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As always, you may drop off your non-perishable donations to the Petersburg Interfaith Pantry at the Grant County Press. Monetary donations will also be forwarded to the food pantry.

Rescue your new best friend from the county kennel
Meet an amazing pup at the Grant County Dog Pound waiting to find his forever home... see page 7A.



COVID-19 UPDATES

The Grant County Health Department now has the following immunizations. Call 304-257-4922 for an appointment:

- Updated Covid 19 Moderna vaccine for age 12 and up.
- Flu vaccine for ages 6 months and up, including high dose for those age 65 and older.
- RSV vaccine for those 65 and older with Medicare Part D or insurance that covers vaccines.
- RSV for pregnant women (32-36 weeks pregnant) with insurance or Medicaid.

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poll question

Would you support America sending resources to support Israel against Hamas?

Let us know on our Facebook page

Couple arrested for stalking Grant County mail carrier

A husband and wife are facing stalking charges after allegedly following and harassing a Grant County mail carrier while she was delivering mail in the Cumberland Road area.

The incident occurred early last month when officers with the Grant County Sheriff's Department were contacted by a woman who said she worked with the United States Postal Service. The woman told officers she had been confronted and followed while she was conducting her normal mail route near Creitz Road and Durgon Road.

During the route, the victim noted that a woman, later identified as Ruth Elizabeth Ellifritz, 36, was waiting with her daughter for the mail to be delivered.

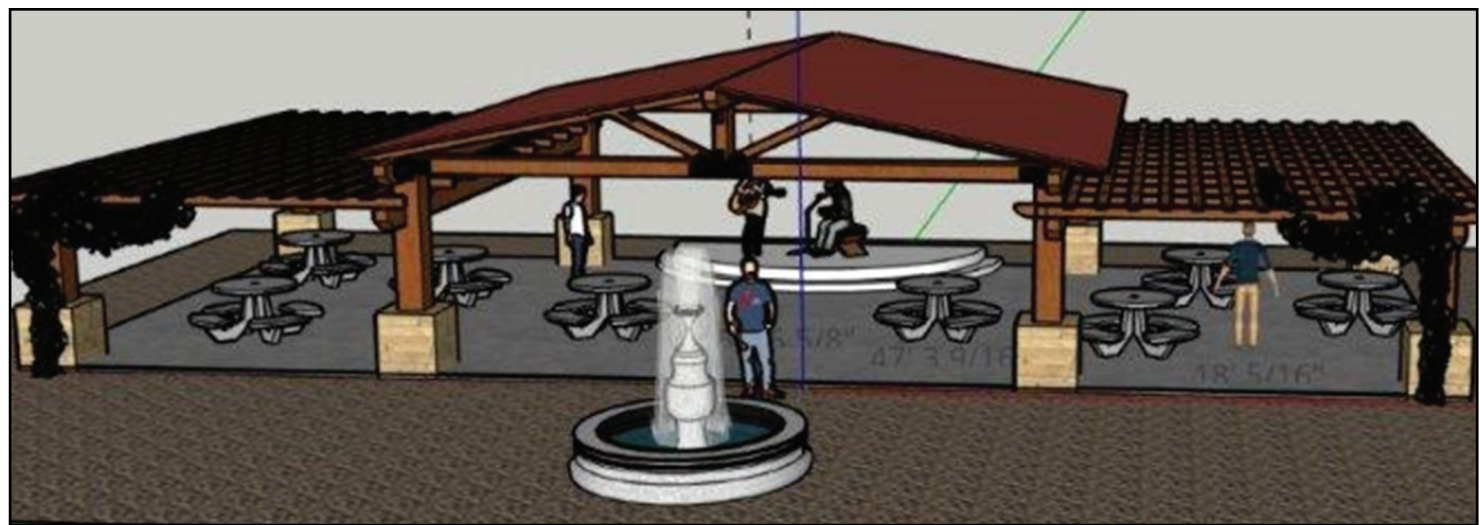
According to the police report filed on the incident, after the victim delivered the suspect's mail, Ellifritz made contact with the victim and told her "that she better deliver the mail to her on Tuesday or else." The officer noted that the Tuesday referenced by Ellifritz would have been the Tuesday following Labor Day (Sept. 5).

The mail carrier told Ellifritz that she was not delivering the mail to her but to the post office, after which Ellifritz repeated that she had "better deliver the mail or else."

The victim then told officers that Ellifritz positioned her vehicle behind her and started to ride closely to her vehicle, flashing her lights with the intent to stop her.

The victim said that she could not get out of her vehicle due to contractual obligations with the postal service, so she continued her route. The victim noted that during the confrontation Ellifritz had a loud and aggressive demeanor.

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Petersburg pavilion project seeks community support

Efforts to beautify Petersburg could be seeing an important step forward in the coming months, with the Grant County Commission releasing updates on a proposed community pavilion located on the site that previously housed Third Base Bar and Grill.

The project has received endorsements from multiple county and city officials as well as community organizations who have partnered together to help support the construction of the pavilion.

"This will serve as a gathering place for our community's families, friends, and visitors to our area," officials said in a press release updating the community on the project. "Our Downtown Pavilion will provide a location for a variety of events such as old-fashioned cake walks, square dancing, musical concerts, hymn sings, special farmers' market, local craft market demonstrations and wildlife demonstrations by our Department of Natural Resources for children and adults."

According to the release, the estimated cost for the pavilion will be \$155,835.68.

Currently, the project has

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Above: The proposed community pavilion, including seating and stage space. Below: The current location along Virginia Avenue in Petersburg where the pavilion is expected to be constructed.

New \$5 million pre-k facility at PES will expand resources for young students

Petersburg Elementary School may soon be home to a new pre-kindergarten center if the county's funding request is awarded by the state.

The facility will be an expansion to the Petersburg Elementary School campus, featuring a 6,000 square foot center that will house four classrooms and an open common area.

The idea of the expansion came during discussions on how to offer more space for the growing pre-kindergarten classes in the area. Originally, officials had talked about an option of adding an off-site location near the school, however, this could create difficulty in sharing resources between PES and the off-site location.

"During these conversations we came to the conclusion that it would be more conducive for us to put the location on our own site," said Brent Nelson, director of school facilities.

"We can offer more to our students if everything is housed there. Otherwise we would be bringing everything from Petersburg Elementary to this off-site location. That would be food service, nurses, employees - it just made more sense that since we were already applying for a needs project to do a roofing and HVAC project that we go ahead and apply for a pre-k center to be housed in that same location."

The new pre-k expansion will be able to offer students all services currently offered at PES, including speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, developmental delay support and health clinic support with E.A. Hawse.

"An important thing about this project is that it will also benefit not just pre-k but the rest of the school as well," said Vanessa Harlow, director of federal programs. "We had to add a pre-k classroom this year that had a kindergarten teacher that had to move, we have a science lab now being used by interventionists, which limits access to that lab for other students. We have already lost one computer lab for more space and we have a second grade classroom that had to be moved over to the third and fourth grade wing, just because we are simply out of space. So it has become a domino effect of losing space to accommodate everything."

The pre-k classes in the county have seen a steady increase over the past three years, with three classes at PES at a maximum capacity of 20 students, another filled 20 student class at Maysville Elementary School and a partially filled class at Union Educational Complex.

"The existing playground will shift down towards the

See School, page 7A

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LOCAL FLAVOR

By Camille Howard
Friday the 13th lived up to its reputation, if our office scanner was any indication. It was going full blast all day with everything from a lost person to bus stop no-shows. We pick up all kinds of radio traffic on our scanner we bought from Petersburg Electronics (thank you Adam), and it was already programmed.

We hear from our local area but also from Hardy, Pendleton and Mineral counties. For some reason we pick up the Marlinton VFD over top of everything else but it's only a buzz, but we've locked that channel out.

Frankly, I don't know where people get the idea that our state, county and city police officers are just sitting around drinking coffee and eating doughnuts.

There is a continual stream of requests and not just emergencies. People want to report suspicious activities on or around their property, unsafe drivers on the road, break-ins and a lot worse because they hop onto another channel that's scrambled.

I will say one thing about

listening to the scanner; the talk that comes through is professional. Occasionally we hear excited and exasperated voices when there is a forest fire in a remote area, and equipment is hard to put in place or the location is difficult to find.

I'm not superstitious but Friday the 13th and nights where there is a full moon seems to be busy times for first responders.

Me? I'll stay inside with my black cat.

Really, it's two black cats now. Craig found a tiny black kitten in the middle of the road on his way home from Moorefield last week.

It was between the railroad tracks and the stoplight near 84 Lumber. He thought it was injured, so he stopped to put it out of its misery.

When he approached, it jumped up, ran under his truck and he and several others stopped behind him, proceeded to do a little cat wrangling. Traffic was backed up to the DMV. When it was all over guess

who ended up with the kitten? Craig. It's a nice little thing, solid black except for a little white on its belly, has a loud motor, is litter trained and loves attention. Our other cats are mad, mad, mad. I don't blame them. Six is just too many. My brother Cullen would say one is too many.

Anyhow, we've got a line on a possible adoption! And ... to change the subject once again ... I was looking up recipes for the holidays that would freeze well. It seems like Thanksgiving and Christmas run over top of me every year when it comes to baking.

