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# WVTE Presents: "Suessical the Musical"

West Virginia Theater East is set to bring the works of Dr. Suess to a local audience at the Landes Arts Center in Petersburg... *page 3B*.

# PHS sophomore returns to state wrestling tourney

The streets of Huntington were abuzz this past weekend with wrestlers, coaches, and fans from all over the Mountain State. The Mountain Health Arena was once again home to the WVSSAC AAA & AA/A State Wrestling Championships. A total of 448... page 1B.

# Support the Petersburg Food Pantry

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.



#### **COVID-19** UPDATES

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

#### **Obituaries**

Frank Rodgers Darlene Smith Rose Tharpe Roger Wilkinson

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# poll question



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# Board approves May levy call, school safety heavily featured

The Grant County Board of Education gave one final review and their approval last week to officially move forward with the proposed excess school levy set to appear on May's ballot.

The vote was held during their regularly scheduled Feb. 27 meeting and received unanimous approval from the board. The proposal lists in detail how the funds will be spent if the levy is approved by the voters later this year.

The Grant County School system currently has an excess

Women

charged

over

stolen

lottery

tickets

tickets for money.

Two Grant County women are facing felony charges after they allegedly stole over \$2,500 worth of lottery tickets and then had a family member attempt to cash in the winning

While the charges were filed last month, they stem from an incident in November 2023 when an officer with the Petersburg Police Department

was contacted by a local gas

station employee to report a

the employee explained that

the store had been contacted

by the West Virginia Lottery

Commission on Oct. 30, 2023

to inform them that five packs

of lottery tickets had become

missing from the location.

The store employees were in-

See Crime, page 7A

During the conversation,

levy in place, which has assisted in funding multiple facility updates and improvements at all four county schools as well as increased school safety efforts through the funding of Educational Public Relations Officers (PRO officers) and aides on buses. This existing levy, which was approved on a fiveyear cycle, will end prior to the new levy going into effect. The newly proposed levy is also financially smaller than the previous, meaning even if approved, citizens will see a tax drop.

#### How will the money be spent?

In their levy call, the school system lays out a detailed funding plan focusing on six key areas: general maintenance, improvements and equipment; safety and security; curriculum and instruction; civic and community organizations; community involvement through athletic passes and class size reduction.

#### Safety and Security (\$935,000 annually)

By far the largest funding area on the levy call is school safety and security, which has been a heavily discussed topic at board meetings over the past several years. The current levy allots positions for two PRO officers, however, the newly proposed levy allots funds for four. This change means all four schools in the county will have a PRO officer designated to their facility. The levy also keeps funds in place to ensure

all county buses have an aide assisting the bus driver to help reduce behavioral issues on buses.

Another large safety expenditure proposed by the levy will include a large-scale update to the entrance of Petersburg High School designed to reduce the number of people able to gain access to the school while students are present.

In total, the funds designated for school safety includes, but is not limited to, aides on ALL school buses (\$700,000 total, \$140,000 annually), School Resources Officers (four) with benefits (\$1,325,000 total, \$265,000 annually), interior

See Levy, page 7A



SAFE SCHOOL DESIGN An architectural rendering
of the entrance of Petersburg
High School that will be constructed if the excess school
levy is approved by voters in
May. The new entrance will
include a security gate system
designed to prevent visitors
from gaining access to the
facility until after they have
spoken with faculty and have
been determined to be safe to
enter the building while the
students are present.



# County commission voices support for community corrections program

The Grant County Commission signed their annual resolution and letter of support for the Mineral County Community Corrections program last week, saying they were pleased with the program's work in the county and intended to continue working with them to help those convicted of a crime and suffering from substance abuse disorder.

"I don't have anything bad to say about this program," said commissioner Scotty Miley. "We have worked together well over the years. When I started, we had one employee here part-time. Now, we have two full-time employees here every day."

The Mineral County Community Corrections program is an alternate sentencing program aimed at helping those convicted of crime while struggling with drug addiction. The program allows a convicted person to be sentenced to participate in a drug-rehabilitation program as opposed to serving time in jail. During the course of the sentence, participants are often required to take part in rehabilitation and counseling efforts and are routinely drug tested.

"We have looked at other programs and really, this one is doing well. We see a difference in our jail bill," Miley said. "...I give all my respect to the prosecuting attorney's office, the

judges and the magistrates for assigning people to it. I feel like

it is a great program"

The program also assists in reducing the county jail bill, with offenders able to serve their time through the community corrections program while also working to overcome addiction. This sentence is an alternative to a traditional jail sentence, which can be costly to the county and to taxpayers.

County jail bills, which have been increasing over the past several years, became a state concern when multiple counties were unable to keep up with their rising costs.

Overall, the commission commended the program, say-

ing they were glad to be able to work with a neighboring county while also helping to tackle the addiction crisis that remains in the region.

The letter of support and resolution were signed during the Feb. 27 regularly scheduled commission.

The meeting also included an update from Laura Brown, the director of the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority. Brown updated the commission on the projects currently underway in Grant County, including the hiring of a new projects manager that will work in

See Commission, page 7A









#### By Camille Howard

Do you ever get the feeling that you just need to go somewhere? Get out of town? Or have you ever been driving and felt like you should keep on going, preferable south where it's

It's cabin fever and I think it's real. It's so real I've even contemplated going to Wal-Mart just to wander the aisles.

It's too cold and rainy to go for a walk and when the days are gray and cloudy, Florida starts sounding

I like Florida, but it's a little too manicured for me. After a while all the landscaping and trimmed lawns start me looking forward to getting back to wild and wonderful (but not too soon!).

It's rainy there, too, but usually warm and the rain is just a shower and then the sun pops out again.

**BAKED TARRAGON** 

**CHICKEN** 

2 pounds boneless skin-

less chicken breasts

1 medium onion, sliced

11/2 teaspoons tarragon

1/4 teaspoon poultry

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1 (10 1/2 ounce) can

cream of chicken

1/4 cup slivered almonds

In 13x9 inch baking

in rings

seasoning

¼ cup milk

(optional)

1/4 teaspoon salt

If it wasn't so far, I'd be there now, I think.

Once I got a phone call from a telemarketer and they told me I won a week-long trip to Florida. They claimed I had signed up for it.

The only thing I had to do was pay my own way to the Sunshine State and then I could take advantage of their "free" offer.

I sat there for a minute and finally said, "Honey, if I had the money to make a trip to Florida, don't you think I'd be there already?"

She hung up on me.

Another person wanted me to send them \$400 and I would get a fabulous vacation. I think they were

pan, place chicken piec- I

Place onion rings

Mix seasonings with

Bake, uncovered, in

cream of chicken soup

and milk and spoon over

375°F oven for 40 min-

with almonds, if desired. I

more or until chicken is !

Bake 10 minutes

Do not overlap.

over top.

chicken.

Sprinkle

utes.

tender.

probably getting the vacation and everyone else was

> getting scammed. You know, these scams must be pretty lucrative. I got a text the other day from an unknown number that said "Please, can u please stop and think about what this would

mean if u helped me dont u want some good karma please im literally gonna be evicted."

Well, I don't believe I know you and I don't believe in karma. I also don't believe I'll respond because if I do the texts will

karma to text strangers. Maybe if we get a warm day I'll sit on the front deck with a beach towel and pre-

**CHOCOLATE CHIP** 

**BANANA PANCAKES** 

1½ cups flour

powder

■ 1¼ cups milk

(2 small)

divided

I vanilla.

1 tablespoon sugar

2 teaspoons baking

½ teaspoon cinnamon

1 ½ cup banana, mashed

I 1 egg, lightly beaten

1/2 cup chocolate chips,

baking powder and cin-

I in milk, banana, egg and

I namon in a large bowl.

Combine flour, sugar,

After mixing well stir

I 1 teaspoon vanilla

be nonstop. I guess it's bad

tend I'm at the beach.

One of our readers called to say she enjoys making recipes from this column, however the recipe for Banana Peanut Butter Pancakes that appeared in our Feb. 13 issue, looked like it was missing a dry ingredient to hold the pancakes together.

I looked up the recipe again and it wasn't just a typo but the original recipe I copied was also missing any flour or dry ingredient.

So, here's a different version and I hope nothing is missing! No one likes to make a recipe only to find out it doesn't work.

The other recipe here is an easy way to make chicken and has only 9.1g carbs per serving. It reminds me of a Campbell's recipe I have but without the rice.

Have a great week!

late chips.

Heat

inch rounds.

Fold in 1/4 cup choco- I

sprayed with oil on me-

dium heat. Pour batter

onto griddle making 3

utes or until tops are

bubbly. Flip pancake

and cook for another

minute or until golden.

Prepare remaining

Place on individual

plates and sprinkle with

pancake batter as di- I

rected adding

spray if needed.

chips. Makes 18.

remaining

Cook about two min-

griddle,

more

chocolate

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# Spring fire season is here, burning restrictions in effect

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The West Virginia Division of Forestry (WV DOF) reminds residents to confine their outdoor burning to the hours of 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. Fires set during that time must be put out before 7 a.m. Statewide burning restrictions will remain in

effect now until May 31. The DOF has issued burning guidelines on its website at wvforestry.com/ fire-laws.

Regulations include:

- All fires must have a safety strip which must be cleared of burnable material and be at least 10 feet wide.
- Fire must be attended until completely extinguished.
- · Only vegetative materials such as leaves, brush and yard clippings are permitted to be burnt.

Spark-throwing machin-

ery such as power shovels or sawmills operating on land subject to fire must contain an adequate spark

arrestor. Inflammable waste disposal areas must annually remove all grass, brush, debris, and other inflammable material adjacent to disposal areas to provide adequate protection, preventing the escape of fire to adjacent lands.

Commercial burning during prohibited periods requires a permit.

Any person or company who causes a fire on any grass or forest land must reimburse the state for costs to suppress the fire. Fines for forest fires caused by negligence range from \$100 to \$1,000 with an additional civil penalty of \$200.

