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Case against former Hardy County Circuit Clerk ends in Alford plea; sentence suspended

The former Hardy County Circuit Clerk charged with contributing to her ex-husband's manufacturing of drugs has taken an Alford plea, an alternative form of a guilty plea.

Kimberly Ann Hartman, 39, of Moorefield was charged in March 2018 with conspiracy to commit a felony, child neglect or creating substantial risk of death or serious bodily injury, conspiracy and two counts of accessory

before the fact to possess pseudoephedrine with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine.

The charges claim that Hartman purchased pseudoephedrine, an ingredient used to make methamphetamine, and delivered it to her husband for his production of the drug. She also faced child neglect charges due to the fact that her children were allowed to live in a home where the drug was being created.

Her husband and two others pleaded guilty last year to charges stemming from the same incident. All three were charged in Hardy County; however, due to Hartman's position in the court system, the case was overseen by the Grant County Circuit Court and prosecuted by the Grant County prosecutor's office.

According to documents filed in the Grant County Cir-

cuit Court, on Feb. 27, Hartman took a deal in which she entered an Alford plea to the conspiracy, which carries a sentence of one to five years in prison and fine of up to \$10,000. All other charges against Hartman were dismissed.

The Alford plea is a form of guilty plea used in U.S. criminal courts in which a defendant acknowledges that the prosecution likely has enough evidence to

secure a conviction, but does not specifically admit to committing the crime.

In accordance with the plea agreement, Hartman's sentence was suspended and she was instead placed on probation with no fine imposed; however, she was sentenced to serve 120 hours of community service. Her probation will last up to five years with the opportunity for early release after two.

911 office addresses virus concerns

The Grant County Office of Emergency Management and 911 issued information last week about calls they have been receiving from citizens about the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Director Peggy Bobo-Alt said the office has been receiving calls from citizens who are concerned they may have had contact with the illness and asking what procedures they should take to reduce exposure.

Alt explained that the Center for Disease Control has issued procedures that may become the normal or permanent steps the public should take in regards to preventing the spread of the virus.

Much of the preventative information concerning the virus is similar to more common illnesses, such as the cold and flu.

Community members are advised to "avoid close contact with people who are sick, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, stay home when you are sick, cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash, clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe."

Symptoms of the virus include a fever, cough and shortness of breath.

The CDC also issued information for those most at risk for the illness, including older adults and people who have severe chronic medical conditions like heart, lung or kidney disease. Early data suggest older people are twice as likely to have serious COVID-19 illness.

However, the CDC clarifies it is important to remember that most of the American public are unlikely to be exposed to this virus at this time, and the immediate health risk from the virus is considered low. The mortality rate for the disease is also very low, with death rates primarily limited to those with underlying medical illnesses.

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John Welton Jr. guides two lost dogs off the cliff next to Welton Park as their worried owner waits on the nearby railroad tracks.

Dogs trapped on cliff near Welton Park rescued, returned safely to owner

Two local pooches are safely back in their home following an unexpected cliffside adventure.

According to family on the scene, the dogs went missing from their home the day before and spent the night trapped on

the cliff.

The owner, Brenda Davis, had worked hard to find the dogs when they were finally spotted on the cliffs by someone nearby.

As time passed and officials

were unable to move forward with a rescue, John Welton Jr. decided to scale the cliff and attempt to bring the dogs to safety.

After a careful climb, Welton was able to lead the frightened

dogs down the cliff and into the waiting arms of their worried owner.

More photos of the rescue on page 7A.

Council hears update on program aimed at building tourism, to receive \$15,000 in funding

Petersburg may be getting an updated look, thanks to the work being done by the Mon Forest Towns project and the West Virginia Community Development HubCAP (Hub Communities of Achievement) program. The West Virginia Community Development Hub is a statewide nonprofit aimed at economic development.

Stacy Raffo, a community coaching programs associate with HubCAP, attended last week's meeting of the Petersburg City Council to discuss the partnership and what their involvement will mean for the city.

The Mon Forest Towns project is collaboration involving the U.S. Forest Service, the

West Virginia University Extension Office and several small towns and is aimed at building tourism in the Monongahela National Forest region.

HubCAP joined the partnership to help provide funding,

coaching and direct support

in the communities of Peters

burg, Cowen, Elkins, Franklin,

Marlinton and White Sulphur Springs.

This two-year long program

will support the towns in iden

tifying and promoting their re

creational assets on a local and

regional scale inside the Mon

Forest initiative.

Some of the projects already

being discussed included beau

tification of the city, recreation

al tourism growth and business

development.

Raffo will act as Peters

burg's city coach in the pro

gram. A Richwood native,

Raffo said she saw firsthand the

results of the HubCAP program

when they worked in her town.

"We started at a little bit of

a lower baseline then you are

starting with here in Peters

burg," Raffo said. "The effort

in Richwood began just a year

after our community had a hor

rible flood. We focused primar

ily on business development and

growing recreation economy,

namely mountain biking and

motorcycle tourism. During the

two years we worked through

the process we opened 20 busi

nesses in our community, all

of which are still open today.

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poll question

Do you think Hillary Clinton will become involved in the 2020 election, either as a candidate or as a running mate?



Last week's responses:

Yes: 41%

No: 59%

will be attending the Billy Ray Cyrus concert.



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By Camille Howard

We had the opportunity to take a few days off and travel to Muncie, Ind. to see our daughter and son-in-law while she was on spring break from grad school at Ball State University.

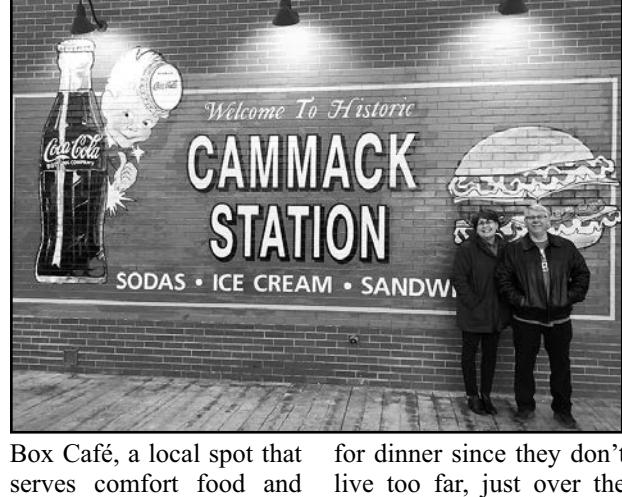
It's a long trip and requires some planning to find someone to take care of our animals. This time, however, we decided to take along the dog, Baby. She's getting old and since she can't see, she gets very upset when someone strange is in the house when we're gone.

She's a good traveler, though. She just rides in the back and sleeps or has her nose out the window.

An odd thing we saw in Muncie, was a house that was boarded up with plywood. The strange thing was, someone painted the plywood on the windows to look like a windows, one with a plant and one with a cat sitting in the fake window and the plywood over the door was painted to look like a door with a knob and another cat. I'm not sure who they're trying to fool. Burglars?

One day we all made a trip to Fort Wayne, a city five times larger than Charleston, to see where Erin will be doing her internship for a year. We drove around the city and checked out a few rental houses and neighborhoods.

We stopped for lunch at a diner called the Lunch



Box Café, a local spot that serves comfort food and homemade pies.

The special for the day was chicken and noodles over mashed potatoes. Three of my favorite things in the same bowl was too good to pass up so Erin and I each ordered one.

The guys got nachos and a salad and while we waited we noticed the food being brought out. Giant portions, like the fried tenderloin sandwich the guy next to us ordered that was big enough for two buns.

When they finally brought our order, Craig had a salad the size of a small mountain and Tyler had a giant plate of nachos. The chicken and noodles were a regular sized portion in a bowl and to my surprise the noodles were homemade. I have to tell you that it was the best food I had the whole trip. If it wasn't so far I would go back tomorrow.

One evening we met up with my brother and sister-in-law, Cullen and Melissa,

for dinner since they don't live too far, just over the Ohio border in Eaton. We had lots of fun visiting and only left because they were closing down for the night.

Erin and I did a little

CHICKEN WITH NOODLES OVER MASHED POTATOES

1 whole chicken

6 whole eggs

1 teaspoon salt

4 cups flour

1 dash vinegar

2 whole bay leaves

1 dash salt

1 dash pepper

To make noodles, mix eggs, salt and flour. Start out with 2 cups flour and add cupfuls as you go along. Stop when the mixture is slightly stiffer than cookie dough.

Roll out (like pie dough) on a floured surface. Let it sit for a couple of hours. Then, cut the noodles into strips.

Try to make them uniform in size. A pizza cutter works good.

shopping and Craig and Ty played a few rounds of golf at the course just down the street from their house. They were the only ones golfing.

The last restaurant we stopped at before we had to head home the next morning, was Cammack Station, a garage renovated into a '50s style diner with lots of gas station memorabilia inside and out. The food was good but the ice cream was better and even though the weather was chilly, lots of customers lined up for ice cream.

When you travel, try the local food. You might just come across some delicious chicken and noodles!

While your noodles are sitting for a couple hours, get out a big stock pot. Put in the chicken, and cover with water and add bay leaves, vinegar, salt and pepper.

Boil for several hours or until the meat is falling from the bone and is obviously cooked. Remove chicken and strain broth, reserving broth.

