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Attorney General Morrissey Announces Regional Winners of ‘Kids Kick Opioids’ Design Contest

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced 13 students from Central and Southeastern West Virginia as regional winners of the office’s eighth Kids Kick Opioids contest, a competition designed to spur creativity and raise awareness of prescription painkiller abuse.

Regional winners are Bailey Frame and Jackson Stricker of Clay County Middle School in Clay County; Thomas “Max” Houck, Raegan Bostic, Jayden Dunbar and Tristan Sturdivant of Mountain View Elementary and Middle School in Monroe County; Abigail “Abbie” Markley and Rayna Kerr of Green Bank Elementary and Middle School in Pocahontas County; and Mallory Koerber, Mitchell Koerber, Aubree Diley, Harmony Thompson and Kaylah Dowling of Marlinton Middle School in Pocahontas County.

“Drug abuse needlessly claims too many lives, and our hope is the entries from these artistic students will bring greater awareness and change—these entries really showcase the tremendous talent of our elementary and middle school participants,” Attorney General Morrissey said.

“These works of art underscore the impact of the opioid epidemic on our young students. They are growing up in a time when drug abuse runs rampant. Our goal is their artwork will bring about greater awareness and a renewed commitment to change.”

The Attorney General received a total of 2,135 entries from 2,177 students at 71 middle and elementary schools across West Virginia. The submissions included a mix of drawings, poems and other designs aimed at promoting awareness.

Judges recognized winning entries from 69 students overall. Those designs will be displayed in the State Capitol in the fall.

The statewide winner and runner up will be announced soon. That winning entry will appear in newspapers across West Virginia as the Attorney General’s next public service announcement.

Kids Kick Opioids represents one of many initiatives through which the Attorney General has sought to combat West Virginia’s drug overdose death rate, including a lawsuit against the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration that achieved sweeping reforms to the nation’s drug quota system.

The Attorney General also has fought the opioid crisis with civil litigation, multi-state initiatives, funding to target opioid abuse, criminal prosecutions, new technology, engagement with the faith-based community and education.

The West Virginia Board of Pharmacy, West Virginia Association of School Nurses and the Capitol Police assisted the Attorney General in judging the public service announcement contest.

Spotlight on Walter Hatfield and Shane Morton



The CMI2 contractor dream team from left to right: Chris Hamerick, Adam Landers, Jaren Lane, Wally Hatfield, Shane Morton, Ethan Nottingham, Brent DeBoard, and Elijah Morton.

By Gary Lee Stuber

Walter Hatfield is the Vice President of Training Experimentation for the Civil Military Institute (also known as CMI2) and is a retired Army Colonel who retired only a year and a half ago from the West Virginia Army National Guard.

He says of the project, going up at Lize-mores at the site of the old Ben Murphy store and apple orchard: “What we are doing here is building a state-of-the-art training facility. We call it the Adaptive Experimentation Facility (AEF) which allows us to help train and outfit war fighters: Army, Marine, defense individuals with new technology and weapon systems that will help them go fight and win wars.”

He also adds, “One of the things that is near and dear to my heart is the training of first responders. We will continue to do that. We train them in ropes, water rescue, wilderness medicine. Again, it is not all about taking the fight overseas somewhere. Everyday our first responders are called to some of our worst tragedies: a car wreck, a house fire, and they have to

prepare and be ready to respond to those incidents and more and save lives. In 2016 there was a huge tragedy in this state. A 1,000-year flood killed 24 West Virginians. And while Clay County lost more than 100 homes, it did not suffer a loss of life in this event. In 2016 I was the architect behind building the swift water rescue team in West Virginia.”

He gave an example of how this training could impact first responders. “A car wreck. The ambulance or firefighters need whole blood a quantity or type not on the ambulance. Blood is loaded on a drone at the hospital site and within minutes is flying toward the accident scene.”

“That is what we do.” He explains. “We have to look at next generation technologies, either on the battlefield or on an interstate somewhere. What we are going to do here will be the next generation of rescue. Trained right here in the heart of Clay County. For instance, in Clay there are a lot of hunters that use ATV’s. Typically a rollover with an ATV ends in tragedy,

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CMI2 triples intern hires for summer 2024

10-week program in Clay County provides opportunities for high school and college students

The Civil-Military Innovation Institute (CMI2) will onboard a record number of interns for its 10-week summer internship program starting May 28 at the Adaptive Experimentation Facility (AEF) in Clay County, WV. The program will include 25 interns, three times the original program hires of 2023.

CMI2’s work focuses on supporting the nation’s warfighters as an integral part of its “Innovation in the Dirt” philosophy of getting people into the field for a hands-on technology development/experimentation experience. It includes building a unique, stand-alone military training and experimentation facility in Clay County. The interns will collaborate and support AEF full-time, on-site staff via STEM-related activities throughout the summer.

“The AEF summer internship program is unique because it provides opportunities for high school and college students to work together with our team of professionals at the AEF,” said Walter Hatfield, Vice President for Training and Experimentation. “We believe in providing a true hands-on experience, and we found individuals ready to embrace that opportunity.”

Upon completing the interview process, CMI2 sought resources to expand its original offering of 14 interns to 25 select participants due to the quality of applicants received.

“The response to this internship opportunity has been overwhelming in and around Clay County,” Hatfield proudly shared. “From seven interns last year to 50

applicants and 25 interns in just the second year, this growth is a testament to our success and a bright future. We wanted and found individuals as excited about this as we are.”

With 25 internship participants this summer, the CMI2 AEF program will include opportunities and experiences for interested site specialists, makerspace specialists, and communications specialists with both general and task-specific curricula throughout the summer.

“All of the Clay County High School students truly wowed us in every way during the application and interview process,” Hatfield said. “Unfortunately, while we cannot hire everyone, we were very impressed by the preparedness and enthusiasm of every student we met, as they have set a high standard for every future hire.”

For the 2024 class, CMI2 will continue partnering with the Workforce Development Board Mid-Ohio Valley’s Career Connections Paid Work Experience program or Career Connections. Career Connections is an employment and training program focusing on developing academic, occupational, and social skills for individuals ages 16- 24. CMI2 partners with Career Connections to augment its Clay County employment efforts.

The 2024 summer program will kick off in late May, with an onboarding event. AEF interns will enjoy exceptional opportunities throughout the summer, including a weekly “Friday Forum” (speaker events, certification training, or career discussions) and two Summer Project Showcase events, where interns will share success stories, lessons learned, and best practices.

