

BOGAL FLAVOR

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 warm?

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 good.

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.

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

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 be nonstop. I guess it's bad karma to text strangers.

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

tend I'm at the beach.

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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!

BAKED TARRAGON CHICKEN
2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts
1 medium onion, sliced in rings
1½ teaspoons tarragon
¼ teaspoon poultry seasoning
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 (10 1/2 ounce) can cream of chicken soup
¼ cup milk
¼ cup slivered almonds (optional)
In 13x9 inch baking

pan, place chicken pieces.
Do not overlap. Place onion rings over top.
Mix seasonings with cream of chicken soup and milk and spoon over chicken.
Bake, uncovered, in 375°F oven for 40 minutes.
Sprinkle chicken with almonds, if desired.
Bake 10 minutes more or until chicken is tender.

CHOCOLATE CHIP BANANA PANCAKES
1½ cups flour
1 tablespoon sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon cinnamon
1¼ cups milk
½ cup banana, mashed (2 small)
1 egg, lightly beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup chocolate chips, divided
Combine flour, sugar, baking powder and cinnamon in a large bowl.
After mixing well stir in milk, banana, egg and vanilla.

Fold in 1/4 cup chocolate chips.
Heat a griddle, sprayed with oil on medium heat. Pour batter onto griddle making 3 inch rounds.
Cook about two minutes or until tops are bubbly. Flip pancake and cook for another minute or until golden.
Prepare remaining pancake batter as directed adding more spray if needed.
Place on individual plates and sprinkle with remaining chocolate chips. Makes 18.

Spring fire season is here, burning restrictions in effect

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@wvvg.cap.gov or 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 save our country. <https://conventionofstates.com>.

Grant County Adult Education enrolls students for their High School Equivalency and does TABE testing for the DHHR every Friday from 8:30 am-12 noon. Call 304-257-1277 to schedule or request information.

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

Grant County Commis-

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

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

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

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

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

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

Petersburg City Council meets the first Monday of the

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

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at 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 304-257-2349. for more information.

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ANSWERS FROM PUZZLES ON PAGE 5B

Cryptogram

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

Answers:

1. Belief, Relief
2. Plank, Frank
3. Truck, Track
4. Hobbie, Hubble
5. Water, Waver

King Crossword

Answers:

6. Slower, Shower
7. Apple, Ample
8. Latent, Lament
9. Blake, Blade
10. Scoop, Snoop

Even Exchange

Answers:

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NOW HIRING

EMS DIRECTOR

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.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Manage the day-to-day operations of the ambulance company, including scheduling, dispatching, and quality assurance
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- Manage the budget
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- Represent the company to the public and other entities

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree in business administration or a related field
- 5+ years of experience in operations management
- 3+ years of experience in the healthcare industry
- Paramedic license
- Strong leadership, customer service and communication skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Ability to meet deadlines and work under pressure
- 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.

More SBCTC SkillsUSA local winners



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



Dillon Poling, technical computer applications SkillsUSA competition winner.



SkillsUSA construction tool ID winner Lucas Vandevander.



Matt Clark won the SkillsUSA carpentry entry level competition.



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



Eli Mathias placed first in SkillsUSA welding competition.



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 Cameron.

