing 78 workers.



Actor, singer and game show host Peter Marshall was born Ralph Pierre LaCock March 30, 1926, in Clarksburg. The family later moved to Wheeling. Marshall, known for "The Hollywood Squares," continued working in television, hosting game shows and playing character roles after the game show ended in 1981. He also continued to sing and perform on Broadway, according to The West Virginia Encyclopedia. In 2013, he was inducted into the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame.

N&J Briefs

FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY
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"Hunt" From Pg 1.

lost spouses, parents or friends. When relating their stories about falling, most people admit that they were doing something that they shouldn't have been doing. They often mention not holding onto handrails or going out in cold weather and not being prepared for icy conditions.

I noticed a friend of mine had a bad bruise on his head and asked him what happened. He said that he was taking two buckets of bird seed to fill his feeders and was not holding on the handrail and fell down a set of steps. For that one instant of not being careful, he had to go to the hospital and get treated for bruises and some severe cuts on his hands. He said it felt like a truck had hit him.

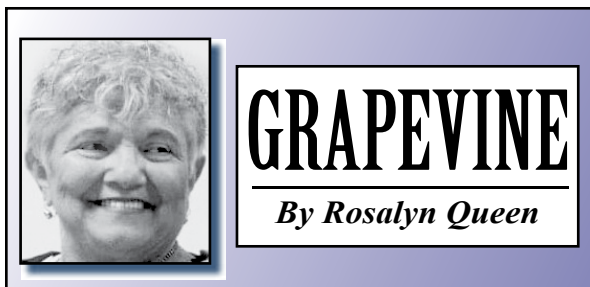
There are many resources on how to avoid falling and many give common sense ideas of how to "fall proof" your home and tips on how to be more careful when outdoors. When I travel, I recognize

how easy it is to lose your balance when navigating unfamiliar areas. Also, when you are managing suitcases, clothes bags and other things, you can forget for a split second and lose your balance on an escalator or set of stairs. Young or old, we all need to be more careful and take the time to assess our risks and act accordingly. Sadly, many of these lessons are learned after we have suffered an injury but now is the time to be on alert.

My experience has taught me that being careful and not taking careless risks allows me to continue being an independent traveler and enjoying all that the world has to offer. I have seen the devastating toll that a fall can bring about and I hope you will take heed to this message.

Have an amazing week and hold on to that handrail!

Talented group met at Broadway – not that Broadway



Members of The Broadway Bunch pictured are Ruby Kirtner Oldaker, Norene Kirtner Franklin, Candy Hagi and Betty Hagi. Standing are Bill Brummage and a fellow Broadway resident. The group gathers monthly just to catch up.

Several years ago Mary Katherine Perris Taylor returned to the area after being away and realized that through her absence she had lost contact with a lot of her friends. Immediately she decided that she wanted to rectify this and catch up with her friends, especially those who lived in the Broadway area of Clarksburg. After talking with several others she was able to get a group together who had the same feelings she had. At first the group called themselves The Broadway Girls and elected Perris Taylor as their leader. As the group grew larger and their fellowship became known there were men who wanted to join the group so the name changed to The Broadway Bunch, still with Perris Taylor as their leader.

They meet monthly for lunch at a local restaurant and the group has grown. More than 30 people have joined the group.

If I were a little rat in a corner I am sure I would hear everyone reminiscing and I know the conversation would include memories of

Fugos market and Andy's store. Then everyone who ever crossed the intersection would stop in Midledges Drug Store for a visit with George or Anfon. No one would deny that the best hot dog in town came from Mary Herrick's little cafe. It was a special treat if you had a few cents to have lunch at Mary's. Sirriannis had a little business; as did the Friendly Corner. Mr. Delapa repaired all our shoes and the Oliverios operated the cleaners. The biggest business in the area was Southern Pine and most of all we remember the tunnel that led us from Main Street to the playground. But one of the busiest places was the Ayob barbershop where all the worries of the world were settled every day. Many spent evening hours at Tucillios enjoying a pizza and enjoying good conversation with Joe. The Broadway corner was one of the busiest places in the area where just about every boy hung out.

Most of the group includes students from Broadway School but also includes other residents. Many memories were made at the school. Most of the boys learned how to excel in the sport of choice. Every other year there was the operetta conducted by Mrs. Chenoweth and every student in the junior high participated. Probably everyone at the meeting could remember a song or dance learned at this event.

Broadway was an excellent community with caring residents and many of the students turned out to be productive adults. The best thing is that everyone looked out for each other and we all knew that Ruth Loy, the honorary "mayor" would take care of all of us.

Perris Taylor's dream is a reality which provides a lot of good memories for a lot of people. Thanks for the memories.

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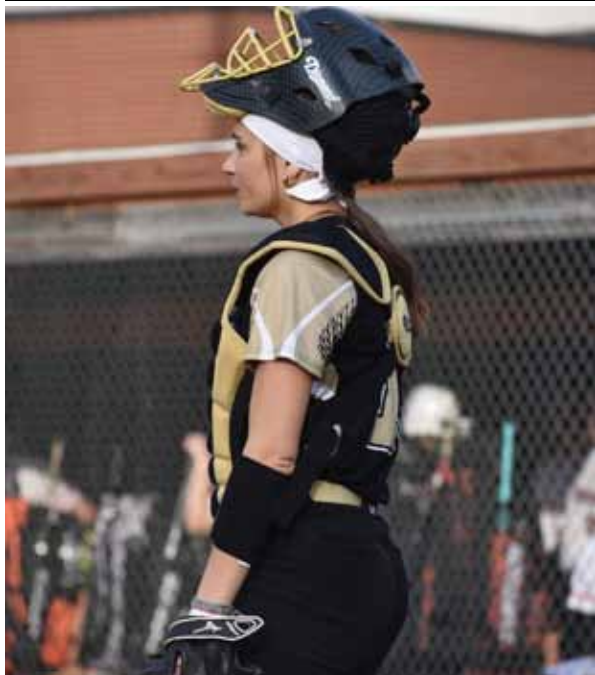
By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor



Coach Kim Stephens

Typically the coaching dominos don't begin to fall until after a season is complete. Poaching is usually reserved for the end of the campaign. There have to be some unwritten rules that need to be followed behind the scenes between schools that are in need of a coach and coaches that are either unhappy with their current job or are looking to climb the coaching ladder. The school has a different perspective than the coach. The sooner an institution has a leader of the program in place, the better off they will be. Players who are in the transfer portal are hot commodities. It's the pursuers who are quick on the draw that reel in the big fish. A university without a program head is like a fisherman without a pole. There is no way they will reach out to the desired coach or coaches (they will have a wish list of possible hires) as early as possible.