This year, I'm hoping to get some cookies made that can go in the freezer so I can spend more time enjoying the holidays and less

time in the kitchen.

If you are using a recipe that calls for the dough to be rolled for slicing, you can freeze the roll and slice the dough for baking later.

For drop cookies, freeze the dough in balls in a single layer on a cookie sheet or tray lined with parchment paper. After they are frozen, pop them into a zip-top freezer bag. If you have baked cookies, do the same. Just thaw them until they're room temperature.

You can usually keep cookie dough frozen for up to three months and defrost it in your refrigerator overnight.

I recently found a bag of pumpkin cookies in my freezer that I forgot were in there and they still tasted good. A good indication that the freezer method works well and I need to get a move on with my baking.

Have a great week!

RED VELVET CAKE MIX COOKIES
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt or 1/4 teaspoon table salt
2 eggs
1 (15.25 ounce) box of red velvet cake mix
3/4 cup white chocolate chips
Preheat oven to 350°F. In a medium-sized bowl, whisk together oil, salt, and eggs until well combined.
Add the cake mix and mix until fully combined, about 2 minutes. Fold in the white chocolate chips. Refrigerate for 20 minutes.
Line 2 rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper. Portion out

heaping tablespoons of dough and roll them in your hands to form round balls.
Place each ball about 2 inches apart on the baking sheet (Note: the cookies will spread out considerably, so it's important to leave plenty of space).
Bake in preheated oven for 10-12 minutes, just until the edges begin to brown slightly. Allow the cookies to cool for 10 minutes on the baking sheet before removing them to a wire rack to finish cooling.
Note: Almost any cake mix can be used for this recipe and nuts, toffee chips, etc. may be used in place of the chocolate chips.

SALTED BUTTER-PECAN SHORT-BREAD COOKIES
1 cup butter, softened
1/4 cup unsifted powdered sugar
1 cup chopped toasted pecans
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup turbinado (raw) sugar
1 large egg, lightly beaten
42 pecan halves (about 1 cup)
Freshly grated nutmeg for garnish (optional)
Beat butter in a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment on medium speed until creamy, about 1 minute. Gradually add powdered sugar, beating until mixture is smooth, about 1 minute. Stir in chopped toasted pecans and vanilla.
Whisk together flour and baking powder in a bowl. With mixer running on low speed, grad-

ually add flour mixture to butter mixture until blended.
Transfer dough to a work surface; shape into 2 (7-inch) logs. Wrap logs separately in plastic wrap; refrigerate at least 4 hours or up to 2 days.
Preheat oven to 350°F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Place turbinado sugar in a shallow dish. Unwrap logs, and brush evenly on all sides with egg. Roll each log in turbinado sugar. Cut logs into 1/3-inch-thick slices (you should have 42 cookies total), and place 1 inch apart on prepared baking sheets. Top each cookie with 1 pecan half, pressing lightly to adhere.
Bake in preheated oven until cookie edges are golden, 10 to 12 minutes. Let cool 5 minutes on baking sheets. Transfer cookies to a wire rack; cool 10 minutes.

Community Meetings & Events

Grant County Historical Society membership meeting scheduled for Oct. 17, has been canceled. Please plan to attend an important membership meeting Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m. at the Old Courthouse.

Region 8 Planning and Development Council will meet Thursday, Oct. 19, 12:30 p.m. at the Region 8 PDC office, 131 Providence Lane, Petersburg.

Convention of States meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Petersburg American Legion. Come join the group that will save our country. <https://conventionofstates.com>.

Grant County Adult Education enrolls students for their High School Equivalency and does TABE testing for the DHHR every Friday from

8:30 am-12 noon. Call 304-257-1277 to schedule or request information.

Grant County Board of Education meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the board office on Jefferson Avenue.

Grant County Commission meets every month on the second Tuesday at 9 a.m. and the fourth Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the low-

er level conference room. For the agenda check grant-county.wv.org

Grant County Historical Society board of directors meetings will be posted on the Society's Facebook page. Members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

GMH board meetings are held the fourth Monday at 7 p.m. in the administrative conference room at Grant Memorial Hospital.

New Beginnings Community Outreach, Thursday, 6-9 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

Potomac Highlands Cancer Support Group for cancer patients and caregivers, meets the first Monday of every month, 5 p.m. at Living Hope Baptist Church, 1 Veach St., Petersburg. Refreshments.

Petersburg City Council meets the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at City Hall on Mt. View St.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at 6 p.m. every Tuesday at Living Hope Baptist Church, South Main Street in Petersburg. Call Wendy DeiCas at 304-257-2349. for more information.

ANSWERS FROM PUZZLES ON PAGE 7B

Cryptogram
Being realistic is the most commonly traveled road to mediocrity. — Will Smith

King Crossword
10. Tackle, Tickle
9. Cover, Cover
8. Outlet, Cutlet
7. Bronze, Bronte
6. River, Rivet

Answers
1. Dancer, Danger
2. Fault, Vault
3. Clove, Close
4. Heaven, Leaven
5. Thank, Think

Even Exchange

Answers
1. Dancer, Danger
2. Fault, Vault
3. Clove, Close
4. Heaven, Leaven
5. Thank, Think

Go Figure!

Answers
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by BUD BLAKE

ARM WRESTLING IS ONLY FOR TWO PEOPLE

TIGER

CAN I PLAY, TIGER?

GO AWAY—ONLY TWO CAN PLAY THIS GAME

NOT NOW. THIS IS A TWO-MAN GAME

I'LL GOASK MOM WHAT ALL THREE OF US CAN DO TOGETHER

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CEOs hold Breast Cancer Awareness Day at library, have annual wreath hanging

Grant County CEOs members held their annual breast cancer wreath hanging ceremony Oct. 10 at the Grant-Moomau Public Library in Petersburg.

Also during the event, guest speakers from Grant Memorial Hospital of WVU Medicine shared insights and services that

support breast cancer from screening to treatment and support.

Attending from GMH were Kelly Smith-Riggleman, PA-C, Brooklyn Vetter, nurse manager of the Cancer Center, Cindy Shreve-Ours of the radiology department and Debbie Turner, marketing.



Kathy McKinney, breast cancer survivor, helped with the wreath hanging.

Bayard VFD visits UEC students during Fire Prevention Week



The Bayard Volunteer Fire Department #130 visited Union Educational Complex last week to talk with students about fire safety.

Volunteers from the department spoke with all grades, gave a tour of the fire truck, and did a smoke simulation activity using fog machines to teach students what to do if they are ever in a smoke filled room.



Sparky the dog made an appearance, elementary students tried on some of the gear, and student volunteers demonstrated stop, drop, and roll.

High school students volunteered to compete against some of the firemen to see who could put gear on the quickest and student volunteers "saved" one of the firemen by pulling him

across the floor.

All received goodie bags and the elementary students had a coloring book in their bag which the Bayard VFD created with pictures of their trucks and gear.

For more fire prevention information see the Bayard Volunteer Fire Department's Facebook page.

SBCTC SkillsUSA middle school council attends conference



South Branch Career and Technical Center's inaugural middle school SkillsUSA 2023-24 advisory council participated in a recent ELEVATE conference with schools from around the U.S. to learn more about SkillsUSA, effective communication, team building and chapter goals. Attending were Brett Evans - president, Charley Rexrode - vice president, Kloe Tilley - secretary, Kinsley Crites - parliamentarian, Ryleigh Hall - reporter, Lucy Groves - representative and Conner Wess - representative. (Not pictured, Landon Wratchford - treasurer).

GRCC spotlight employee for October



Summit Bank employees present a gift card to Madison Whetzel.

October spotlight employee is Madison Whetzel, from food and nutrition services who has worked for GRCC for three months.

Also selected, but not pictured, were Shaleen McUlty, Certified Nursing Assistant, for nine months and Emma Mongold, Certified Nursing Assistant for three years.

The GRCC spotlight is sponsored by Summit Community Bank.

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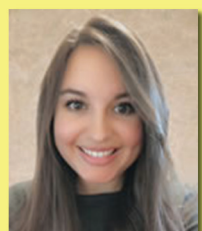
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LOOKING TO DONATE?
Samaritan’s Purse has
legitimate, on the scene
field operations in Hawaii,
Israel and Ukraine

Many times we see pleas for help in disaster and war torn areas, but not all are real, legitimate organizations that will use your money to help those in need. Samaritan’s Purse is one organization that uses your donations to put people as well as supplies right at the point of need, whether it is to rebuild, provide medical services or the basics for survival.

Many from this area have been on disaster relief trips within the U.S. to help flood and hurricane ravaged areas. Here is a brief update of their presence in Hawaii and Israel.

Hawaii: On Tuesday, August 8, dry conditions on the Aloha State’s second largest island prompted fires – a manageable burn turned catastrophic on Wednesday, August 9, as winds from Category 4 Hurricane Dora swept it into an inferno. The historic village of Lahaina, home to more than 13,000 people was leveled.

The wildfires on Maui blew through Lahaina, engulfed nearly everything in their path. The Samaritan’s Purse U.S. Disaster Relief volunteers are restoring hope for many homeowners who have lost so much and are just getting back to their properties.