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, teacher.
Second place (tie), "Jazzy's Book Crisis" by Lighthouse Keplinger PES, Brittany Porter, teacher and "In The Forest" by Jacob Rohrbaugh, MES, Vicki Kitzmiller, teacher.
Third place, "The Homeless Girl" by Brynn Butler, MES, Vicki Kitzmiller, teacher.
Third - Fourth Grade
First place, "The Runaway" by Gemma Poore, MES, Kim Evans, teacher.
Second place, "The Tale of Bigfoot" by Audrey Hall, MES, Riley Barr, teacher.
Third place, "The 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, teacher.
Third place, "Ghost" by Elizabeth Ockerman, PES, Zondra Reedy, teacher.
Seventh - Eighth Grade
First place, "The Plague" by Lucy Groves, PHS, Ashley Wilkins, teacher.
Second place, "Axe's Scrape" by Madelyn Wratchford, PHS, Casandra Greenwalt, teacher.
Third place, "Judge's Panel" by Madelyn Cook, PHS, Casandra Greenwalt, teacher.
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, teacher.
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 Funkhouser, PHS, 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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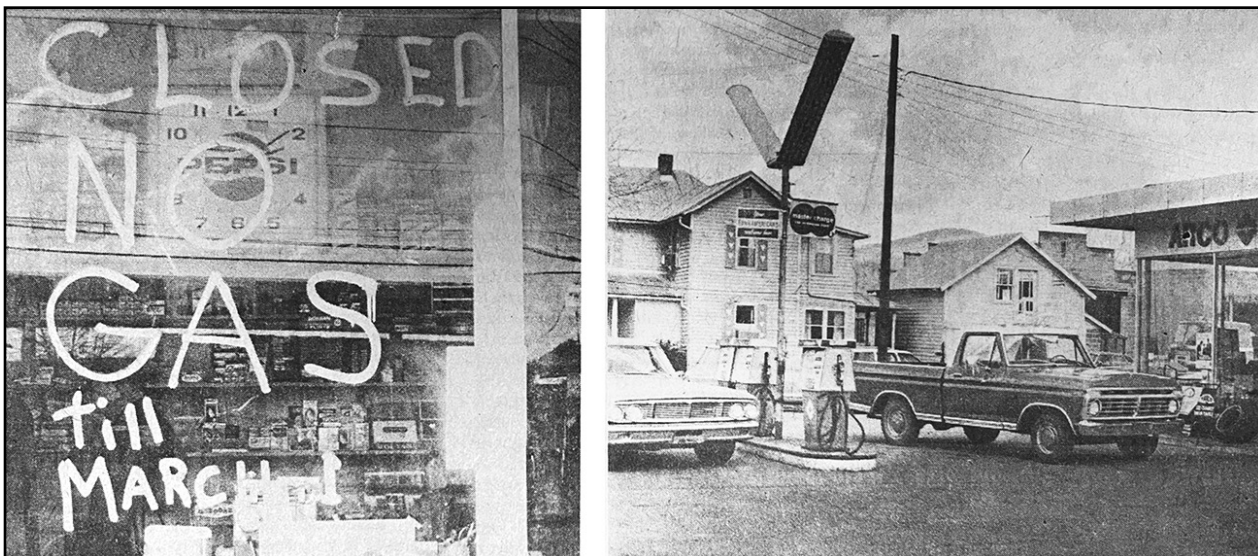
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NO GAS TILL MARCH 1 - The 1973-74 gas shortage came with “no gas” signs and vehicles blocking pumps in Petersburg. The crisis was caused by the refusal of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to sell crude to the U.S. Arab oil-producing countries launched the embargo in response to U.S. support of Israel during the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

March 10, 1954

Coach Jesse Rigglesman’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 Rigglesman 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.

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.

Irene Hanlin of Antioch graduated Jan. 31, from

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 Bank.

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, a daughter, Feb. 28; and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hinkle

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 record.

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 of the county’s two magistrates; and Michael Chipley – Board of Education, Union District.

Senate’s ‘Anti-Woke Act’ would ban higher education’s DEI offices, initiatives

Amelia Ferrell Knisely West Virginia Watch

A bill dubbed both the “The Anti-Woke Act” and “Restoring Sanity Act” is advancing in the state Senate. The measure largely focuses on banning diversity, equality and inclusion standards in higher education.

The Senate Education Committee approved the measure. Senate Bill 870, last Monday with limited conversation. No one on the Republican-led committee offered up words in support of the bill.

Sen. Patricia Rucker, R-Jefferson, is lead sponsor of the measure.

Under the legislation, inclusion offices would be prohibited along with “any effort to promote” implicit bias, cultural appropriation, allyship, transgender

ideology, anti-racism, systemic oppression, social injustice and other concepts.

Universities wouldn’t receive state funding unless its administrators filed a report showing the campus was compliant with the legislation.

“Public institutions of higher education shall reallocate all unexpended moneys appropriated by the Legislature in fiscal year 2024-2025 that would have been expended on DEI offices or DEI officers ... to merit scholarships for lower-income and middle-income students and to reduce tuition and mandatory fees for resident students,” the measure said.

The bill also included new standards for public school districts, including that employees would not be required to use a stu-

dent’s preferred pronoun when referring to the student if the preferred pronoun is not consistent with the student’s biological

sex.

The legislation was referred to the Senate Judiciary committee for review.

WorkForce WV rapid response meeting for AWP workers on March 7th

All workers of Allegheny Wood Products Inc. and Allegheny Wood Products International Inc. in Moorefield, Petersburg and Riverton, and contracted workers who will be come totally separated from employment on or before March 1, are invited to attend.