Pick all the meat off the bones and return to stock pot with the broth. Bring broth to a boil. Drop the noodles into the boiling broth and cook for about 20 minutes.

If you like, you can add extra vegetables such as carrots or celery. Serve over mashed potatoes.

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ence for local jurisdictions.

"Our program is experiencing our youngest audience to date," said Drew Gruber, executive director of Civil War Trails.

"Places off the beaten path and personal stories are exactly what our visitors are after and you can't get this particular story anywhere else in the world but Peru, W.Va."

"Various Hardy County locations changed hands numerous times during the War adding to the complex history for our region. Currently home to nine Civil War Trails Markers documenting skirmishes, troop movement, and historic buildings and sites, Hardy County's history is linked to that of other sites across participating states," said Michele Moore-Reeves, executive director for the HCCVB.

"West Virginia's statehood is a direct result of the Civil War, which makes our many trails, battlefields and re-enactments an important part of our tourism industry," West Virginia Tourism Commissioner Chelsea Ruby said.

"We continue to see an interest from visitors looking to experience our rich history, and thanks to the

support of the Civil War Trails organization, we're able to mark and promote these stops to new travelers every day."

A new West Virginia Civil War Trails map is currently under development and Civil War Trails has launched a GPS enabled page on their website to aid visitors in their quest to find these sites (civilwar-trails.org).

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County social studies fair winners and placers from PES



First place (front) Ashton Evans, Abigail Armentrout and Lucy Groves and (back) Jayce Kessel, Claire Kaposy, Sydney Sechrist and Owen Reel. A complete list of county winners and their projects appeared in last week's edition of the Press.



Second place (front) Faith Smith, Rylie Armentrout, Elizabeth Clark and Summer Twigg and (back) John Tavenner, Marshall Hall, Layne Simmons, Mariah Phares and Lacey Moyers.

Michael, Smith plan July wedding

Gary and Andrea Michael of Petersburg are announcing the engagement

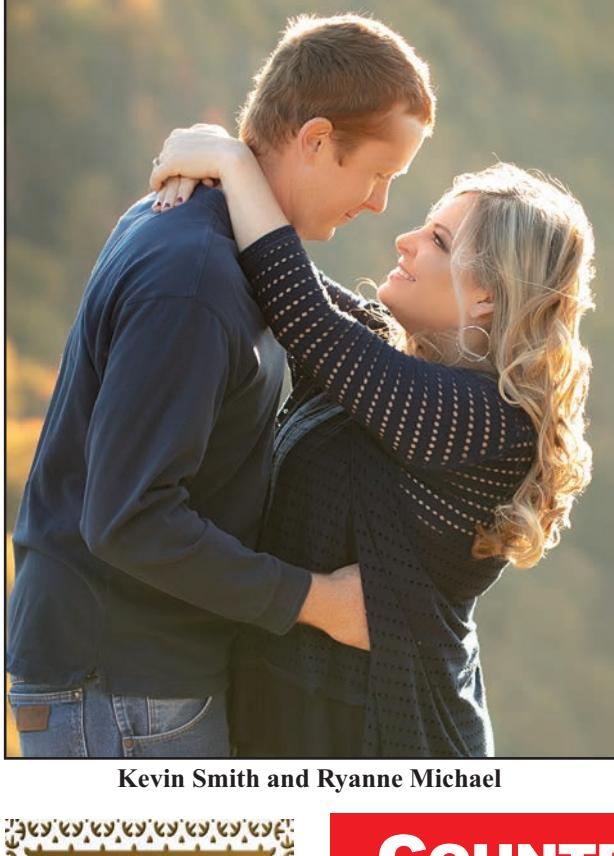
of their daughter, Ryanne, to Kevin Smith of Franklin. He is the son of Randal and

Angie Smith of Franklin.

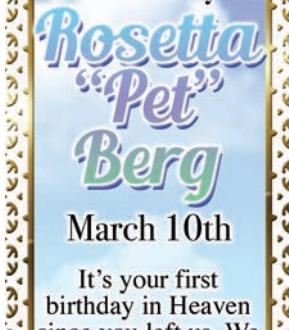
The bride-to-be is a 2012 graduate of Petersburg High School, a 2016 graduate of West Virginia University and a 2019 graduate of Liberty University, where she earned a master's degree in business administration in marketing and human resources. She is employed by the Grant County Bank.

The groom-to-be is a 2011 graduate of Pendleton County High School and a 2015 graduate of Glenville State College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in natural resources management. He is employed at the Reeds Creek Fish Hatchery. He also works on his family farm and shares a business with his father repairing, servicing and installing generators.

A July wedding is being planned.



Kevin Smith and Ryanne Michael

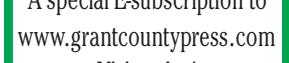
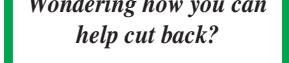
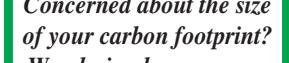


In Memory of
Rosetta "Pet" Berg

March 10th

It's your first birthday in Heaven since you left us. We miss you and love you. No more pain and suffering, you are rejoicing with the angels.

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YOUR DAUGHTERS,
TWILA, WREATHA,
& PANSY



W.Va. shared editorials

The cost of regional jails

The Bluefield Daily Telegraph

Paying the regional jail bill is a burdensome monthly budgetary drain on the coalfield counties.

Area officials point to the fact that the cost of housing local inmates in the regional system is one of the greatest monthly expenses incurred by the local governing bodies. Take Mercer County as an example. The county had 90 inmates at Southern Regional Jail in January 2020, according to the regional jail authority's monthly service statement to the Mercer County Commission. Some of the inmates had been incarcerated at the regional jail for only a few days, while others had been at the facility for a couple of weeks.

For January, the county was billed for 2,590 inmate days at a per diem rate of \$48.25 a day. The amount charged to Mercer County for that time period was a whopping \$124,967.50. That's simply far too much for a single county to be paying the regional jail system.

Given the already exorbitant expense associated with housing local inmates in the regional jail system, the commissioners were justifiably concerned last month when information from the County Commissioners' Association of West Virginia suggested that the per diem rate of housing inmates at the regional jail would be increasing from \$48.25 to \$53.20 when the new fiscal year begins July 1.

Mercer County Commission President Gene Buckner is among those officials who are concerned about a possible increase.

"This is what made me think they were going to raise it. In 2019, the per diem cap was \$5,425,413. Now in 2020, the projected per diem cap is \$5,737,237," Buckner told the Daily Telegraph. "Now that's a difference of a little bit more than \$300,000."

And McDowell County Commission President Cecil Patterson says any further increase in the regional jail bill would cause great harm to the already struggling county.

"That would devastate us, devastate us. That's the only word for it," Patterson said. "Our jail bill is \$50,000 to \$80,000 a month; and keep in mind, we have a holding facility."

McDowell County operates a holding facility near the county courthouse in Welch because the county is low on nightime staff, Patterson said. Deputies and state troopers cannot always take time to transport inmates to the regional jail in Logan County.

Despite the concerns of the commissioners, state officials say no increase in the per diem rate is planned at this time.

"It is incorrect that the \$48.25 charged per inmate day (the 'per diem') is increasing or otherwise changing next fiscal year," Lawrence Messina, a communications director for the West Virginia Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety, told the Daily Telegraph. "In fact, the 2018 legislation that consolidated West Virginia's correctional operations, creating DCR, also locked the long-standing per diem for several years."

Let's hope that is the case.

This continued high cost of housing inmates in the regional jail is eating away at limited local budgets. The individual counties can simply no longer continue to shoulder such an enormous financial burden.

Having life-saving devices at all football games

The Charleston Gazette-Mail

Is saving a life worth somewhere around \$700 to have a device at every high school sporting event in West Virginia? Most legislators appear to think so, and hopefully a bill to do just that will soon become law.

House Bill 4497, which passed the House of Delegates and is now in the Senate, would require automated external defibrillators (AEDs) - devices that can shock a heart back into rhythm following cardiac arrest - on the premises for every high school football practice and game in the state, along with most other athletic events.