Spotlight on Leona Varrella

By Gary Lee Stuber

Leona Varrella will turn 106 years old this December. She was born Leona Kelly on December 3, 1918 to the parents of a Kentucky coal miner and his homemaker wife, and had thirteen siblings.

“We were once in the Guinness Book of World Records,” Leona says, “because all 14 children’s names started with the letter ‘L.’” There are times she will have momentary memory losses, but we should all be so lucid at age 105. Of her childhood, the word that comes immediately to mind is work. And while the family relocated to just outside Montgomery, West Virginia so dad could work at the Canel Coal mine, and even though all 14 children lived in the “supervisors’ house” in the early part of the 1900’s whether in Kentucky or West Virginia, life was hard. At least it was more work intensive back then. Water had to be carried for everything: drinking, cooking, bathing. Electricity was relatively new and the height of entertainment at the time was to sit in the living room (or at a neighbor’s house) and listen to radio.

Chores, and with a family of 16 there was a lot of work that needed done, was divided up by sex and age and often Leona would be washing clothes, or hanging them on outdoor clothes lines to dry, gathering them in and folding them, putting them away. She also cleaned, swept rooms, made beds, assisted with cooking on a wood burning stove, and gardening. Gardening was a necessity back then for most families. It was easier and cheaper to grow and then can much of your own food than to charge it to the coal company store. Children have no idea these days, how easy they have it.

“I only got to go to the middle of the eighth grade,” Leona explains, without elucidating. “But I have had a very good life. I have nothing to complain about.” This says the bed-ridden Christian woman who hasn’t walked in some time. She spends the largest part of the day now, alone, watching her 50’s and 60’s westerns on TV. Her remote and phone within reach. She lives with her son Joey in a nice little home a few miles upriver from Ivydale. Many of her neighbors remember a time when she went every Sunday to church and say that she was such a good woman, who was helpful to everyone and “knew everyone and everything.”

At age 18 she married her husband and



Leona Varrella

became a Varrella. She had a daughter, Barbara, during the time her and her husband lived in Washington DC and he drove a taxi cab for a living. Joey would come along later. Her husband would become a West Virginia coal miner, too.

She was unsure how they ended up in Clay County. She also remembers that from time to time she worked outside the home herself. Temporary jobs, often menial. But considering that this woman lived through more than five wars; dozens of presidents; the dropping of two atomic bombs on Japan; the invention of television, the computer and cell phones; the invention of airplanes and then rockets; the landing of a man on the moon: and is still mentally active.

She has a lot she could share with children growing up today. “Get a good education.” She advises. She does desire that her son Joey would become a Christian and says she rarely gets visitors these days. She does have a medical team that checks on her and a cleaning lady who comes in from time to time. Anybody who visits can see what a jewel she is to know. And with the living history she could tell, no one would be bored. And even though bedridden, and at times frustrated that she has these brief periodic memory lapses, she is awake, aware and connected to the world. She is also tough. And for that reason alone, I think I will be wishing Leona a happy birthday this coming December.

Celebration dedication at the Boggs Walking Trail



Master Gardeners from left to right are Lisa Dennison, Mary Grandon, Rene Tyo, Suzie Legg, Debbie Friend, Tony Slabaugh, Aine Slabaugh, and Christi Boggs.

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BOOKED



REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

CLAY COUNTY



Stephanie Jo Bird
Booked 5/21/24
Forgery



Lane Russell Foushee
Booked 5/24/24
Bond revocation,
possession of meth,
defective equipment,
driving suspended



Rena Lynn Stewart
Booked 5/24/24
Probation violation



Roger Lee Gray II
Booked 5/20/24
Grand larceny



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assault on officer,
obstructing offi-
cer, possession of a
controlled substance,
probation violation


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Failure to register as a
sex offender



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White Jr.**
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Battery

West Virginia Delegation Urges HRSA To Better Classify Rural Appalachia For Federal Healthcare Resources

This month, U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), along with U.S. Representatives Carol Miller (R-WV) and Alex Mooney (R-WV), wrote a letter to Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Administrator Carole Johnson, urging HRSA to adequately include terrain factors in their definition of rural. This classification determines communities’ eligibility to receive certain federal healthcare resources, and adopting ruggedness in the definition will ensure that West Virginia communities receive the federal funding they deserve.

“West Virginia is the only state that lies completely within the Appalachian Mountain region. It also has a higher mean elevation than any state in the east,” the lawmakers wrote in part. “We appreciate HRSA’s work to better account for difficult and mountainous terrain areas in the definition of rural for purposes of Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) grant eligibility. These funds are instrumental to providing access to quality health care and support health professionals in rural communities across the country.”

“This critical addition to HRSA’s proposal to include terrain factors in their definition of rural to be eligible of FORHP grants is important to better capture rugged terrain areas. These counties include Critical Access Hospitals, health centers, clinics, and many other health providers that will greatly benefit from the resources FORHP provides,” the lawmakers continued. “We urge you to take Congressional intent into account and adopt our suggestion to address high density of rugged areas. We look forward to continue working with you to improve health care access and quality across rural America.”