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

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

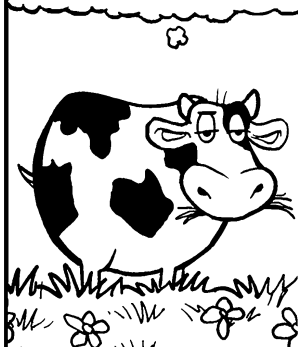
The meeting will held Thursday, March 7, at the Michael Building, 39 South Main St., Petersburg, from 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 3 p.m.

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.

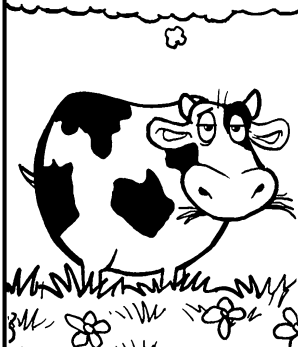
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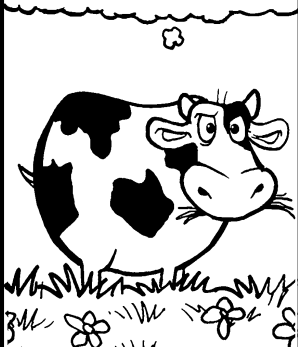
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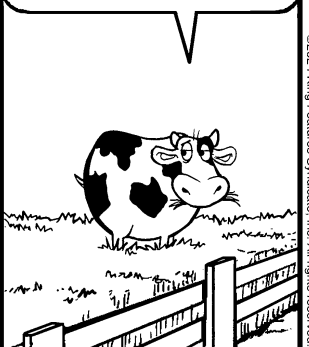
I SUPPOSE I REALLY COULD START EXERCISING MORE.



BESIDES, I’M WILLING TO BET IT’S MOSTLY GENETIC.



THAT’S IT. ONLY ONE ACRE FOR LUNCH FROM NOW ON.



Bill 5105 Continued from Page 4A

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 numbers of others around her being immunized.

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 happening.

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 them for the people we love.

That said, a single child’s immunization status affects their entire community, especially other children and adults who are at highest risk.

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 prevent it.

While there are many childhood illnesses that we cannot prevent, treat or cure, there are illnesses we can prevent with high immunization rates.

As a pediatrician, as a mother, as a lifelong West Virginian, 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.

Dr. Lisa Costello is a pediatric hospitalist in Morgantown, 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 largest professional organizations of medical professionals serving children and adolescents. She and her husband are parents of a toddler.

Mug shots Continued from Page 4A

released, the mugshot goes down at DCR, but these third-party people, they don’t take them down automatically,” Kelly said, adding that a person’s life can “be forever turned upside down because of a mistake that was 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 other 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 Facebook.

“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 consideration.

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Local and area obituaries

DARLENE V. SMITH

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-in-law, Hilda Rohrbaugh and Judy Rohrbaugh; and several nieces and nephews.

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



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.

Honoring Darlene's 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

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

Born May 9, 1942, in Shrewsbury, W.Va., he was a son of the late Norman and Clara Wilkinson.

Roger married Mary 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. (Tiffany) 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 Emma Wilkinson; and 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



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 Lynn Jackson officiating.

Interment will be in South Branch Memorial Gardens, Petersburg.

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

ROSELLA CONRAD THARPE

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 Wayne 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 husband 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; daughter-in-law, Dawn Hapbell; brother, June Conrad of Petersburg, W.Va.; many grandchildren, including Brittney and fiancé Derek Weiman, Melvin



Wayne Hill Jr., Lane Austin Tharpe, Carlin, Joey Hapbell, Jena Hapbell and Paul Hapbell Jr.; seven great-grandchildren including Kamdyn, Delilah and Konrad Weiman; numerous 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)

FRANK N. RODGERS

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

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 Jr.

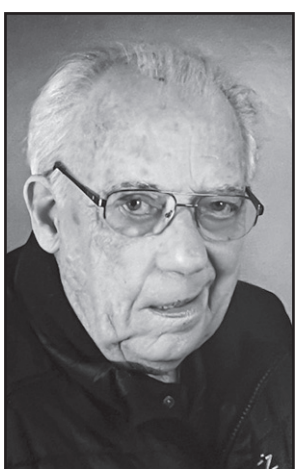
Mr. Rodgers was a graduate of Petersburg High School and attended Petersburg Presbyterian Church. Upon graduation, he served our country in the U.S. Navy. He worked for Potomac Edison until his retirement and then continued to work for Cookman's Insurance. He taught first aid for many years and served 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 "Bugsy" 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 Landis; 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

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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.

