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Hatchet wielding man attacks officers during Cabins arrest

In March, a Grant County grand jury returned 18 felony indictments. These indictments included one sealed case file not currently available for public viewing.

Those indicted include:

Nelson Joseph Boucher, 36, of 38 Clipper Ln., Cabins, was indicted on charges of attempted malicious assault on a government representative. The charges are the result of an incident in August 2018 when Boucher attempted to attack to officers with a hatchet during an arrest.

According to a police report, two Grant County Sheriff's deputies traveled to Boucher's residence to arrest him. He had been identified as a wanted person with multiple felony warrants against him through the United States Marshal Service for probation violations.

When officers arrived, Boucher attempted to flee through the back door but could not due to another deputy already stationed there.

The report claims that during a search of the home for Boucher, officers discovered four people: Kelly Talbert, Andrew Harvey, Adam Hagan and Kristen Runkle in a back bedroom, who all claimed that Boucher was not there.

The search continued and Boucher was discovered crouched in the corner of a cluttered closet in the back bedroom.

When discovered, Boucher was ordered out of the closet by the officer, who had holstered his firearm and retrieved his taser.

After refusing, Boucher allegedly yelled an obscenity and produced a three foot long hatchet and began swinging it at the deputies.

The deputies tased Boucher before he reached them and he was taken into custody.

Timothy Allen Miller, 47, of 1125 Eston Carr Rd., Maysville, was indicted on charges of possession with intent to distribute marijuana and possession with intent to distribute oxycodone.

According to the police report, the charges stem from an incident in March 2018, when he was identified in a traffic stop. At the time, Miller admitted to having been involved in another traffic stop two week earlier during which officers discovered marijuana and a smoking device on his person.

During the March stop, a K-9 officer was used to sweep the exterior of the vehicle and illegal drugs were discovered.

In the vehicle, the officer located two quart sized zip-lock baggies of marijuana, weighing a combined 1.55 ounces.

Miller's person was then searched and the officer discovered another bag containing 20 white pills, later identified as acetaminophen and oxycodone hydrochloride, a schedule two narcotic.

Ray Isaac Heavner, 62, of 88 Forest Valley Ln., Cabins, was indicted on the charge of driving under the influence (DUI). This was Heavner's third offense DUI.

The indictment claims that in March 2018 Heavner was discovered driving a red Honda Civic on Patterson Creek Road, near Petersburg.

According to the indictment, Heavner was "in an impaired state" with a blood alcohol content of .053.

Heavner has been convicted of DUI twice before, once in Pendleton County and once in Grant County.

Lawrence Allen Keplinger, 37, of 88 Mallow Cup Dr., Lahmansville, was indicted on charges of manufacturing a controlled substance (marijuana), felon in possession of a firearm, conspiracy to violate and delivery of a controlled substance.

The indictment claims that Keplinger cultivated and fertilized four marijuana plants in August 2018.

At the time, it was also discovered that Keplinger possessed 10

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Rebecca Alt-Lanhardt, Donnalie Hope and Phyllis Dolly stand next to a table filled with snacks prepared for last Saturday's afternoon tea. The event was a fundraising effort for the Joy House, a women's home in Petersburg that helps local women transition into healthy and productive lives after trauma. *press photos*

Local ladies host joyful tea at Joy House

Thanks to the work of local volunteers, the Joy House in Petersburg hosted nearly 50 people for an afternoon tea on Saturday.

Ladies from all over the community attended the event in their bright dresses and hats to socialize, enjoy tea and to support the ongoing work of the Joy House.

The Joy House, run by Phyllis Dolly, is a support home and haven for struggling women in the community.

"All the proceeds from the event go directly to support our work here at Joy House," Dolly said. "We help women from struggling backgrounds get back on their feet and transition back into a normal and healthy life."

Dolly's efforts include spiritual support as well as education and entrepreneurship. In the past, she has spoken about the need to encourage self-reliance in her residence with the goal that each graduate from the program is able to work and support themselves once they leave Joy House. Over the past two years, approximately 10 woman have participated in the long-term program.

"It really takes a community," Dolly said. "One person cannot do it alone."

Dolly said much of the effort and fundraising work for the event had been spearheaded by Rebecca Alt-Lanhardt with assistance from Donnalie Hope.

"I am very grateful for everyone," Dolly said. "Becki has been a blessing in this."

For more photos from the event see page 4B.