# Community Meetings & Events

The Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting is Tuesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. at the Farm Credit building, 550 South Main Street, Moorefield. Additional information is available at http:// www.wvca.us/district/pvcd. cfmor by contacting the office at 304-822-5174. The meeting agenda will be available three days prior to the meeting. A copy may be obtained on the webpage or by contacting the office at 500 East Main St., Suite F, Romney. The public is

invited to participate. The Potomac Highlands Beekeepers Association will meet Thursday, March 14, at 7 p.m. upstairs at the Romney Fire Department, 175 S. High Street, Romney. All meetings are open to the public and no prior experience in beekeeping is required. If you are interested in learning about beekeeping, are a beginner or an experienced beekeeper, this is a forum where you will be able to learn and exchange beekeeping information. Meeting will be canceled if Hampshire County government offices are closed due to bad weather.

Civil Air Patrol: The Potomac Highlands Composite Squadron is recruiting cadets (ages 12-18) and adults to become members. The squadron building is located on the grounds of Grant County Airport, Johnson Run Road, Petersburg. Weekly meetings are Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Lt. John Banks at john. banks@wvwg.cap.gov. civilairpatrol.com

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

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 Commis-

sion meets every month on the second Tuesday at 9 a.m. and fourth Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the lower level conference room. For the agenda

check grantcountywv.org Grant County Historical Society board of directors meetings will be posted on the Society's Facebook page. Members are welcome to at-

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

Club meets the second Thursday of each month, 6 p.m. at Forman Community Center in Lahmansville.

Petersburg. Refreshments.

meets the first Monday of the

month at 6 p.m. at City Hall on Mt. View St.

T.O.P.S. (Take Pounds Sensibly) meets at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Living Hope Baptist Church, North Fork Highway, Petersburg, (just after the post office on left). Call Wendy DeiCas at

mation. To post meetings call 304-257-1844 or email news@ grantcountypress.com

304-257-2349. for more infor-

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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 City Council

# **NOW HIRING**

The Grant County Commission is looking for a Director for the Grant County Ambulance with a strong work ethic to run the day-to-day operations of emergency medical services in Grant County. The Director must be able to multi-task, work long hours and meet deadlines under pressure. They must also be able to work independently and as part of a team. They must be open to feedback and be willing to change their approach when necessary.

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- Ability to meet deadlines and work under pressure

Ability to work independently and as part of a team

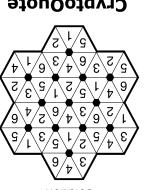
- Strong work ethic Positive Attitude
- Applications are available in the Administrator's Office at the Grant County Courthouse at 5 Highland Avenue, Petersburg, WV, Monday through Friday from

8:30 am until 4:30 pm. Applications along with a resume are due by noon on Friday, March 15, 2024. If you have any questions, contact Michelle Sites at 304-257-4422.

#### ANSWERS FROM PUZZLES ON PAGE 5B

G.K. Chesterton for ignorance. which is an elegant name name for indifference, Impartiality is a pompous

answer CryptoQuote



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King Crossword Water, Waver Hobble, Hubble

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answers Even Exchange

# More SBCTC SkillsUSA local winners



Bryson Riggleman, Kadin Tinney and Dakota Propst won the local SkillsUSA crime scene investigation competition.



SkillsUSA construction tool ID winner



Matt Clark won the SkillsUSA carpentry entry level competition.



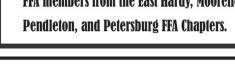
Placing first in the first aid/CPR SkillsUSA contest was Madison Howell.



computer applications SkillsUSA competition winner.



Eli Mathias placed first in SkillsUSA welding



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Local SkillsUSA cosmetology winners are Devan Harlow - post-secondary, nails; Breanna Dean - post-secondary, esthetics; Payton Liller - post-secondary, cosmetology hair; Tori O'Callaghan - secondary, nails; and Keyra Fisher - secondary, project showcase.

# **Country Clovers 4-H club** completes community project



Country Clovers 4-H club members (front) Katelyn, Dustin and Addison and (back) Ariannah, Briley and

The Country Clovers 4-H club made a blessings box.

This blessings box is to help the community with their needs.

Donations can be placed in the blessings box located at 100 Potomac Ave., Bayard, W.Va., at the Bayard firehall.

**Country Clovers** Ariannah Lockie Reporter



# Winners of Grant County Schools' Young Writers contest

#### First - Second Grade

First place, "The Missing Flower" by Makenna Sites, PES, Diana Harman,

Second place (tie), "Jazzy's Book Crisis" by Laightyn Keplinger PES, Brittany Porter, teacher and "In The Forest" by Jacob Rohrbaugh, MES, Vicki Kitzmiller, teacher.

Third "The place, Homeless Girl" by Brynn Butler, MES, Vicki Kitzmiller, teacher.

#### Third - Fourth Grade

First place, "The Runaway" by Jemma Poore, MES, Kim Evans, teacher. Second place, "The Tale

of Bigfoot" by Audrey Hall,

MES, Riley Barr, teacher. place, Third Haunted Adventure" by Harper Walls, PES, Michaela Stickley, teacher.

#### Fifth - Sixth Grade

First place, "Heartbeat" by Noel Shreve, PES, Zondra Reedy, teacher.

Second place, "Leo's Adventure" by Callie Roberts, MES, Janie Pool,

Third place, "Ghost" by Elizabeth Ockerman, PES, Zondra Reedy, teacher.

#### **Seventh - Eighth Grade**

place, Plague" by Lucy Groves, PHS, Ashley Wilkins,

teacher. Second place, "Axe's Scrape" by Madelyn Wratchford, PHS, Casa-

ndra Greenwalt, teacher. Third place, "Judge's Panel" by Madelyn Cook, PHS, Casandra Greenwalt,

#### Ninth - Tenth Grade

First place, "Haunted Hosue" by Angela Willis, PHS, Amanda Campbell, teacher.

Second place, "The Sea, the Moon and The Lonely Fish" by Tara Kimble, PHS, Amanda Campbell,

Third place (tie), "Shadows of Deceit" by Sadie Pritt, UEC, Chad Turner, teacher, and "Heavens Number" by Kourtney Alexander, PHS, Gloria Bava, teacher.

#### 11th - 12th Grade

First place, "Dreaming Once Again" by Ashley Kisner, PHS, Angela Propst, teacher.

Second place, "Humans" by Nicholas Funk-PHS, houser, Angela Propst, teacher.

Third place, "Through My Eyes" by Sophie Carr, UEC, Chad Turner, teacher.

The first place stories will be published in future issues of the Press.

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#### PAGE OF OPINION AND STATE NEWS

# As a pediatrician and mom, I oppose House Bill 5105



By Lisa M. Costello, M.D., **M.P.H., F.A.A.P** 

If there is one thing I know, both as a pediatrician and mother of a toddler, it's that we West Virginians love our children fiercely.

If you are a parent, grandparent or caregiver reading this, I know you care. This is why I want to alert you about a bill moving in the West

Virginia legislature right now that would undermine children's health and safety in ways that would be harmful for us all. And I want to ask for your help in stopping House

West Virginia leads the nation in strong immunization requirements for school entry. Our strong school policies have resulted in our state having some of the nation's highest immunization rates, protecting children, adolescents and our communities from preventable diseases.

Neighboring states with weaker school-entry immunization policies are currently suffering outbreaks of preventable diseases such as measles, while West Virginia has seen no such outbreaks.

Yet, House Bill 5105 is trying to remove immunization requirements entirely for many students in private and parochial schools and in virtual public school; and it allows non-medical exemptions from immunization requirements in schools and childcare centers.

When people can opt out of immunizations easily for non-medical reasons, that results in lower overall immunization rates. Even a small decrease in immunization rates can result in devastating outbreaks in communities.

I've served as president for two of our state's largest medical associations, and I've worked with pediatricians from all over the country. Doing that, I have seen how states that offer non-medical exemptions to school immunization requirements see increases in vaccine-preventable illnesses as their immunization rates go down.

There are measles cases in Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, and Florida right now, for example. I don't want to see any child be sick with this incredibly contagious and life-threatening disease - or any illness, especially if it's vaccine-preventable. I want my kid and all of West Virginia's kids to be healthy, in school, learning and

Bill 5105, continued on Page 5A

#### INTERCEPTED LETTER

Athlete over usage

West Virginia Schools Athletic Coaches Association (WVSACA) Hedgesville, WV

Elected Officials,

The members of the WVSACA urge you to seek more information from medical professionals about athlete over usage before you run SB 813. To expand on the term 'over usage', the game totals for each WVSSAC sponsored activity has been set to protect the athlete. For example, we do not need to add more innings to a baseball pitcher's arm, we do not need more weigh ins during a wrestling season, and we do not need more soccer matches. There must be time for the athletes to rest, have family/social time, and have time to focus on their academics.

The WVSSAC sets the game limit of each sport from the recommendations of the NFHS and state medical pro-

The West Virginia Schools Coaches Association is deeply concerned about how this bill will affect team chemistry and the hardships placed on coaching staffs. We can't have players picking and choosing when they show up for practices and / or games. This is not a virtue that we should be teaching our athletes.

The dangerous word used today 'EXPOSURE' is major lie to scare parents and athletes. It usually leads to someone making money off the parents and athletes. I have many friends that coach in the college setting. They frequently let people know that if you are good enough, we will find you!

We cannot afford to have a major rule change like this one on top of the transfer portal. We already have a great problem with finding teachers that will coach in our schools. We do not seek to take away parent decision making, we do seek to have order, and follow the rules of the NFHS and the Board of Control.

Yours in Education,

Wesley Eddy

**Executive Director of the WVSACA** 

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# West Virginia officials negotiating with feds over more than \$460M in Covid funds

**By Charles Young** WV News

State officials are currently negotiating with the federal government regarding more than \$460 million distributed to counties during the Covid-19 pandemic, according to the chair of the House of Delegates Committee on

As members of the committee were discussing the House's version of the annual state budget bill Friday morning, Del. Vernon Criss, R-Wood, said the governor's office is negotiating with representatives of the U.S. Department of Education.

"There is a potential of a federal claw-back of \$465 million through the COVID and CARES process of rules that came after monies were dispensed to counties in the education field," he said. "There were seven sets of rules changed in 11 weeks."

The issue has accelerated the process of passing this year's state budget bill, Criss said.

"We are to a point that, because of timing, we need to pass a budget," he said. "We need to do something today, out of here, to get on the floor, so we can receive the Senate's [budget bill], so we can introduce and then go to negotiations this weekend, hopefully to come up with something."