The coach will ponder the opportunity and once they reach an agreement, they will keep the move under wraps until the dust from the season settles. The secret keeping is key when a team is in the running for the grand prize. A case in point is Glenville State. Kim Stephens was preparing her team for a Final Four game this past week. The Pioneers were looking to defend their national championship from a year ago when it was leaked that she was taking the head coaching position at Marshall. The last thing that Stephens wanted to happen did and her players had to be depressed when they heard the news. Glenville State would go on to lose to Ashland by nine points and the final score told the story. The 76-67 outcome was



Cadence Lambert is playing her last year of softball at Lincoln High School.



Coach Mike Carey

proof that the Pioneer players were distracted to say the least. It was the second lowest point production compared to the lock-up with West Virginia Wesleyan. In the four NCAA Tournament wins over Elizabeth City State, Shippensburg, West Chester and the University of Tampa, the average margin of victory was over 22 points per game. Stephens had asked that the announcement be made after the completion of the season but it didn't work out that way and it had a negative impact on her squad.

The other side of the coin is when a coach wants to come out of retirement. A prime example of this is legendary coach, Mike Carey. Carey spent 21 years at the helm of the West Virginia University women's program. Casey has won 735 collegiate games between WVU and Salem College where he started his career with the men's team. Carey is a fan favorite, revered by the entire state, and he expressed interest in returning to the university for an encore performance of epic proportions. The talks behind the scenes have not gone the way Mountaineer fans wanted them to go because the search for the new coach continued. Carey told WDTV's Ally Osborne that he is coming back and that he plans on coaching next season whether it is at WVU or somewhere else. It was a great move for Carey because his ideal situation would be a return to the Mountaineer program and now boosters and backers of the school can rally behind him. This move also alerts other schools of his intentions to roam the sidelines once again. Carey's love for the game makes him a no-brainer for any school that needs a leader because that is exactly what he is! That will do it for now. Until next week... take care and God Bless!



Delaney Haller, Lincoln High School softball player, hits a home run March 23.

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.

Last week's winners of the Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week award are Lincoln's Delaney Haller and Bridgeport's Lucas Anderson.

Cougar stand-out softball player, Delaney Haller, had a day to remember March 23 in Elkins. Haller led Lincoln to a pair of wins over the Tigers with not one but two perfect games in the circle. Haller also recorded 15 strikeouts in the double-header. Haller also helped her own cause at the plate with a home run in each contest. She finished with four hits in the victories over Elkins.

Bridgeport's track star, Lucas Anderson helped his squad to a second place finish in the Connect-Bridgeport Invitational at Wayne Jamison Field on Saturday. Anderson won the 100 meter dash, the 200 meter dash, and the 400 meter dash.

Congratulations to Lincoln's Delaney Haller and Bridgeport's Lucas Anderson for being named the Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week!



Head Coach Yancey Weaver encourages shortstop Alexis Williams before she goes to bat at a game last week.



Cadence Lambert bats and hits a home run in the second game of a double-header on March 23.

Turtle Man did disappoint during annual visit



From The World of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

Ernie Brown, AKA the "Turtle Man," does what he always does. He shows up, puts on a smile and talks to the staff and friends and then it is game on as he greeted, hugged and took photos with over 550 patrons Saturday at the Recreation Complex.

"What you see is what you get," said Recreation Specialist Jack Cann. "He has been a part of our family for years now and what a genuine down to earth guy he is. You can tell he really cares for those he speaks with and tells stories to. He has a knack of finding something common between the two and focuses on that. It is special to see he him work with crowds the way he does."

While the dinosaur exhibit "Walking with

Dinosaurs" has been very successful in its early run so far, I am sure that the exhibit took an extra shot with the presence of Brown. With his following from the Animal Planet Show "Call of the Wildman" and his new YouTube channel aptly named the "Turtleman Channel," it was assumed that a crowd would show up and they did.

Set up is always interesting for when Brown comes around but we found a way for traffic flow to be pretty smooth and give the customers a chance to see the "Turtle Man" and either leave property or go downstairs and visit the dino exhibit. Almost all went down to take a look at what roamed the area millions of years ago as families with children wanted to experience both attractions.

"Our exhibit has been doing great things as far as attracting people from all over the state, but more importantly, giving students from area schools a chance to come and visit during an educational, fun field day visit," said Director Mike Book. "With, on average, 70 kids per day, five days a week the building is pretty busy for two months' worth of dinosaurs. We put in the hours

for this program but it is well worth the effort we give."

After a brief discussion with Brown after the event, he was pleased overall with the experience he had at the complex. In fact, he is hoping for future activities before the end of the year as he explains.

"We always have a great time with the folks here at Parks and Recreation," said Brown. "We bring a lot of our merchandise including T-shirts, photos and other stuff for people to purchase and during the walk through I get to know my fans for a minute. They come to see me and I make sure to give them all my attention because I really want to know who they are and what makes them tick."

Again, I have no doubt in my mind that when you meet a person like Ernie Brown, you are going to get the best from him. He is no stranger to anyone and a loyal person. He is a welcoming person who grows his friendship tree as he goes along in his journeys. Everyone he has met can be rest assured that he calls you friend.



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Return of Garden Club includes full agenda

Submitted by Treasurer Debra Herndon

Among other matters, the Shinnston Garden Club re-elected the same officers, made a donation and celebrated the vice president's 90th birthday, along with St. Patrick's Day, at the March 23 meeting.

The Garden Club resumed their monthly meetings on Thursday, March 23 after a brief winter hiatus. The group met at the Sunset Ellis Restaurant with President Dorothy Rota presiding.

Vice President Wanda Ashcraft gave devotions and the group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The ill were remembered.

Deborah Starkey described a project that the Shinnston Rebekah Lodge was sponsoring called Socks for Vets. The Garden Club voted to support this project with a monetary donation.

Kathleen Panek reported that it was time to elect officers for the year and recommended keeping the same slate of officers. Re-elected were President Dorothy Rota, Vice President Wanda Ashcraft, Secretary Letha Stutler and Treasurer Debra Herndon.