Puzzle Answers

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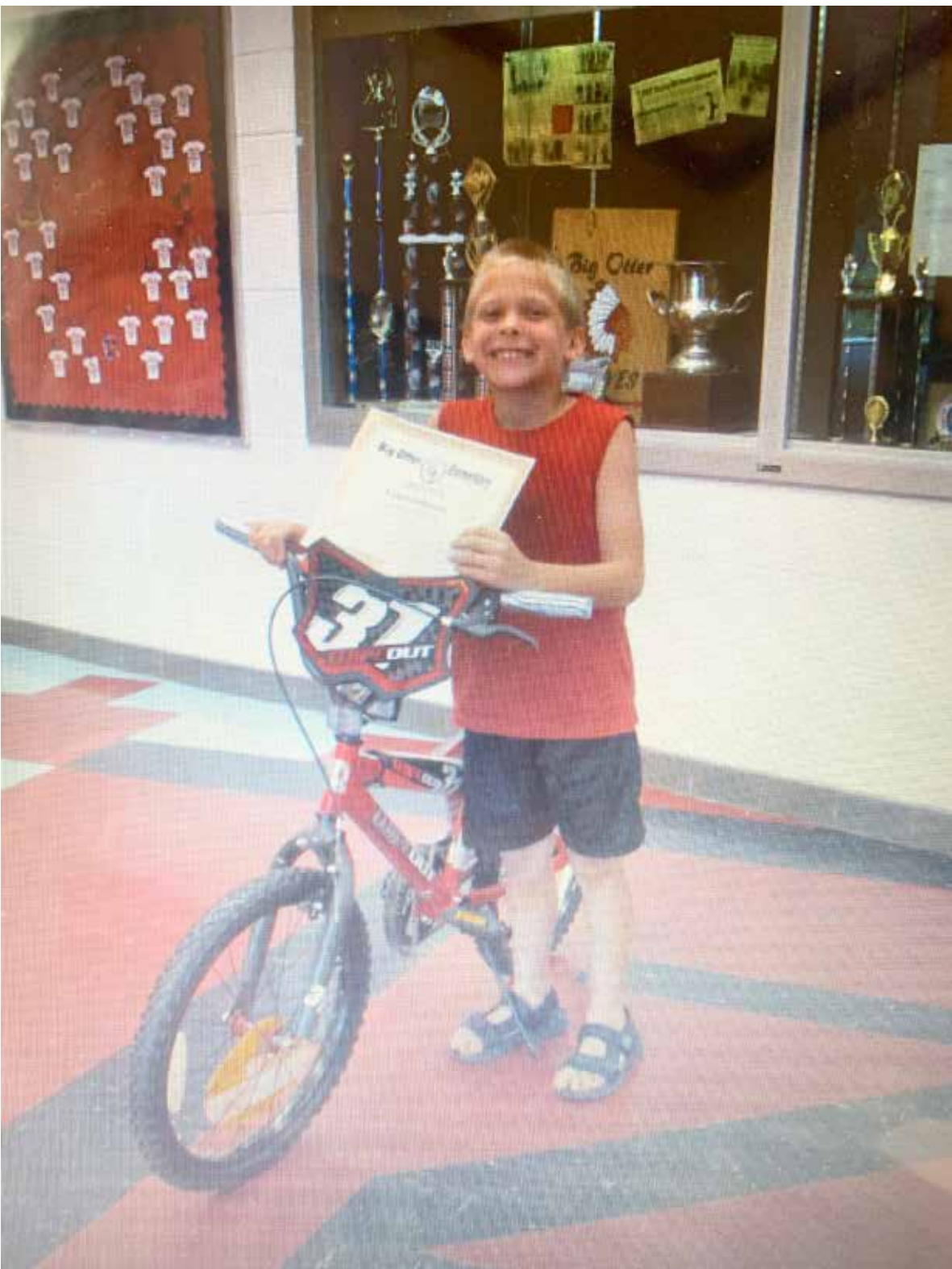
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Super Crossword

Answers

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Duffield awarded bicycle for perfect attendance



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My Only Exercise Is Jumping to Conclusions

Dr. James L. Snyder
Over the past few weeks (or was it months?) I’ve been recovering from some health issues. They were not that serious, just annoying. I spent one day in the hospital and the rest of the time in bed, which is not the kind of vacation I want.

During all that time, I’ve not had much time to exercise. I asked about it when I was at the Doctor’s for my last examination. I said, “Doctor, what should I do about exercising? I haven’t been able to do much of that during my sickness.”

Looking at me rather grimly, he said, “If I were you I would exercise daily.”

Smiling at the doctor, I said, “Thank You, I appreciate that.”

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage drove me to the Doctor’s appointment and was now driving me back to the house. While driving, she looked at me and said, “Well, do you think you’re going to start exercising now? What are you going to do first?”

I just looked at her and laughed.

“What are you laughing about?” She said.

“Did you hear what the doctor said? He said he would exercise daily for me.”

Looking at me with her eyes rolling in her head, she said, “This is why I have to come with you when you go to the doctors. You never hear what the doctor says. That is not what he said.”

“You heard it as well as I did,” I said, “he said, ‘If I were you, I would exercise daily.’”

Still rolling her eyes, she said, “That is not what I heard him say.”

I was still chuckling, and then she said, “I think you have some loose marbles rolling around in your head.”

Smiling at her, I said, “Thank you, my dear, for recognizing that I have some activity in my head.”

I glanced in her direction and noticed she wasn’t laughing at all, but her eyes were still rolling.

I must say that jumping to conclusions is a great way to exercise. And it solves a lot of problems.

I had one exercise project that I wanted to do. I wanted to run to the store and get an Apple Fritter and run back. Now the problem with that is, my energy is not up to the place where I can run that far. And, sneaking out of the house at this time would not work for me at all.

I have been jumping to conclusions for as long as I can remember. That is because I don’t let people say everything on their mind. If I think I know what they’re saying, I jump immediately to what turns out to be the wrong conclusion.

When I was a young kid at home, my father would often say to me, “Son, do you want a spanking?”

At the time, I never knew if it was a rhetorical question or if he was giving me a choice. That is the only time I can remember that I didn’t jump to some conclusion.

If I look at my life, I can blame a lot of my problems on my habit of jumping to conclusions. If only I would just let people say everything on their mind and wait until they’re done to make some kind of a decision.

I remember many years ago when I met the young lady who is now The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. We were riding along in a van with some of the other young people at the Bible school we were going to.

Just before we got back to the dormitory, she said to me quietly, “Wouldn’t it be nice to be married?”

I did not know what she was talking about because I was too naïve then, so I jumped to the conclusion and said, “That would be wonderful.”

I was the last in the Bible school to know I had become engaged. I jumped to a conclusion I had no understanding about.

Under the circumstances, that was probably the best conclusion I ever reached. It just took me a long time to understand what it meant.

I jump to conclusions because I think I know what that person is talking about. I wouldn’t get into so much trouble if I weren’t so smart.

A dumb person would usually say, “What do you mean?” And then wait for the explanation.

A smart person would think he knows what that person is talking about and jumps to conclusions.

I come from Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Dutch have a saying that goes like this: “Throw Papa down the stairs...” There’s a pause, and after the pause, they finish it by saying, “His hat.”

If you don’t listen to the whole sentence, you’re liable to throw Papa down the stairs. But if you listen to the entire sentence, you will throw his hat down the stairs.

There are times when I don’t listen to the entire sentence. In my Bible reading, I discovered a verse dealing with this.

Proverbs 25:8-9, “Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame. Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself; and discover not a secret to another.”

I get into trouble when I respond “hastily” to what I hear. I need to slow down and listen to the whole sentence, not just what I want to hear.

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Living Simply In A Complicated World

By Joe Mazzella
We switched phone providers recently and we were given a new phone number. Only it wasn’t so new. Since the day we got it we have been getting three times as many robot calls here, all seeking to sell us something. It is quite annoying. Plus it seems like every time I dare buy something online my email inbox is suddenly flooded with ads trying to get me to buy more. In addition to this I have grown frustrated with the deluge of stuff on my social media trying to brainwash me to believe a certain way. It is like they think if they say it enough I will believe it, no matter how false it is.