Criss clarified that pandemic relief funds were not misspent or misused.

"It's nothing that we did wrong," he said. "It's the fact that these rules came [out] after the money, rather than having the strings attached so we knew ahead of time."

Following Criss's remarks, members of the Finance Committee moved to report the committee substitute for House Bill 4025, the budget bill, to the full

Brian Abraham, chief of staff for Gov. Jim Justice, confirmed the negotiations are ongoing.

"The governor's office has been in negotiation with the Department of Education at the federal level, with the assistance of our state Department of Education, and we think we're on a pathway toward a resolution with some additional expenditures of state dollars here in the state," he said. "Not giving money back to the federal government, but additional expenditures on schools."

Some educational expenditures last year, such as pay raises for teachers and additional funds for the state School Building Authority, were part of resolving the issue, Abraham

"We were able to cover the '22 calendar year, so 2023 is the last year this will be considered by the federal government," he said.

Justice's current pay raise proposal for teachers and school service personnel also would go toward satisfying the "maintenance of effort" required by the federal Department of Education, Abraham

"We feel good about the direction we're heading in," he said.

"I want to make sure this is very clear: There's no allegation of any misspent money," he said. "This was money that went directly to the counties. It didn't come to the state of West Virginia."

# House passes bill preventing publication of mugshots

By Autumn Shelton, West Virginia Press Association

The House passed a bill on Tuesday that would prohibit the West Virginia Division of Corrections from publishing mugshots on their website.

House Bill 4621 was passed by a vote of 54 to 46 following a lengthy debate. The bill prohibits the public release of mugshots (booking photos) following the arrest of an individual. Mugshots are currently considered public informa-

The bill states that under certain circumstances a mugshot may be released to the public, including if the individual is a fugitive, an imminent threat to a person or to public safety, or if a judge orders the release of the mugshot.

Additionally, the bill states that a mugshot may be disclosed to law enforcement agencies and prosecuting attorney's offices for "investigation, prevention, or prosecution of a crime, or to safeguard the orderly operation of a correctional institution."

The bill also sets forth civil liabilities for third-party publications that do not remove a mugshot after receiving a request to remove an individual's mugshot.

Rising in opposition of the bill was Del. Brandon Steele, R-Raleigh.

"To me, the whole purpose of a mugshot is twofold," Steele began. "One, to inform the public of what's going on in their community, to let people know who's in custody and

why they're in custody and what they're charged with. The other thing is to protect the defendant, so that the world knows that that defendant is in custody. If we look at the state of our jails . . . we still have issues, and we're gonna have issues for a while until the personnel issues catch up."

Steele said that even though the bill allows members of law enforcement to obtain mugshots, it's not helping them.

"What this does is it keeps the public from knowing who's in custody," Steele said, adding that he could tell "countless stories" of people finding their loved ones by viewing mugshots.

"What you're doing here today is not protecting anybody," Steele continued. "What it is, it's putting our victims at risk. This is anti-victim. The people that are in our jail system right now are there for probable cause for offenses that are beyond non-violent misdemeanors. It means that someone had to have gotten hurt for them to be in there, or at least based on the way we have designed a PR (personal recognizance) bond. The public deserves to know who

these individuals are." Del. David Kelly, R-Tyler, rose in support of the bill and what he called "the wall of shame," especially for women who have their mugshots posted on a third-party website such as Facebook.

"Now, if that person's

Mug shots Continued on Page 5A

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

What Hath our Governments wrought? The Democratic Party (with rhino help) is funding, supporting and helping organize an illegal human invasion of our country.

Maybe we should actually call it an infusion of foreigners for they were invited, green carded, funded and supported by our state and federal governments. However you classify it, it may be the biggest act of treason ever carried out on this planet.

Article 6 Paragraph 2 of the U.S. Constitution establishes that the federal constitution and federal

law generally, take precedence over state laws, and even state constitutions. It prohibits states from interfering with the federal government's exercise of its constitutional powers.

Article 1 Paragraph 2 of the West Virginia constitution states "it is the high and solemn duty of the several departments of government, created by this constitution, to guard and protect the people of this state from all encroachments upon the rights so

reserved." Considering the numerous "green carded" people that have now been "infused" locally, neither the West Virginia state government or county government are familiar with either of the constitutions we are governed by.

Funding, supporting, organizing and providing "green cards" to any human being illegally entering our country is not constitutional, thus should not be condoned by state or federal government. Some folks taking ad-

vantage of the "free" government money support the "invaders" and in the process provide you with new neighbors that may be sex offenders and drug traffickers, child traffickers, common criminals, murders, who knows?

The state government of West Virginia has turned a "blind eye" to the "legalized invaders" and are reaping substantial financial benefits. Sadly, money is always a key component of life and in politics. Any way you look at it change is on the way. Be aware of it. Prepare for it.

"Scale the shifting tower of coin and what awaits may change from the breathtaking vista of your expectations into terrifying vertigo." - Stewart Stafford Jim Hinebaugh

Maysville, W.Va.

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As a mother of a two-year-old about to start Catholic school in West Virginia, I am gravely concerned about this bill. Weakening our immunization policies would be catastrophic to the safety of all West Virginia's children and would place my own toddler at higher risk of vaccine-preventable illnesses as she enters preschool this year.

My husband and I have gotten our daughter every immunization she is eligible for, but she's not yet old enough to be fully vaccinated. That means she – like many West Virginians who are younger, elderly, pregnant, or have weakened immune systems - relies on community immunity. That is, she relies on getting protection from large

As a pediatrician, I have cared for kids who are doubled over in pain and gasping for breath. I strive to soothe and comfort them while I see their loved ones' hearts sink. Anyone in my shoes or those caregivers' shoes knows you would do anything to prevent that moment from happen-

Parents and caregivers make numerous decisions every single day with love, even when what one parent does is widely different from what another swears by. I respect

the many decisions we all make in the contexts we make

That said, a single child's immunization status affects their entire community, especially other children and

We West Virginians who love our children fiercely

know how much we would wish away a child's avoidable

suffering if we could. And we know that one child's life

lost is one too many – especially when we have tools to

not prevent, treat or cure, there are illnesses we can pre-

ginian, as a Christian, and as your neighbor, I implore you

to keep our child immunization policies strong. Please call

and email our state senators to oppose House Bill 5105.

town, W.Va., and past president of the West Virginia State

Medical Association and the West Virginia Chapter of the

American Academy of Pediatrics, two of the state's large

est professional organizations of medical professionals

serving children and adolescents. She and her husband

Mug shots Continued from Page 4A

released, the mugshot goes down at DCR, but these

third-party people, they don't take them down automati-

Dr. Lisa Costello is a pediatric hospitalist in Morgan-

While there are many childhood illnesses that we can-

As a pediatrician, as a mother, as a lifelong West Vir-

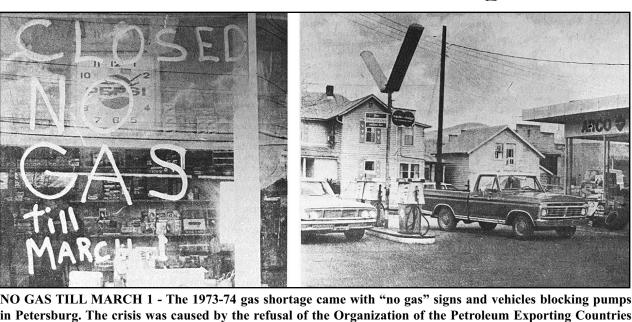
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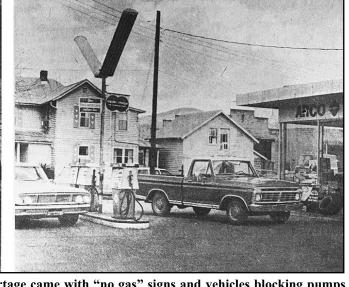
adults who are at highest risk.

vent with high immunization rates.

numbers of others around her being immunized.

Bill 5105





in Petersburg. The crisis was caused by the refusal of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to sell crude to the U.S. Arab oil-producing countries launched the embargo in response to U.S. support of Israel during the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

#### March 10, 1954

Coach Jesse Riggleman's PHS Vikings, Section 15-B representative to the Region IV cage tourney at Shepherd College and who upset the apple cart of Musselman High, came back the following evening to give Piedmont the fight of their lives before bowing out 58-53.

Paul's Sporting Center on South Main Street was opened by Paul Eskridge.

J. Blaine Schaeffer, owner and manager of Schaeffer's Funeral Service, announced that his establishment moved from its former location on Water Street to the new location on North Main Street opposite the Presbyterian Church.

Those passing driving tests were: Joseph Oates of Petersburg; Shelba Sites of Cabins; Daniel Riggleman of Petersburg; James Kile of Cabins; James Kidd of Petersburg; and Orpha Harman of Moorefield.

Sgt. Robert Crites, who was serving with the Army's 151st Engineering Battalion, Unit 1, in Korea, was promoted to the rank of sergeant first class.

S.Sgt. Claude Bentley of Maysville received the Commendation Medal at a Korean airlift installation in southern Japan.

Attending the carpentry course at the engineer school at Camp LeJeune, N.C., was Marine Pfc. Jackie Sites of Dorcas.

Veach-Townsend Clinic births included: Mr.

**Amelia Ferrell Knisely** 

West Virginia Watch

A bill dubbed both the

The Anti-Woke Act" and

"Restoring Sanity Act" is

advancing in the state Sen-

ate. The measure largely

focuses on banning diver-

sity, equality and inclusion

standards in higher educa-

The Senate Education

Committee approved the

measure. Senate Bill 870,

last Monday with limited

conversation. No one on

the Republican-led com-

mittee offered up words in

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inclusion offices would be

prohibited along with "any

effort to promote" implicit

bias, cultural appropria-

tion, allyship, transgender

Sen. Patricia Rucker,

Under the legislation,

support of the bill.

sor of the measure.

and Mrs. Robert Keller of Fisher, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bowers of Franklin, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Goldizen of Maysville, a son; Mr. and Mrs, Keith Alt of Dorcas, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Propst of Franklin, a son; and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Neff of Moorefield, a son.