Wanda Ashcraft presented a program on St. Patrick's Day and distributed St. Patrick themed word searches. She also provided sunflower door prizes to Susan Thomas and Chad Edwards.

Ashcraft was given a card and the good wishes of the group on her recent 90th milestone birthday.

The group enjoyed the restaurant's offerings and the fellowship of fellow Club members.

City Manager Chad Edwards gave the group a brief update on City matters. In the absence of the treasurer, the secretary collected annual dues.

The next meeting was set for April 27 at the Sunset Ellis.

In attendance not previously mentioned were: Linda Comer, Shirley Boen, Virginia Livingston, Margie Jackson, Beth Linn, Paula Harrison, Pam Pumphrey, Juanita Pumphrey, Donna Post, and Tori Drainer.

Library Notes

Dr. Seuss visits library

Submitted by Library Director
Debbly Starkey

reading, part of a national celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2. The children played games, we read books and had a good time.

The library had a big celebration of



April events:

Closed: Good Friday, April 7

Movie for everyone: "A Man Called Ove." PG-13. Two hours, six minutes. April 11 at 2 p.m.

Adult craft: We will be making spring wreaths on April 19. Please register by April 12.

Spring Story Hour will be every Friday at 1 p.m. It will end on April 21.

Books, Beyond & Recipe Club: The club will meet on April 25 at 2 p.m. We will be discussing a book of choice.

New books available for check-out include: "Worthy Opponents," Danielle Steel; "Storm Watch," C.J. Box; "Mad Honey," Jodi Picoult; "Fairy Tale," Stephen King. Many new large prints are added each month.

KEEPING LOCAL HISTORY ALIVE

Prices of the past seem surreal



didn't jump in the car to go to their local big box store as they do today. The article draws on the memories of Pauline Nuzum, who was well into her nineties at the time of the interview.

Of the interesting items donated to the museum are three of the store's day books from the late 1800s. Recorded in long-hand are the daily purchases made and the price of each item with the name of the person who made the purchase. Two boxes of shells cost 80 cents, thread was 5 cents, 3 pounds of raisins was a quarter and so forth. And consider what a pound of butter costs today. In the record 100 pounds of butter was sold to the Waldo Hotel for \$35!

The museum is currently closed, but will re-open May 4 and be open Thursday, Friday and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. through October. Special arrangements to see the museum at other hours can be arranged by texting or calling Director Debra Herndon at 304-677-6650. Plan a summer day examining what some of your ancestors typically bought at Nuzum Brothers.

The Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum recently obtained a day book recording 1800s general store prices. People buying items from the Nuzum Brothers Store at the time would have considered today's prices unfathomable.

Submitted by Director
Debra Herndon

Farm" by John White describes the family's daily life and how they went from selling milk and butter to neighbors in the community of McAlpin to running a successful and popular general store. Items not produced on the farm were purchased wholesale and then sold to members of the community. Small general stores were necessary in the 19th century; people

Scouts learn fire safety



Captain Danny Pratt of the Ten House Shinnston Fire Department shows fire equipment and teaches Cub Scouts about fire safety. Scouts also toured the facility. Pack 59, for boys, and Pack 159, for girls, participated.

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“Barnard” From pg 1



Barnard heads up the Vacation Bible School ministry every summer at Jewel City Church, but said it wouldn't be possible without the many volunteers working with her. At the 2022 summer Vacation Bible School are Barnard, center, and her children, from left to right, Rylee, Azlee, Kylee, and Gibby.

said. ministry at Jewel City Church where she has served for nearly three decades, to her family's restaurant business, Gibby's, she's always giving back to others.

Whether that's in (the) form of ice cream for the kids at Vacation Bible School, cooking meals to serve to school teams, donating to local organizations, or giving her time to those in

need..." Her daughter, Azlee Barnard, also said that her mom has a heart that loves to serve. "Obviously, I am a little biased, but my mom is one of the best

women I know. When I was in Big Elm, you would find my mom volunteering on Fridays to make popcorn. When I was in Lincoln High, my mom fed numerous athletic teams and staff

at Jewel City, she's helping her husband run their business of eight years, Gibby's Ice Cream. They began Gibby's when they realized that Shinnston didn't have a restaurant of the like in town, and it has taken off from there.

Barnard has lived in Shinnston with her husband and four kids for 28 years. "Everyone wants Shinnston to be better, and there are times that everyone pulls together to try to better the community despite their differences," Barnard said of the city. "Be it someone wins the state championship or someone is really sick in the community, they really pull together as one."

Since her children have all grown and graduated, she said she doesn't get out into Shinnston quite as much as she did in previous years, but tries to remain as involved as possible. However, when it comes to what she likes doing in her free time, "I like resting at the house with my new dog and Gibson at my side. Peace and quiet," she said.



Kristi Barnard and her husband, Gibson, have both been involved in Jewel City's ministry since the beginning.

members, served as the Spartans football president, and drove my 2016 basketball team to the state tournament in Charleston, and you could find her most Friday nights in the concession stand at football games. To this day, she continues to serve our local schools and community even though all four of her children have graduated."

When Kristi isn't working with the youth

From left to right, Isaiah Holloway, Katie Swiger, Emalee Brown, and Keri Yanero were named Big 10 Cheerleaders.

Advertisement for Big 10 Cheerleaders First Team. Features photos of four cheerleaders in black and gold uniforms. Text includes: "Big 10 CHEERLEADERS FIRST TEAM ISAIAH HOLLOWAY, KATIE SWIGER EMALEE BROWN & KERI YANERO".

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Super Crossword Answers grid. Includes a crossword puzzle grid with the word "ANSWERS" at the top.

West Virginia Statewide Classified Network. Features various advertisements for services like dental insurance, internet, and home care. Includes text: "West Virginia Statewide Classified Network Featured in WVPA Newspapers Across West Virginia".

Generac PWRcell advertisement. Promotes solar + battery storage systems. Text includes: "Prepare for Power Outages & Save Money", "REQUEST A FREE QUOTE!", "ACT NOW TO RECEIVE A \$300 SPECIAL OFFER!*".

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OBITUARIES**Jackie (Jack) Paul Williams**

Jackie (Jack) Paul Williams, also known as Big Cinncy and Pap, passed away on March 22, 2023, at the age of 66. Jack was born on March 24, 1956, in Clarksburg, WV, to Arlie and Wilma Williams. He attended Shinnston Elementary School and Shinnston High School before earning a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Fairmont State University and Pensacola Christian College. He went on to earn a Master of Arts in Education from Salem International University.