One resident posted on Facebook, “Thank you folks so very much! All I asked for is that you find those Hawaiian artifacts, hundreds of years old, and you did it! I am forever grateful. You folks are selfless and dedicated. Mahalo nui Loa! (thank you very much)”

Israel: Samaritan’s Purse DC-8 cargo plane left North Carolina on Thursday, Oct. 12, on its second flight to Armenia to provide further assistance to families who have fled Nagorno-Karabakh. On board were 23 tons of emergency supplies that will provide much-needed relief to families and support overwhelmed local resources.

These flights would not have been possible without overflight permissions expeditiously granted by Turkey, and Samaritan’s Purse is grateful to the officials who made this possible.

“We have already sent 30 tons of supplies to Armenia to support hurting families during this crisis. As winter quickly approaches, please continue to join us in prayer for the families who have fled and for our teams as we provide physical and spiritual help in Jesus’ Name.

“Conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan has once again caused suffering, heartbreak, and chaos for thousands of people,” continued Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan’s Purse. “As Samaritan’s Purse deploys life-saving aid and surgical care to this part of the world, please pray for God’s protection over the families seeking refuge and for our teams as they serve.”

A Samaritan’s Purse Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) is on the ground in Armenia where they are working with local church partners to deliver relief as tens of thousands of displaced families arrive in need of shelter, food, water, and other relief.

Their medical teams began working in local hospitals to meet needs as dozens of people were burned. The deadly gas station explosion in Nagorno-Karabakh killed 170 Armenians and injured nearly 300 others.

They also are providing hot meals to displaced families as well as basic items such as personal hygiene kits, diapers, cleaning supplies, bed linens and blankets.

If you would like to give towards the help and recovery in Hawaii, Israel, Ukraine or other areas, go to samaritanspurse.org and click on the “give” button. Go to “View All Gift Items” if you would like to select a specific area for your donation. You can also find them on Facebook.

Samaritan’s Purse, who you may recognize as the Operation Christmas Child shoebox sponsor/distributor, sends disaster relief across the U.S. and the world.



West Virginia is winning

Mitch Carmichael
Cabinet Secretary
WV Department of Economic Development

I am writing to share the good news that West Virginia is winning!

Our state is scoring incredible economic development victories that in previous years would have been unimaginable. West Virginia has successfully awakened America to the value, benefits, and many advantages of establishing and growing businesses in our state.

The result is that many great jobs, amazing opportunities, and new industries are finding a welcoming home in West Virginia.

New factories are rising and quickly growing across the West Virginia landscape. Thousands of advanced manufacturing, skilled materials handling, scientific research, and other fantastic jobs will be available to our citizens.

These new factories will provide direct and indirect benefits to our communities. For instance, the factories will utilize power from our West Virginia utilities, thus benefiting the entire supply chain for electric power generation and many other related services.

West Virginia is experiencing a once-in-a-generation economic renaissance that should be celebrated and shared. The rebirth of the West Virginia economy is exciting and full of potential for continuing expansion.

The governor has assembled an economic development team that

is skilled in the proper manner of conveying the many advantages our wonderful state offers to businesses throughout the world. Our success is undisputed and unparalleled in the recent history of West Virginia.

The victories we are winning for our citizens have been years in the making and serve to validate the numerous legislative and executive policy initiatives which have transformed West Virginia into a nimble, vibrant state capable of competing and winning on an international basis.

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The beauty of our state’s economic resurgence, which serves as a testament to its enduring legacy, is the many hands and various entities that have contributed and continue to play a vital role in this success.

Across political parties and throughout all branches of government; Republicans, Democrats, business, labor, federal, state and local leaders have worked diligently to ensure our state is well-positioned for success.

Most importantly, the citizens of West Virginia have driven this amazing climb and are embracing the positive momentum generated in our state. The people of our state deserve all the credit for creating and embracing a better and more prosperous future for this and coming generations of West Virginians.

Key elements to all successful

ventures is widespread adoption of the chosen course, an embrace of triumphs, and sharing of the success. It is important to underscore the many victories that are being notched for the citizens of West Virginia. Our mindset is that of expectation for victory and economic prosperity.

West Virginia can compete and win on a worldwide stage. No project is too big for us. For example, in the year 2022, West Virginia secured over \$6.1 billion in private capital investment generated from over 29 new and expanding companies. By comparison, this figure is more than the combined total from the previous four years!

Occasionally, we might encounter a special interest group or pessimistic person viewing our glass as half empty. May we take a moment to remind these few people that West Virginia is moving forward. West Virginia has left behind the attitude of scarcity in which the benefit to one must come at a cost to another.

Life is not a zero-sum game filled with envy and anger. Rather, we are embracing an attitude of abundance which makes us excited, motivated, and ready for action. The economic pie in West Virginia is expanding.

Often, the thought sweeps over me that this is the most thrilling hour for economic development in the 160+ year history of West Virginia. Growth and opportunities exist in all sectors of our economy. The future for West Virginia workers, families, and our economic prosperity is bright and full of sunshine.

Let’s share the good news!



Lee Hamilton

Why does even popular legislation get hung up in Congress?

It’s not hard to imagine that as Congress edged closer and closer to shutting down the U.S. government

at the end of September, most Americans watched with a sense of both disbelief and bemusement.

Disbelief, because on Congress’s list of key responsibilities, keeping the federal government running surely ranks near the top. And some degree of confusion because, given overwhelming bipartisan support for passing spending bills, how could things have gotten so dire?

Before we get to that, though, it’s worth remembering that to some extent this is just Congress being Congress. At the best of times, the congressional process is slow, messy, complex, and often contentious—regardless of where popular sentiment lies.

Not only is it not designed for quick action, it’s actually structured to slow things down so that matters of national importance can get a careful look.

In general, bills have to go through the committee system, which in an ideal world adds both expertise and additional scrutiny to the process—but also adds time. They’re subject to debate both in committee and on the

floor of each chamber—and, in the Senate, always at risk of being filibustered.

At every step of the process, interest groups and lobbyists are weighing in — often behind the scenes — in a full-court press to shape or block a bill. Procedural rules offer plenty of opportunities for individual members to block progress even in the face of widespread condemnation from colleagues, as Alabama GOP Sen. Tommy Tuberville has been facing for holding up military promotions and appointments.

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Sometimes, getting to a majority in both houses on the same piece of legislation can feel like a minor miracle, requiring negotiation, compromise, and lots of patience.

Our history offers plenty of examples. It took well over a year for the Affordable Care Act to win passage in 2010, despite strong public support for health care reform.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 faced concerted opposition from southern senators in particular, though it enjoyed the support of a majority of

Americans.

Immigration reform has been a perennial top-of-mind issue on Capitol Hill, with members of Congress and the public at large agreeing that it needs to happen and many on both sides of the aisle believing that undocumented immigrants need a “pathway to citizenship,” yet disagreements over how to achieve reform have stymied legislation for decades.

To be sure, Congress can act very quickly when it needs to, especially in the face of a national emergency: after 9/11, during the 2008 financial crisis, when confronted with the Covid pandemic.

And in the past, even when the appropriations process to fund the federal government has hit snags, Congress has been able to move quickly to pass a continuing resolution or an omnibus spending bill to avert a shutdown.

But when both Congress and the nation are polarized and Congress itself is closely divided along partisan lines, everything becomes more difficult. This is especially so in the House these days, where, as we’ve seen, just a tiny handful of members can gum things up and the GOP speaker faces the constant prospect of losing his post if even a single member of his caucus decides to give it a

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Remember When



October 14, 1953
Veach-Townsend Clinic births included: Mr. and Mrs. Olie Getz of Maysville, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Kuykendall of Petersburg, a son; and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Heavener of Moorefield, a son.

A new industry for Petersburg, which was to be the town's second largest, began operation. The plant was S & S Poultry Processing Plant, owned by O.J. Schaffer of Sidman, Pa. and operated by David Sussman.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Aronhalt of New Creek announced the birth of a son, at Potomac Valley Hospital.

Pvt. Newton S. Zirk of Petersburg was stationed with the armed forces in Korea.

Qualified as a carrier pilot after six successful landings on board of the USS Monterey in the Gulf of Mexico was Naval Aviation Cadet Steven Roby of Petersburg.

For the first time in history of football at PHS, a football team won two consecutive games from Franklin. PHS upended the Panthers 26-14.

October 16, 1963
On Saturday, opening

day of hunting season saw many hunters take to the woods. However, very few turkeys and squirrels were killed.

The hunting season on small game, which opened on Saturday, was to be suspended effective 6 p.m., Wednesday. This action was made necessary due to the extremely dry weather conditions and the forest fires which became widespread.

Plans were finalized for the visit on Sunday of the National Railway Historical Society "Centennial Special train" scheduled to arrive in Petersburg. This was one of the events commemorating the 100th anniversary of W.Va.'s statehood.

Shocked by a 79-yard pass-run play and held to a 6-6 first quarter score by Circleville, Petersburg turned on the power in the last three periods to romp over the Indians, 51-6. The win was the Vikings sixth of the season against a single loss and boosted them into the ninth spot in the state AA rankings.

Births at Grant Memorial Hospital included: Mr. and Mrs. William J. Redman of Petersburg, a son, Oct. 8; Mr. and Mrs. Ed-

ward Lyons of Medley, a daughter, Oct. 10; Mr. and Mrs. William Tipton of Petersburg, a son, Oct. 11; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Am-tower of Mount Storm, a son, Oct. 12; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Koontz of Petersburg, a son, Oct. 13; and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Franz of Maysville, a daughter, Oct. 13.