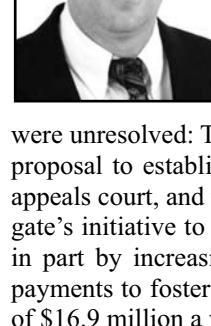
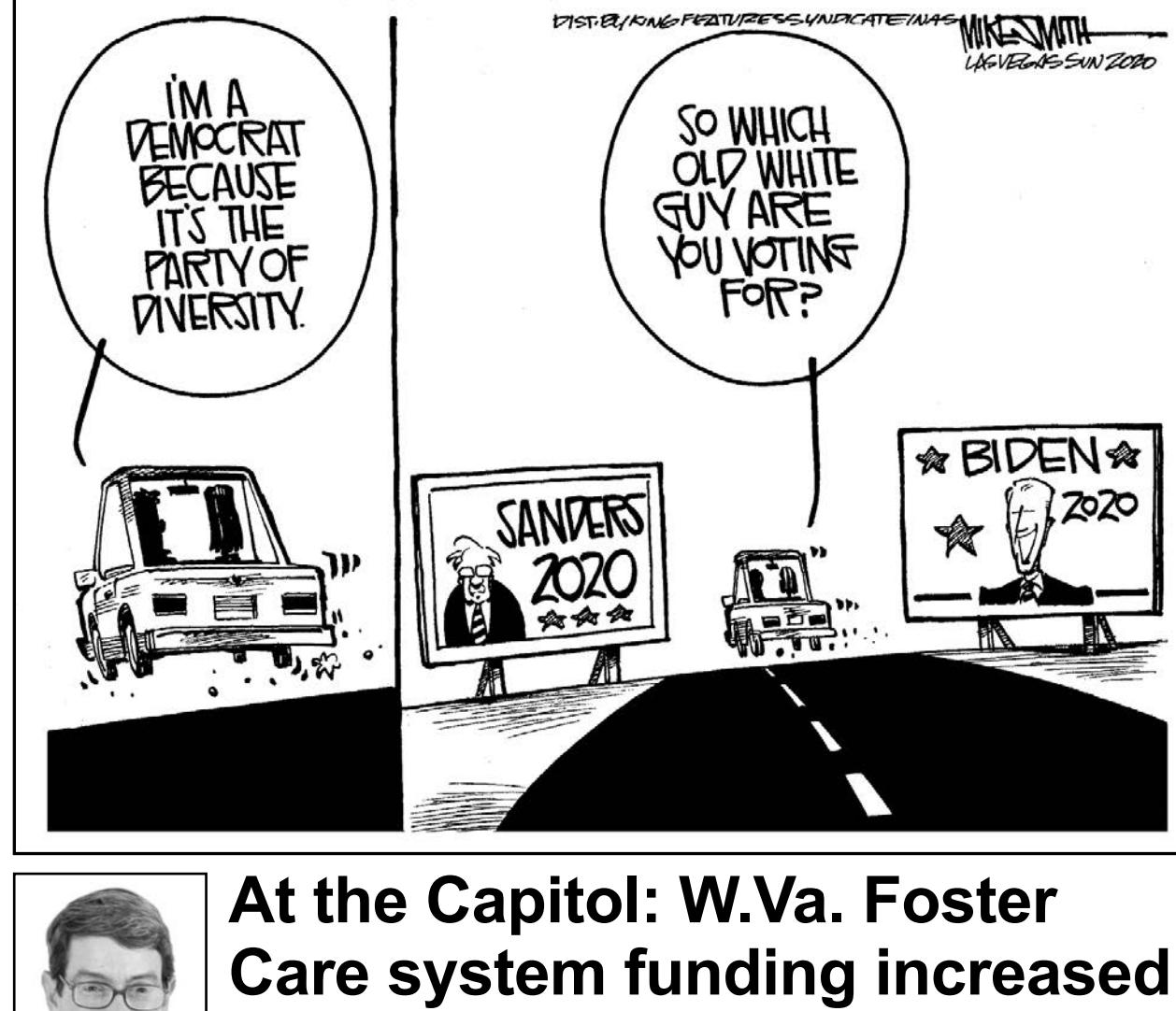
The bill was born out of tragedy, inspired by the death of Roane County High School student Alex Miller, 17, who collapsed during a football game at Clay County in September and died shortly thereafter at a local hospital.

It's questionable whether having an AED near the field would have saved Miller's life. There was an ambulance at the game equipped with the device. But the incident did expose inadequacies in student safety and state law. That ambulance at the game and the AED it carried weren't required to be there. Clay County schools had EMS on scene on its own initiative. Other school districts have purchased AEDs as a precaution.

It's unfortunate, but it often takes such an event to make communities and lawmakers realize better medical resources are needed. Neighboring Kentucky enacted a similar law more than 10 years ago, after several football-related cardiac deaths led to a groundswell of support for the legislation.

There are some hurdles for the proposal here. Like most solutions to problems in West Virginia, it's going to take money, and the bill that passed the House of Delegates does not provide a funding source for the devices - estimated to cost \$725 each. There's also the question

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At the Capitol: W.Va. Foster Care system funding increased

Going into the final week of the 2020 regular session, two major issues were unresolved: The fate of a Senate proposal to establish an intermediate appeals court, and the House of Delegates' initiative to reform foster care, in part by increasing reimbursement payments to foster families by a total of \$16.9 million a year.

The fate of the intermediate appeals court was sealed Friday on the House floor, when the bill was defeated on a 44-56 vote. Conservative Republicans, who objected to the cost of creating a new layer of government bureaucracy, joined with the 41 House Democrats to kill the measure (SB275).

Opponents of the bill argued that the court is unnecessary at a time when state population and the state Supreme Court's caseload are declining, and dismissed arguments from supporters that the court would make the state more attractive to business investment.

House Minority Leader Tim Miley, D-Harrison, said the lack of an intermediate court had not deterred major

corporate investment in the state, including the massive Procter & Gamble plant in the Eastern Panhandle.

Delegate Scott Cadle, R-Mason, was more blunt, stating, "This is a Chamber of Commerce bill, and we bow to the Chamber of Commerce because they send a big (campaign) check."

The bill's defeat on the House floor was dramatic, but not unexpected. In the previous two years, the Senate had passed similar bills, only to have them die in House Judiciary Committee without making it to the House floor.

As the intermediate court bill was going down in defeat, the Senate defied expectations and adopted the bulk of a House bill to reform the state foster care system (HB4092).

A key agreement was over funding to increase reimbursements to foster families. The Senate, which had initially proposed to increase that funding by only \$4.9 million, on Friday accepted the House's proposal for a \$16.9 million funding increase.

Reform and increased funding for the foster care system – overstressed by the state's opioid drug abuse crisis – was a key agenda item for the House this session.

"If we can't stand up for these children, what good is it to be a Legislature?" Delegate Mike Pushkin, D-Kanawha, said in support of the bill.

The legislation also establishes bills of rights for foster children and foster parents. It completed final passage Saturday night.

Also, for the third straight year, the Legislature passed the budget bill on the last night of the regular session, avoiding the traditional multi-day budget session (SB125).

Passage of the \$4.574 billion 2020-21 general revenue budget was a challenge, since it reduces spending by \$119 million from the current state budget.

However, the pieces of the budget puzzle started to fall into place when Gov. Jim Justice provided a letter to the House speaker and Senate president on Friday revising actuarial calculations for state pension funds contributions for the year, freeing up \$20.5 million for the budget.

As House Finance Chairman Eric Householder, R-Berkeley, noted, that resolved issues on how to fund the in-

**At the Capitol
continued on 5A**

Letters to the Editor: Local schools and the coronavirus; plus another attempt to salvage renewable energy

Dear Editor,

The 2019 Novel Coronavirus, or COVID-19, has been the subject of much discussion and concern throughout the world and now in the U.S.

As most are aware, the respiratory virus was first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. Concerned governments have taken the appropriate steps to isolate and hopefully diminish the threat, however, it has spread. So far, the virus has appeared in 14 states but there are no reported cases here in West Virginia.

Our staff here in Grant County, along with the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) and Grant County Health Department, have been diligent in the efforts to remain fully aware of new information as it becomes available. Guidance has been

given from both the above agencies.

I am sure many of you reading this wonder what we are doing in response to the coronavirus. Honestly, this is a fair question that I feel needs addressed.

We will continue to operate and educate as normal. As of this writing, there have been NO confirmed cases in West Virginia or Grant County.

Yes, we have had many children afflicted with Type A and Type B flu and those affected have been properly attended. Our school nurses are vigilant in making sure our children are safe and if stricken with high fever or other maladies, proper steps are taken.

Now, what can we do to best remedy this ongoing discussion? Well, I feel that being proactive instead of reactive is a good path to follow. Therefore, as

shared by the Center for Disease Control and the Grant County Health Department, along with Grant County Schools, to combat the spread of person to person viruses, the following precautions should be followed:

- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer;

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands;

- After blowing your nose, wash your hands;

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;

- Staying home when you are sick;

- Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash...or sneeze into your elbow to lessen the spread of germs; and,

erty owner decision. All county and state residents should become concerned and involved. The green programs way of achieving their goals is to simply make an offer that can't be refused. Our mountains covered with wind mills should be a lesson for all.

We already have 100% dependable power provided by, paid for, clean coal and gas fired power plants. We have no need, if you will, to be filled. Coal is clean, gas is clean and we have lots of it.

**Doug Lambert
Superintendent
Grant County Schools**

providing the future power needs of we the people, you must assume they believe that coal, gas or nuclear powered power plants will never again exist in the U.S.

None of these green concepts standing alone can supply dependable power 100% of the time like clean coal and gas fired power stations have for years. That is the biggest problem facing the green movement.

To accept the green movement's concept of

providing the future power needs of we the people, you must assume they believe that coal, gas or nuclear powered power plants will never again exist in the U.S.

However, the clean coal fired power plant at Mount Storm proves their justification is more propaganda than factual and is also contradictory to the U.S. Department of Energy's support of the development and deployment of advanced Small Modular Nuclear Reactors (SMNRs) to help meet many nation's economic, environmental and energy security needs.

I personally see the pump storage hydro proj-

ect as another desperate attempt to salvage the green movement. This movement, backed by professional politicians, their political parties and "special interest groups," fill the monetary coffers of many while giving government more control of the people and their choices.

As the solar panels, wind mills and other equipment developed to provide green power age, they will become a major disposal problem as the solar panels, wind mills etc. are not biodegradable. That will become a "real" problem for the country.

This issue should not become an individual prop-



Remember When

March 8, 1950

Donald Roby of Petersburg acquired from Ralph Ours, the agency for Ford cars and trucks, and was the Ford dealer for Grant County.