For 30 years, Jack taught high school Chemistry in South Carolina and West Virginia, with the majority of his time being at Lincoln High School, and worked as a Chemistry professor at Fairmont State University for 13 years. He was also a lifelong coach in South Carolina and West Virginia, coaching various high school teams in football, basketball, soccer, and baseball at Lincoln High School and Grace Christian School in South Carolina. Jack was instrumental in leading Lincoln's first AA baseball state championship

in 2003. He coached his boys in all matters of youth sports and served as the Head coach of baseball, soccer, and basketball at

Grace Christian School in South Carolina. Jack was also the Athletic Director at Grace Christian and coached his granddaughter, along with his son, for the Marion County U10 Girls soccer team, which was the final chapter in his accomplished coaching career.

Jack will be remembered as a follower, messenger, and believer in his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He wanted to be an example to all, especially his family and friends. Jack was a fantastic husband to his wife, Becky, a faithful son to his parents, and a wise Christian example of what a Dad should be to his sons and their wives. He was also an unconditional, loving, and caring Christian example to his grandchildren and the best Pap in the world. Jack was a knowledgeable, hardworking, smart coach, professor, and teacher. He loved Christian, 70's, and Country music and could even sing and play the guitar a bit. Jack was a strong-willed, disciplined man with values and integrity who died in faith, believing fully in his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and ensuring his place in heaven for all of eternity.

Jack is survived by his wife, Becky Williams; sons Jackie Paul Williams II and Seth Williams; daughters-in-law Jenna Williams and Kuirsta Williams; sisters Cathy Williams and Beth Williams Cohen; brother-in-law Roger McIntyre, his wife Rhonda, and their kids Jade, Tre, and Trent, and their

partners Hunter, Nicole, and Allison; sister-in-law Susan Pratt and her sons Daniel, Adam, and Chris and their wives Melissa, Corey, and Shannon; and grandkids Reagan, Aiden, Greyson, and Declan.

Family and friends were received at Harmer Funeral Home on Sunday, March 26, 2023, from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM. A funeral service was held at the funeral home on Monday, March 27, 2023, at 11:00 AM. Interment followed at Rest Haven Memorial Gardens in Fairmont.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Jack's honor to WVU Children's Hospital.

**Cecil "Dale" Goodwin**

Cecil "Dale" Goodwin, 82, of Clarksburg passed away on Sunday, March 19, 2023 in the United Hospital Center.

He was born in Bristol, WV on July 30, 1940, a son of the late Walter E. and Waneta Gay Bee Goodwin.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Shirley Sommerville Goodwin.

Also surviving are three children, Rebecca "Becky" Goodwin of Clarksburg, Barbara Ann Miles and her husband Richard "Mike" of Shinnston, and Brian Dale Goodwin and his wife Kim of Clarksburg; six grandchildren, Mi-

chael Scott Miles and his companion Selena Hutchinson of Shinnston, Dustin Cole Miles and his companion Brittany McDonald of Shinnston, Brandon Lee Miles and his wife Taylor of Charlestown, Amanda Perkins of Clarksburg, Michael Perkins and his companion Jessica Gee of Jane Lew, and Bree Goodwin of Lumberport; eight great grandchildren, Rayleigh, Eilene, Easton, Emrik, Willow, Charlotte, Brooklyn and Corbin; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Goodwin was the last surviving member of his immediate family, having also been preceded in death by his siblings, Gay Sandy, Earl Junior Goodwin, Shirley Cottrill, Vesta Strother and Darlene Farrell.

Dale, who was lovingly called "Spanky" by those who knew him, was a concrete laborer with the WV Laborer's Union and continued doing private concrete work until he retired. He was an avid sports fan, especially WV Teams. He loved rabbit hunting, deer hunting, fox hunting and fishing, and was a member of the Beagle Club of Mt. Clare. He also enjoyed yard work and riding his side-by-side.

Family and friends called at the Amos Carvelli Funeral Home, 201 Edison Street, Nutter Fort, where funeral services were held at 10:00 am Friday, March 24, 2023 with Pastor Aaron Morgan officiating. Interment was in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be ex-

tended to the family at www.amoscarvelli.com. A service of Amos Carvelli Funeral Home.

**Scottie Lynn Everett**

Scottie Lynn Everett, 65, of Clarksburg passed away at his residence on Sunday, March 19, 2023.

He was born in Clarksburg on October 7, 1957, a son of the late James Franklin Everett and Mary Louise Everett.

Surviving are four children, Scottie Lynn Everett, Jr. and wife Angela Marie of Clarksburg, Andrew James Franklin Everett of Whitley, TN, Matthew Scott Johnson and wife Chasity of Salem and Britany Nicole Johnson and her wife Synamon of Salem; six grandchildren, Dylan James Franklin Everett, Shayla Jolynn Everett of Clarksburg, Triton Edward Everett of Clarksburg, Brayden Logan Lynn Dodd of Clarksburg, Lailah Gabrielle-Lea Johnson of Salem, Chloe Madilynn Johnson of Salem and Haisley Grace Johnson of Salem; one great grandchild as well as one due this year; one sister, Brenda Charlene Everett of Clarksburg; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by two grandchildren, Dakota Shyan Lance and Rex Donald Mick; 5 brothers, Dennis C. Everett, James Earl Everett, Gerald Clifton Everett, Roger Lee Everett and Charles Eugene Everett; and two sisters, Betty Yvonne Stemple and Linda Lou Crock.

Scottie worked at Louie Glass Factory in Weston with his brothers, Gerald Clifton Everett, Roger Lee Everett and Charles Eugene Everett, where he was a Glassblower. He also worked as a security guard at Huffmaster Crisis Response with his older brother Roger Everett. Scottie's favorite "job" was when he was riding his dirt bike at Pyramid Raceway in Mt. Clare. Scottie cherished his family and his beer.

In keeping with his wishes, Scottie will be cremated.

Expressions of sympathy may be extended to the family at www.amoscarvelli.com. A service of Amos Carvelli Funeral Home.

**Harold Ray Martin**

Harold Ray Martin, 81, of Clarksburg passed away on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 in the United Hospital Center.