#### March 4, 1964

Following meetings with Petersburg Industrial Development Corporation officials, Allied Paper Company and ARA representatives, it was announced by the local Development Corporation that it was now ready to proceed with raising the community's share of funds needed to construct and equip a new factory for Allied Paper. Local investors had to purchase \$100,000 in revenue bonds, interest tax free, if Allied Paper Company was to locate in Petersburg.

A ribbon cutting ceremony marked the opening of Coffman-Fisher's new and modern store, which was relocated in the Allen building on Main Street.

Grant County got a new conservation officer, Joe Michael, who began his duties Feb. 15. The county had been without the services of an officer since the retirement of Harrison Shobe.

Harold Garber entered into graduate school at West Virginia University on a Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship.

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the Legislature in fiscal

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The bill also included

dents," the measure said.

"Public institutions of

legislation.

Universities wouldn't

Senate's 'Anti-Woke Act' would ban

higher education's DEI offices, initiatives

West Virginia College of Beauty Culture.

Births from Grant Memorial Hospital included: Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Goldizen of Petersburg, a daughter, Feb. 26; Mr. and Mrs. William Pennington of Scherr, a son, Feb. 29; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Runions of Moorefield, a son, March 1 and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bostle of Centerville, Va., a

daughter, March 2. March 6, 1974

Officials for Loewengart & Company Inc., Petersburg Tanning Division, announced the closing of the Petersburg plant effective March 31, citing increasing imports and rising operating costs as factors.

A report on the annual valuation of all taxable property was released by Assessor Albert Hull which showed that figures continued to climb upward to an increase of \$6,261,945 when compared with last year's property assessments. The 1974 total was \$84,288,970. The 1973 total was \$78,027,025.

John Ours, a ninth grade student in the Petersburg Vocational Agriculture program, received the beef heifer from Potomac Valley

Grant Memorial Hospital births included: Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Berg of Maysville, a daughter, Feb. 27; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bosley of Mount Storm, a son, Feb. 28; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Mongold of Dorcas, Irene Hanlin of Antioch a daughter, Feb. 28; and graduated Jan. 31, from Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hinkle

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of Petersburg, a daughter, March 3.

The PHS Band lost one of its most dedicated members. Tubber was considered as the Viking Marching Band mascot. She was owned by Evelyn Hendrickson.

SMSgt. James Michael, an electronic countermeasures pot test superintendent in Aeronautical Systems Division's Deputy for Engineers, was awarded the Bronze Star, first oak leaf cluster.

The nearly impossible dream became a reality, when the Vikings completed a long and tough regular season with a perfect 20-0

#### March 7, 1984

Continuing debate over the relocation of municipal office was joined by questions concerning employee raises and street improvements at the Petersburg City Council meeting. At the session, council members also accepted a petition from the Grant County Board of Education for annexation of property near Petersburg Elementary School.

Three more candidates announced their intention to seek election in the June primary. They were: Glen Hamric of Rough Run sheriff; Ruth Michael of Scherr – reelection as one the county's two magistrates; and Michael Chipley – Board of Education, Union District.

## cally," Kelly said, adding that a person's life can "be forever turned upside down because of a mistake that was

are parents of a toddler.

made, and it's almost impossible to redeem yourself." Del. Keith Marple, R-Harrison, then rose in opposition to the bill, saying that his background in criminal justice has taught him that people want to know "who is committing crimes in their neighborhoods, in the county and around. If a guy gets arrested in Clarksburg, his picture gets published in the paper, the police officers in the oth-

er jurisdictions don't know this guy from Adam, but they

look at the pictures and they look for those guys to appear

in their jurisdictions." In response to a question, Del. Tom Fast, R-Fayette, chair of the House Judiciary Committee, said that under this bill members of the media will not be able to publish these mugshots.

"What they can do, though, if they are positioned where they see a person being arrested or walked from a police car into magistrate court or from magistrate court back to the police car, they can take photographs, and that's fair game," Fast said.

Del. Geoff Foster, R-Putnam, lead sponsor of the bill, added that this bill doesn't prevent the media from publishing a photo they took, or of using a photo from Face-

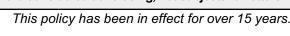
"The only photos that are barred from being disseminated in the public are those of somebody who is never convicted of the crime," Foster said.

House Bill 4621 will now go before the Senate for con-

Letters to the editor are encouraged. The writer must sign the letter and include a phone number and

Letters are subject to editing and those longer than 400 words will usually not be published. No more than one letter per month per person will be published.

Political endorsements as well as letters of opposition to any candidate, and thank you notes, are considered advertising, not subjects for letters.





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Information on the following services and benefits will be presented: Job opportunities, unemployment insurance benefits,

March 1, are invited to at-

retirement planning, education/training, nity resources and partner referrals.

The legislation was re-

ferred to the Senate Judi-

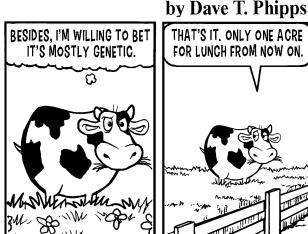
ciary committee for review.

Thursday, March 7, at the Michael Building, 39 South Main St., Petersburg, from 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 3 p.m.

If you are unable to attend, you may request a packet be mailed to you by contacting the Dislocated Worker Services Unit at 304-558-8414.

#### school districts, including that employees would not be required to use a stu-

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The meeting will held

# Local and area obituaries

Darlene Virginia (Rohrbaugh) Smith, 83, of Maysville, W.Va., passed away Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024, at Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown, W.Va.

Born on June 3, 1940, in Cabins, W.Va., she was a daughter of the late Howard Thomas Rohrbaugh and Nellie Virginia (Moyers) Rohrbaugh.

In addition to her parents, Darlene was preceded in death by her husband, Gene D. Smith in 2008; and two brothers, Edward Lee Rohrbaugh and Richard Allen Rohrbaugh.

She is survived by one daughter, Teresa L. Keplinger of Maysville; one son, Eugene Keplinger of Maysville; one granddaughter, Ashley N. Kesner; one great-grandson, Evan Skeen; three brothers, Darl Rohrbaugh (Delores), Bobby Rohrbaugh (Rhonda) and Roy Rohrbaugh (Audrey), all of Maysville; two sisters-inlaw, Hilda Rohrbaugh and Judy Rohrbaugh; and several nieces and nephews.

Darlene attended Petersburg High School. She worked for Windsor Knit and Advantage Foods

Roger A. Wilkinson, 81, of Petersburg, W.Va., passed peacefully in Bridgeport, W.Va., on March 1, 2024.

Shrewsbury, W.Va., he was a son of the late Norman and Clara Wilkinson.

Ann Johnson on July 5, 1962, and they raised five children during their 31 years together prior to her death in 1993: Libby (Robert) Strong, Christine (Bill) Liller, Amy (Mike) Lohmann, Jennifer (John) Jackson, and Roger L. (Tiffanie) Wilkinson.

He was also grandfather to Avery (Rebekah) Liller, Caleb (Breanna) Jackson, Zack (Shelby) Liller, Maggie (Jack) Lohmann, Hannah (Kyren) Anderson, Claire Lohmann, Abigail (Gio) Garcia, Chloe Jackson, Isaac Jackson, Mollie Wilkinson and Wilkinson; Emma great-grandfather to Anna and Amelia Liller, Ari Anderson and Bowie Jackson.

When he married Mary Faye Harman in September 1995, Roger gained another beautiful family, including daughters, the late Terrie (Gregory) Foley and Lisa Wilson; grandchildren, Amber (Mike) Arbogast, Jamiah (Ethan) Judy, Jordan (Joe) Musser, Michaela (Josh) Stickley, Eli Wilson and Chris (Madalyn) Wilson; and great-grandchildren, Riley and Carter Swick, Audrey and Ruby Mongold and Nora and Charlotte Faye Stickley. Roger and Faye enjoyed 24 years of marriage until her death in February 2020.

Roger's pride and joy, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, adored him. His generosity, loyalty, integrity and tenderness provided a blueprint of how life should be lived. As he often reminded his grandchildren, he was "THE papaw."

Upon graduation from Montgomery High School in 1960, Roger joined the U.S. Army where he served in the 7th Army in Germany during the Cuban Missile Crisis. After leaving the army, Roger



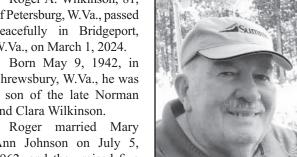
for several years and later worked in laundry and housekeeping at Grant Memorial Hospital until retirement. Darlene was a member of Falls Assembly of God Church.

Darlene's Honoring wishes, services will be private and burial will be in the Maysville Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Schaeffer Funeral Home, Petersburg, W.Va. Condolences to the family may be left at www.schaefferfuneralhome.com. (3-5-24)

#### ROGER A. WILKINSON



was employed as a welder at FMC in Charleston for five years. Upon a chance meeting with a conservation officer while fishing in the Kanawha River, Roger discovered that he had the qualifications to obtain his dream job as a West Virginia Conservation Officer. This career moved he and his young family to Petersburg in 1968 where he was employed as an officer and then sergeant until his retirement in 2000.

Roger was the quintessential outdoorsman: an avid hunter, fisherman and lover of wildlife. He was a gifted storyteller who kept his children enthralled with his wisdom and wit. Roger loved the beach, Jeopardy, Mountaineer sports, good food, poetry, music and learning. When asked recently if he was sorry, he had not traveled more in his life, he answered that West Virginia offered as much beauty as anywhere he could think of on Earth. Roger attended Petersburg First Baptist Church.

Roger's family will receive friends Monday, March 11, from 5-8 p.m. at the Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, March 12, at 11 a.m. in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Lynn Rohrbaugh and Pastor John Jackson officiating.

Interment will be in South Branch Memorial Gardens, Petersburg.

Memorials may made to the American Lung Association. Condolences to the family may be left at www.schaefferfuner-(3-5-24)alhome.com

Rosella "Rose" Tharpe, 76, of Cumberland, Md., passed away peacefully with her family present on Feb. 25, 2024, after a long battle with cancer.

She was born in West Virginia on Oct. 20, 1947, to the late Glen and Rhoda Conrad. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Michael Wavne Hapbell.