There is also the infinitely complex maze of rules and regulations that I am always having to navigate just to make sure that I can continue to provide and care for my two intellectually disabled sons. It seems like each rule change makes things harder and more complicated when they should be designed to help people instead. It

is sometimes enough to make me want to pull out what little hair I have left.

Henry David Thoreau once said: “Our life is frittered away by detail. Simplify, simplify.” What good old Henry didn’t know then is that the modern world tends to fight back. Every time you seek to simplify, this world tries in so many ways to draw you back into its web of work, work, work; buy, buy, buy; spend, spend, spend; and watch, watch, watch.

That is why each day I turn off my computer and phone and take some quiet time to pray and reconnect with God. And when I do I remember these simple truths: “God loves us all so much. God wants us to love each other as He loves us. And when we do we will have joy, help others, and make the world a better place.” What could be simpler than that? May you all live simply in this complicated world. May you all live in God’s Love, forever.

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CM12 Building Rises

Walter Hatfield

because they are remote, hard to get too. Even hard to find. So training people on wilderness medicine how they can pack equipment out how they can locate them with drones and other technology. We will train people how to save lives and quickly.”

He looks out over at a tree-covered mountain. “If you do any kind of research most people who do this kind of training go out to the west coast to do training. Why not West Virginia? This is the perfect place to do such wilderness training. Clay County has beautiful hillsides, waterways. But there is not a great economic base. We want to help that as well.”

Walter was raised in Milton in Cabell County. “I’m a Hatfield from West Virginia. Graduated from Milton High School in 1994 and joined the Marine Corps. Came back to West Virginia in 1998 got my undergrad at University of Charleston.” It was there he got pretty much talked back into military service by a professor at UC. Major Jim Hoyer. Talked him right into joining the West Virginia National Guard where he would eventually become General Hoyer’s right hand man until both of them retired.

His mother was Mary Alice Carte and his father was Mitchel Hatfield. Mitchel was retired Army, a staff sergeant, with three tours in Vietnam. Walter is the youngest of four siblings. The oldest brother has passed away, the older sister is still living, but his youngest sister also passed, a victim of the drug epidemic.

The 14,000 square foot facility going up at the old Ben

Shane Morton

Murphy store will be a temporary headquarters to CM12, until the training facility and the barracks go up on the top of the hill or at the old apple orchard site on the 250 acres. The site is contiguous with the Heartland Forest, 8,000 acres of woodland. They have co-opted a contract with the forestry division to use the forest for the actual wilderness training. It is more than they could have ever hoped for. Once the site is completed the Murphy building will transition into a type of strip mall that will allow appropriate businesses to set up in Lizemores, as well as perhaps an office for the Clay County Sheriff’s office to set up a base on this end of the county.

Walter identified Shane Morton as his primary contractor. The fairly young Clay County resident is trying to keep all the suppliers, vendors and workers local. He has been largely successful in doing this. He lives in Bickmore, raised in Adonijah. He graduated from high school in 2001 and almost immediately bought his first piece of equipment: a backhoe. At the time there was lots of work in the business and he did that for three years. Then he went to work for Fola Coal. “My grandfather always said that coal mining is the best part time job you can ever do.” He discovered just how true that was when Fola closed down the mines. He worked briefly for Mammoth Coal before returning home to do work excavating again. This time he would have to venture all over the state to get steady work. But word of mouth came to him that CM12 was looking for a local contractor. He appeared to be the perfect fit. Shane’s son Elijah also works for him.

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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.

May 29, 1778: Dick Pointer, an enslaved person in Greenbrier County, helped save about 60 settlers who were attacked by Indians at Fort Donnelly near Lewisburg during the Revolutionary War.



May 29, 1949: Singer-songwriter, labor activist, educator and radio host Elaine Purkey was born in West Hamlin.

May 29, 1961: Alderson and Chloe Muncy in McDowell County received the first food stamps in the nation. After observing malnutrition and poverty during his campaign, President

John Kennedy directed the government to establish a pilot food stamp program.

May 30, 1940: Smoke Hole Caverns in Grant County opened for tours. The cave is beautifully decorated with stalactites hanging in rows along the ceiling; the main room is called the “Room of a Million Stalactites.”

May 31, 1841: Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph Kain was born near Martinsburg. As bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling, he worked to meet the needs of the newly arrived immigrants who came to labor in West Virginia’s mines and factories.



May 31, 1946: Writer Meredith Sue Willis was

born in Clarksburg and raised in Shinnston. Willis has authored books for children and on the subject of writing, and much of her adult fiction is set in West Virginia.



June 1, 1880: An 86-round bare-knuckle prize fight for championship of the world was held in the Brooke County town of Colliers, between defending champion Joe Goss and challenger Paddy Ryan. Boxing was illegal in every state, and matches were often held in railroad villages to avoid big-city police.

June 1, 1935: Musician Hazel Dickens was born in Mercer County, the eighth of 11 children. She was a pioneering old-time and bluegrass musician, known for preserving the traditional vocal styles of West Virginia.

June 1, 1858: The Artists’ Excursion left Baltimore on its way to Wheeling. A Baltimore & Ohio executive planned the rail trip to promote tourism. About 50 passengers were on board, including artist and writer David Hunter Strother, who described the experience in an article for *Harpers* magazine.



June 2, 1951: Cornilius Charlton died of the wounds he received in

battle during the Korean War. Charlton, a Raleigh County native, was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously.



June 3, 1856: Harriet B. Jones was born in Pennsylvania. After attending Wheeling Female College and graduating from the Women’s Medical College of Baltimore, she opened a private practice in Wheeling, becoming the first woman licensed to practice medicine in West Virginia.

June 3, 1861: The first land battle of the Civil War between organized troops took place in Philippi. About 3,000 federal troops drove about 800 Confederates from the town.

June 3, 1861: A company of Confederate sol-

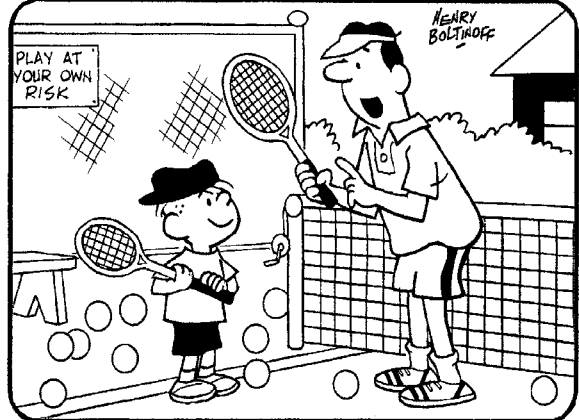
diers known as the Logan Wildcats was created at the Logan Courthouse. The company, consisting of about 85 men, first saw action at the Battle of Scary Creek.