Ray was born in Lumberport on October 19, 1941, a son of the late Herbert Lewis and Mary Elizabeth Bog-gess Martin.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Ruth Hileman Martin, whom he married on June 11, 1966.

Also surviving are one son, David Ray Martin of Lumberport; one granddaughter, Serena Marie Martin of Clarksburg; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Bob Huff and his wife Bonnie of Clarksburg, Jean Barnes of Stone-wood, Mary Ellen Morris and her husband Jim of Clarksburg, Aaron Hileman and his wife Sheila of Bridgeport, Kathy Jackson and her husband Aaron of Salem, Debi Adams and her husband Dale of Pennsylvania and Mark Hileman and his wife Debbie of Georgia; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by one sister, Norma Joyce Martin Huff.

Mr. Martin was a graduate of Lumberport High School and was a retired Tool Crib Operator with Lockheed Martin. He was a member of the Bible Baptist Temple, where he loved to sing, played the piano and was choir director for many years. He was a former member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, where he enjoyed driving the church bus to pick up people who did not have transportation.

Family and friends called at the Amos Carvelli Funeral Home, 201 Edison Street, Nutter Fort on Friday from 4:00 - 8:00 pm. Mr. Martin was taken to the Bible Baptist Temple, 9436 Cost Avenue, Stonewood, to lie in state for one hour prior to the service, which was held at 11:00 am Saturday, March 25, 2023 with Pastor Charles Madaus officiating. Interment will be in the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

In addition to flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made in Ray's memory to the Missions at Bible Baptist Temple, 9436 Cost Avenue, Stone-wood, WV 26301.

Expressions of sym-
See "Obits" on Pg 8.

Out of the Past

Memorable photographs from around Harrison County



This 1930s view of the east side of the 400 block of Pike Street shows wooden scaffolding with a Leonard Riley Contracting Company pickup truck. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

“Obits” From Pg 7

pathy may be extended to the family at www.amoscarvelli.com. A service of Amos Carvelli Funeral Home.



Shirley Jean Messineo

Shirley Jean Messineo, 86, of Clarksburg passed away on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at her residence.

She was born in Clarksburg on July 24, 1936, a daughter of the late John Allen and Bina Florence Bennett Hickman.

She was married to Tony Messineo, who preceded her in death on May 12, 2004.

Surviving are one son, Joe Messineo and his wife Margie of Mt. Clare; one grandson, Anthony Joseph Messineo and his wife Mandy of Mt. Clare; one great grandson, Caleb Messineo; one brother, Paul Eugene “Pert” Hickman and his wife Patty; two sisters-in-law, Catherine Hickman and Anna Swiger Hickman; and several nieces and

nephews.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, William G. Hickman, John Hickman and Charles Hickman; and two sisters, Betty Trader and Edna Carpenter and her husband George.

Shirley was a graduate of Victory High School and was retired from Louie Glass Factory in Weston. She enjoyed going for car rides and canning peppers. Shirley also loved gardening and her cats, Sparky and Trixie.

Family and friends called at the Amos Carvelli Funeral Home, 201 Edison Street, Nutt Fort on Monday, March 27, 2023 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, where funeral services were held at 12:00 pm with Reverend Leonard Madia officiating. Interment was in the Sunset Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Harrison County Humane Society, 2450 Saltwell Road, Shinnston, WV 26431.

Expressions of sympathy may be extended to the family at www.amoscarvelli.com. A service of Amos Carvelli Funeral Home.

Easter Party planned

On Sunday, American Legion Family Post 31 will hold its annual Children’s Easter Party from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. at Post 31 in Shinnston.

Children, from birth to around age 15, and their families, including grandparents and aunts and uncles, may enjoy refreshments, including sweets and snacks, and a visit from the Easter Bunny, said Carla Wilfong, an organizer. Each child will receive an Easter basket.

Organizers are hiding eggs downstairs in case of poor weather.

The American Legion Family organizing the events includes the Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and the Legion Riders.

New Commissioner named

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Dr. Jeffrey H. Coben, interim Cabinet Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, announced on Monday the appointment of Dawn Cottingham-Frohna as Commissioner of DHHR’s Bureau for Behavioral Health.

“Dawn brings a broad array of leadership experience from both a management and patient-centered perspective,” said Dr. Coben. “Her understanding of the needs of patients, practitioners and providers will allow her to thoughtfully and effectively address West Virginia’s needs related to behavioral health services across the lifespan.”

Prior to joining DHHR, Cottingham-Frohna was interim Chief Operating Officer and Director of Business Development for Miramont Behavioral Health, an inpatient psychiatric facility specializing in the treatment of chemical dependency and mental health disorders in Middleton, Wisconsin.

“Easter Services From pg 1



Pastor Jeff Dytzel, left, pictured with his wife Ashley Dytzel, explains that to him, Easter all comes down to home. “When we see the resurrection, with the idea that Christ now gives us hope because we have conquered death, that we have conquered the grave, then that resurrection is the start of that relationship.”

But despite these dropping numbers, Easter services continued to draw large crowds at churches like Jewel City Church in 2022, which held a packed house Easter morning. According to a news article on tetimes.com, some church leaders report attendance can nearly double around Easter and Christmas.

“I think there’s something special about it (Easter)... something drawing about it that pulls us in,” Turner said of the holiday and why it draws so many crowds to the church’s pews Sunday morning as well as throughout the weekend.

Pastor Jeff Dytzel of The Warrior’s Chapel on 68 Main St. in Shinnston, added that each person’s reason for attending might be different. “Maybe you just show up because you’ve heard the Word but you’ve never received it, and something in you says, ‘maybe I should go,’” he said.

Regardless of the reason, Dytzel said that the holiday is tied to memories of family, making it special for many. “My favorite memories will always be family getting together,” he said, “Just

gathering around the table and celebrating what gifts God has blessed us all around us.” He stated that Easter is also about overcoming, making it especially meaningful in times when emotional health is a struggle.

“Many people around us have no hope. They’re down and out, depressed, oppressed, they have anxiety, they have different woes and different issues,” Dytzel said.

Many don’t know “the end of the story yet,” he added.

“And sometimes not knowing the end of the story can beat you up, and put you down. But we already have a God that has written the story and we just have to trust in Him.”

Dytzel’s church plans to host three services throughout the weekend of the holiday, including Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 6 p.m., and Sunday at 11 a.m., all with the theme, “A Lot Can Happen In Three Days.”