October 17, 1973
A special meeting of the City of Petersburg council was primarily devoted to the location of the instant library which had been under consideration for about a year, as well as the proposed extension of Mountain View Street. No deed or grant for the land had been received by the city from Henry Moomau and they had been unable to locate Moomau to ascertain when the deed would be executed.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Long had a sixth birthday party for their daughter, Tammy Jane, Oct. 10.

Births at Grant Memorial Hospital included: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Twigg of Peteresburg, a son, Oct. 13; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Armentrout of Petersburg, a son, Oct. 14; and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kimble of Upper Tract, a daughter,

Gov. Justice announces fall trout stockings and return of Monster Trout Contest

The WVDNR will stock 35,000 pounds of trophy-size trout and 6,500 pounds of monster trout during weeks of Oct. 16 and Oct. 23

WV Press Release
Gov. Jim Justice announced that the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources will begin fall trout stockings during the weeks of Oct. 16 and Oct. 23. The state's second annual Monster Trout Contest will also return during the same time.

During these two weeks, the WVDNR will stock more than 40,000 pounds of trophy-size and monster trout at 43 lakes and streams around the state. Of that total, 35,000 pounds of trout weighing 1-2 pounds and 6,500 pounds of monster trout weighing 3-6 pounds will be stocked. Out of the monster trout, five fish will have a tag that can be redeemed for a grand prize.

"This is one of the best announcements of the year as we stock our lakes and streams, and we have created an exciting element by adding the monster trout contest," Gov. Justice said. "This also provides an excellent opportunity for all of our anglers to

catch fish and potentially win some great, great prizes. So, gear up and get out there during this amazing time of year."

Anglers who catch one of the five tagged fish and submit a photo with the tag number will be eligible to win a weekend cabin stay at a West Virginia State Park or a Cabela's prize package. Entries must be submitted by Friday, November 17. To learn more about the Monster Trout Contest, visit WVdnr.gov/fall-monster-trout-stockings.

"We're excited to bring back our Monster Trout Contest for a second year and continue to provide anglers and their families some of the best fishing experiences in the country," said Brett McMillion, director of the WVDNR. "These stockings will go by quickly, but anglers should expect ideal trout fishing conditions to continue for several weeks, especially in larger streams and lakes where trout have more room to disperse."

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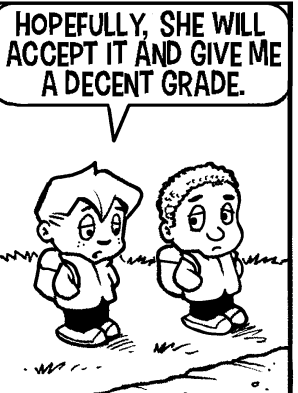
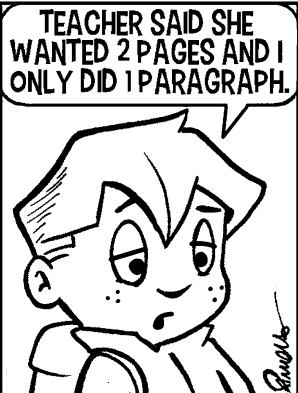
shot. In other words, the potential for messiness, gridlock, and obstruction has reached new heights this year.

Yet despite all this, there's one other key thing to remember: When it comes to its most important business, like passing appropriations bills and funding the government, Congress always comes through.

Debate might be contentious and every so often we face a shutdown — with all the disruption and political fallout that entails — but eventually every department will get its funds. Given all the forces arrayed against making progress, that's no small feat.

Lee Hamilton is a senior adviser for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government and was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

Amber Waves



Hamas: Can this crisis be managed?

By Mac Warner - WV Secretary of State
“... So, when you clash with the unbelieving Infidels in battle, smite their necks until you overpower them, killing and wounding many of them...when you have thoroughly subdued them, bind them firmly, making them captives...you are commanded by Allah to continue carrying out Jihad against the unbelieving infidels until they submit to Islam.” *Koran 47:4*

The events unfolding in Israel may seem unfathomable, and indeed, are beyond human understanding. People around the world are trying to understand the motivation behind such savagery.

Yet, what may appear to be inexplicable slaughter and pure evil has religious underpinnings that have no parallel in Western tradition or morality. Al-siyar is “international law” under Islamic Shariah Law. It has two primary components: Dar-al-Islam and Dar-al-Harb. Dar-al-Islam is the “House of Islam (peace from a Muslim’s perspective) while Dar-al-Harb is the “House of War.”

To an Islamic fundamentalist, all the world is either under Islamic/Shariah rule or it is subject to the “land of war.” Whenever an Islamic leader has it within their power to do so, their duty is to bring the land of the infidels under Islamic control. By fulfilling this obligation, the Islamic leader aims to unite the entirety of the Islamic world, the “ummah,” in their holy endeavor.

As I pursued a master’s degree in international law at the University of Virginia in 1991, I strove to understand why Saddam Hussein was about to engage in war against the United States of America, the most powerful army on the face of the earth. I concluded Hussein did not think he could win outright; all he had to do was put up a stand... and survive. By doing so, Hussein was confident the global Islamic “ummah” would feel compelled to coalesce and support him.

Ten years later Osama bin Laden pursued the same objective when he directed Al-Qaeda terrorists to fly airplanes into buildings in the United States on 9-11. He hoped this outrageous terrorist attack would spark a worldwide Islamic uprising against the “Great Satan.” The “Little Satan,” Israel, would then be easy pickings.

Now, 20 years later, Hamas and Iran are taking their turn trying to unite the “ummah” against the infidels. The best way to crystalize the Islamic world is to initiate Jihad — to fight an Islamic holy war, justified by the Koran. The timing of this particular terrorist attack shows desperation. A much anticipated Israeli-Saudi agreement, in the works, would have undermined many ongoing Iranian efforts to annihilate Israel.

So, why would anyone kill and decapitate babies or take innocent humans hostage? The Koran prescribes how to conduct Jihad: “smite their necks until you overpower them...bind them firmly, making them captives...you are commanded by Allah to continue carrying out Jihad against the unbelieving infidel until they submit to Islam.”

I visited Israel not long ago and had the chance to talk with the Minister of Defense. He asked, “Who are Israel’s neighbors?”

I responded, “Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt.” Puzzled by his question, I asked him, “Why? Who do you see as your neighbors?”

He answered, “Hezbollah, Hamas, Muslim Brotherhood, Fatah, ISIS, Al-Qaeda, and other terrorist groups.”

His response gave me new perspective on the Middle East and Israel’s predicament. Nation-states are compelled to play by some rules; terrorist organizations have no rules. I asked the Defense Minister how peace might be secured and he provided this intriguing insight:

“One can never reconcile the religious differences between Jews and Muslims. All Israel can do is manage the problems, not solve them. We have managed for 75 years, and we will need to do so for another 75 years. Over generations, we might learn to live with one another.”

Israel had been on a path toward wider acceptance in the Middle East, having concluded peace agreements with Egypt, Jordan, UAE, Sudan, Morocco and Bahrain. Airline flights had begun between Jerusalem and Dubai. But now, Hamas Islamic fundamentalists have thrown down the most unimaginable Jihadist gauntlet to destroy those agreements. Whose side will those governments now take?

Middle East dictators, leaders and terrorists understand one thing: raw power. Israel has no option but to respond with overwhelming force to protect their citizens. The match to the Middle East tinder box has been lit. Problems might be managed; crises can be an entirely different story. The world will be mesmerized to see if this horrific circumstance and its aftermath can be managed.

Mac Warner served as the Chief of International Law for the United States Army in Europe, was the Army’s Islamic Law expert and taught Comparative Law at the Army’s Judge Advocate General’s School in Charlottesville. He has traveled extensively in the Middle East and ran the Capacity Building Section of the world’s largest Rule of Law program in Afghanistan for five years. He holds a J.D. from the WVU School of Law and Master’s Degrees from UVA Law School and the Army’s Judge Advocate General’s School. He is West Virginia’s Secretary of State.



Local and area obituaries

ELMO T. HESSE

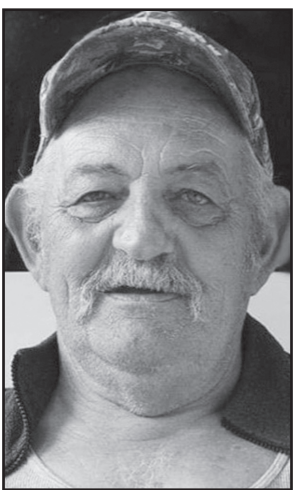
Elmo Thomas Hesse, 79, of Maysville, W.Va., passed away on Sunday, October 8, 2023, at his home.

Born February 2, 1944, in Petersburg, W.Va., he was a son of the late Thomas Hesse and Anna Lee (Alt) Hesse.

In addition to his parents, Elmo was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Anna Bell (Swick) Hesse in 2021; and one foster brother, Ralph Fultz.

Elmo worked for Lee Allen Goldizen Trucking in Lahmansville, W.Va. and T.A. Turner Construction in Gaithersburg, Md. Later he worked for Kessel Lumber Company in Petersburg, R & R Paving in Moorefield, W.Va. and retired from Sites Equipment in 2006.