Rose graduated from Fort Hill High School in the class of 1966. She had many jobs across the state for 20 years while raising her family, before she was able to retire and focus only on her family, being a homemaker and having some fun. Surviving is her hus-

band and loving companion of 29 years, Garry Lee West; children, Derwood "Bubby" Hapbell Jr. and wife Carla, Linda Marie Hild and husband Kenneth Trigger, Paul Hapbell and wife Dawn, Brian "Neil" Tharpe and wife Kristy; Dawn daughter-in-law, Hapbell; brother, June Conrad of Petersburg, W.Va.; many grandchildren, including Brittney and fiancé Derek Weiman, Melvin

#### FRANK N. RODGERS

Frank Norman Rodgers, 85, of Martinsburg, and formerly of Petersburg, died Sunday, Feb. 25, at Martinsburg Healthcare

Born April 24, 1938, in Petersburg, he was the son of the late George and Wilma (Mongold) Rodgers. He was also preceded in death by one son, Frank Rodgers

Mr. Rodgers was a graduate of Petersburg High School and attended Petersburg Presbyterian Church. Upon graduation, he served our country in the U.S. Navy. He worked for Potomac Edison until his retirement and then continued to work for Cookman's Insurance. He taught first aid for many years and served as a volunteer fireman for the Petersburg and Maysville volunteer fire departments. He was a member of the American Legion Post #78 in Petersburg, the Masonic Lodge #145 in Petersburg, Shriner, and the Order of the Eastern Star.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth (Henry) Rodgers; two sons, Craig Rodgers of Dickerson, Md. and Sherwin "Buggsy" Rodgers of Troutville, Va.; three stepdaughters, Stephanie Waldman of Petersburg, Pamela McVey of Las Vegas, Nev. and Leisha Rutkowski of Wyoming, Del.; two sisters, Sharon Ann Sites of Winchester, Va. and Myra Yokum of Landes; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

In honoring his wishes, his body has been cremated and graveside services will be held today (Tuesday), 11:30 a.m. at Maple Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, with the Rev. Dr. Bruce Stevens officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the www.dementiasociety. org Dementia Society of America, P.O. Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901 or the Shriners Hospitals for Children, P.O. Box 1525, Ranson, WV 25438 www. shrinersinternational.org

Military honors will be



Wavne Hill Jr., Lane Austin Tharpe, Carlin, Joey Hapbell, Jena Hapbell and Paul Hapbell Jr.; seven great-grandchildren including Kamdyn, Delilah and Konrad Weiman; numberous great-great-grandchildren; and a very large extended family.

A funeral service was Friday afternoon at the Scarpelli Funeral Home, P.A., Cumberland, with Pastor Seth Wharton officiating.

The family would like to thank the WVU Cancer Center and UPMC Hospice for everything they did; they were wonderful.

Condolences may be left at www.ScarpelliFH. com. (3-5-24)



accorded by the U.S. Navy and Grant County Veteran Honor Guard as well as honors by the WV State Firemen's Association and local volunteer firemen.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Fu-(3-5-24)neral Home.

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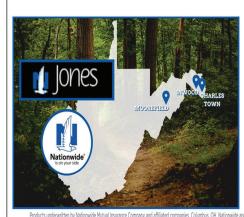
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# EXPERIENCE MATTERS! Appointed by your Chief Judge on

September 11, 2023 to fulfill the duties of Grant County Circuit Clerk, I stepped into serving as your clerk with eagerness local rules, all of which are indispensable within the clerk's office and the valuable and commitment. I have been employed essential component in the office as in the circuit clerk's office for over eight technology has been implemented and years. In less than one year, I was appointed to Chief Deputy, and now your fellow clerks, judges and their staff, and current clerk.

me a wealth of knowledge surrounding knowledge, consistency, and the rules of procedure instituted by the  $% \left\{ 1,2,...,n\right\}$ WV Supreme Court, state statutes, and in serving as clerk. I have been an evolved rapidly over the last six years. I have built a professional rapport with attorneys across West Virginia.

effectiveness of the current operations service we provide to our citizens. I am devoted to continuing to serve this great county just as I was appointed to do. Experience matters! I appreciate your support in continuing to be your Grant County Circuit Clerk!



#### Levy **Continued from front**

security gates for PHS and UEC (\$30,000 total, \$6,000 annually), metal/ vape detectors at PHS and UEC (\$120,000 total, \$24,000 annually) and Safe School entrance at PHS (\$2,500,000 total, \$500,000 annually).

General maintenance, improvements and equipment (\$522,000 annually)

Facility upgrades also take a center role in the proposed levy, with more than half a million dollars designated to making facility upgrades and general maintenance. This section also includes the addition of a new extracurricular complex (which will be utilized by wrestling, archery, cheer and similar programs that do not currently have designated practice space) as well as classroom furniture replacements at all four schools.

Overall, these funds include, but are not limited to, UEC track addition (\$100,000 total, \$20,000 annually), PHS track replacement (\$650,000 total, \$130,000 annually), classroom furniture replacement (\$500,000 total, \$100,000 annually), UEC stage replacement (\$80,000 total, \$16,000 annually), extra-

# **Grant County man** admits to federal gun and drug charges

Jacob Glen Vance, 23, of Petersburg, has admitted to having a machine gun and methamphetamine.

Vance plead guilty to possession of a machine gun and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. According to court documents, Vance's home was searched as a part of another investigation, and officers found a fully automatic AR-15

rifle, two short-barreled rifles, two silencers, methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, and cash.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the West Virginia State Police investigated. Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen Warner is prosecuting the case on behalf of the government. U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael John Aloi presided.

# Auditor announces recovery of nearly \$1 million stolen from state of West Virginia

On Friday, West Virginia State Auditor JB McCuskey was joined by United States Attorney Will Thompson, West Virginia State Police and Truist Bank officials to announce the recovery of nearly a million dollars, stolen from the state of West Virginia.

The money was stolen through a check fraud scheme that remains under investigation but due to a collaborative action taken by the State Auditor's Office, the Treasurer's Office, the United States Attorney's Office, the Governor's Office, West Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigations and Truist Bank \$966,083.04 was recently recovered and deposited back into a state bank ac-

count.

"This recovery marks a major win in our fight against fraud," Auditor JB McCuskey said. "We have become one of the most successful fraud fighting agencies in the state and have developed a successful working relationship with our many partners who share in our commitment to protecting taxpayer dollars. Unfortunately, check fraud is at an alltime high, making everyone susceptible, and that is why we have been resolute in our response and vigilant in our ongoing efforts to prevent this from hap-

"Our office is proud to work alongside the West Virginia Auditor, his office and our other state partners to safeguard taxdollars, payer prevent fraud and abuse, and go after those who perpetrate check washing and similar crimes," United States Attorney Will Thompson

pening."

The checks in question were sent to a Department of Health and Human Resources vendor as part of a Medicaid contract. At some point the checks, issued by the state of West Virginia, were stolen by bad actors, the specific details of the scheme remain confidential as the investigation continues. The amount recovered represents roughly 85% of what was owed to the vendor and efforts continue to recover the re-

mainder of the money. This

incident highlights the vul-

nerability of using paper checks, a vulnerability that

is increasing every day. "Since 1979, Truist and the State of West Virginia have worked closely to help manage West Virginia's day to day banking needs and do that in the most safe and secure manner. The close partnership and collaboration with both the auditor's and treasurer's office is critical executing effectively. With the most recent fraud event, this relationship grew even deeper as we were able to work as one team to recover a substantial amount of the state's proceeds," Patrick O'Malley executive vice president, West Virginia Market President Truist Bank said. "The banking landscape continues to change at a rapid pace and fraud remains a main concern across our industry. Truist looks forward to continuing to find ways to help the State of West Virginia operate efficiently and protect the funds of our great

citizens." McCuskey has been pushing to eliminate check payments to vendors because of the risk of fraud presented. McCuskey has been advocating for Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) payments, which are more secure and faster for both vendors and the state. When McCuskey took office, the state was issuing 22,000 checks to vendors per week on average. Through McCuskey's efforts to make the payment process more secure, the number of checks being issued to vendors has been reduced to just 9,000 checks per week on average. This reduction was accomplished through a variety of methods includeducation, reducing the check runs from daily to weekly and the development of new software that will soon require all new vendors to sign up for EFT.

McCuskey continues to urge vendors to sign up for EFT. Vendors can sign www.wvsao.gov and clicking on the E-Payments tab. If vendors need assistance, they can call 304-558-2251.

So far, no arrests have been made but this joint investigation is ongoing.

curricular complex at PHS (\$400,000 total, \$80,000 annually), PES gym floor replacement (\$180,000 total, \$36,000 annually), upgrade PHS football field lighting (\$350,000 total, \$70,000 annually), classroom addition at MES (\$350,000 total, \$70,000 annually), and other related expenses.

Curriculum and Instruction (\$174,000 annually)

The levy also includes designated funds for expanding the schools' technology, keeping an instructional-centered summer school program and provide extra funding for extracurricular programs that often place important roles in student life, such as band and music.

Overall these funds include, but are not limited to, additional curriculum and instructionally related items for summer school

(\$500,000 total, \$100,000 annually). STEAM (science labs) (\$75,000 total, \$15,000 annually); materials and supplies for South Branch Career & Technical Center (\$20,000 total, \$4,000 annually); band and music (\$75,000 total, \$15,000 annually) and technology upgrades (\$200,000 total, \$40,000 annually).

Athletic passes The levy will also keep

in place funds to provide all Grant County residents free access to all county athletic contests. Recent-former board member Pandora Barr explained during levy discussions that these funds ensured local families, especially multi-generational households and those with multiple children, can afford to attend sporting events without causing undue financial hardship.

These funds include all

Grant County Schools Athletic Contests (\$537,500 total, \$107,500 annually). Civic and Community Organizations (\$15,000

The levy also outlines a smaller fund for other local programs, including those held at the Moomau-Grant County Public Library and the Mountain Top Public

annually)

Library as well as funds set aside for school-adjacent programs, such as 4-H. These funds include, but are not limited to, community libraries in Petersburg and Mount Storm (\$50,000 total, \$10,000 annually)

How much will it cost taxpayers?

and 4-H (\$25,000 total,

\$5,000 annually).