Births at Veach-Townsend Clinic included: Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Whetzel of Petersburg, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Harper of Oneida, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Noah Rohrbaugh of Maysville, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Kimble of Smoke Hole, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bachman of Lahmansville, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Oce Goldziner of Jordan Run, a daughter; and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Foshee of Milam, twins, a boy and girl.

Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Veach of Petersburg were members of a party which left Miami, Fla., for a six-day Caribbean cruise as the guests of the Ralston Purina Company.

The Petersburg FFA carried off most of the blue ribbons at the South Branch Valley Federation FFA Ham, Bacon and Egg Show.

The Kiwanis Club voted to reactivate and actively sponsor the Boy Scout movement in Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hedrick entertained for their daughter, Judith Ann, in honor of her eighth birthday.

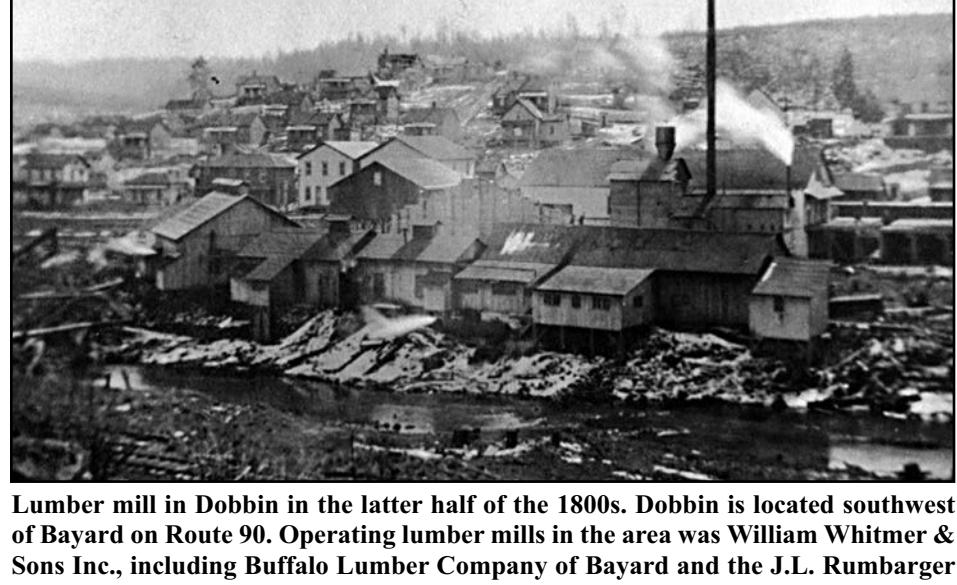
Bayard lost to Thomas and Petersburg lost to Moorefield in sectional play.

March 9, 1960

Shirley Judy was chosen FFA chapter sweetheart at PHS.

Jack Bowman was one of 20 outstanding students selected for Who's Who at West Virginia University.

John Groves and Cecil Sites resigned their positions from the Grant Coun-



Lumber mill in Dobbin in the latter half of the 1800s. Dobbin is located southwest of Bayard on Route 90. Operating lumber mills in the area was William Whitmer & Sons Inc., including Buffalo Lumber Company of Bayard and the J.L. Rumbarger Lumber Company of Dobbin. These mills cut mostly West Virginia spruce.

ty Board of Education. W. Jettie Simmons and John Nesselrodt were named to succeed them.

Grant Memorial Hos-

Bonnie Hogbin was the recipient of the "Miss Pep" award.

March 11, 1970

Janet Harman and Paul Kuykendall were named queen and king of the Sweethearts Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Peck honored their daughter, Lisa Lynn, with a birthday party at their home.

The Vikings lost to the Keyser Tornadoes, 48-46, in sectional play.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berg of Arthur announced the birth of a daughter, March 4; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Keplinger of Maysville, a son, March 4; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Peck of Petersburg, a daughter, March 5; Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Berg of Maysville, a son, March 4; Mr. and Mrs. Burkey Helmick of Petersburg, a son, March 4; Mr. and Mrs. John Sites of Franklin, a son, March 4; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Keplinger of Maysville, a son, March 4; Mr. and Mrs. Galen Rohrbaugh of Gormania, a daughter, March 5; Mr. and Mrs. Grover Holloman of Cherry Grove, a daughter, March 5; and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hesse of Moorefield, a son, March 6.

March 12, 1980

J. Cletus Thorne, Jimmie Harman and Mac McVey were candidates for sheriff of Grant County.

Dayton Carr of Jordan Run announced he was seeking the Republican nomination for a seat with the Grant County Commission.

George Bell Jr. of Petersburg spent 15 months of duty at Fort Polk, La. and was leaving for Germany for a two-year tour.

PHS lost to the Hampshire Trojans in sectional play.

Howard Martin was pro-



SCHOOL LEVY: Safety and facility upgrades top the list

This is the first of four articles that will highlight each school here in Grant County and the upgrades, repairs and safety features that will occur upon passage of the excess levy on May 12. The list is not all inclusive but it is an attempt to address the critical needs each school possesses.

The upcoming excess school levy for the Grant County School District is in need of your support. The items on the levy are pretty basic and necessary.

Each school will also have a presentation given during their joint faculty senate / school improvement council / board of education meeting.

Petersburg Elementary School (PES), will host the first joint meeting of the above groups on March 10 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Approximately 85% of the levy asks for items that involve safety and building maintenance. The remaining 15% of the levy call allows Grant County residents and students free admission to all Grant County WVSSAC interscholastic contests (5% of the above mentioned 15%) along with the opportunity for the district to alleviate overcrowding in its schools by allowing a minimum employment of two teachers and two aides (10% of the 15%).

PETERSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Petersburg Elementary welcomed students in their building beginning in 1974. In 2004, classroom additions were added that currently house grades 1 - 2. HVAC systems on the first, second, fifth and sixth grade wings were new in 2004. HVAC in grades 3 - 4 were installed in August 1993. They will be 27 years old this coming August. The life expectancy of such units in schools or similar high usage areas is 15 years. As you can see, the units have reached the point of needing replaced plus with new technology available, the energy usage far exceeds potential new units, which will save the county much needed funds.

Listed below are the potential upgrades and needed repairs that have been identified:

- **HVAC** – the heating and cooling systems, as mentioned above.
- **Painting** throughout the building.
- **Intercom/Emergency Notification System** – currently in each school there is only a public address (PA) system. New safety features are now available that tie together safe school notifications and announcement system. Furthermore, combining the system with lockdowns of the outer doors is another feature it hopes to acquire, making the school safer in the event of a safe school's incident.
- **Speed Zone Lights** – currently there are no speed zone lights at PES. Plans are to add solar powered lights that notify speeds that are allowed by law when students are present or when school is in session. Solar powered lights will also be practically cost neutral, a savings that, while minimal, further promotes the quest to efficiently and effectively use the school system's financial resources.
- **Security Window Film** – at all exterior windows, security film will be installed.

• **Asbestos Abatement** – Asbestos Vinyl Composition Floor Tile (VCT) is in all schools. While a major abatement was completed at PES in 2004, remaining areas are present that need remediated. Understand that there is no current danger as yearly inspection are conducted by the Department of Health and Human Resources, but in the interest of student health and safety, the tiles on the floor need removed.

• **Paving** – at all schools, paving needs to occur. To have a 21st Century facility, pot holes and overall disintegration of the current paving needs attention.

• **PRO / SRO Officers** – two officers will be hired countywide. PES and Petersburg High will share an officer. PRO officers have shown to be a deterrent in schools with duties including teaching and assisting in social, emotional behavior, bullying and harassment curricula, present in the schools to assist in monitoring safe school violations, and aptly serving the students as a presence when needed as duties call.

• **Door Hardware** – it's been 10 years since safety locks were installed on entrance doors and as mentioned above with the HVAC system, the mechanisms have exhausted their life span. Plans are to tie together the locking mechanisms centrally so changes and such can be made at one location. Additionally, technology available now ties together the locking system with the public address system mentioned above so in the event of a necessary lockdown, one "flip of the switch" immediately locks down the exterior doors to the school, limiting access.

The above list is not all inclusive. It lists the major needs. All schools have maintenance issues that the excess funding will help remedy.

Hopefully the information provided now and in the future will answer questions and/or concerns you have regarding the excess levy call. If you have additional questions, contact Superintendent of Grant County Schools, Doug Lambert, at the board office.

Shared editorials

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of how many devices each school might need, as practices and even some games for different sports can overlap.

This was debated on the House floor before the bill was passed, with more than one legislator saying saving young lives was worth figuring out how to handle the financial burden.

It's a good point. We urge the Senate to pass the bill and send it to the governor to be signed into law.

by Mike Marland



At the Capitol

increased reimbursements in the foster care reform legislation. "Keep in mind, much of the money he found, \$16.9 million, is used for foster care," Householder told the House. "Rest assured, it's contained in the budget."

Despite the overall spending cut, the 2020-21 spending plan fully funds \$14 million for the state Division of Tourism for advertising and promotion, includes a nearly \$20 million increase to eliminate a 1,000-person backlog for a program that provides in-home and community care for developmentally disabled persons, and provides \$3.3 million increase to open a second Mountain Challenge Academy for at-risk teens at the former WVU Tech campus in Montgomery.

The budget also adopts a Senate proposal to set aside

services come from WVLegals.com, which is a newspaper industry-funded website. Residents can register for one county, a region or the entire state. The service is keyword searchable and does offer a "bids" option. Access does not require a newspaper subscription.