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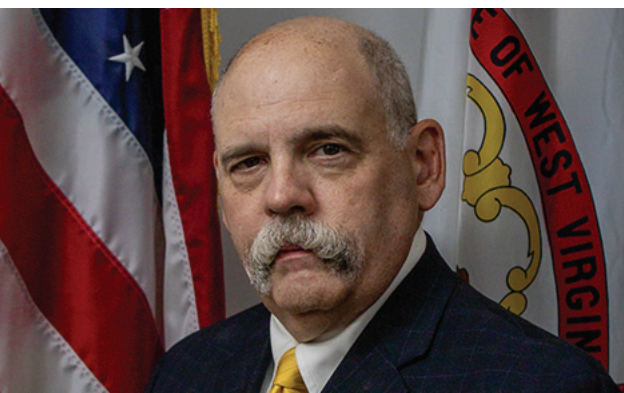
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Sonny O'Neil, longtime Canaan Valley basketball official is hanging up his whistle after 33 years of service to the area. He was recently honored at a Union High School basketball game. Rodney Keller, (not pictured) is also hanging up the whistle after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

season 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 compete. The Viking would 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



Ava Ours



Noah Rumpf



Shayla Rohrbaugh

MES archery team qualifies for state tournament



The Maysville Tigers archery team will be going to the state archery tournament in Charleston.



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 McGreevy 248, Evan Kesner 243, Richie Burgess 236, Cohan Kesner 232. (HANDICAP): Troy McGreevy 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 209.07, Richie Burgess 208.73, Michael Hedrick 199.73.

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

HIGH SERIES WOMEN
(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 (WOMEN): 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 (SCRATCH): William Barr

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 (SCRATCH): 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 (SCRATCH): Cherry Hammons 200, Denise McGreevy 194, Dee Anna McDonald 191. (HANDICAP): Cherry Hammons 232, Mernie Kimble 231, Denise McGreevy 229.

HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Cherry Hammons 517, Dee Anna McDonald 511, Penny Sites 492. (HANDICAP): Cherry Hammons and Mernie

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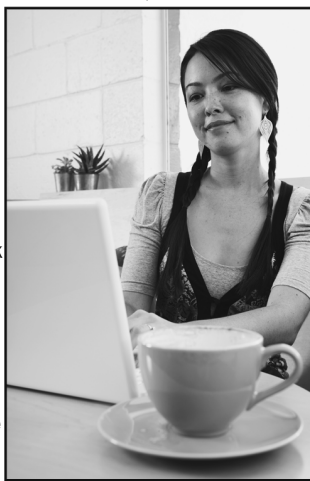
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INVITATION FOR BIDS

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@grantcountywv.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 located at 5 Highland Drive, Petersburg, WV. Mailed Bid Submissions will not be considered. The County Commission reserves the right to reject all bids.
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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: FRANCES DARLENE SECRIST
EXECUTRIX: BRENDA FREY
75 BERRY PATCH DRIVE
MOOREFIELD, WV 26836-8359

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

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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’ familiar characters are brought to life in Seussical including The Cat in

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, Madison Elliott, Erin Blay-

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 and 17.

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



The 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 is made up of musicians representing 16 different

majorities 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.

The Petersburg Church of God is located at 13 Myrtle Avenue. For more information call 304-257-4722. A freewill offering will be received.

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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 afford-

able, 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

nation."

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 scholarship.

"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 recipient."

Betty Kesner is GRCC Resident of the Week



**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) Borrer. She is the second eldest of eight children.

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

Rumsey Borrer 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 Borrer 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.

She was ready to retire,

so that she could devote her 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



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Food served at 12 p.m.

Tickets \$10 each

**Food will be served with admission
Guns provided by
Tri-County Firearms and Archery**

12:00 \$500 Cash	2:20 Savage Axis 22-250 Rem.
12:10 \$250 Cash	2:30 \$250 Cash
12:20 \$250 Cash	2:40 Traditions Buckstalker 50 cal. Muzzleloader Redi-Pack
12:30 Savage Axis .223 Rem.	2:50 Ruger American Ranch 450 BM w/Muzzle Brake
12:40 \$250 Cash	3:00 \$500 Cash
12:50 Mossberg 835 12 GA Camo	3:10 Mossberg SA-20 GA Camo
1:00 \$250 Cash	3:20 \$250 Cash
1:10 Bear Intense Crossbow	3:30 \$250 Cash
1:20 S&W MP15 Sport III 5.56 AR	3:40 Radical Arms AR 300 Blackout
1:30 \$500 Cash	3:50 \$250 Cash
1:40 Savage B. Mag 17 WSM Stainless	4:00 \$4,000.00 Cash
1:50 \$250 Cash	
2:00 Rugar American Predator 6.5 CM	
2:10 \$250 Cash	

Winners will be notified. Prizes not claimed within 30 days will be forfeited.