Jones Run Church near Shinnston will be one of the churches holding special services to celebrate Easter in Harrison County.

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to May 2, 2023.	\$ 4,788.79
Amount of subsequent year’s taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to May 2, 2023.	\$ 4,381.19
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, 2022, following the sheriff’s sale to May 2, 2023.	\$ 1,400.85
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff’s sale to May 2, 2023.	\$ 264.28
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.	\$ 10,835.11
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the authority under that certain deed of trust executed by Andre Devell Feagin, to Daniel T. Baker, Trustee, dated April 15, 2011, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Harrison County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 1216, at page 35, by which was conveyed to said Trustee(s) the hereinafter described real estate to secure the payment of a certain promissory note set out and described therein, and default having been made in the payment of said note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) having been appointed Substitute Trustee by an Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated September 23, 2022, and having been requested in writing by the holder of said note, will sell to the highest and best bidder on April 3, 2023 at 2:53 p.m., at the front door of the courthouse of Harrison County, West Virginia, the real estate conveyed by said deed of trust and situate in Clark-Clarksburg District, Harrison County, West Virginia, together with easements, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, and at the time of the signing of the Deed of Trust it was reported that the address was 212 Concord Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301 and being more particularly bounded and described therein as follows:

All that certain lot or parcel of land, together with the appurtenances thereon and thereunto belonging, situate in Goff Plaza, in the City of Clarksburg, Clark District, Harrison County, West Virginia, being known, numbered, and designated as Lot No. 192 of Goff Plaza Addition, as shown on the Plat entitled “Goff Plaza owned by Cecil B. Highland,” which plat is of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Harrison County in Deed Book No. 246, at page 8.

Being the same real estate conveyed to Grantor by deed recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Harrison County.

Grantor further Grant and Convey to Grantees any and all right, title and interest they may have to any rights of way or easements incident to their ownership of the above described real estate.

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This sale is made subject to any special assessments, unpaid taxes, easements, conditions, reservations and restrictions affecting the aforesaid real estate.

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TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of the sale.

DATED this 2nd day of March, 2023.

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A couple of the other churches that reached out with their Easter service dates and times are as follows: Jewel City on 511 Jewel City Blvd. in Meadowbrook and Jones Run Church on 3925 Jones Run Rd. in Lumberport, both plan to hold sunrise services at 7 a.m. Easter Sunday with normal services following. On Good Friday, Jones Run also plans to hold a service at 6 p.m. and offer communion. First Baptist on 70 Rebecca St. in Shinnston will hold their Easter egg hunt at the Lighthouse, Saturday April 8, at noon, as well as a sunrise service Easter Sunday at 6:30 a.m..



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Fairmont State to resume Falcon Day Camp

Fairmont State University prepares to host its Falcon Day Camp this summer for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began, according to a news release. The Falcon Day Camp is a six-week summer day camp for children ages 6-12 years old. The day camp will take place from June 19 to Aug. 4 with a week break during the week of July 4.

“The Falcon Day Camp is one of the many incredible opportunities the local community has to experience Fairmont State at a young age,” said Assistant Director of the Falcon Center Spencer Flanagan. “Connectedness to our local community is important. We are passionate about our students and the great things we have to offer, and we want our community to experience that firsthand.”

The day camp offers educational and recreational activities that are simple to follow and fun to participate in. The activities offer children physical and nutritional activities along with socialization, leaving them with personal growth, increased self-esteem, respect for different cultures, teamwork and social communication.

“We are excited to be able to re-open our Falcon Day Camp this summer! It is a great opportunity for young children to experience the campus at Fairmont State while having fun with

their peers,” said Recreation Program Coordinator Janel Kittle. “We have some great activities planned and some amazing staff ready to welcome our community kids to campus!”

Some of the activities that take place during the Falcon Day Camp include swimming, visits from the local fire and police departments, recreational team sports, arts and crafts, bounce houses and more. Additionally, each week there will be a camp theme for campers to participate in. These themes include “Aloha Summer!”, “The Great Outdoors”, “Secret Agent”, “Lost in Space”, “Superheroes Assemble” and “Around the World”.

The Falcon Day Camp is open to the public, but children of Fairmont State employees do receive a special enrollment discount. The price of enrollment for the camp varies based on the number of children enrolled, the number of weeks enrolled, and the time of enrollment. Early drop-off from 7 a.m.-7:30 a.m. can be arranged for an additional \$25 weekly fee.

Registration for the Falcon Day Camp is from March 17 until July 27. To learn more about pricing and how to enroll, visit www.fairmontstate.edu/falconcenter/falcon-center-day-camp.

Any questions about the Falcon Center Day Camp can be directed to Janel Kittle at Janel.Kittle@fairmontstate.edu or 304-368-7223.

Landscape Technician Bootcamp planned

FAIRMONT, W.Va. – The West Virginia Nursery & Landscape Association (WVNLA) is partnering with Pierpont Community & Technical College to conduct a Landscape Technician Bootcamp for those interested in updated nursery and landscaping skills.

Michael Biafore, chairman of the WVNLA Workforce Development Committee and president of Biafore’s Landscape Development in Morgantown, said, in a news release, that the 40-hour course “will be taught by expert instructors and is well suited for employers upskilling their workers or for those interested in a landscaping career.” He said classroom and hands-on instruction will be offered in a range of skills — power blowers, edge trimmers, hedge clippers, rototillers and mowers. Students will read and install a landscape design onsite and learn about plant identification, installation and maintenance. Participants will also receive OSHA 10 certification.

Julie Robinson, WVNLA executive director, said the community college collaboration is part of a

strategy to train nursery and landscape workers, as the industry has grown and will continue to expand through 2026.

The course will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 17-21 on the campus of the Pierpont Community & Technical College Advanced Technology Center, 500 Galliher Drive, Fairmont. Tuition is \$598 per person, and scholarship assistance is available. Apply at <https://www.pierpont.edu/workforce-continuing-education/>

Robinson said the course’s curriculum has also been vetted by the National Association of Landscape Professionals. She added that career pathways in nursery and landscaping will be covered and many employers involved are seeking workers.

West Virginia Nursery & Landscape Association, Inc., established in 1939, is a professional trade association dedicated to supporting nursery and landscape businesses and vendors throughout the Mountain State. For membership, events or mission priorities please visit <https://wvnl.org/>

FEMA urges flood preparation

PHILADELPHIA- While spring brings the promise of warmer weather and longer days, it also brings the threat of spring flooding. That is why the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 3 is urging residents to take a moment and look at whether they’re prepared should parts of the region experience spring flooding, according to a news release.