"Anyone interested can visit WVLegals.com to see the legal ads. They can also register to get an email featuring the legal ads that are published daily or weekly in their local newspaper," Smith said

The emails from WVLegals.com are sent whenever legal ads are published in the community newspaper.

Not all counties are available yet, but the newspaper industry is committed to having all newspapers on

line by Jan. 1, 2021.

The newspaper industry announced the industry-funded effort during the recent West Virginia Press Association Legislative Breakfast in Charleston.

This latest service comes after two years of

discussions with leaders in the West Virginia Legislature about legal advertising, online access to legal ads and news, and the future of newspapers in the state.

The commitment to online access at no cost for residents is both a response to legislative concerns and a continuation of the industry's online growth, Smith said.

Newspaper industry representatives have met with Senate President Mitch Carmichael, R-Jackson, and House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay, about legal advertising, the industry's future and on broadband expansion. We attended interim meetings held by Sen. Craig Blair, R-Berkeley, and talked this session with Delegate Brandon Steele, R-Raleigh, and others to hear their concerns about public awareness, online access, free access and getting public notices to non-newspaper subscribers," Smith said.

"There were also very informative discussions in legislative committee

meetings this session about paid legal ads for public notice in newspapers.

"There are concerns, but there is also an appreciation and understanding — among both Republicans and Democrats — of the public value of having legal advertising in the community newspapers across the state. Still the newspaper industry knows it must continue to be progressive and forward thinking, especially

in terms of online audience growth and access to legal ads for public notice.

"These online and email efforts are just more examples of private industry taking advantage of technology and improving internet to provide a public service, grow business and provide jobs in West Virginia. Everyone wants to move the state forward and sees broadband, online commerce and technology jobs as keys in the future. The newspapers industry has ... perhaps too quietly ... been a leader in that area."

The newspaper industry has been developing newspaper websites and online readership for more than a decade.

"With our many community newspaper web sites and online editions,

readership of West Virginia newspapers has never been greater," Smith said.

R.F.D.



Local and area obituaries

RUTH G. ROBY

Ruth G. Roby, 79, of Winchester, Va. and formerly of Maysville, W.Va., passed away Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at Spring Arbor while under care of Blue Ridge Hospice in Winchester.

Born Jan. 10, 1941, in Keyser, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Lester Marvin Roby and Edith Mae (Buckbee) Roby.

Ruth graduated from Petersburg High School in 1958. She was a registered nurse at Winchester Medical Center for over 35 years. She worked at Shoney's Restaurant as a hostess for several years. She was Methodist by faith.

She is survived by several cousins and friends including special friend, Ellen Groves Kirby and family.

Funeral services were Saturday afternoon at the Schaeffer Funeral Home chapel, Petersburg, with



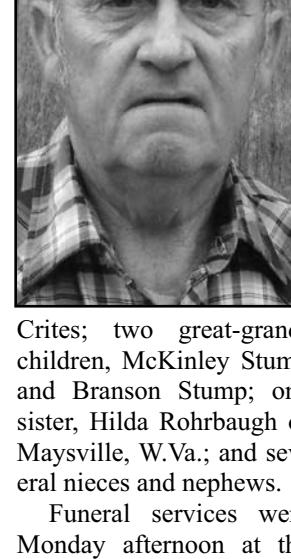
the Rev. Beth Jacobson officiating. Interment was in Maysville Cemetery, Maysville.

Memorials in memory of Ruth may be made to the Petersburg High School Scholarship Fund, 89 Riverview Drive, Petersburg, WV 26847.

Condolences to the family may be left at www.schaefferfuneralhome.com.

(3-10-20)

ESTON D. KIMBLE



Eston Delmus "Bud" Kimble, 75, of Lahmansville, W.Va., passed away Saturday, March 7, at his home.

Born July 12, 1944, in Reeds Creek, W.Va., he was the son of the late Obed Berkley Kimble and Virgie Edith (Landis) Kimble.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Ina Gladys Whetzel, Rosetta Hartman and Louretta Huffman; and seven brothers, Richard Kimble, Raymond Kimble, Harlan Kimble, Donald Kimble, Obed Kimble, Bobby Kimble and Roy Kimble.

Bud retired from American Woodmark in Moorefield after 32 years. He was a lifelong farmer. His passion was spending time with his family especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, riding in Barney, his mini truck. He loved mowing his lawn with his four lawn mowers.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 54 years, Mary (Hartman) Kimble; one daughter, Sherri Crites and husband Kevin, of Lahmansville; two grandchildren, Tina Crites Stump and husband Luke and Dakota

AUDREY F. CLARK



Audrey Florence Clark, 79, of Great Cacapon, W.Va., died Friday, Feb. 21, 2020, at Doey's House in Hagerstown, Md.

Born April 26, 1940, in Smoke Hole, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Grant Isaac and Esta Pearl Nelson VanMeter. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Ernest Clark on Nov. 5, 1998; two sisters, Thelma Chapman and Annabel Berg; and three brothers, Ottis VanMeter, Kermit VanMeter and Earl Junior VanMeter.

She was a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Orleans Crossroads, W.Va. She was a 1959 graduate of Petersburg High School, Petersburg, W.Va. She was a member of Berkeley Chapter #77 Order of the Eastern Star. She was a member of the ladies auxiliary of Great Cacapon Volunteer Fire Department and was active on the Monday bowling leagues at the Berkeley Springs Bowlerama. She was a homemaker and was completely devoted to her family.

Mrs. Clark is survived by one son, Ronald Anthony Clark of Greenville, Tenn.; one daughter, Elizabeth Ann Fischer and her husband Dale of Great Cacapon; one sister,

Debra VanMeter of Cabins, W.Va.; one grandson, Brian Joseph Clark; and two great-grandchildren, Milynn Rose Clark and Weston Gene Clark, all of Amaranth, Pa.; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Feb. 24, at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Orleans Crossroads, with Pastor Dick Voorhaar officiating. A service was also conducted by the Order of the Eastern Star. Interment was in Mt. Zion Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Mt. Zion Church Cemetery, c/o Stuart Gloyd, 672 Orleans Road, Great Cacapon, WV 25422.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.helsleyjohnsonfh.com.

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Lenten lunches schedule

Wednesday Lenten lunches are at noon at the Presbyterian Church for \$3.

There will be a guest devotional speaker and meals will be prepared and served by the following:

March 11 – Petersburg Presbyterian Church

March 18 – Grace Lu-

PHYLLIS J. MILLER

Phyllis Jeanette (Greenawalt) Miller, 76, of Petersburg, W.Va., passed away Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020, at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown, W.Va..

Born Dec. 3, 1943, in Mozer, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late John Richard Greenawalt and Alma (Judy) Greenawalt. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Kelley Greenawalt and Robert Greenawalt; one daughter-in-law, Kathleen Miller; and two brothers-in-law, Franklin D. Ray and Larry Meadows.

Mrs. Miller graduated from Franklin High School in 1961. She was a waitress at the former Thompson Restaurant, Franklin, W.Va., for several years. She worked for the former Halterman's Hardware Store, Petersburg, Potomac Highlands Guild and Windsor Knit Sewing Factory. She was a member of Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Wilson Lee (Nancy) Miller of Upper Tract, W.Va. and Gregory William Miller of Jacksonville, Fla.; three grandchildren, Cody Miller, Levi Miller and Heather Miller Laverty; one great-grandson, Lane Youngblood; four sisters,



Doris Dunn, Darlene (Darrel) Meadows and Barbara Ray, all of Upper Tract, and Gladys Meadows of Franklin; one brother, Allen (Betty) Greenawalt of Petersburg; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Friday morning at the Schaeffer Funeral Home chapel, Petersburg, with the Rev. David Webb officiating. Interment was in the Kline Cemetery, Kline, W.Va.

Memorials in memory of Phyllis Miller may be made to Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church, c/o Tony Calhoun, 172 Ridge Road, Upper Tract, WV 26866.

Condolences to the family may be left at www.schaefferfuneralhome.com.

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GEORGE M. HOWELL JR.

George M. "Buck" Howell Jr., 72, of Reedsdale, W.Va. and formerly of Petersburg, W.Va., passed from this life to his heavenly home on Saturday, March 7, 2020, surrounded by family in his home.

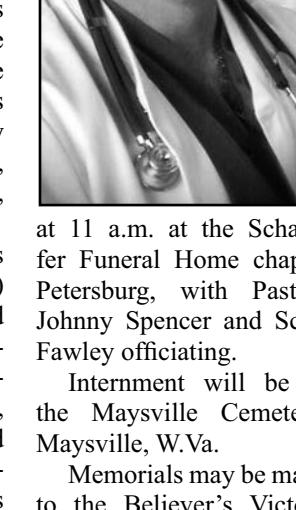
Born Oct. 10, 1947, at Beverly, W.Va., he was the son of the late George Howell Sr. and Bessie (Owens) Howell. He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Paul, Lloyd, and Lewis; and one sister, Georgia Cross.

He is survived by his wife, Karen (Westfall) Howell, whom he married June 20, 1975; one daughter, Autumn (Donald) Dranbauer; one granddaughter, Ashley (Branden) and great-grandson, Coen Michael; and five grandsons Cole, Kyle, Daniel, David and Richard Dranbauer.