Route 220 chase ends in escape of suspect

On Wednesday, the Grant County Sheriff's Department was notified of an ongoing pursuit of a biker on Route 220, who was leading officers on a high speed chase that went along Route 220, through Keyser and towards New Creek.

The incident occurred around noon on April 17. According to report released by the Keyser Police Department, the red and black sports bike was speeding, driving recklessly and passing multiple vehicles at a time while heading north on Route 220. The Grant County Sheriff's Department was advised to be on the lookout for the bike when, later in the day, it was reported to have been spotted in the Mount Storm area.

However, the Mineral Daily News Tribune reported that the driver changed routes and instead headed south onto Route 50, along Route 93 and onto Corridor H.

While on Corridor H, the bike was lost by officers. The Tribune explains that during the chase, the officers were

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Board says community usage of school facilities could see new fee

Behavior modification class added to PES and new PHS athletic director and dean of students approved

On April 16, the Grant County Board of Education discussed potential changes coming to the community usage of school facilities. The discussion was also addressed by a community speaker, who was concerned with allowing adults to use the Petersburg High School weight room while students were present.

During the meeting, Crystal Summers, a local parent, addressed concerns she saw with community usage of school athletic facilities.

"If we have to be buzzed into the school for safety, why can grown men can come into the weight room and lift weights with these minor children? My daughter is a minor and these men can come into the weight room through the back door and lif weights. I have a problem with that. If I have to buzzed in, if I have to be approved to come in, why don't they?"

Summers said she was not comfortable with adults using the PHS weight room, saying they could just as easily go to the gym in Petersburg and should not have access to the school's facilities.

Summers also expressed concerns with the track team, saying that she believes actions are "being swept under the rug" due to being a "track star."

Lambert addressed Summers' concerns during his school status report, saying the issue needs to be addressed with the PHS principal. He clarified that he was not aware of the men using the weight room and that their names needed to be provided to the principal so he could investigate the issue.

Later in the meeting, Lambert addressed community usage of school facilities, saying currently there is no fee for outside groups to use school facilities. This is a policy Lambert said could change in the near future.

"We are starting to see our facilities used but not taken care of," Lambert said. "It comes down to certain groups will have to pay some form of rental fee to continue using our facilities. Until this point we have had free rein here but it is getting to the point that we come in and they are a mess. It would be a fair-fee schedule that will be open to discussion."

At this time the policy will be reviewed by the board and will be opened for public discussion in the next board of education meeting.

This policy change would not include school affiliated groups, such as Little League.

The board overall expressed support for Lambert's suggestion.

"Sometimes you hate to do things but what I hate is when someone uses a facility somewhere and they found it clean but left it filthy," said school board member Janie Berg. "That's disrespectful to the school system which is on a really tight budget."

Lambert then updated the board on the installation of security cameras previously approved for installation at multiple county schools. He said that the cameras will be installed this summer while students are out of school.

Also speaking during the meeting was Tony Oates, the county's treasurer, who updated the board on the school's recent state audit.

Oates said the school did overall very well, explaining that the issues sited tended to be the result of their small staffing numbers, namely in the segregation of duties. Lambert explained this is an issue often sited in smaller communities and the only way to adequately fix the issue is to increase personnel, which the county does not have the financial means to do.

The board also received information on the addition of a behavior modification class being added to Petersburg Elementary School. This addition allows for students showing signs of trauma

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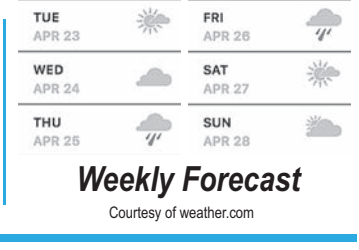

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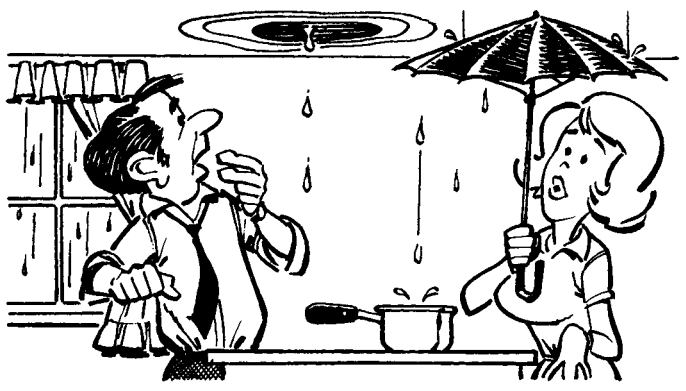

By Camille Howard

Thank you to all who expressed sympathy upon the death of my Dad.