Floods are the most common natural disaster in the United States and can occur anywhere at any time. Rainfall is only one of the many reasons flooding can disrupt a community. Other causes include melting snow, coastal storms, storm surges, and overflows of dams and other water systems. Floods can develop slowly or quickly with little or no warning at all.

“Every step you take now to prepare ahead of a storm or flooding event can help not only protect your family and the life you have built, but help you recover quicker as well” said FEMA Region 3 Regional Administrator MaryAnn Tierney. “I encourage everyone to make a plan and practice it with their families.”

Mitigation measures reduce a property’s risk. They allow residents to return home more quickly, with less damage, after the next storm. While it may cost more to begin with, mitigation pays off in the long run. In fact, it’s estimated that for every dollar spent on mitigation, you save six dollars from future losses.

Here are some actions you can take if you know your property is vulnerable to floods:

Raise or flood-proof your washer, dryer, water heater and HVAC systems. If possible, move these appliances out of your basement to the second floor or attic.

Relocate electrical outlets to three feet above the floor.

Seal your basement walls with waterproofing compounds.

Elevate the exterior air conditioning compressor 2-3 feet.

Now is also a great time to consider flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Just one inch of water in your home can cause \$25,000 in damage and flooding

is typically not covered by homeowners’ insurance.

Last year, The National Flood Insurance Program completed a holistic update to the way it prices flood insurance called Risk Rating 2.0. This new rating methodology ensures rates are more specific to the flood risk for each property, rather than generic flood zones. Call your insurance agent to get a quote in just a few minutes. Having a policy in place can provide financial peace of mind before the next storm hits.

It’s also important to make-a-plan for your household, to include your pets, so that you and your family are aware of what to do if flooding occurs. As a part of your plan make sure to include safest evacuation routes, nearby shelter locations, how to listen for warning notifications, and packing a safety preparedness kit.

Gather essential documents and information and place them in a waterproof container, along with creating password protected digital copies.

Move all valuable items to a higher level of the home. Prepare your home by performing regular inspections to identify home weaknesses.

Check and clean home gutters often to ensure that the home has a well operated draining system.

During a flood, pay attention to first responders and evacuate immediately if told to do so.

Do not ignore signs, detours, and road barriers; they are there to keep you safe.

Avoid walking, swimming, or driving through heavy flood waters. Follow the golden rule of “Turn Around. Don’t Drown!”

If trapped in rapidly flowing water, stay in your vehicle unless water is rising in the car. If water is rising inside, move to the roof of the vehicle.

If confined to a house, do not climb into closed spaces. Move to the highest level of the home and only get on the roof if necessary to signal for help.

Stay informed by downloading the FEMA mobile app.

Group celebrates 13th anniversary of Affordable Care Act

Charleston, W.Va. - On March 23, the 13th anniversary of the Affordable Care Act becoming law, the WV Citizen Action, a progressive advocacy group, released the following statement celebrating record enrollment and lowered costs gained through the Inflation Reduction Act, and calling on Congress to finish the job so everyone has access to affordable coverage:

“After 13 years of non-stop attacks and sabotage from opponents, the Affordable Care Act has not only survived but thrived, hitting record enrollment in 2023 by providing quality, affordable coverage to over 28,325 West Virginians and improving coverage for over 100 million Americans nationwide. Both the ACA and Medicaid were invaluable tools throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring individuals could get affordable coverage when they needed it most. But it shouldn’t take an emergency to make healthcare affordable and accessible to millions more people: Congress has the power to make permanent the increased affordability provisions and Medicaid improvements that have brought the number of uninsured people to record lows over the last year.

We support President Biden’s recently announced budget blueprint to do just that by making enhanced premium tax credits permanent in the ACA and increasing investment in Medicaid to address the current mental health and substance abuse crisis, provide home based and community care options to aging people and people with disabilities, and extending provisions to lower drug prices beyond Medicare so that people of all ages can get affordable prescription drugs. Reining in the health industry’s price-gouging and raising taxes on billionaires and tax-dodging corporations is a common sense solution to lowering costs while investing in services.

It’s a better approach than Republican proposals to cut spending on Medicaid, Medicare and the ACA, while at the same time proposing to extend the Trump tax cuts for the wealthy and to repeal the benefits under the Inflation Reduction Act. Through the Inflation Reduction Act, the President has already lowered out-of-pocket costs and prescription drug prices in Medicare by taking on price-gouging drug corporations and insulin manufacturers, saving tens of thousands of West Virginians an average of \$1,530 per year on their insurance premiums and expanding coverage to about 5,000 who would otherwise be uninsured. Senator Manchin was the only West Virginia official in D.C. to vote for the Inflation Reduction Act.

It’s time to finish the job of ensuring that everyone in America has access to quality, affordable health care by taxing corporations that make billions in profits so we can lower healthcare costs for people of all ages, fund mental health care, increase access to treatments for substance use disorders, support rural hospitals and expand home health care while reducing the deficit at the same time. West Virginia Citizen Action calls on both our US senators & representatives to support the president’s plan to expand health care coverage and lower costs by finally making corporations and the very wealthy pay their fair share in taxes.”