Also surviving are two brothers, Charles (Alice) Howell of Buckhannon, W.Va. and David (DeAnna) Howell of Beverly, W.Va.; one sister, Sue (Dick) Cote of Valley Bend, W.Va.; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Howell graduated from Elkins High School and Allegany College of Maryland. He had worked at several grocery stores over the years. He retired from Winchester Medical Center as a respiratory therapist in 2004. After retirement, he served as a volunteer at Maysville and Moorefield elementary schools. Mr. Howell dearly loved his Lord, his family, and his fellow man. He never met a stranger. He loved telling jokes and having a good time. He loved his church, Believer's Victory Center of Moorefield.

Funeral services are today (Tuesday), March 10,



at 11 a.m. at the Schaeffer Funeral Home chapel, Petersburg, with Pastors Johnny Spencer and Scott Fawley officiating.

Internment will be in the Maysville Cemetery, Maysville, W.Va.

Memorials may be made to the Believer's Victory Center, 160 Victory Lane, Moorefield, WV 26836 or the Grant County Senior Center, 111 Virginia Ave., Petersburg, WV 26847.

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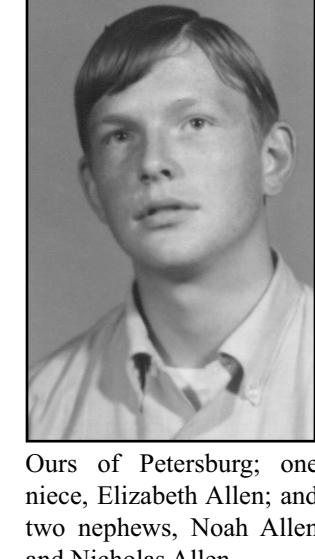
EDWIN B. "ROBIN" ALLEN JR.

Edwin B. "Robin" Allen Jr., 67, of Morgantown, W.Va. and formerly of Moorefield, W.Va., passed away Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2020, at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown.

Born Oct. 12, 1952, in Petersburg, W.Va., he was the son of the late Edwin B. "Biddy" Allen and JoAnn (Hartman) Allen.

Robin was a graduate of Moorefield High School Class of 1970. He was a computer software designer for the West Virginia University medical department in Morgantown.

Mr. Allen is survived by two brothers, Mark T. Allen and wife Karen and Carl Eric Allen and wife Cindy, all of Summersville, W.Va.; one sister, Carol Ours and husband the Rev. Randy



Ours of Petersburg; one niece, Elizabeth Allen; and two nephews, Noah Allen and Nicholas Allen.

To honor his wishes, his remains have been cremated.

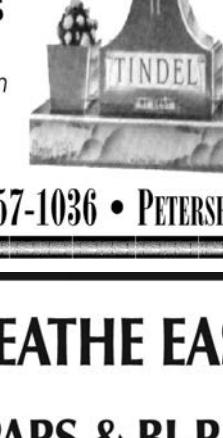
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"The main goals of HubCAP are to develop more community engagement, help grow capacity for future leaders," Raffo said. "We will be working with Mon Forest Town on building a strong recreational based economy and helping to grow that through business development or whatever opportunities arise from that initiative."

The program is also partnering with the land design program at West Virginia University with students traveling to

the towns to help identify plans to grow in the city and work with the community to implement those plans.

Bob McCauley, Petersburg representative with

the Mon Forest Program, said he has already had several volunteers come to help with the project.

"We have a lot of work being done by a lot of very talented volunteer individuals and companies," McCauley said. "We have a lot of talent in our community."

The city is also seeking additional volunteers to help with the effort, with those interested being directed to contact the city office at 304-257-4944.

Also during the meeting, the council was addressed by David James, who said he had lost his driver's license due to unpaid tickets he received

from the city. However, James argued he had dealt with the tickets already and that the matter should have been dropped. The council advised him to contact the city's magis-

trate to handle the matter.

Also addressing the council was Jonathan Kuhn concerning a property he is working on in the city. Kuhn said he received a letter from the city giving him 30 days to improve the property; however, he explained that would not be enough time.

The council said they understood and extended his time line by 90 days, encouraging him to contact them if he needed longer due to weather. Kuhn said that would be enough time.

"If you get a letter like that from the city and it isn't enough time, please come before council and we will gladly work with you," said Mayor Gary Michael.

The council then reviewed the activity of the Petersburg City Police Department, which included the handling of 150 complaints. The PPD issued 26 verbal and 14 written warnings for traffic and issued 17 citations. Citations included: one failure to stop at a stop sign; three driving on suspended license; one expired inspection; one for illegal smoking or use of a vape; nine speeding; one possession of a con-

trolled substance and one discharge of a firearm in city limits.

The department obtained two warrants, investigated three accidents and opened five criminal investigations.

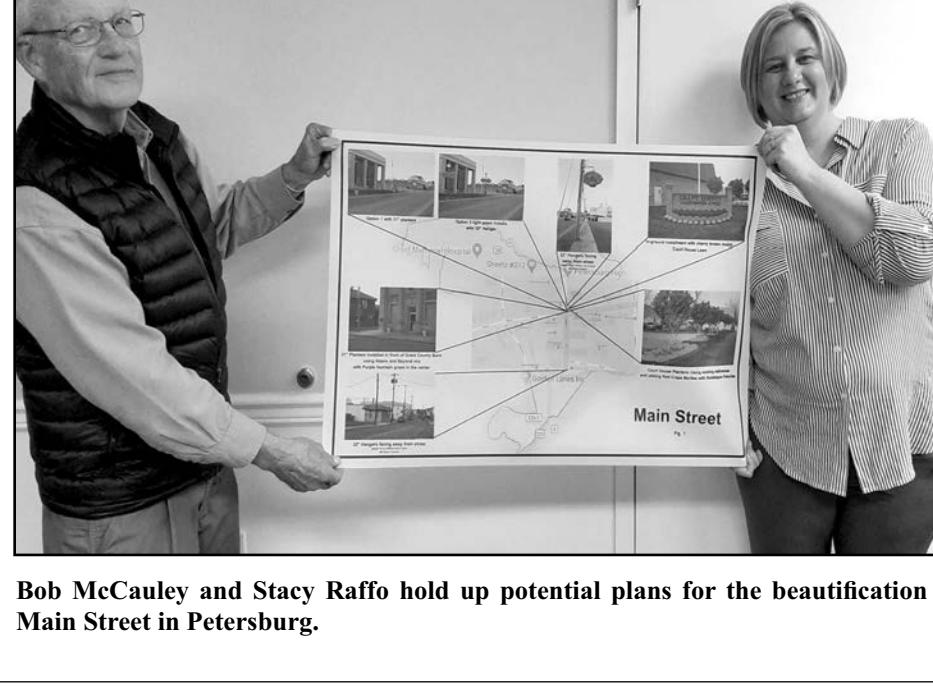
Finally, the council approved multiple building permits for: the Grant County Board of Education to rebuild their fieldhouse at the Petersburg High School football field; the Grant County Housing Authority on 211 Central Ave. to replace siding and windows; the

Fort Hill Motel on North Fork Highway to replace a sidewalk; Tim Park of 21 1/2 North Main Street, to replace roof and add a porch and install a chain link fence; Dwight Dodd of 223 Pierpoint St. to install a privacy fence and Kessel Trailer Park on Rig St. to move in a trailer.

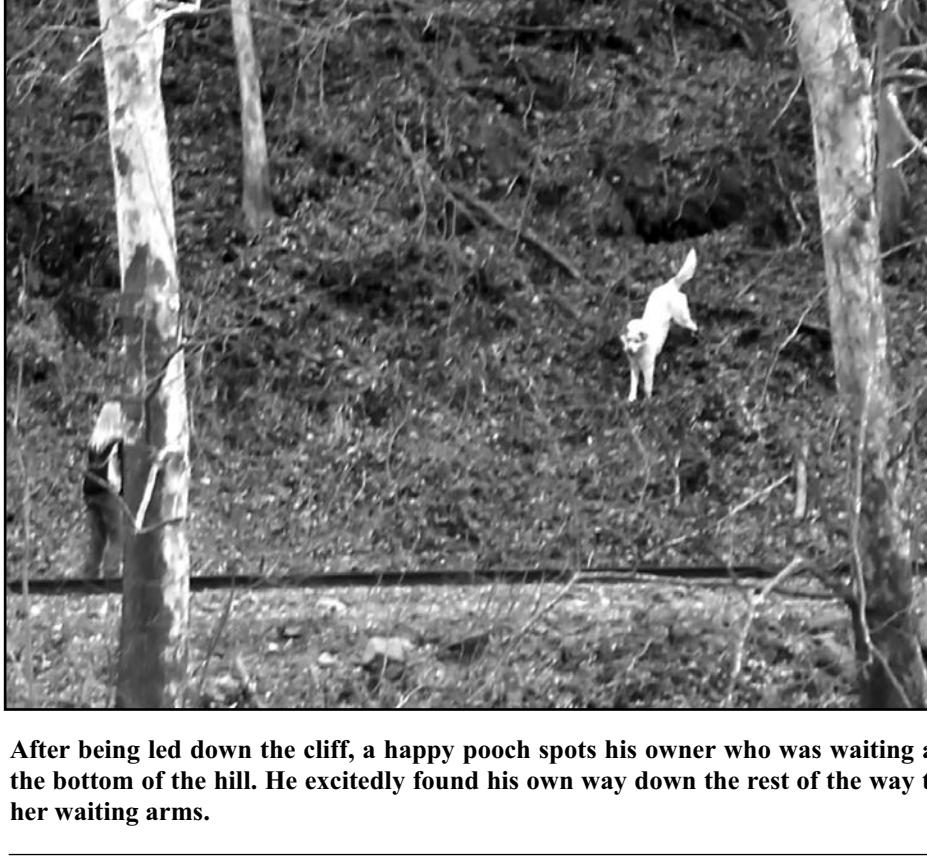
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Petersburg City Council is April 6 at 7 p.m. in the Petersburg City Office.