All guns are final. Maysville VFC is not responsible for state insta-check approval. Not responsible for typographical errors. \$5.00 admission for no ticket holders. Maysville VFC reserves the right to substitute any guns and prizes. Food will be served with valid admission.

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Winner need not be present.

MUST BE 18 TO CLAIM PRIZES.

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CONGRATULATIONS VIKINGS



The Petersburg High School Lady Vikings (No. 7) Regional Champs are state bound. They will play March 7 against Williamstown (No. 2).

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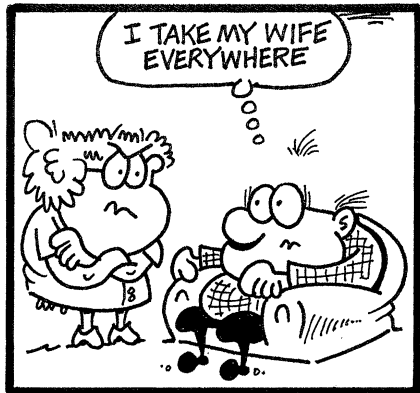
The Petersburg High School archery team is one of only eight that qualified as a team for the state high school division. They will compete March 30th





Leveling Up: Walking With Multiple Dogs

The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

King Crossword

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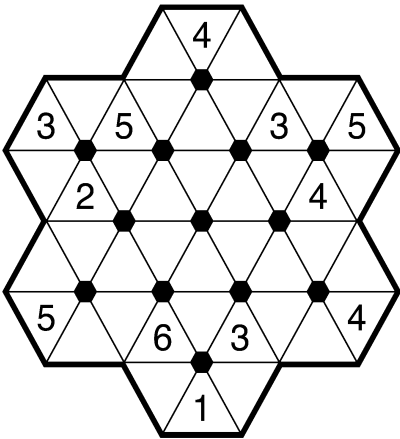
FUN & PUZZLES

PUZZLE ANSWERS FOUND ON PAGE 2A

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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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

by Dave T. Phipps



GO FIGURE!

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

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

★★★ GO FIGURE!

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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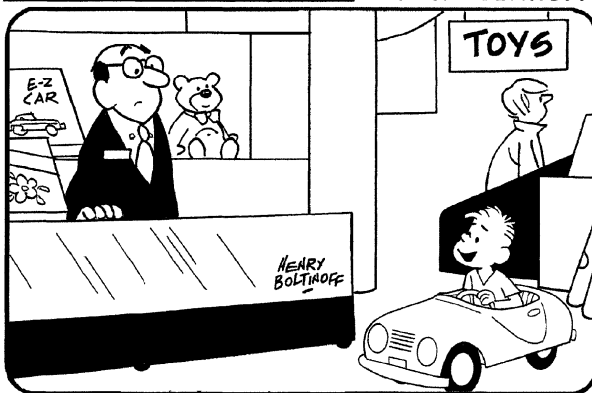
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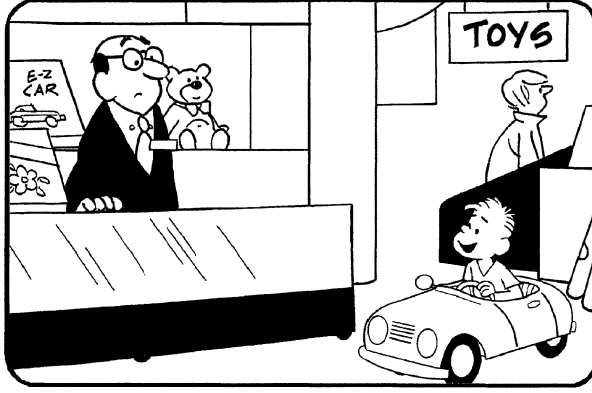
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Car door is different. 2. Rear tire is missing. 3. Side mirror is added to car. 4. Teddy bear is moved. 5. Name tag is moved. 6. License plate is missing.

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GMH welcomes two ‘Leaplings’ on Feb. 29th



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

Leaplings, babies born on Feb. 29, otherwise known as Leap Day, hold a special place in the hearts of Grant Memorial Hospital staff with a birthday that

Summit announces Q1 common dividend

Summit Financial Group 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 of business on March 15. 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 SummitFGI.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 others.

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.

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