In total, the five-year levy will raise approximately \$1,937,500 annually for the school system or a full amount of \$9,937,500 over the course of the full levy period. Of this, large majority of funds are raised from Class III properties. Most residents will fall under Class II, which covers any property owned, used and occupied by owner, exclusively for residential purposes and farms used and occupied by their owners or tenants.

add 9.9 cents per \$100 of valuation for Class II residents, 19.8 cents per \$100 valuation for Class III and Class IV properties. Class III taxpayers, such

Currently, the levy will

as Dominion Energy, account for approximately \$846,870,029 of the overall \$1,193,445,868 assessed value in the county.

With final approval now given by the Grant County Board of Education, the levy will now fall into the hands of the taxpayers to either approve or let fail during the May election.

#### **Crime** Continued from front

formed that the state lottery commission had flagged the missing tickets in the lottery system. A few days later, on

Nov. 3, a former employee of the store, identified as Deborah Stumbo, 36, of 4116 Corner Rd., Maysville, came to the store in an attempt to cash a winning \$30 "Golden Ticket." However, when the store employee ran the serial number of the card, they were alerted by the system to contact the West Virginia Lottery Hotline. When contacted, the employee was informed that the ticket was among those that had been flagged as stolen the month before. The employee explained to the officer that lottery tickets must be activated at the store they are sold by before they can be eligible to play or win.

A few days later another store employee was contacted by Nicole Dawn Buckley, 34, of 4116 Corner Rd., Maysville, who is also a former employee of the store. Buckley, who is also Stumbo's sister, reached out to the store employee and allegedly asked her to activate the According to the police

report filed on the incident, Buckley told the employee "If Deb stops by in the morning or sometime and brings these two lottery tickets will you please activate it [sic]. I thought I did but guess I didn't." She also allegedly asked if she could leave the tickets in the employee's vehicle to be activated before the store opened. Stumbo had ended her employment with the store on Oct. 7 and Buckley had ended her employment with the location on Oct. 12 following an incident that had her charged with trespassing. In total, the five stolen

packets of tickets are val-

ued at \$2,600, making the

theft a felony offense. The police report notes that all five packs of the tickets were scanned in the store in the month of September, when both Stumbo and Buckley worked at the Following an investigation, the officer re-

quested arrest warrants on both Stumbo and Buckley, charging them with grand larceny and conspiracy to commit grand larceny.

#### Commission **Continued from front**

the county, the purchase of three properties on Virginia Avenue in Petersburg and an ongoing contract with the tech company, Continent 8, to lease (and potentially purchase) the Grant County data center.

Other topics discussed during the meeting includ-

· A discussion and approval with Peggy Alt, the director of Grant County

Office of Emergency Management and 911, to hire an new employee. A discussion with Randy Parsons of the

Grant County Parks and Recreation Department. Following an executive session, the commission approved a request to end the current contract with the contractor who handles the Grant County Dog Pound and have the pound absorbed entirely by the department.

• The approval of a signature for a U.S. Windforce grant application to help acquire funds for new playground equipment at Welton Park, including a mini-zipline.

An update from Grant

County Clerk, Laura Bennett, who reported that she had hosted a voter registration event for local students, with 37 students registering to vote in the 2024 elections.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Grant County Commission will be March 12 at 9 a.m. at the Grant County Courthouse.

#### **Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority Executive Director Job Description**

This position reports to:

The Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority Board of Directors

#### **Summary:**

The Executive Director position is responsible for attracting new business opportunities and encouraging the expansion and retention of existing businesses, agriculture-based enterprises, and a recreation-based economy to promote a stronger economic base for Grant and Pendleton counties. This position provides overall leadership of the Grant and Pendleton counties economic growth in marketing and public relations through the county, region and state and works under the policy direction of the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority Board of Directors, which is composed of members appointed by Grant and Pendleton County commissions. The Executive Director provides oversight to the overall financial operations of the organization and establishes, implements, and maintains policies and operating reporting procedures to achieve the overall mission of the Authority.

- **Job Description:** • Plan, organize, coordinate, direct, and evaluate economic development within Grant and Pendleton counties.
  - Coordinate and encourage the development of strategies that maintain and enhance the long-term viability of
  - Grant and Pendleton counties. Recruit industry and commercial investment and work with prospects to encourage the creation of new jobs.
  - Oversee and coordinate the SRRDA's marketing effort for the counties. • Manage the negotiation of sales and leasing of property of the SRRDA and organizations.
  - · Retain and support existing industry in Grant and Pendleton counties by providing assistance that ensures continued success and expansion.
- Represent the SRRDA on boards and in the regional and state levels to ensure visibility and success. • Review and development, alongside the Board, long range strategic economic development marketing plans.
- Prepare, write, and administer grant proposals related to economic development and work with other entities on the development and administration of grant proposals.
- · Communicate with, respond to, and resolve complaints, conflicts, concerns, and questions from citizens, contractors, customers, developers, business owners, and public and private agencies concerning SRRDA,
- regional and state services, activities, and programs. · Communicate with the SRRDA Board of Directors, other Department Heads, the County Commissions,
- county elected officials and others regarding policy issues and matters of economic development concern.
- Supervises all employees of the SRRDA **Recommended Minimum Qualifications:**

#### Education and Experience:

• Bachelor's degree is preferred but not required.

• Two years prior work in a job closely aligned with this job description is preferred but not required. Nonprofit experience is preferred.

**Knowledge, Abilities and Skill:** Knowledge: Workforce issues, statistics, finance, real estate, marketing, communications, common policies, practices and procedures of the department and office operation, laws and regulations pertinent to position

functions. Working knowledge of social media and other electronic communications in support of department

Abilities: Strong interpersonal and leadership skills. Ability to manage an office staffed by employees, ability to work with a Board, ability to interact effectively and appropriately with the public and other personnel, perform multiple tasks, and maintain confidential information.

Skills: Proficient personal computer skills, record-keeping and clerical skills, mathematical skills, written and oral communication skills, public speaking, outstanding interpersonal skills, and attention to detail required. The Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority will be accepting resumes for the position of

'Executive Director' for the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority. Resumes along with a cover letter must be received or hand delivered, mailed or emailed to:

Pendleton County Commission, Attention Karen Pitsenbarger. 100 South Main Street, PO Box 187, Franklin, WV 26807 karenp@pencowv.com.

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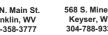
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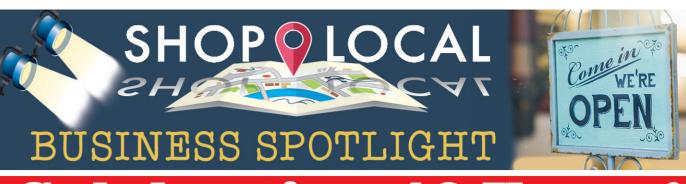
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Francis VanMeter, daughter of Mark and Jessica Streets



Bailey Evans, daughter of Jason and Jennifer Evans



Sonny O'Neil, longtime Canaan Valley basketball official is hanging up his whistle after 33 years of service to the area. He was recently honored at a Union High School basketball game. Rodney Keller, (not pictured) is also hanging up the whistle after 20 years of roaming the area hardwoods.

# PHS SOPHOMORE RETURNS TO STATE WRESTLING COMPETITION

By: Clay Fritz PHS Wrestling

The streets of Huntington were abuzz this past weekend with wrestlers, coaches, and fans from all over the Mountain State. The Mountain Health Arena was once again home to the WVSSAC AAA & AA/A State Wrestling Championships. A total of 448 young men would start the weekend looking for a spot on the podium in their respective weight class. The path to a top six finish would not be

an easy task, even for the most motivated, dedicated,

and hungry young men. Among them was Alex Halterman competing in the 157lb AA/A bracket with 15 others. The sophomore began his second state tournament run on Thursday night in a matchup with Point Pleasants Blake Dauch. Halterman would not be able to get anything going against his opponent and fall in the second period. He would need to regroup and come back the next morning ready to battle with his

eason on the line

Friday morning was full of excitement and confidence as the mats once again filled to the edges with the young warriors trying to shake off the soreness from the long night before. Halterman was no exception but, ready to toe the line. The first round of consolation was a match with Damien Simmons from Shady Springs. Unfortunately, his opponent was injured in his previous match and would not be able to com-The Viking would pete.

get the win via medical forfeit, advancing to the second round of consolation.

Kipp Freed of Williamstown would be the next obstacle in the path. Alex would start out strong and hang with Freed but was not able to convert on his feet for points. Never giving up, Halterman would

fight to the very end, looking for any chance he could. Freed would be victorious, ending Halterman's season.

The sophomore finishes his season with a 36-13 record. His best finishes of the season include fifth place at the Max Horz Invitational, third at the Viking SMASH, second place at PVCs and fourth at regionals. Halterman made great improvements in his second year enroute to another state berth and will no doubt make even bigger jumps in the year to come with his dedication to the sport.

Another season has come and gone for the boys on the mat. The season that started just before Thanksgiving is once again over all too soon. The lessons learned and memories made will last a

lifetime for the team.

For those who do not know what this sport is all about, I recommend you talk to a wrestler sometime or come out for

a match next season. It



might just be one of the best decisions you make. For Coach Tony Weatherholt and Coach Chad Vance, we thank you for following along this year and hope you join us next winter. Until next year, thank you.



Two PHS teams are state bound! See more on page 6B.

# Middle school archers to compete at state tournament



**Noah Rumfelt** 

Shayla Rohrbaugh

MES archery team qualifies for state tournament







**GOLDEN LANES ODD COUPLES** MIXED LEAGUE February 20th

TEAM STANDINGS: Split Happens 65 – 39, Guns & Ammo 59.5 – 44.5, WELD 58 – 46, Terminators 57.5 – 46.5, Country Cars & Trucks 56 – 48, NKOTB 54 - 50, Outlaws 53 - 51, Empire Strikes 48.5 - 55.5, Lucky Strikes 47.5 – 56.5.

HIGH GAME MEN (SCRATCH): Troy Mc-Greevy 248, Evan Kesner 243, Richie Burgess 236, Cohan Kesner 232. (HANDICAP): Troy Mc-Greevy 286, Jeff Sullivan 281, Floyd Shepard 271, Evan Kesner 263.

HIGH SERIES MEN (SCRATCH): Evan Kesner 687, Troy McGreevy 666, Richie Burgess 640, Cohan Kesner 624. (HANDICAP): Troy McGreevy 780, Floyd Shepard 772, Evan Kesner 747, Trace Miller 734.