Elmo is survived by three sons, Michael Hesse (Miranda) of Maysville, Rodney Swick of Romney, W.Va., and Tim Foster (Betty) of Texas; three Daughters, Tina Cooper (Rusty) of Cabins, W.Va., Teresa Cosner (Phillip) of Grafton, W.Va., and Stacy Carr (Kevin) of Scherr,



W.Va.; 17 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Wednesday afternoon at the Schaeffer Funeral Home chapel, Petersburg, with the Rev. Vivan Watts officiating.

Interment was in Lahmansville Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Falls Assembly of God Church, 5260 Knobley Road, Maysville, WV 26833.

Online condolences to the family may be made at www.schaefferfuneralhome.com. (10-17-23)

SHARON K. ALEXANDER

Sharon Kay Alexander, 69, died Friday, Oct. 13.

Born Oct. 8, 1954, in Groton, Conn., she was the daughter of the late Maurice and Donna (Ball) Rogers. She was also preceded in death by one great-granddaughter.

Mrs. Alexander grew up in a military family. She was a member of the Living Waters Ministries and attended South Mill Creek Church of the Brethren. She had numerous jobs over her lifetime, from working as a CNA for the Commission on Aging Family Services, a cook and bus monitor at EACHS Headstart in Petersburg, where she retired. She was a member of the Women's Bowling Association of West Virginia, the local women's, and mixed bowling leagues. She was a former member of the Tri-County Fair Committee and active with the Adopt-A-Highway program.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur O. Alexander; three daughters, Sarah Kimble of Upper Tract, Flecia Brockway of Petersburg, and Gina Howard of Pensacola, Fla.;



one son, Billy Gonzalez of Brewton, Ala.; one sister, Donna Eskridge of Grafton; two brothers, Gary Rogers of Fredericksburg, Va. and Gene McMichael of Kansas City, Mo.; 16 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be today (Tuesday) at 2 p.m., at the Basagic Funeral Home chapel with Pastor Allen Sisson officiating.

Memorials may be made to the family c/o the Basagic Funeral Home, P.O. Box 400, Petersburg, WV 26847. Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home. (10-17-23)

BONNIE C. SMITH

Bonnie Catherine (Yokum) Smith, 91, of Petersburg, W.Va., passed away on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at her home.

Born March 3, 1932, in Petersburg, she was the daughter of the late Lester Yokum and Edna Mae (McUly) Yokum.

In addition to her parents, Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband, Dayton R. Smith on October 13, 2011; one grandson, Devin Lee Alt on August 4, 2002; and one brother, Harlan Yokum on August 31, 2023.

Bonnie is survived by one daughter, Terri L. Kimble (Ricky) of Maysville, W.Va.; two grandchildren, Derek Alt (Darice) of Petersburg and Danielle Thompson (Andrew) of Dorcas, W.Va.; two great grandchildren, Easton Thompson and Kyleigh Thompson; one brother, Eulis Yokum (Beverly) of Petersburg; one sister-in-law, Linda Yokum of Morgantown, W.Va.; and several nieces and nephews.

Bonnie was salutatorian for the Class of 1950 at Petersburg High School. She attended Potomac State College and Shepherd College and taught school for



two years. Bonnie was bookkeeper for Clines Furniture in Petersburg for several years. She was a member of Bethel Church and a member of the Landes Ruritan Club.

Funeral services were Saturday morning in the Chapel of Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg with Pastor Brian Henson and Pastor Greg Rotruck officiating.

Interment was in Lahmansville Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethel Church, 3330 Franklin Pike, Petersburg, WV 26847 or charity of choice.

Online condolences to the family may be made at www.schaefferfuneralhome.com. (10-17-23)

1873-2023: Historical Mt. Carmel Church celebrates its 150th anniversary



Mount Carmel Church

**Submitted by
Dream Kelly, Minister
Mt. Carmel Church**

"There's a lot of history in 'em there hills ..." or, in the case of Mt. Carmel Church, on the creek, Patterson Creek, that is!

It was almost an oversight, but when one member noticed the date over the door, did some math, and exclaimed "Hey! This is our 150th year anniversary!" It didn't take long for the small congregation to jump into action.

Some started compiling history. Some started planning a celebration. Others declared that it was time to finish up ongoing projects and start planning new ones. The excitement in the newly remodeled basement was palpable.

Every member got involved preparing to celebrate and learn more about the history of our 150-year-old church that had served the community and eventually brought a dedicated team of believers together "For such a time as this!"

But let's back up and share the beginning of the story. As Hardy County (now Grant County) was deep inside the Civil War, the original church, located on West Morgantown Road, was burnt to the ground. Needing a place for community worship, George Williams and his wife Margaret, were approached by the trustees of The United Brethren in Christ Church.

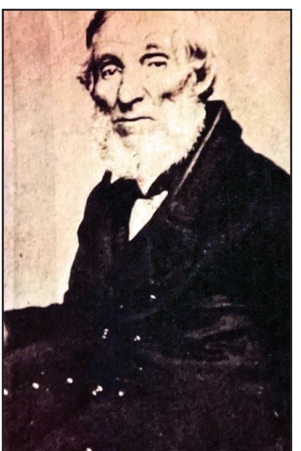
These trustees, Snowden Scott, Samuel Hart, Henry Fout, Isaac Patch Jr. and Noah Snyder purchased a quarter acre of land on May 18, 1871, for \$1.00. When the promissory note on the building came due, Trustee Noah Snyder was the sole signer.

The new church was built using bricks that were made of clay taken right

from the build site. The church was completed and dedicated in October 1873, by Bishop David Edwards. This was the second oldest Brethren congregation on the South Branch Circuit.

Named as the first pastor of Mt. Carmel Church, the Rev. Adam Isaac Bovey would serve a diverse community; preaching in both German and English.

Rev. Bovey passed away



First pastor,
Adam Isaac Bovey

in 1879 at the age of 82 and is buried in the church cemetery. In earlier years, Presbyterians also held services at the church and by 1900, Mt. Carmel Church had 88 members. In 1932, The South Branch Circuit listed 145 members and noted the church had excellent musicians, including nationally known "The Barr Band."

Historical dates uncovered during preparation for the 150th anniversary include:

The first homecoming celebration was held on Sunday, July 14, 1935.

In 1957, Charles O. Schartzler (1871-1965) was honored for serving 42 years as Sunday School Superintendent.

In 1967, Annette Fout specified in her last-will-and-testament that a monetary donation be made to Mt. Carmel Church. Ms. Fout's donation was to be used for a new heating sys-

tem, upgraded electrical wiring, installation of new flooring, to paint the sanctuary, and for the purchase of new pews and stained-glass windows. The project was completed, and the following individuals were credited: Myron "Wod" McDonald, Olin Cleaver, Alvin Cleaver and Victor Shreve.

In 1968, the United Brethren in Christ Church merged into the United Methodist Conference; Rev. Harding Nelson was pastoring the church at that time. Since then, pastors of Mt. Carmel Church include Rev. Lynn Beckman, Rev. Stanley Kile, Rev. Delbert Poling, Rev. French Smith, Rev. Chester Stoyler and Rev. Joseph Gerstell.

In 1991, the congregation of Mt. Carmel Church were saddened to discover that the church's structural foundation was in need of repair. During the planning process, the congregation decided to not only take care of the foundation, but to add a basement. This was a major task with dirt having to be removed one bucketful at a time until there was sufficient room to allow use of earth moving equipment.

Church members and community volunteers worked side-by-side, utilizing skills, resources, time, and knowledge. From private donations to fund-raising events such as candy and apple butter making, and more than a few fund-raising dinners, the congregation worked out of the old school (the building adjacent to the church) and a few years later, the fruit of their labor came into fruition.

More recently, with God's guidance and the vision of church members such as the late Linda (Bobo) Berg and her father,

Karl Bobo, after a complete renovation, the basement or "fellowship hall" serves as a warm, dry, beautiful place to hold special events.

And every Sunday at 10 a.m. the fellowship hall, once but a dream, takes this 150-year-old-church back in time as the congregation and community come together in a small group setting, enjoying each other's company over delicious food and The Word.

On Aug. 19, 2023, the congregation voted to withdraw from the WV United Methodist Conference and for the first time in its history, Mt. Carmel Church became an independent, non-denominational, Bible inspired, Christian church.

There is one thing, however, that has not changed: God is working, and the congregation of this old church continues to look forward to what He has in store next.

The congregation invites the community to join them, Saturday, Oct. 28, at 4 p.m. to learn more about the church's history, enjoy a fellowship meal and stay for live music.



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Arrest

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After Ellifritz drove off, the victim continue her route until she arrived at Memory Lane where a male suspect, later identified as Jonathan Ellifritz, 35, along with R. Ellifritz arrived and positioned their vehicle beside the victim as she was delivering to a mailbox.

In the report, the officer noted that the Ellifritz positioned their vehicle in

the middle of the roadway beside the victim. The officers also noted that J. Ellifritz was driving the vehicle at the time, despite not having a valid driver's license and having already been convicted of driving without a license once prior. This interaction was also described as "aggressive and demanding" in the report.

The mail carrier told officers that the interaction had left her "shaken" and that she believed the purpose of J. and R. Ellifritz

stopping her was to antagonize her.

The victim reported that she simply responded "OK" to J. Ellifritz when she "was asked about a rope" and the victim was afraid "because she did not know what he was capable of."