June 3, 1936: The first Strawberry Festival was held in Buckhannon. More than 6,000 spectators attended the festivities, which also included a parade of 30 princesses down Main Street.

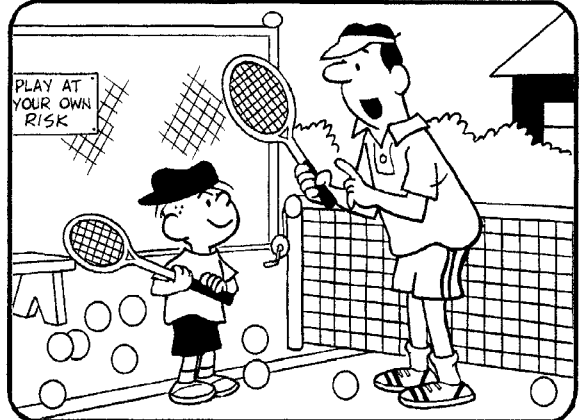
June 4, 1975: Clark Kessinger died in St. Albans, Kanawha County. Kessinger was among the most prolific and influential fiddlers of the 20th century, and one of West Virginia’s most important traditional musicians.



HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Ball is missing. 2. Racket is longer. 3. Stripe on lower. 6. Bottom of shirt is different. 4. Fence is not as wide. 5. Sign on fence is different.

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- 1 Quartz, e.g.
7 Take — of faith
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15 Gown designer Vera
19 Brood pouch
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21 German “a”
22 Smell
23 Sports contest between two disorderly crowds?
26 Give relief
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31 Perform a hip-hop song about a military operation?
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38 Singer Cooke
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40 Kid-lit “pest”
41 Cry from a toddler who’s dropped a Dairy Queen cone?
44 Present
45 Port in Japan

- 46 Leaving
47 Oz creator L. Frank —
49 Female rat
52 Things docs prescribe
53 Daybreak
54 Search for a Marvel superhero?
58 eBay action
59 Flip (out)
60 Rodent-catching cat
61 Rubdown given in a mountain chalet?
67 Winged insect native to Iraq or Oman?
69 Setting for petri dishes
70 List of jurors
72 Lower limb
73 Talked on and on about chicken products?
75 Fan noise
77 Use Lyft, e.g.
81 Dadaist Jean
82 Defeat
83 Pale-looking
85 H. Ross —
86 Genesis brother
88 Official account of an excursion?
90 Bagel seed
93 Towing org.

- 95 Entry points
96 2017 film about skater Harding
97 Supreme Court members’ favorite beers?
100 Royal Navy letters
101 Sword parts
102 Some sports rounds, for short
103 Lover of beauty
108 Skating jump
109 Yelled while using a juicer?
112 Pilaf base
113 Singer Grande, to her fans
114 The “A” of A/V
115 Actress Julia
116 The “A” of A&E
117 Vermont hrs.
118 Tire problems
119 Itty-bitty

DOWN

- 1 Very annoyed
2 “Terrible” Russian
3 Ad- — (wings it)
4 13-digit ID in publishing

- 5 Region of Italy’s “toe”
6 Sour in taste
7 Longtime Yankee nickname
8 Singer Rawls
9 Ger.’s continent
10 Very simple
11 Ghostly figure
12 Myers once of CNBC
13 “You can’t — all!”
14 Savings acct. buildup
15 “Alas!”
16 Slowly, on music scores
17 Have as a snack
18 — Green (old eloping mecca)
24 Sleuth, slangily
25 Jay of “Gary Unmarried”
29 Despot of old
31 — to go (eager)
32 Church cry
33 “It just came back to me”
34 Tragic destiny
35 Allison of jazz
36 Apple debut of 2010
37 Clucks of shame
38 Clumsy boat

- 42 “Zounds!”
43 Gelatin in a petri dish
44 See 47-Down
47 With 44-Down, big embrace
48 “Diana” singer Paul
49 Attic buildup
50 Like Ogden Nash’s “lama”
51 To be, to Gigi
53 More than mere doubt
55 Osso buco meat
56 Film director Nicolas
57 Color shade
58 Jezebel’s god
59 — shui
61 “— -Ca-Dabra” (1974 hit)
62 Untruth teller
63 Pageantry
64 Mets’ gp.
65 Big simians
66 Comics’ bits
68 Glittery jewelry, informally
71 Brother in Genesis
74 Put on
75 Cry feebly
76 Mother chickens
77 Seized auto, say
78 De-wrinkle

MISS SOUTH CAROLINA

- 79 “Finding —” (2016 film)
80 “Tell Mama” singer James
84 Clic — (Bic pen brand)
85 Place to buy a leash
86 Queens’ homes
87 Novelist Oz
88 Hot cereal, often
89 Punchline drum hit
90 Big desert
91 Miracle drink
92 Choose
93 With milk, in French
94 “— sure you know ...”
98 Heckles
99 Give credit where credit —
100 “— So Shy”
103 Uproars
104 Newsmen Brit
105 Boys’ school in Britain
106 Some till bills
107 Jacuzzi effect
109 Actress Issa
110 Org. for cavity repairers
111 Suffix with beat or neat

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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THE WIDEN NEWS

The people who think alike
should vote alike.

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thinks very much.



January 1958

Fire Department Sponsors Ind. Team

Not only the high school basketballers are enjoying the benefits of the new basketball floor in the Community Building. A strong independent basketball team, composed of local men, most of whom are former high school players, was organized under the sponsorship of the Widen Volunteer Fire Department and has already given an excellent account of itself in games played up to the time this article was written.

Some of the players who have taken part thus far are Bill Marple, Frank Dorsey, Bob Dorsey, Dave Long, Tex Dodrill, Hobo Otto, Paul Bego, Henry Shaffer, Larry Kitzmiller, Gene Barnette, Danny Rapp, Carl Ellis, Mike Clevenger, and Kenny Grogg. There may be others whose names have been omitted but any such omission has been entirely unintentional.

Two members of the current Widen High School team, Paul DeMoss and David Hamrick, have been gaining valuable experience by serving as officials for the Widen home games, and have given an excellent account of themselves.