HIGH **AVERAGE** (MEN): Cohan Kesner 219.28, Evan Kesner Burgess 209.07, Richie 208.73, Michael Hedrick 199.73

HIGH GAME WOMEN (SCRATCH): Carissa Michael 238, Emily Stark 202, Dee Anna McDonald 179, Rachel Stark 169. (HANDI-CAP): Carissa Michael 279, Emily Stark 269, Teresa Sullivan, Rachel Stark and Paula Bergdoll 241.

HIGH SERIES WOM-EN (SCRATCH): Carissa Michael 601, Emily Stark 512, Ashley Day 467, Dee Anna McDonald 465. (HANDICAP): Carissa Michael 724, Emily Stark 713, Paula Bergdoll 693, Ashley Day 686.

HIGH AVERAGE (WO-MEN): Carissa Michael 185.23, Dee Anna McDonald 174.21, Emily Stark 156.22, Denise McGreevy 154.85.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT MEN'S LEAGUE February 22nd

TEAM STANDINGS: Builders Center 71 – 33, American Classic 71 - 33, Petersburg Oil Company 57 - 47, Strikeforce 54 -50, Golden Lanes 50 - 54, Vetter's Mini Mart 48.5 – 55.5, Country Cars & Trucks 44.5 – 59.5.

HIGH GAME (SCR-William

268, Trey Wratchford 265, Zachary Arbaugh 260, Richie Burgess 247, Larry Walp 237. (HANDICAP): William Barr 322, Trey Wratchford 303, Zachary Arbaugh 286, Floyd Shepard 283, Jerry Propst 275.

HIGH SERIES (SCR-ATCH): Richie Burgess 704, Larry Walp 686, Gary Leatherman 665, Evan Kesner 649, Derek Miller 623. (HANDICAP): William Barr 782, Richie Burgess 779, Larry Walp 767, Gary Leatherman 749, Josh Arbaugh 741.

HIGH AVERAGE: Cohan Kesner 209.08, Terry Wratchford 205.99, Richie Burgess 203.83, Michael Hedrick 202.83, Zachary Arbaugh 201.56, Larry Walp 200.79.

#### SBV WOMEN'S **LEAGUE** February 26th

HIGH GAME (SCR-ATCH): Cherry Hammons 200, Denise McGreevy 194, Dee Anna McDonald 191. (HANDICAP): Cherry Hammons 232, Mernie Kimble 231,

Denise McGreevy 229. HIGH SERIES (SCR-ATCH): Cherry Hammons 517, Dee Anna McDonald 511, Penny Sites 492. (HANDICAP): Cherry Hammons Mernie

Kimble 613, Paula Bergdoll 601.



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Qualified firms are invited to contact: Mr. Brent Nelson, Director of Facilities enelson@k12.wv.us or 304.257.1011 at the Grant County Board of Education Office to obtain a copy of the Statement of Qualifications and submission requirements.

Statement of Qualifications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. local prevailing time on March 13, 2024, at the Administrative Office of Grant County Schools, 204 Jefferson

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS** The Grant County Commission will accept bids for the construction of the Downtown Pavilion to be constructed on County Property adjacent to the Magistrates Office on Virginia Avenue in Petersburg, WV. Interested contractors shall request electronic Bid Packages from the County Administrator by emailing requests to administrator@ grantcountywy.org with a subject line of "Downtown Pavilion." Bid Packages will be sent to prospective bidders up to the close of business (4:30 pm) on March 12, 2024. The electronic Bid Package includes a pdf file of the plans, instructions, and the Bid Submission form. Completed Bid Submission forms shall be hand delivered to the County Administrator by 4:30 pm on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at the Grant County Court House

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Bid Submissions will not

be considered. The County

Commission reserves the

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#### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTEES AND LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Grant County Clerk's Office at 5 Highland Avenue Petersburg, WV 26847-1705. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission through the Grant County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 or 44-3A.

Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

First Publication Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 Claim Deadline Date: Saturday, April 27, 2024

**ESTATE NAME:** EXECUTRIX:

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ESTATE NAME: SUSAN ANNE MONGOLD ADMINISTRATOR: STEVEN A. MONGOLD JR. 107 PIERPONT ST. PETERSBURG, WV 26847-1635

> Subscribed and sworn before me on the 23rd day of February, 2024 Lora A. Bennett, Clerk of the Grant County Commission

Please direct questions to Sara Donham, Human Resources Officer, via email sara.donham@maryland.gov

# WVTE to present six performances of "Seussical, The Musical"

A collection of weird and unusual characters will cross the stage, the next two weekends, as West Virginia Theater East presents "Seussical, The Musical."

Author Dr. Seuss' characters, including Horton the Elephant and the Grinch, collide and cavort in the unforgettable musical caper, March 8-10 and March 15-17, at the Landes Arts Center, Petersburg.

Ravenna Redman directs the offering, with musical and choreography production team help from Aimee Cardot, Karnsey Kimble, Greg Foley and Kelly Crites-Roth. Tickets are available at the door.

"Seussical" follows the adventures of Horton, who must protect his friends in the invisible world of the Whos, from the naysayers of the Jungle of Nool. He is also entrusted with the task of guarding the abandoned egg of Amazing Mayzie.

Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a



trial. The powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant in the tale, which should appeal to kids of all ages.

The cast is a large one, with performers coming from throughout the South Branch Valley.

Many of Dr. Seuss's familiar characters are brought to life in Seussical including The Cat in Madison Elliott, Erin Blay-

the Hat (Kimble), Horton (David Imboden), Gertrude McFuzz (Sarah Imboden), Amazing Mayzie (Crites-Roth), Mr. Mayor (Steve Smith), Mrs. Mayor (Cardot), Sour Kangaroo (Katie Richardson), the Wickershams (Donovan Kimble, Benjamin Kimble, Tara Kimble and Sam Yeager) and the Bird Girls (Sidney Lahman, Seneca Kimble,

lock, Muryussa George and Melody Baker)

Appearing as Thing 1 is Cassidy Bosley Whetzel, Thing 2 is played by Vivian Pownell, JoJo is performed by Caroline Anderson, Foley is Yertle the Turtle and Cindy Lou Who is Azalea Campbell.

Show times are 7 p.m. on March 8, 9, 15 and 16, plus 2 p.m. on March 10

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# Lee University symphonic band concert set for March 11 at Petersburg Church of God



Lee University Symphonic Band from Cleveland, Tenn., will be appearing at Petersburg Church of God Monday, March 11, at 6 p.m. The doors open at 5:15 p.m.

This group is the premier ministry touring instrumental performance ensemble at the university.

The group has performed at leading churches across America, ministering in venues large and small, both in the United States and the 18 foreign countries where they have conducted mission trips on five continents.

They has also performed at national seminars and conferences, numerous concert festivals, appearances on television and radio and important university events.

The Lee Symphonic Band has developed a reputation as an outstanding performance ensemble that combines superior musicianship with a true sensitivity to the use of music as a vehicle to minister the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The 2024 Lee University Symphonic Band

majors at Lee University. Several of these students are former all-state and/or all-regional band participants in Tennessee, Ohio, Florida, Alabama, North Carolina, Georgia and Texas. There are currently 53 musicians in the group.

R. Mark Bailey, conductor of the Lee University Symphonic Band is a

professor of music at Lee University and holds the Doctorate in Music Education from the College Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati.

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#### 40 & 8 Hardy County Voiture 1623 grants scholarships to Eastern WVCTC nursing students



Crystal Goodwater, nursing student; Whitney Simon, nursing student; Warren Kessel, representative of 40 & 8; Jeff Fraley, director of nursing education for 40 & 8 Voiture 1623; Ken Bransky, representative of 40 & 8; Jodee Crites, nursing student; Michelle Adkins, nursing student; and Micaela Kidwell, nursing faculty.

Jeff Fraley, director of nursing education, Warren Kessel and Ken Bransky, representatives from 40 & 8 Hardy County Voiture 1623, presented four \$500 checks on Feb. 27, from their nursing scholarship to Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College nursing students.

Student recipients were Michelle Adkins of Pendleton County, Jodee Crites of Grant County, Crystal Goodwater of Hampshire County, and Whitney Simon of Hardy County.

"I am honored and extremely thankful to have been awarded the 40 & 8 scholarship," said Crites, "As a single mom of two little girls, this money will not only help me but also benefit my daughters while I work towards my nursing degree. I hope that they see that through hard work and dedication, they too will be able to make their dreams come true."

"I have been honored to be one of the recipients of the 40 & 8 scholarship recipients the last four semesters. By awarding me this scholarship it has helped lessen the financial burden of me working alongside going to school and raising two children," said Adkins.

Scholarship support is very important for students to make pursuing their education even more affordable, as well as make it easier for those who work while enrolled.

"Being able to receive this scholarship for each of my four semesters of this program has been an extreme help to my family and me," said Simon.

"This has been helping nursing students since World War I. That's where the need was established. The soldiers were coming back and there were not enough nurses," said Fraley. "That's when the 40 & 8 stepped up and said, 'You know what, we can help with this.' It's a big-time national program, I mean, it's not just our local 40 & 8, it's 40 & 8 around the

The 40 & 8 was founded in 1920 by American veterans returning from France after World War I. In 1955, they began their support for nursing education. Voiture 1623 of the 40 & 8, based in Moorefield, has been a longtime advocate and supporter of Eastern's nursing students with this scholar-

"The 40 & 8 was a huge part of this journey. When selected as a recipient of the scholarship I was overjoyed," said Goodwater. "I cannot thank the 40 & 8 enough for believing in me and selecting me as a recip-



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#### Betty Kesner is GRCC Resident of the Week so that she could devote her



By Ravenna Redman Director of Social Services

The employees of Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center have chosen Betty Kesner as their GRCC Resident of the Week.

Betty has been a resident of our facility since December 19, 2023. She was born on May 20, 1940, in Brandywine, W.Va., to Rumsey Raymond and Mary Ellen (Keplinger) Borror. She is the second eldest of eight children.

who have Siblings passed on are the following, Juanita Mullenax, Junior Wayne Borror, Wanda Kesner, Alma Williams, and Rick Stonestreet. The remaining siblings are Warren Paul Borror and Sandra Riggleman.