Stacy Raffo

We will be working with Mon Forest Town on building a strong recreational based economy and helping to grow that through business development or whatever opportunities arise from that initiative."



Bob McCauley and Stacy Raffo hold up potential plans for the beautification of Main Street in Petersburg.



After being led down the cliff, a happy pooch spots his owner who was waiting at the bottom of the hill. He excitedly found his own way down the rest of the way to her waiting arms.

Virus

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For more specific information on the virus, visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

Alt also advised the office will begin to share information on their Facebook page about questions and concerns they are receiving.

"We will also post websites where you can obtain

reliable and accurate information to help keep yourself and your family safe," Alt said.

For more information on these updates, visit the office's Facebook page, Grant County OEM & 911.



John Welton Jr. leads two dogs down the cliff next to Welton Park after the pair spent the night trapped.



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Codie and his wife, Brooklyn

For those who watched the NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series at the Daytona International Speedway last month, one familiar (and local) name likely stood out.

Codie Rohrbaugh, the son of Thomas and April Rohrbaugh, not only competed in the event but finished third.

Rohrbaugh raced in the NextEra Energy Resources 250 event, marking the biggest race of his career so far. During the race, Rohrbaugh's Chevrolet sported the Grant County Mulch emblem as his primary sponsor.

Rohrbaugh has been racing since he was only eight years old, starting out in go carts.

"This has been a really important part of his life for a long time,"

said his father, Thomas. "We have so much support from the family and I know how much that means to him. To watch your son go around that track at Daytona, I mean, it's hard to even put words to it. It's something."

Thomas Rohrbaugh

"To watch your son go around that track at Daytona, I mean, it's hard to even put words to it. It's something."

nine or more trucks. One late-race wreck occurred on lap 98 of a scheduled 100 and took out more than 12 other racers. However, Rohrbaugh stayed strong after a restart on lap 105 on the final circuit.

Enfinger ultimately won the race by only .010 seconds

with both Anderson and Rohrbaugh just moments behind him. Rohrbaugh's third place finished occurred only .070 seconds later.

This was Rohrbaugh's first time to race the Daytona track. However, while it may be his first it is very unlikely to be his last. Later this month, Rohrbaugh is traveling to Texas to compete in another race and he plans to continue his career in the series.



Codie Rohrbaugh, driving truck number 9, finished the NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series at the Daytona International Speedway in third place, just 0.070 seconds after the first vehicle crossed the finish line.

photos courtesy of thomas rohrbaugh

Tigers celebrate their middle school athletes



BOYS MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL 2019-20 - Sammie Jones, Johnny Willis, Kylar Lewis, Mason Dewitt, Coach Jamie Tallman, Eric Linkwiler, Jacob Wolfe, Gabriel Getz, Braxton Crites, Bradlee Parrish, Josh Burdock, Logan Dale, Corbin Streets and Coach Clayton Burdock.



MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS - Haley Judy, Makayia Thomas, Megyn Stahl, Mascot Brandon Moreland, Chanda Gaither, Jaiden Thomas, Chelsee Moreland, Lilly Pennington, Sadie Pritt and Cheyenne Palmer.



photos courtesy of carl holcomb, moorefield examiner

More photos from the Vikings at the West Virginia State Wrestling Tournament, page 2B



MES archery team brings home first place in Buckhannon-Upshur Tournament

The Maysville Elementary School Archery Team participated in an archery tournament at Buckhannon-Upshur Middle School on March 7 in the eighth annual B-U 4-H Buckhannon Toyota Invitational.

In the event, the team finished in first place.

The team also had multiple individual winners, including Madeline

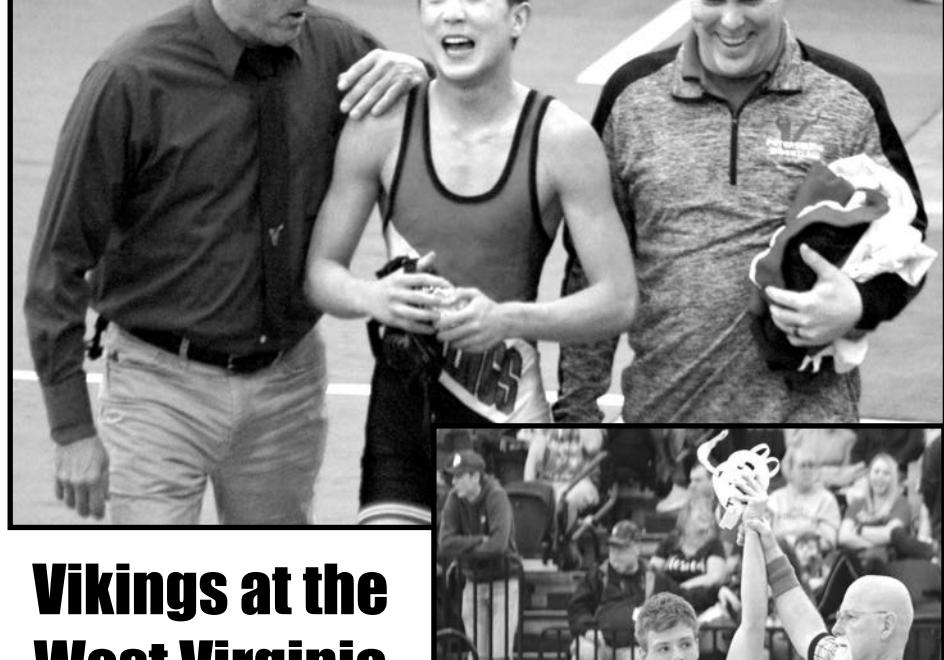
Shreve, who finished second with a score of 270 and Kailea Kisamore, who finished fifth with a score of 257. Both competed in the elementary girls' division.

In the elementary boys' division, local winners were Ryan Clark, who finished second, with a score of 269 and Brett Evans, who finished fifth, with a score of 241.

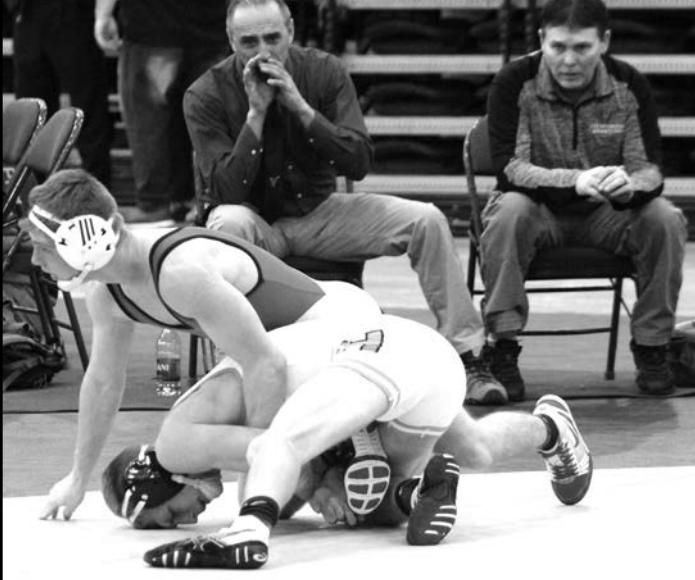


GOLDEN LANES NO TAP TOURNAMENT WINNERS - Men's division winners: Richie Burgess (third place); Clayton Laub (second place) and Terry Wratchford (first place). Women's division: Emily Stark (first place) and Kathy McNemar (second place). Other event winners in the men's division were: Cohen Kesner in fourth place and Chris Kesner in fifth place. Other winners in the women's division were: Missy Earle in third place; DeeAnn McDonald in fourth place and Cheyanne Earle in fifth place.

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Vikings at the West Virginia Wrestling Tournament



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UEC class unites community with service project

The sophomore class at Union Educational Complex understands and values the concept of com-

munity. The students came together to create a community service project to help a local animal shelter.

This class developed, designed and implemented a project that included a schoolwide pet food and



Project volunteers (front) Devin Gaither, M.J. Frame, Niko (German Shepherd) and Payton Haines, (middle) Bridget Knapp, Olivia Bomboy, Kirstin VanMeter and Willow Cutter and (back) Hailey Whitacre, P.J. Landis (bus driver), Victor Slaubaugh, Brianna Greaser, Shawn Getz, Rachael Dudok (director), Andrew Miller, Bryan White (teacher) and Abbi Kifer (counselor).

Brock's Gap Heritage Day is April 18 in Broadway, many Grant County families connected to the area

Broadway High School, Broadway, Va. will host their 30th annual Brock's Gap Heritage Day on Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. There is no admission charge. This is a new location from past years.

This year they will host three programs: Forest Forensics - Clues in the Woods to History; An Unsung World War II Hero from Fulks Run - Harrison May; and The Forgotten

People of Rockingham County.

There will also be 150+ posters of family groups, churches, schools, everyday life, butchering and other topics. Some photos are over 120 years old.