The team won its first three games, two from Gassaway and one from Clay, before dropping its fourth game, by one point to the Clay team. A number of other games have already been scheduled and teams in Cowen, Webster Springs, Dixie, and Montgomery have been contacted for possible additional games. The team is playing under the coach-managership of Jerle Hamrick, who is also chief of the local fire department. Any independent basketball team desiring to play a home-and-home series with the Widen team is requested to contact Mr. Hamrick by mail at Widen or by phone to Clay 9-F-2.

Admission prices to the local

Women's Basketball Team Is Organized

An independent women's basketball team is being organized at Widen under the leadership of H. L. Beattie.

Interest is evidenced by the large number of women enthusiastically participating in the nightly practice sessions.

It is hoped to schedule, in the near future, games with other teams.

Miners League Elects Officers At Meeting

The annual meeting of the Employees' League of Widen Miners was held at the Widen YMCA auditorium on the afternoon of Saturday, January 11.

The major portion of the meeting was given over to the election of officers for this year. President Lanty Facemire, who has been the chief executive of the League for many years, was unable to attend because of the serious illness that has prevented his working for the past several months, and was not a candidate to succeed himself. The membership of the organization to whose well-being "Uncle Lanty" gave unstintingly of himself for such a long time paid tribute to him by selecting as the new president his son, Billy Facemire.

Other officials selected were Joe Truman, treasurer; Edgar Donohue, secretary; and Lloyd Butcher, Jr., Carl Young, and James Triplett, members of the Bargaining Committee. Mr. Truman and Mr. Butcher were re-elected to their respective offices, while the others are entering into direct service for their fellow employees for the first time.

At least three old timers were in attendance at the meeting. They were J. E. Vaughan, himself a member of the Bargaining Committee for many years, Ira Eagle and Leo (Pizey) Capalbo, all of whom are enjoying the fruits of retirement after many years of service in the Widen mine.

John V. Ray, attorney, of Charleston, W. Va., who has capably guided the legal destinies of the League for many years, also attended the meeting.

games are reasonable and proceeds are used entirely to defray expenses and for the purchase of new uniforms and other necessary equipment.

MARCH OF DIMES DANCE

The 15 Plus Club will hold their annual March of Dimes Dance February 1, 1958, at the Legion Hall. All proceeds will go to the National Polio Foundation.

Widenettes Sing For Woman's Club

The December meeting of the Widen Woman's Club was held at the Legion Hall on Thursday evening, December 12. Miss Hazel Baughman, president, presided.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. John L. Henley.

The members brought personal gifts to be sent to the patients at Spencer State Hospital.

An appeal was made by the president for good used clothing to be brought to the January meeting for the relief of the Palestine in East.

The club voted to give a Christmas party and go to the Girl Scout and Brownie Scout troops sponsored by the club.

A program of Christmas vocal selections was given by a group of young matrons called the "Widenettes". They are Mesdames Edward Mullins, Cecil Butcher, Joe Truman and Edgar Donohue. Mrs. B. E. Taylor accompanied them on the piano.

Refreshments were served from a beautifully appointed tea table with decorations in the Christmas motif, by the following ladies: Mesdames E. D. Moyers, D. L. McMillion, Herbert C. Johnson, Stanley Gibson and Charles Wilson.

Members present were Mesdames John L. Henley, Edward Mullins, Carmel Ramsey, Farrell Henderson, E. B. Gray, Cecil Butcher, Ronald Brown, Melvin Conner, B. E. Taylor, Darrell Wood, Johnny Napier and the Misses Hazel Baughman, Leola Mick and Emma Jo Sigman. Guests were Mrs. Joe Truman and Mrs. Edgar Donohue.

EMPLOYEES' LEAGUE DONATE SCORE BOARD

A very modern, dual controlled scoreboard has been purchased by the Employees' League of Widen Miners and donated to the New Community Building at Widen. The new "Scoremaster" is six feet long and thirty-four and one-half inches high, has automatic period markers, and a horn that automatically signals the end of each period.

This scoreboard is clearly visible from any place in the building and will be a great improvement and an attractive asset to the new building.

HEART FUND DRIVE TO START ON FEBRUARY 1

February 1, 1958, is the beginning of the annual nationwide Heart Fund drive. Mrs. H. L. Beattie, local chairman, has announced that there will not be a door-to-door canvass this year in Widen but anyone wishing to contribute may send donations directly to her.

WIDEN WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Widen Woman's Club was held at the Legion Hall on January 2, 1958, at 8 P. M. Miss Hazel Baughman, Club President, presided at the meeting.

Mrs. John L. Henley, past president of the club, gave a review on the General Federation Club Woman.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. B. E. Taylor, Mrs. Robert Osborne, Miss Tressie Bailes and Mrs. Lakey Starcher.

The following members were present:

Mrs. John L. Henley, Mrs. B. E. Taylor, Mrs. Robert Osborne, Miss Tressie Bailes, Mrs. Harold L. Beattie, Mrs. Scott Williams, Miss Leola Mick, Miss Emma Jo Sigman, Mrs. Ronald Brown, Mrs. Johnny Napier, Mrs. Carmel Ramsey, Mrs. Melvin Conner, Mrs. Newman Butcher, Mrs. DeForrest McMillion, Mrs. Paul Donohue, Miss Hazel Baughman.

MISS BARBARA MICK'S MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mick of Widen announce the marriage of their daughter, Barbara Jean, to Mr. Dolan Rhodes, son of the late Mr. Jay Rhodes of Swandale. The impressive single ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Guy Frame at the home of the grooms brother, Mr. Roland Rhodes of Enoch on the evening of December 30, 1957.

Barbara is a recent graduate of Widen High School and is presently employed as a clerk at the Y.M.C.A. Fountain operated by the Elk River Coal and Lumber Company.

Dolan is a graduate of Clay County High School and is working as a clerk in the Elk River Coal and Lumber Company Store at Widen, having transferred here from the Dundon Store after having worked there for several years.

The young couple are living temporarily with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mick but are making plans to move to a house in Widen.

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LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY,
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In the Matter of Petition of Name Change of

Angel Lanae McDivitt

Current Name

To

New Name Angel Lanae Petry

Civil Action No. 24-P-12

Judge Alsop

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Order of Publication

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West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of June, 2024 at 10:50 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, Petitioner Angel Lanae McDivitt will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Clay County, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said court, changing name of Angel Lanae McDivitt to Angel Lanae Petry at which time any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at his office.

ENTERED by the Clerk of said Court this 16th day of May 2024.