Rumsey Borror was a World War II veteran, serving with the 324th Infantry Regiment, Company C. After returning from war, Betty classified her father as "a jack of all trades and master of none." She described him as "always busy." He was also a farmer.

Mary Ellen Borror was a stay-at-home mother, cooking, cleaning, and raising the children.

Betty has fond memories of playing with her siblings. She remembers playing Ring Around the Rosy, and Jack in the Beanstalk. She was quick to say that they played hard, but they also worked hard on the farm, cutting wood, or anything that their parents told them to do.

"There was no back talk. We hit it (referring to what her parents told them) and got it done." When asked how to describe herself as a child, Betty stated, "I was a tomboy through and through."

Betty reported that she enjoyed elementary

school. Her favorite things at school were recess and playing games.

Unfortunately, when Betty was 13, her father passed away; he was 39 years old. Around this time, the family moved to Petersburg. Her mother remarried to Charles Edward Stonestreet. Betty attended Petersburg High School, but she did not graduate. She would later obtain her GED.

In 1957, at age 17, Betty married Raymond Harold. The marriage did not last very long, and they divorced.

Later, Betty was working as a waitress, and she met Emmitt Doyal Kesner, a widower. Telling her children, later, she noted, "He must have liked my food." They married. Betty became a stepmother to two stepdaughters, Betty Miller, and Joy Wentworth. They also had three children of their own, Karen Ours, Lisa Vance, and Timmy Kesner.

Lisa reports, "She is a good mama. She taught us well." Emmitt worked on pipelines. As a family, they enjoyed camping.

In June 2011, Emmitt passed away after 51 years of marriage. Betty grieved. Besides the children, they had seven grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

Throughout Betty's life she worked. Besides waitressing, Betty would also babysit and worked at the sewing factory in Petersburg. She also became an EMT for the Grant County Ambulance Squad. She retired from the lab at Grant Memorial Hospital.

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time to other things. One thing that Betty loved to do was travel. She would often have her suitcase packed ready to go. She loves going to the beach and has been to Florida. One of her most memorable trips was to Rome, Italy.

Another passion for Betty is bowling. She was a member of the Golden Lanes Bowling League. "I love bowling. I bowled every Monday." She is advocating for GRCC to develop some type of bowling activity for the facility. "I would love to participate in something like that."

Betty is also a member of the Landes Ruritan Club and helped with meals. She assisted with health fairs, which included bloodwork.

Another activity Betty likes is watching game shows. She enjoys watching Price is Right and Wheel of Fortune, but Steve Harvey on Family Feud is her favorite.

She also loves country music. When asked who her favorite country singer is, Betty instantly replies, "Charlie Pride, Kiss an Angel Good Morning." She saw him several times when he performed at Wheeling, W.Va.

Betty is a card shark and appreciates a good hand of Setback and Rook.

Betty is a member of St. John's United Methodist Church and attended regularly when she was able. She was a member of their choir. "I was a soprano. My sister Juanita was an alto. We sang some beautiful harmony."

When asked what her most significant achievement in her life was, Betty replied, "My family. I am proud of them. We worked hard for what we have. It ain't much but it's ours."

Unfortunately, Betty's health declined, and became part of our GRCC family. At the facility, she enjoys getting her weekly manicure, bingo, worship services, singing and special events.

Congratulations Betty on being our GRCC Resident of the Week!

# **Maysville Volunteer Fire Company**

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The Petersburg High School archery team is one of only eight that qualified as a team for the state high school division. They will compete March 30th





## **Leveling Up: Walking With Multiple Dogs**

I TAKE MY WIFE

EVERYWHERE

The Spats

**DEAR PAWS:** I walk my neighbors' dogs every day after school. It takes time because I have to walk one dog at a time, then go to the next house, and then the third one. I'd like to make this job a little more efficient by walking all three dogs at the same time. What's the best way to do -- Colin R.

Smyrna, Georgia

**DEAR COLIN:** I can see your dilemma! Walking three dogs separately takes at least one hour, probably

two, when you add in the time spent accessing each home, leashing up the dogs and unleashing.

It is possible to walk all three dogs at once, but you have to do two important things first: One, get permission from each neighbor to walk the dogs together, and two, make sure the dogs will get along before you commit.

You may be able to only walk two of them together and the third one alone. And if the neighbors don't agree, then you're stuck

walking all three separate-

If you do get permission to walk them together, do it on a trial basis. Here are a few tips from professional dog walkers:

 Don't use retractable leashes when walking multiple dogs. You need full control at all times.

—Leashes can easily get tangled; hold two in one hand and one in the other, or buy a 3-way leash coupler to minimize tangles.

 If one or more dogs gets aggressive or bullying,

by Jeff Pickering

..BUT SHE KEEPS

FINDING HER WAY BACK.

PUZZLES

**PUZZLE ANSWERS** 

**FOUND ON PAGE 2A** 

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.

walk them separately to prevent the problem from getting worse.

 Avoid walking them in areas where a lot of other dogs are present. If all three bolt toward another dog, you may not be able to hang on to them.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@ pawscorner.com.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

down hills. Those were Goodyears. by Dave T. Phipps

DAD JOKES

Why don't pirates take a

bath before they walk

the plank?

They just wash up

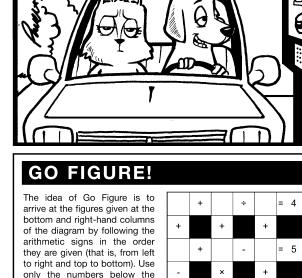
on shore.

I had a happy childhood.

My dad used to put me

in tires and roll me

I'M JUST SAYING IT'S NOT A VERY HEALTHY SIGN. YOU'RE ON A FIRST-NAME BASIS WITH THE DRIVE-THRU GUY.



nine numbers only once. DIFFICULTY: Moderate ★★ Difficult

\* \* \* GO FIGURE!

diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

# **CryptoQuote**

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.

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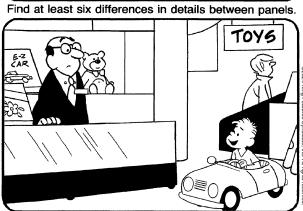
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# BY HENRY BOLTINOFF **HOCUS-FOCUS** TOY5 MENRY BOLTINOFF



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ZINNIA

moved. 6. License plate is missing. mirror is added to car. 4. Teddy bear is moved. 5. Nametag is Differences: I. Car door is different. 2. Rear tire is moved. 3. Side

**ALYSSUM** 

# King Crossword

#### **ACROSS** Manhandle 5 Annex 8 Trig function 12 Within (Pref.) 13 "Ben- -19 14 Toledo's lake 15 "Sure, of course' 17 Bakery buy 18 "Yippee!" 19 Apple music service 21 Pride parade initials 24 "Let me think ... 25 Valley in

57 Rosebud, to Kane 58 Camp bed

59 Flag feature

**DOWN** 

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28 Indy event

35 Formerly

37 Stink

39 Texter's

41 Bring up

46 Pink hue

43 Tell

30 Wall climber

33 Rocker Rose

known as

36 Earth (Pref.)

38 "It's - real!'

"Enough!"

50 Lena of "The

55 Greek moun-

Reader"

51 Sake, e.g.

54 Curse

34 Plains grazers 56 Zilch

1 Calico's call "My Way" writer

3 Beehive State 27 Story thread 4 Jesuit univer- 29 Pepsi rival sity

5 Sushi fish

ment Zwei follower

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25 Pester 26 Chopper

8 Blood part

11 Congers

Ore source

16 Sailing hazard

22 Party cheese

31 Victory sign 32 Longing

38 Cleveland squad

tive Press for pay- 34 Telly watcher 53 Jazz lover

40 Like lions 42 Expert 10 Aswan's river 43 Filches

carrier 20 Subsequently 45 Guitarist Clapton

44 Israeli

23 Stunning gun 47 Funny person 48 Visitor to

> Siam 49 Ogler's look

52 Altar affirma-

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# **Exchang**

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.

<ol> <li>Personal conviction</li> </ol>	B	Freedom from pain	R
2. Pirate's board	_ L	Practical joke	_ R
3. Semi or pickup	U	Runner's pathway	A
4. Stagger	_ 0	Space telescope	_ U
5. Thirst quencher	T	Hem and haw	V
6. Sluggish	_ L	Light rain	_ H
7. Eden fruit	_ P	Plenty	M
8. Dormant	T	Bemoan	M
9. Singer Shelton	K	Razor, e.g.	D
10. Ice cream spoon	_ c	Meddle	_ N
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GRANT COUNTY PRESS, Petersburg, West Virginia March 5, 2024

# GMH welcomes two 'Leaplings' on Feb. 29th



Ashley Sherman, RN, Kelsey Leatherman, RN and parents Tiffani and Dustin with baby Peyton

Leaplings, babies born a special place in the hearts on Feb. 29, otherwise

of Grant Memorial Hospiknown as Leap Day, hold tal staff with a birthday that

## Summit announces Q1 common dividend

Summit Financial Gr- of business on March 15. oup Inc. announces its board of directors recently declared a first quarter 2024 dividend of \$0.22 per share payable on March 29, to common shareholders of record as of the close

Summit Financial Group, Inc. is the \$4.6 billion financial holding company for Summit Community Bank, Inc. It is headquartered in Moorefield and is found at SummitFGL.com.

## Fleming named to Wingate dean's list

Nicholas Fleming of Petersburg, has been named to the Wingate University fall 2023 dean's list.

The dean's list includes undergraduate students

who have earned a term GPA of at least a 3.30 but no more than a 3.799 on at least 12 quality-point academic hours and have no grade below a C-.



Parents, Destiny and Cole with baby Colton, Ann Drennan, RN, Linda Turner, PCT, Tammy Rowe, RN.

only comes around once every four years.

Only one in 1,461 people are born on Leap Day and it is said to be a lucky omen. This unique day adds a special charm to their birthdays and makes them stand out among oth-

GMH Mother Infant Care Center not only had one but two babies born on Leap Day.

Congratulations goes to

Tiffani Turner and Dustin VanMeter on the birth of their daughter, Peyton and also to Destiny Lambert and Cole Saunders on the birth of their son, Colton.

Petals Florist in Petersburg provided the flower arrangements.

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