Other researchers will be there to share and gather information. Reprints of photos will be available for a nominal cost. Personal libraries of family, local and regional histories will be available for research, and

new books will be available for purchase. Donations towards tombstones for neglected family cemeteries will be accepted.

Many Grant County families have connections with Brock's Gap including Turner, May, Riggelman, Caplinger, Keplinger, Feaster and other families.

For more information contact Pat Ritchie at 540-662-1475 or patritchie@verizon.net.

Roy's RV Supercenter offering new products

**By Brooke Hinzman
Elkins Inter-Mountain**
Roy's RV Supercenter recently began stocking a new line of CFMOTO ATVs and side by sides to add to its massive inventory of RVs, travel trailers and toy haulers.

Roy's RV General Manager Tim Senic said there has been a lot of demand for the new line.

"We already sell toy haulers — things that will haul these. We have a lot of people who will come in and buy them for their side by sides and four wheelers, and this gives us the opportunity to sell both the toy hauler and the toy. We can offer all of it now," said Senic.

As CFMOTO has a plant based in Minneapolis, parts for the ATVs and side by sides are readily available for servicing.

"Ninety-eight percent of the parts for these things are available to us within two days. So, there are no parts issues at all. They have an excellent warranty," Senic said, noting the affordability of the prod-

ucts. "It's not just an overseas company; they've got a lot of employment here in the United States as well."

Sales representative Randy Elza said Roy's recently sent two technicians to Minneapolis to become certified CFMOTO servicemen.

In addition to the new line, Roy's now stocks Ironhorse motorcycle trailers, which come in one and two bike options in addition to a widebody option.

"They only weigh around 700 pounds. When they designed them, they actually took them to the NASCAR windtunnel in Charlotte, and they guarantee that you lose less than 6% of your fuel economy when you're towing your bike behind you," said Senic, adding that Roy's is one of only five dealers in the country to carry these trailers.

"We're the only dealer on the East Coast at all. The plant is in Nashville, and from Nashville to Maine to Florida, we're the only authorized dealer," he said. "It's pretty neat for a little

town like Elkins to have something that's that exclusive to us."

Roy's RV also stocks Nomad Stealth trailers, which feature a great combination of a vehicle garage, living quarters and ample storage space.

"You can put a full-size car, Jeep, huge side by side or anything you want in it," said Senic. "It's the only thing available like that in the United States, and we're the exclusive dealer in the state of West Virginia for that."

"What really works nicely with the Stealth is that they have four floor plans, but each floor plan has like six different links that they can be built in, so it makes the garage area longer and can adapt to what you really need," said Elza.

In addition, Statistical Surveys has announced that Roy's RV Supercenter in Elkins was the number one dealer of all recreational vehicles for the state of West Virginia for 2019.

It is located at 3437 on the Beverly Pike in Elkins.

Potomac Highlands food co-op project forming; area producers invited to informational meeting

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College continues its initiative to strengthen the agriculture economy in the Potomac Highlands with the addition of a new food co-operative project, funded by a three year grant from the USDA.

The co-op project will form collective sales system for farmers of consumable products to local and regional businesses and institutions which need products on a consistent and larger scale basis.

It joins the new programming offered by the college in agricultural education and networking efforts, such as the annual Ag Showcase.

To that end, there will be an initial kickoff infor-

mational meeting March 25, at 6 p.m. on campus at Eastern, 316 Eastern Drive, Moorefield. This meeting is for anyone interested in the project, but attendance is not considered a commitment to join the initiative.

The meeting agenda is outlining the project, its goals, its timeline, roles of farmer participation, and to allow opportunity for attendees to give suggestions. This will be a farmer-based project, and will only be successful if there is participation from the Ag community.

"This project will strengthen the local food system on a number of levels," said Dr. Charles Terrell, president of the college.

"It will build a solid col-

lective sales, marketing and distribution system while providing the resources, training and coaching needed for the Ag community which will allow for consistent, reliable local products to buyers.

For more information about the project, contact West at amanda.west@easternwv.edu.

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Young Writers winning entry for grades 3-4

"What you see is what you get"
by Karlie DiBenedetto
Fourth grade - MES

It was the weekend I had been waiting for. We had a really big game coming up against the team, Mountain Thunder. All their players were older than my teammates and the pitcher always delivered a wicked curve ball. My family and I had traveled to Luray to face Mountain Thunder and it was calling for severely high temperatures.

Early the next morning, at the softball field, I watched the 8u championships. The opposing teams were Manassas Calvary versus Mountain Fury. The score was seven to five, and Mountain Fury was in the lead. I only had an hour until I played. I had butterflies in my stomach, and it was excruciatingly hot. Just then, the coach called our team to warm up. We

grabbed our bags. I hit with a strong, accurate swing and the coach was very impressed. Suddenly, I started to feel more confident about the game.

Both teams were ready to begin the game. The Stallions watched Mountain Thunder walk into their dugout with pride and attitude. The Stallions knew this would be a tough game. Our coach did a coin toss to begin the game. We were batting first.

I was second in the batting line-up. When I stepped into the batter's box, I was so nervous. Their pitcher was lightning fast! The first batter had already struck out. The pitcher started her wind up and released the ball, but it disappeared! The next thing I knew, the ball was in the catcher's glove. "STRIKE ONE!" called the umpire. I didn't know what had happened. All I knew was that

it was weird!

I immediately heard my coaches yell, "Get your head in the game!" The pitcher wound up again and threw the ball. It disappeared again. "STRIKE TWO!" the umpire declared. I heard the coaches shout, "Watch the ball!" Here we go again, I thought to myself. The pitcher threw the ball and it vanished once again. "STRIKE THREE!" the umpire announced. I shuffled back to the dugout thinking, what is wrong with me?

It was the third inning. Mountain Thunder was up by one and there were two more innings left. It was the top of the line-up and you know what that meant. I was almost up to bat. That ball came right down the middle and it didn't disappear. I creamed it! "HOMERUN!" shouted the umpire! The Stallions took the victory!

WIC schedule for March

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

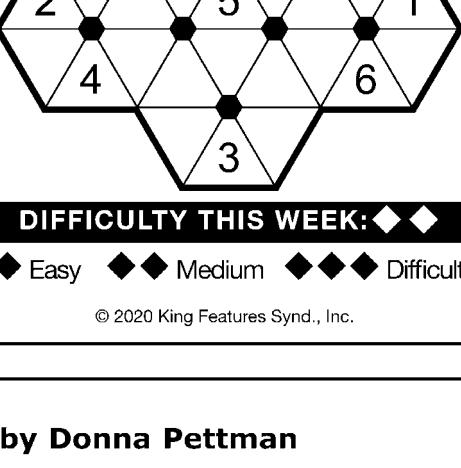


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PUZZLE ANSWERS ARE FOUND ON PAGE 3B

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.



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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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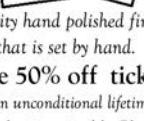
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Petersburg High School students of the month



Petersburg High School in partnership with South Branch Cinema 6, South Branch Potomac Lanes and the Old Fields Country Store announce students of the month for January: 7th grade - Peyton Berg, 8th grade - Sara Crews, 9th grade - Allison Champ, 10th grade - Raph Hott, 11th grade - Tristin Miller and 12th grade - Sarah Armentrout.



Students of the month for February: 7th grade - Jylee Nelson, 8th grade - Serena Bava, 9th grade - Cassidy Park, 10th grade - Anna Goldizen, 11th grade - Aedan Lott and 12th grade - Sierra Sites. These students received prizes ranging from a free movie, a free game of bowling and a free small ice cream cone donated by the sponsoring businesses.

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MARCH 2020**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9	10	11	12	13 JV/V Baseball Scrimmage vs. Northern (H) 4:00	14 REGIONAL SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR @ Musselman HS
16 REGIONAL MATH FIELD DAY @ Shepherd University Track Lap-A-Thon	17 REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR @ Potomac State	18	19 V Baseball (H) Tygart Valley 4:30	20 EARLY RELEASE REPORT CARDS GO HOME JV/V Baseball (A) Broadway 5:00	21 JV/V Baseball (H) Allegany 11:00 JV/V Softball (A) Mt. Ridge, MD 1:00
23 V Baseball (H) East Hardy 5:00 V Softball (H) Pendleton Co. 5:00 Tennis (H) Moorefield 4:00	24 JV/V Softball (A) Central, VA 5:00	25 JV/V Softball (H) Mt. Ridge, MD 4:30 MS Track (A) Warm Springs Mid. 4:00	26 V Baseball (A) Frankfort 4:00 HS Track (A) Mt. Ridge 4:00	27 JV/V Baseball (H) Broadway 5:30 V Softball (A) Keyser 6:00 Tennis (A) Keyser 4:00	28 STATE SCIENCE FAIR V Softball (A) Berkeley Springs 12:00
30 JV/V Baseball (A) Martinsburg 4:30 JV/V Softball (A) Hedgesville 5:00	31 HS Boys Track (A) Keyser 4:00 HS Girls Track (A) Frankfort 4:00	NOTE: V (Varsity) MS (Middle School) JV (Junior Varsity)	MARCH 13 BBQ Chicken Sales @ Berg Ins. Sponsored by PHS Softball	MARCH 22 Vera Bradley BINGO Sponsored by PHS Softball/ Baseball	MARCH 27 Elite Pro Wrestling @ PHS

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