Clarissa Harshbarger
Circuit Clerk of Clay County, WV

Gov. Justice announces Free Fishing Days weekend to take place June 8–9

Gov. Jim Justice announced that West Virginia's Free Fishing Days will return June 8–9 and encouraged anglers and their families to take advantage of this annual opportunity to fish for free in public lakes, streams and rivers around the state.

"With school letting out for the summer and vacation season upon us, West Virginia's Free Fishing Days weekend is the perfect time to get outside and enjoy all the beauty and goodness of our great state," Gov. Justice said. "This opportunity only comes once a year, so I want to encourage everyone to take advantage of it and see why West Virginia is surely and truly the best place in the world for families to enjoy a fishing adventure."

West Virginia's Free Fishing Days are part of a nationwide effort to make fishing more accessible to the public. During these two days, residents and nonresidents can fish for free without having to buy a fishing license.

"One of the best things about West Virginia's Free Fishing Days is that it can be enjoyed by new and experienced anglers and is designed to help current license holders introduce their friends and family to fishing," West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Director Brett McMillion said. "We hope this opportunity will encourage folks to try fishing for the first

time or rekindle their love for the sport."

Anglers who enjoy Free Fishing Days and want to continue fishing after this weekend can purchase or renew their fishing license at WVfish.com.

Free Fishing Days Derbies

As part of Free Fishing Days, the WVDNR will host fishing derbies at the Bowden Fish Hatchery and Little Beaver State Park on June 8. The events are free to attend and intended for youth anglers ages 3–14. Kids must be registered by an adult in order to participate and win prizes.

The Little Beaver State Park derby is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon. Registration will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m., and kids should bring their own fishing gear. A limited amount of bait will be provided.

The Bowden Fish Hatchery derby is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on June 8. Registration will start at 7:30 a.m., followed by hour-long fishing sessions for kids based on grade level.

Preschool and Kindergarten: 8-9 a.m.

First and Second Grade: 9-10 a.m.

Third–Fifth Grade: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Sixth–Eighth Grade: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more information about West Virginia's Free Fishing Days, visit WVdnr.gov/free-fishing-days.

Thanks To Manchin Efforts, USPS Pauses Planned Changes To Mail Delivery Network

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee, released the following statement after the United States Postal Service (USPS) committed to pausing its planned changes to mail delivery networks until January 1, 2025. Postmaster General Louis DeJoy's decision is a direct response to the letter Senator Manchin and his bipartisan colleagues sent last week, which expressed concern over the impacts that these changes have already had on timely mail delivery in communities across the country, including West Virginia.

"I'm glad Postmaster DeJoy has heeded our repeated, bipartisan calls to pause these changes to the USPS's mail delivery network, which would jeopardize timely mail delivery in communities across West Virginia and our entire country. It is essential we understand the full impact of these proposed changes, especially on our hardworking postal employees, before moving forward on their implementation. I will continue working with the Postal Service and my bipartisan colleagues to protect reliable mail service for all West Virginians and Americans," said Senator Manchin.

A timeline of Senator Manchin's recent efforts to support postal operations in West Virginia and across the country:

On May 8, 2024, Senator Manchin joined his bipartisan colleagues in calling on the USPS to pause planned changes to its processing and delivery network.

On April 17, 2024, Senator Manchin led a bipartisan, bicameral letter to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy to express his opposition to the USPS's recent nationwide consolidation and review announcements.

On April 2, 2024, Senator Manchin released a statement on the USPS's decision to convert the Charleston P&DC into a LPC.

On February 27, 2024, Senator Manchin submitted a letter to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy to express his concern with the initial findings of the Mail Processing Facility Review.

On February 15, 2024, Senator Manchin published an op-ed in the Charleston Gazette Mail on the importance of protecting services at the facility.

On February 1, 2024, Senator Manchin released a statement on the USPS's initial findings for the Mail Processing Facility Review.

On December 14, 2023, Senator Manchin submitted a public comment to the USPS to express his support for the Charleston postal facility and its employees.

On December 8, 2023, Senator Manchin visited the Charleston postal facility to support the workers and reaffirm his commitment to keeping West Virginia mail services in the state.

On December 2, 2023, Senator Manchin released a statement after speaking with Postmaster General Louis DeJoy about the Mail Processing Facility Review.

On November 29, 2023, Senator Manchin released a statement on the USPS's decision to conduct the Mail Processing Facility Review.

AVN Corp. Symphony Sunday 2024: Wild, Wild West Virginia Symphony on June 2

The West Virginia Symphony Orchestra (WVSO) invites the public to AVN Corp. Symphony Sunday, on Sunday, June 2 on the University of Charleston lawn.

This long-time tradition on the lawn of the University of Charleston celebrates some of the community's most beloved music from the AARP West Virginia Main Stage, food court sponsored by Advanced Physical Therapy, CAMC Women's & Children's crafts, lawn games and face painting sponsored by WV American Water, and McKinley Carter Wealth Services Artisan Area beginning at 2 p.m. The day caps off with a grand finale performance by the state's premier orchestra and a fireworks display presented by the Charleston Convention & Visitor's Bureau that illuminates the West Virginia Capitol.

"This event is something we look forward to every year," said Steve Hedrick, AVN Corp. Chairman & CEO. "As a West Virginia-based company, AVN Corp. is thrilled to have supported the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra for the past six years, including five years as the title sponsor of this event, as we continue bringing our community together for incredible music, food, and entertainment."

This year's theme is "Wild, Wild West Virginia Symphony" to celebrate all things country and western. The program for the evening's WVSO concert will include pieces by Rossini, Copland, Sousa, Williams and will feature a special performance by Jenny Allinder, fiddle, and Jim Mullins, guitar/banjo. While the entertainment and children's activities are free thanks to the day's sponsors, vendors will also be on site to sell a variety of crafts, beverages, and food. AVN Corp. Symphony Sunday 2024 is presented by the West Virginia Symphony League Committee.

A special VIP reception, sponsored by Steptoe & Johnson, PLLC will be held from 6-10 p.m. and gives guests exclusive access to watch the performances from atop UC's rotunda and patio. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine and champagne will be served. Tickets to Sunday's VIP reception are \$75 each and can be purchased by calling the WVSO at 304.957.9876, by emailing Amanda McDonald at amcdonald@wvsymphony.org or by visiting wvsymphony.org.

AVN Corp. Symphony Sunday 2024 is made possible through support from the following friends: AVN Corporation, the University of Charleston, the City of Charleston, AARP West Virginia, The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation, Charleston Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Steptoe & Johnson, PLLC, Amherst-Madison Advanced Physical Therapy, Brewer & Company, CAMC Women's & Children's, McKinley Carter Wealth Services, WV American Water, Buckingham Strategic Wealth, Mike & Shelia Neal, and Ghosh Engineers.