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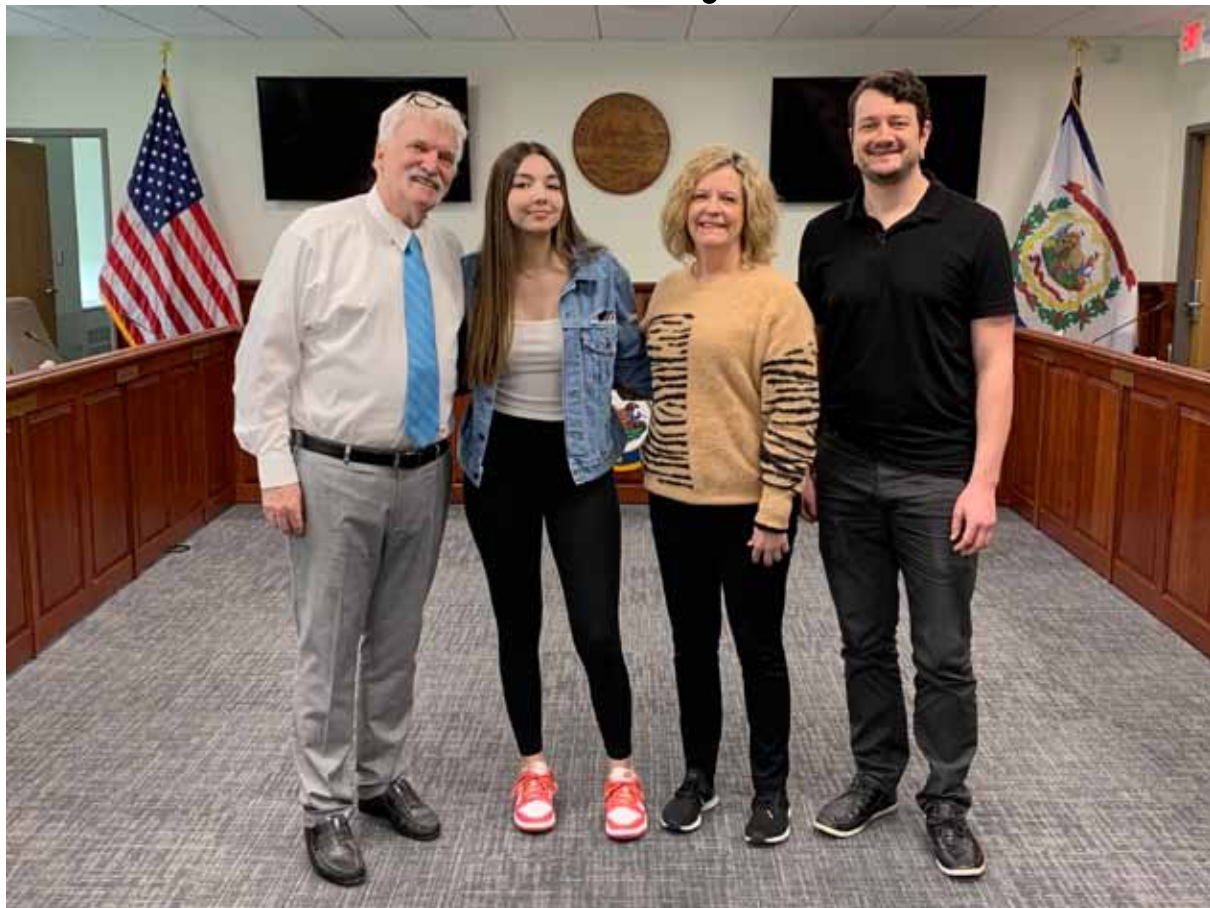
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Harrison County student wins poster contest



From left to right, Student Enrichment Coordinator Ray Lowther, Robert C. Byrd High School Freshman Naudia Ng, Deputy State Superintendent Michelle Blatt and Communications Program Specialist Tom Pickens pose for a photo in the West Virginia Board of Education board room.



Naudia Ng's work is featured on the Arts Alive 2023 poster.

Charleston, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) is pleased to announce the winning student design for the Arts Alive 2023 poster submission competition. Naudia Ng, a freshman at Robert C. Byrd High School in Harrison County, entered the winning submission which was chosen from among 82 statewide submissions, according to a news release.

Arts Alive is in its 17th year and is the WVDE's annual event showcasing arts education programs and student accomplishments within West Virginia public schools. Performance categories include music, dance, visual art and theater.

“Arts education is essential to the development of the whole

student by building creative-thinking and problem-solving skills while also fostering discipline and collaborative learning environments,” said State Superintendent of Schools David L. Roach. “I am honored to celebrate Naudia’s accomplishments as well as those of all students participating in Arts Alive 2023.”

This year’s event is scheduled for April 28 at the West Virginia Culture Center in Charleston. The art exhibit begins at 6 p.m., with the main performance beginning at 7 p.m.

To learn more about Arts Alive, visit the WVDE website.

Millennium Quilters Guild donates quilt to UHC



National Quilting Day was celebrated on Saturday, March 18 at United Hospital Center with a quilt donation from The Millennium Quilters Guild. These UHC nurses appreciate the labor, love, and skill that goes into the making of a quilt. They were excited to share this work of art with the first baby born at UHC on National Quilting Day. Pictured, from left, are Charge Nurse Jackie Harbert, RN; Millennium Quilters Guild representative, Janet Shepherd; Supervisor of Labor and Delivery Jamie Rudash, RN; Katlyn Haskiell, RN; and Lauren Brooks, RN.

About United Hospital Center: United Hospital Center (UHC) is the result of a merger between St. Mary’s and Union Protestant hospitals in 1970. This bold move provides North Central West Virginia with a regional

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



West Virginia Mountaineer Mary Roush visited Big Elm Elementary last week.



On The Menu

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Comfort foods can be especially appealing on a cold winter day. Soups can be both filling, tasty and customized with an individuals favorite flavors. If you love Cabbage Rolls, as I and my family do, but don't have the time after work to put them together, this version of slow cooker cabbage roll soup will satisfy your craving. I hope you enjoy.

Slow Cooker Cabbage Roll Soup

Submitted by Debra Smith

- Ingredients:**
- 1 ½ lbs. ground beef
 - 2 medium onions (chopped)
 - 1 clove minced garlic
 - 1 tsb. salt
 - ¼ tsb. pepper
 - 7 ½ ounces tomato sauce
 - 1 cup water
 - 10 ounce can condensed tomato soup
 - ½ cup long grain rice (uncooked)
 - 4 cups green cabbage
 - 1/3 cup tomato juice
 - 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
 - 1 tbsp beef bouillon

Directions:
Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add ground beef, onion, garlic, salt, and pepper. Cook, stirring until beef is cooked through. Drain excess fat, return to skillet. Add Worcestershire sauce, and beef bouillon, stir. Add tomato sauce, water and half of the tomato soup. Mix well, add rice. In a crockpot, layer half of the meat mixture and half of the cabbage, repeat layers. In a bowl, combine the remaining soup with the tomato juice until blended. Drizzle over the cabbage. Cook on low heat 8-10 hours, or on high heat 4-6 hours. Serve hot.

Remember, readers, if you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share, we welcome your submissions. E-mail your recipe to us at debra@mountainmedianews.com. And don't forget to stop by your local Price Cutter to purchase all of your cooking and baking needs.