The victim indicated that both J. and R. Ellifritz were traveling in a white Jeep Cherokee with tinted window and black rims. After the incident the victim contacted her boss, who advised her to con-

tact the local authorities, which she did. She also reported that the incident left her "fearful" to deliver the following Tuesday because she was afraid they would "be there waiting for her."

After receiving the victim's statement, officers sought arrest warrants for both J. and R. Ellifritz for stalking and conspiracy, with R. Ellifritz also being charged with driving too closely and J. Ellifritz for driving without a license (second offense).

Pavilion

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secured approximately \$14,000 towards the con-

struction of the pavilion; however, the groups are requesting community support to help secure the additional funds needed to complete this project.

Donations can be made to the Grant County Commission in monetary tiers of \$250, \$500, \$750 and \$1,000 and the donor's name will be recognized

on the pavilion. A major contribution of \$50,000 or above will be able to provide the pavilion's name.

School

Continued from front

back corner of the building," Nelson said, "which will also help with safety and security of the students. The little ones won't be exposed to the

front of the school or anyone coming out. So it will house them back in that section."

Harlow also praised the county's existing partner pre-k programs, including some private childcare providers, however clarified that the new center

will be ideal for students who benefit from the resources provided by the school.

Harlow explained that another benefit of the facility will be the ability to tailor the space to the unique needs of pre-k students, with facility needs

Mountaineer Trail Network Authority explained

WV Legislative Interim Report:

WV Press Staff Report

The West Virginia Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism got an update from the Mountaineer Trail Network Authority on Sunday, during the first day of the October Interim Session.

Mountaineer Trail Network Authority Executive Director Andrew Walker spoke to the committee.

"We are the recreation authority in the State of West Virginia," Walker said. "[We're] an economic development authority that was created by the State Legislature in 2019. We're currently operating under an ARC (Appalachian Regional Commission) power grant – that's a three-year grant and we're in the final year of it right now."

According to Walker, the ARC is scheduled to expire in Oct. 2024.

"We are launching five specific outdoor travel destinations for 2024," Walker said. "Those are currently Big Bear Lake Trail Center, which is in Preston County; the Cheat River Water Trail, which is in Preston and Tucker Counties; Snowshoe's Back Country Trail in Pocahontas (County); Mountwood Park, which is in Wood County; and then the Camp 70 Trail System, which is located in Tucker County."

Walker explained that the "three pillars of purpose" are seeking to "develop collaborative relationships," finding the "most diverse outdoor recreation opportunities," and to better the communities which they serve.

Walker cited Downstream Strategies as an example of a successful partnership between the authority and a private organization, noting, "They've looked at targeted-marketing, they've looked at revenues that have been generated in each of these communities that pertain to outdoor recreation – specifically biking and paddling. Then they were able to put together these five destinations for launch."

At the conclusion of Walker's presentation, Sen. Charles Trump, R-Morgan, asked if the soon-to-launch Mountaineer Trail Network Authority's website will have access to the commercial spots produced by the state's Department of Tourism.

"Yes," Walker replied. "We're not looking to re-

invent the wheel – tourism has already been doing a great job."

Jim Christie of Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc., then spoke briefly about Tourism Development projects associated with the Mountaineer Trail Network Authority, saying, "We are project driven."

"Whether we do municipal, county, or state development, we are project driven," Christie noted. "If you hire us to look at a region, we will create what works best within that regional community."

Next before the Committee was Adam Hodges, who provided an update regarding the Community & Economic Development Extension (EDC) Service of West Virginia State University (WVSU).

"Over at the EDC we have a provision of office spaces, and it's led to success for many entrepreneurs and startups," Hodges told committee members. "A key indicator of that success is the occupancy rate of those spaces. Over the past year the occupancy rate of the EDC's spaces has consistently remained at or above 90%. This high rate underscores the attractiveness and the value of the professional spaces we offer."

Hodges also cited the EDC sound and production studio space, saying, "They've proven to be invaluable assets for content creators and media professionals."

"In the past year alone, over 50 video projects and 30 audio productions have been within the studios," Hodges noted. "These numbers highlight the EDC's role in facilitating the creative process and enabling clients to bring their multimedia projects to life."

Robbie Morris, executive director of the Randolph County Development Authority, was the next to address the committee, and delivered a presentation pertaining to the local Economic Development (LED) Grant Program.

"The LED is to support county or multi-county economic development efforts through matching grants," Morris said. "The program is administered through the West Virginia Department of Economic Development."

According to Morris, the LED's purpose is to

bolster the ability of municipal economic development authorities to develop and enact economic development projects within their communities.

"You've heard quite a bit this evening about how different economic development organizations are working with local government and organizations to enhance economic opportunities throughout the State of West Virginia," Morris said. "When we look at economic development, we typically look at it as a three-legged stool."

Those three legs, according to Morris, are business development, community development, and workforce development.

"What you'll find throughout the economic development authorities in the state is rarely are there two that are alike," Morris noted. "Some vary in capacity. Some vary in the number of counties that each organization represents. Some get very involved in infrastructure development."

Morris said that the LED grant program is one of the primary funding sources for all economic development authorities. In order to be eligible for the program, Morris added, authorities must be the lead development entity with their county, they must provide a written activity report, a list of buildings and land, be active in state economic development conferences, and meet a host of other requirements.

"In addition to the LED grant, not only does the state provide funding, but the development authorities are required to provide dollar-for-dollar matching as well," Morris noted. "The majority of that funding is matched usually through county commission appropriations."

At the conclusion of Morris' presentation, Del. Mike Hornby, R-Berkeley, asked, "Did all 55 counties qualify (for LED grants) and get funded?"

Morris said that while the "vast majority" of counties did qualify, he believes that there are some counties within the state that do not have economic development authorities, and therefore do not qualify for funding.

The Joint Standing Committee on Economic Development and Tourism will meet again during next month's Interim Session, scheduled for Nov. 12 – 14 in Wheeling.

being offered specifically for young students, which includes everything from water fountains to bathroom amenities.

Funding for the facility is being requested from the School Building Authority (SBA), a state program that funds need-based project to school facilities throughout West Virginia.

Superintendent Mitch Webster explained that he, along with support from Nelson and Harlow, will appear before the SBA in order to request the necessary funding for the facility. He explained that, during funding requests, counties compete for the available \$2-

00 million.

"I know that sounds like a lot but you are competing with 55 counties," Webster explained.

"And we are competing against counties requesting funds to build entirely new schools that might need \$50 million in a single chunk for one school. So that makes it tough."

However, Webster said Grant County has not received SBA since 2018, when it received \$2 million for a new roof and

sewage treatment plant update at Union Educational Complex.

Since this time, the

solar system.

Webster is set to appear before the SBA in November with announcements

of awarded projects in December. If not awarded in this round, Webster said the county will appear again next year with a

county has requested twice for PES updates but have not been awarded funding.

The total project cost being request from the SBA is approximately \$5.2 million with the county committing \$500,000 as a local match. The facility's electricity will be provided by the school's nearby

similar request.

"Our pre-k students deserve the same kind of facilities that you see when you go to other counties," Webster said. "And I do feel this facility will be a great addition to the county."



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Good news! The blue heeler featured here last week has been adopted! See the Grant County Press for new postings/listings of available dogs at the Grant County pound.

Superintendent Mitch Webster, Grant County Schools

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Lady Vikings win division cheer competition



The Petersburg High School Viking cheer-leading team traveled to Keyser last weekend to compete in the division 2 Potomac Valley Conference (PVC) cheer tournament. During the event, the Vikings grabbed first place with their performance. Along with the overall team win, Vikings Makyah Shirk and Sophia Smith were named to the All-PVC team. The team will next travel to Lincoln High School on November 4 to participate in the regional tournament.



Golden Lanes owners Randy Thorne and Sue Earle celebrate bowler Cohan Kesner's perfect 300 score.

Golden Lanes adds another perfect score

Cohan Kesner added his name to the Golden Lanes 300 club earlier this month after picking up a perfect score while bowling at the alley.

Kesner, who has been bowling for 14 years, won \$300 for the feat. He participates in the Thursday Men's League at Golden Lanes. Other ongoing

leagues include a Monday women's league event and a Tuesday mixed league. For more information on Golden Lanes Bowling Alley, call 304-257-1770.



PHS Vikings fall to MHS Yellow Jackets on volleyball court, 3-0



Middle school Viking football team brings home three more wins

Petersburg Middle vs East Hardy

Payton Metheny rushed for two touchdowns and completed a pass to Evan Tawney for a touchdown. Tawney also had a rushing touchdown. Ethan Mauzy had a fumble recovery. Ryder Nazelrodt had a sack and caused a fumble and recovered it. Petersburg hangs on to win in a close one 27-20.

Petersburg Middle vs Romney

Tawney rushed 13 times for 60 yards and was 7-9 passing for 77 yards and a touchdown. Parker Metheny had eight rushes for 33 yards and caused a fumble on defense. Garrett Dolly caught two passes for 36 yards and had a pass breakup. Nazelrodt had four catches for 11 yards and a touchdown. Micah Ertel had one catch for 30 yards. Mauzy caused a fumble and Harlee Van-

Meter added another pass breakup on defense. Vikings win 14-6.