The West Virginia Symphony Orchestra is West Virginia's premier performing arts organization, presenting classical and pops concerts annually throughout the Mountain State. Currently entering its 86th season, the WVSO is a proud member of the community and enriches the region by providing affordable, high-quality concerts, collaborations with West Virginia arts organizations and a nationally award-winning education program.

AARP WV MAIN STAGE SCHEDULE

2:00 p.m. Brass Band of the Tri-State
2:55 p.m. Charleston Metro Band
3:40 p.m. womanSong
4:25 p.m. Greater Huntington Symphonic Band
5:15 p.m. Kanawha Valley Community Band
6:00 p.m. WV Youth Symphony Ensembles
7:00 p.m. Kanawha Valley Pipes and Drums
8:00 p.m. West Virginia Symphony Orchestra

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Loved ones are not forgotten



Some are gone and live on only in our memories.

By Allen Hamrick

During a trip to Arlington, I met a man sitting in a wheelchair while attached to an oxygen tank. He was very weak, but when he shook hands it was firm, like all his strength was put into that one hand shake. He spoke slowly, and his words were well thought as if he had few left. We talked for an hour or so until his breath was getting hard to come by. He said his family was spread across the country and were just too busy to come by. Thoughts went from present to the past as he told his story. He wanted to talk, and, more importantly, he wanted to remember. We were near Arlington; he could see it in the distance but just couldn't get there in his situation. He had fought in WWII and spoke of how it changed his life. As his eyes glassed over, he remembered the men who had fallen in the battles he was involved in. He had lived through some of the bloodiest fighting in World War II and saw fellow soldiers shot to pieces. He braved many firefights, not to be a hero, but for freedom and for his family back home. He didn't run; he fought so that Americans from that point on would get the chance to live their dreams. Soldiers, male and female, fight today because they are asked to do it. They don't do it for the money but for country. The only things that really matter, he said, "When you're on the edge of your life and your eyes close for the last time, whether it be sickness, tragedy or war, nobody screams for money, cars or fame just family and friends, and that's why I did it...for them."

He, like so many this Memorial Day who paid a debt they didn't cause or owe in service to the people, lay beneath the sod with a small flag that gently waves as the wind drifts across their tombs. We have to remember how terrible wars are. If you have never heard the exploding bombs, felt bullets so close they ripped your clothes, sat in a muddy foxhole with death all around and wondered if this is really for freedom

or something else, constantly question and wonder if it your last day and if it is worth it, you don't have the depth of understanding of those that have lived it. There has never been a war that wasn't politically motivated, from the Dark Ages to the present; check your history books, what's left of them, if you're in doubt. Individually, though, America, West Virginia, or Clay County would not be what it is today without the colorful lives of a people who were not perfect and did not always make the best decisions but believed in this country where people could grow from childhood with dreams to a life of achieving them. It is why it is important to give more than a passing glance to those that fought and died in the service of this country and to its people. Their code of honor and lifestyle of strength needs to be observed because the honor we should feel in observance is due to the fact that we know that their selfless sacrifice in service to "we the people" makes it possible for us to live our lives in whatever capacity we want. With all the chaos in the world, politically and mentally, prices of everything going up and the dollar going down, it makes people wonder if any war ever, was worth it in the long run...but our soldiers still fight. It is tough things to ponder, so, when you see a veteran of a war or pass a lone grave with the American flag waving heralding the death of a soldier, take a minute to remember them and be grateful. There is no doubt that they have experienced in reality what you see in movies or on a game.

Also, don't forget to remember what those who have already gone on did for this country because if you do not remember their sacrifices, they will have died for nothing. Memorial Day in today's era is thought of as a day to remember all people who have died, and indeed they should be remembered because if their memory is lost, it is lost forever.

Celebration dedication at the Boggs Walking Trail

By Allen Hamrick

I asked myself, "What is a Master Gardener?" After visiting the Boggs Walking Trail at Big Otter, they can only be described as the person who can really, with union of heart and mind, converse with nature itself and find in the natural forms around them an inexhaustible amount of power and happiness. They are able to communicate with their surroundings and create the possible from a single canvas nature has provided that gets them one step closer to grand escapes of blooming flowers and majestic shrub lines. They see the simple, yet profound, wisdom in a single bloom and the necessity and impact it has on future visitors. They create passageways in shadows of trees and open fields that can become haunted with nature's musical charms and give passersby a glimpse into pure peace.

Flowers and shrubs, trees and climbers have been a part of human habitation since the beginning of time. Flowers are used, from birth to death, to give embellishment to any given situation, and only those who have mastered the green thumb can create the arrangement. I can remember both of my grandmas' gardens were small but beautiful. It seemed that every color of the rainbow was represented, from the tall white lilies to the pinkish marigolds. Peonies and pansies and the sweet smells of flowers and mint were in the air. In spring you could find them in their finest aprons and singing as the birds fell silent to listen to them. They would dress up the arbors Grandpa made from rustic wood with rambling roses that would cover the porch. Visitors

would come and set on their porches for hours as Grandma would proudly discuss her methods of the perfect garden.

At the Boggs Walking Trail, master gardeners from Clay and Braxton counties, along with a few folks from WVU Extension Services, have dedicated themselves to creating a paradise for all visitors of the park. The gathering on Friday was to celebrate their work in the park as well as was to honor those that have provided funding for the projects - WVU Extension Master Gardner Association and the Elk Conservation District. It was also times to remember the former Master Gardeners from Clay and Braxton that have passed on. A wind chime was placed in their memory to commemorate their life on this earth and their dedication to beautifying it. Those remembered were Miriam Hopkins, Karen Hutchens and Robert "Bob" Osborne from Clay County and Judy Beane and Jeffrey Wright from Braxton County. They are gone but certainly not forgotten. The event was coordinated by Suzie Legg and Dr. CJ Jones and enjoyed by all who participated. Those in attendance got an opportunity to walk the park, see the latest improvements and enjoy refreshments provided by volunteers. If you have not been there, you owe it to yourself to stop by and see what these Master Gardeners have created and are still creating for future park patrons. Tuckerman once said, "To analyze the charms of flowers is like dissecting music; it is one of those things which is far better to enjoy than to fully attempt to understand." Come out and enjoy the park!



Dr. CJ Jones is the park's visionary.



Representatives from the Elk Conservation District L-R Linda Brown and Mary Beth Smith



One of the parks information stands