Petersburg Middle vs Capon Bridge

Capon Bridge recovered outside kick to start the game, then went three and out. The Vikings took over on offense, quickly moving down the field. Payton Metheny completed a long pass to Dolly, then a pass to Nazelrodt followed by a nine yard touchdown run by Ertel. Extra point was good for a 7-0 Viking lead.

Vikings defense held the Bobcats to another three and out and downed the punt at the Bobcats 34 yard line. Taking over on offense, Metheny completed a 10 yard pass to VanMeter for a first down, followed by a 24 yard touchdown pass to VanMeter. Extra point good for a 14-0 Viking lead.

Parker Metheny made a tackle on the kickoff to pin



Viking's #3 just before completing a catch.

the Bobcats at their own 19. Bobcats turn it over on downs at the Viking 45. Payton Metheny passes to Nazelrodt for 38 yards and a first down. Payton Metheny's field goal attempt was wide right. Vikings had one more offensive drive before the half, ending with an interception

on the four yard line. Payton Metheny and Ertel both had rushing touchdowns during the second half of the game for a 28-0 final.

Petersburg Middle School Vikings will have their last regular season home game against Pendleton County, Wednesday October 18.



ODD COUPLES MIXED LEAGUE

October 3rd

TEAM STANDINGS: Split Happens 19 – 9, Country Cars & Trucks 18 – 10, Empire Strikes 17.5 – 10.5, NKOTB 16 – 12, WELD 16 – 12, Vetter's Guns & Ammo 15.5 – 12.5, Terminators 14.5 – 13.5, Lucky Strikes 11.5 – 16.5, Outlaws 9 – 19.

HIGH GAME MEN (SCRATCH): Troy McGreevy 256, Brandon Ketterman 247, Tyler Halterman 246, Charles Keplinger 245; (HANDICAP): Brandon Ketterman 303, Floyd Shepard 287, Charles Keplinger 285, Tyler Halterman 284.

HIGH SERIES MEN

(SCRATCH): Tyler Halterman 683, Terry Wratchford 649, Charles Keplinger 643, Cohan Kesner 639. (HANDICAP): Tyler Halterman 797, Trey Wratchford 796, Charles Keplinger 762, Brandon Ketterman 746.

HIGH AVERAGE (MEN): Richie Burgess 209.43, Troy McGreevy 205.14, Larry Walp 201.76, Terry Wratchford 199.76.

HIGH GAME WOMEN (SCRATCH): Carissa Michael 195, Denise McGreevy 190, Teresa Sullivan and Tonya Keplinger 180. (HANDICAP): Teresa Sullivan 267, Ashley Day 262, Suzie Berg 261, Denise McGreevy 257.

HIGH SERIES WOMEN (SCRATCH): Ashley Day 485, Dee Anna McDonald and Carissa Michael 481, Rachel Stark 472. (HANDICAP): Ashley Day 737, Suzie Berg 718, Teresa Sullivan 715, Rachel Stark 706.

HIGH AVERAGE (WOMEN): Dee Anna McDonald 177.86, Carissa Michael 174.81, Sarah Earle 158.15, Emily Stark 156.48.

THURSDAY NIGHT MEN'S LEAGUE

October 5th
TEAM STANDINGS: Builders Center 19.5 – 8.5, American Classic 19 – 9, Golden Lanes 17.5 – 10.5, Vetter's Mini Mart 15 – 13, Petersburg Oil Company 14 – 14, Country Cars & Trucks 13 – 15, Strikeforce 12 – 16.

HIGH GAME (SCRATCH): Zachary Arbaugh 269, Tyler Halterman 267, Bradley Vetter II 266, Richie Burgess 257, Larry Walp 256. (HANDICAP): Bradley Vetter II 316, Tyler Halterman 307, Johnny Berg 288, Troy McGreevy 285, Richie Burgess 279.

HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Tyler Halterman 695, Zachary Arbaugh and Johnny Berg 664, Bradley Vetter II 650, Larry Walp 644. (HANDICAP): Johnny Berg 817, Tyler Halterman 815, Bradley Vetter II 800, Randy Thorne 728, Eric Hartman 721.

HIGH AVERAGE: Zachary Arbaugh 231.89, Kyle Davy 223, Cohan Kesner 214.29, Terry Wratchford 214, Larry Walp 211.71, Gary Leatherman 207.62.

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Deadline nears for local Civil Air Patrol's Wreaths Across America project to honor veterans

Cadets with the Potomac Highlands Squadron Civil Air Patrol are working to collect funds as part of their effort to honor veterans through the Wreaths Across America program.

The squadron is sponsoring Maple Hill Cemetery, located in Petersburg, and will host a ceremony on December 16 this year in which the wreaths will



be placed on the graves of veterans.

Those wishing to help support the effort can purchase wreaths through the

program sponsor for the Potomac Highlands Squadron, both supporting the local squadron and honoring a veteran. The final day to make donations towards the effort will be Nov. 28.

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ATCH): Mernie Kimble 190 Kathy Vance 182, Penny Sites 180. (HANDICAP): Mernie Kimble 254, Kathy Vance 230, Christina Everly 216.

HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Denise McGreevy 486, Penny Sites 483, Kathy Vance 481. (HANDICAP): Mernie Kimble 633, Kathy Vance 625, Tina Bible 596.

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Magistrates court report

Continued from last week

The following cases were heard between August 10 and Sept 10 in the Grant County Magistrates Court:

Matthew R. Krawczyk, 36, was fined and assessed \$181 after pleading no contest to charges of violating general speed limitations.

Justin Scott Bixby, 38, was fined and assessed \$187 after pleading guilty

to charges of expiration of registration and certificates of title.

Jeffrey Allen Roy, 54, was fined and assessed \$25 after pleading no contest to charges of driving while not wearing a seat belt.

Kenneth Ray Smith, 29, was fined and assessed \$1,241 after pleading no contest to charges of operating a vehicle without certified inspection or failure

to produce certificate, failure to produce certificate of insurance and driving while license suspended or revoked.

Roy Lawrence Uphold, 59, was fined and assessed \$192 after pleading no contest to charges of no passing zones (left of center).

Raymond Charles Upberman, 31, was fined and assessed \$192 after pleading guilty to charges

of safety equipment and requirements for motorcyclists.

Johnathan Ray Ellifritz, 35, pleaded not guilty to charges of conspiracy, stalking (repeatedly following another causing fear or emotional distress) and driving without a license. Ellifritz's bond was set at \$2,000.

Joe Roach is Resident of the Week at Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center

By Ravenna Redman
Director of Social Services

The employees of Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center have chosen Joseph "Joe" Roach as their GRCC Resident of the Week.

Joe has been a resident of our facility since April 11, 2023. He was born on Sept. 22, 1963, at Grant Memorial Hospital, in Petersburg, to Joseph and Connie (Ruddle) Roach. Joe is the youngest of three children. He has an older sister, JoAnn Teter, and an older brother, Larry Roach who is deceased.

Joseph Roach Sr. was a career U.S. Navy officer. He served in the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. However, he left the family when Joe was three years old. His mother, Connie raised Joe as a single mother. His parents never divorced, just separated.

Joe primarily grew up in

the Washington, D.C. area. He graduated high school from Potomac High School in Oxon Hill, Md.

Joe was never married, but he did have one daughter, Devon Dennison.

Joe reported that he is a "jack of all trades." He worked for a friend's father, which was for a home improvement company. He worked there most of his life. When he moved back to the area, he worked at a lot of odd jobs. He has worked for farmers as a farmhand, at the sawmill in Riverton, and he has experience with landscaping.

Joe has lived in the Washington D.C. area, Maryland, Pendleton County and Moorefield. He reports that he has traveled to the Bahamas and Florida.

Joe's health got to the point where he was unable to live on his own, and he became a resident of our

facility.

When he first got to the facility, he was shy, but in recent months he has truly come out of his shell. At the facility, Joe is classified as the "jokester" — he loves to pick on staff. His jokes are positive and he can put a smile on all our faces. Many of the staff describe Joe as "comical."

He is part of our porch gang, loving to be outdoors, and watching the coming and goings of the facility. He loved the recent concert we had and enjoyed watching the pep rally. He loves to visit with his sister JoAnn Teter who often comes and takes Joe to the movies and has picnics with him at the facility.

Joe is also very caring, and attentive to other residents and helped other residents with the garden outside. When one resident was in isolation, and



could not come out of his room, Joe took a chair and sat outside of the resident's room and talked to him for hours. He would keep the other resident up to date with how the garden was doing, and if the resident needed anything, he made sure staff knew.

Joe loves to drink his Coke every day and talk one on one with staff and visitors, often entertaining them with his funny stories and humor. He has several beautiful tattoos, and each of them has a meaningful story attached to them.

He has been a wonderful addition to the GRCC family.

Congratulations Joe on being GRCC's resident of the week!

Berg complete basic training in Texas

Emma Berg of Petersburg, graduated from basic military training on August 17, at Joint Air Force Base, Lackland, Texas.

While at BMT, Berg served as weapons monitor and tactical leader at PACER Forge.

She completed her tech school training at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Miss., as a battle management operations specialist.

Berg's military path follows in the footsteps of her grandfather, the late Sgt. Steve Rexrode and her great-uncle, Lt. Colonel Jay Craig of Kingwood.

Berg is currently stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida.

She is the daughter of Marty and Amy Berg and a 2023 graduate of Petersburg High School.



Bennett selected as employee of the year

By Cassie Hanlin

Wendy Bennett is the recipient of the Grant Re-

habilitation and Care Center Employee of the Year award.



Wendy Bennett and GRCC administrator, Trevor Harman.

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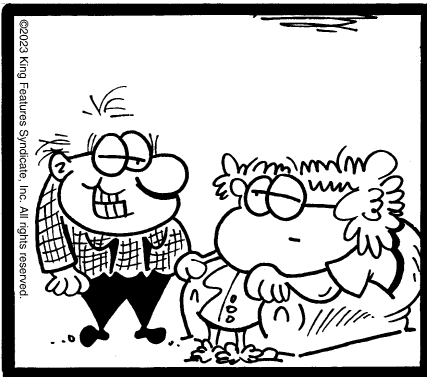
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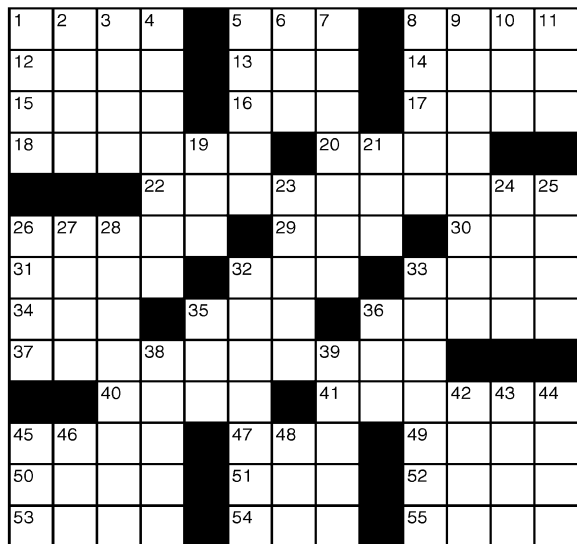


by Jeff Pickering

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- 30 Chemical suffix
- 31 Exploits
- 32 LPs' successors
- 33 Air outlet
- 34 — de mer
- 35 Before
- 36 Rodeo rope
- 37 Baseball film starring Kevin Costner
- 40 Hawaiian island
- 41 Phase
- 45 Quick look
- 47 Extended



- lunch?
- 49 "Doing my best"
- 50 Vogue rival
- 51 Brit. record label
- 52 April forecast
- 53 D.C. insiders
- 54 Squealer
- 55 North Sea feeder
- 8 Reeves of "Speed"
- 9 Dieters count them
- 10 "Right you —!"
- 11 "Kidnapped" monogram
- 19 Stanley Cup org.
- 21 Paris summer
- 23 Consumer crusader
- 24 Curry and Landers
- 25 Jared of "Panic Room"
- 26 Feeling no pain
- 27 Birthright bar-
- 28 Helter-skelter
- 32 Squad car
- 33 Dracula, for one
- 35 College URL ender
- 36 Vegas lead-in
- 38 Minnesota's 10,000+
- 39 Custom
- 42 List-ending abbr.
- 43 First bed
- 44 Emmy-winning Daly
- 45 Zing
- 46 "Xanadu" band
- 48 Ms. Thurman

DOWN

- 1 Bygone
- 2 Betting group
- 3 Teensy bit
- 4 Stately duo?
- 5 A deadly sin
- 6 Long time
- 7 Slaloms

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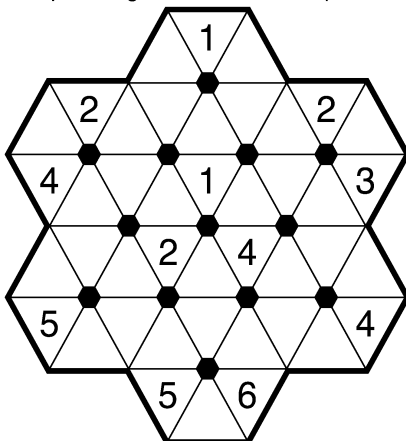
FUN & PUZZLES

PUZZLE ANSWERS FOUND ON PAGE 2A

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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contain larger dosages than a cat needs and may contain ingredients that are not great for your pets. The vet can advise you best.

Does your cat take over-the-counter instead of prescription medications? Tell us about it at ask@pawscorner.com.

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DAD JOKES

What is the best book to read in autumn?

Gourd of the Rings.

◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

Why was the robot couple's anniversary in the fall?

They were autumn mated.

◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

How do trees get on the Internet?

They just log on.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

	-		x		7
÷		+		+	
	+		÷		5
+		-		÷	
	-		x		9
14		7		3	

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 9 9

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

DCTGR NCPMTFSTW TF SJC

XBFS WBXXBGMK SNPACMCE

NBPE SB XCETBWNTSK.

— ITMM FXTSJ

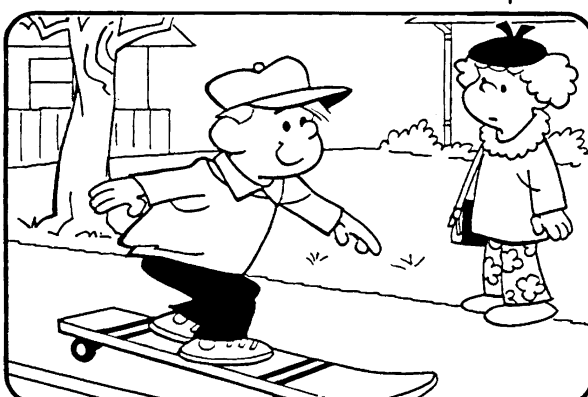
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Fence is missing. 2. Number 6 is missing. 3. Hat is different. 4. Bag of groceries is missing. 5. Hat is different. 6. Button strip is missing.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Early detection saves lives!

top ten STARS CLOSEST TO EARTH

- 1. Alpha Centauri
- 2. Barnard's Star
- 3. Wolf 359
- 4. Lalande 21185
- 5. Sirius
- 6. Luyten 726-8
- 7. Ross 154
- 8. Ross 248
- 9. Epsilon Eridani
- 10. Lacaille 9352

Source: Space.com

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ANIMAL WELFARE WORD SEARCH



- AGRESSION
- ANIMAL
- BEHAVIOR
- COMMUNITY
- COMPASSION
- CRATE
- DECLAW
- DISEASED
- ETHICS
- FOSTER
- GENETIC
- GROOM
- HOARDING
- HUMANE
- OUTCOME
- PROTECT
- RESPONSIBLE
- RIGHTS
- SHELTER
- TESTING
- TRAINING
- VACCINATION
- VETERINARIAN
- WELFARE

OCTOBER IS

Pastor Appreciation Month

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The Petersburg Presbyterian Church



is truly blessed to have
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Pastor Lynn & Wife Wendy



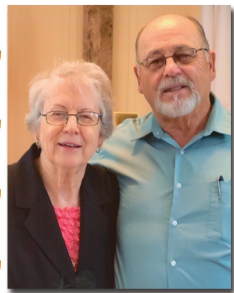
Thank you for your faithfulness, for always preaching God's word. Again, thank you.
Love in Christ,
Maysville Bible Brethren Church

Pastor Shawn Champ



Thanks for all the ways you lead and guide our church.
Memorial Covenant Brethren Family

Pastor Glen & Phyllis



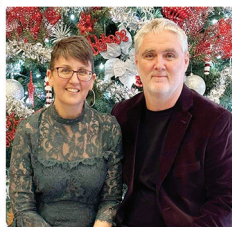
We are blessed to have you as our pastor.
Elkhorn Chapel Family

Pastor Dave Webb



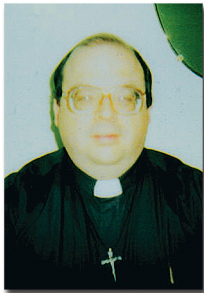
We appreciate everything you do for our church!
Thank you and God bless!
Gordon Chapel

Pastor PJ & Jill Landis



We love you and appreciate all you do for us and the community.
Love & Prayers, The congregation of Cornerstone Family Fellowship

Welcome Pastor Robert Baer Jr.



Glad to have you join our church family!
Grove St. United Methodist Church

Pastor Daryl & Shelia Dunsmore



Thank you for all you do at THE PLACE
225 Jefferson St. Moorefield, WV
We love you,
The Place

Pastor Craig Howard



Thank you for over 40 years of service to our congregation and community. May God bless you and your family.
Brake Covenant Brethren Church

Pastor Father Dan Pisano



We appreciate our pastor Father Dan Pisano every day!
Thanks for all you do.
St. Mary's Parish

Pastors Mark & Debbie Nicol



We appreciate you!
Faith Assembly of God

Pastor Brian & Jaime Henson



Thanks for all you do!
Love,
Your Bethel Church Family

Pastor Coleman & Colleen Clark



We love and appreciate you!
Very grateful for your service to our church and community.
May God bless you both!
Cabins AOG Church

Pastor Brad Taylor & Pastor Sandy Ford



Thank you for all you do!
Your
Rig Assembly of God family loves you!

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 NIV

Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

Romans 10:14 NIV

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?



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PASTOR APPRECIATION

We are so grateful for our Pastors!

"Now we ask you, brothers, to give recognition to those who labor among you and lead you in the Lord and admonish you,"
1 Thessalonians 5:12 HCSB

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