Several years ago I asked him to write down his memories as a kid growing up in Chalk Hill on the mountain above Uniontown, Pa.

I have many letters and some of them are very funny about his antics and many include his mom, brother and other relatives. One of his stories was read as part of the message at his funeral and brought much laughter. He would have liked that.

At some point I'll print some of his stories. My Mom is also writing down her memories of growing up on a farm in a large family.

The trip last week to the Dad's funeral and taking Mom back home will be other memories to write down.

I have a cousin, Carol, and her husband Jim, who live near the farm, and since my Dad's funeral service and interment was at Highland Brethren Church, just a few miles from the farm, they were kind enough to offer us their house, a very large, historic, Federal-style home. They were not at home, but my sister had a key, so four of us stayed there.

Saturday night, Claire and I put together some picture boards to take to the funeral home. Because many of the photos were old, with curled edges, we taped them to the boards and put books on top to make sure the pictures wouldn't come off. Everything was laid out on the large dining room table.

The next morning, we all got our showers and dressed for the viewing. Claire left and then Craig and I went to gather up the picture boards to take with us, only to find that everything was wet. We quickly lifted all the books off the board, unsticking some of the pictures. Then we laid them out to dry and assessed the damage. We only lost two photos and we had extra boards, but we soon realized that the dining room table was wet and the finish has started to blister a little. We looked up and saw that the ceiling had been leaking but had stopped.

With no time to investigate, we headed out. We found out, though, that they had just had a repair in that same spot not a month before. That leak ruined their dining room table and the one we saw was brand new. We felt awful, but things are sometimes out of our control.

We were continually restocking the pictures all day. Sometimes you just have to take things with a smile.

Fast forward to Tuesday. I picked Mom up at the farm to take her home and to stay for a few days.

We left the farm, made a few stops, and then got on I-70 West. Things were going pretty smoothly and we were talking when traffic started to slow down several miles before the Cabela's exit.

We started creeping along and finally, just past the Cabela's exit we came to a standstill.

No problem, there's always road work on I-70 or a wreck, which is quickly cleared to at least one lane, so I didn't get off when I could have.

And we sat there for over two hours. Traffic lined up as far as the eye could see both in front and behind.

Thankfully I had plenty of gas in the tank. At one point I crawled in the back of my car and retrieved a bottle of water. Mom and I ate a whole pecan log, drank a little of the water ... and waited.

I was glad we didn't have little kids in the car, or animals.

When we finally got moving, we came upon a tractor trailer that has tipped over at the bottom of "two-mile hill." The trailer was empty and the whole side looked like it had been opened with a large can opener. The contents were in the median strip.

I Googled the accident later and found that the truck was loaded with ice cream. What a mess.

By now our two and a half hour trip had been greatly extended. After stopping for supper, we headed back out. Somehow I missed my exit and we ended up going an extra 20 miles or so. I don't know how I missed it, but it wasn't the first time I've missed a turnoff with Mom in the car. She said she wasn't sure if she was riding with me again or not.

We finally got to our destination ... almost. While we were stuck in traffic, my brother called Mom to let her know there was a water leak under her house and we would have to stay overnight at his place. Seems the city was testing their fire hydrants and blew out the connecting line.

It was the longest and most ridiculous Tuesday ever. Thank goodness my Mom doesn't get too ruffled.

I always dig into Mom's cookbooks while I'm there and here are two recipes I know are good. The stuffed shells we had for lunch one day at the farm and the salad is one my aunt makes for picnics and carry in dinners.

LAYERED SALAD

1 head lettuce, shredded
2-3 carrots, shredded
1 box frozen peas, cooked and cooled
Onion slices to taste
1 tablespoon sugar
1 pint mayonnaise
8 ounces shredded sharp cheddar cheese
1 12-ounce package bacon, fried and crumbled

In a large bowl or deep dish, layer the shredded lettuce, carrots, peas and onion slices.

Mix the mayonnaise and sugar and pour over the top of the layered vegetables.

Top with crumbled bacon and cheddar cheese.

CHICKEN STUFFED SHELLS

1 box Stove Top stuffing mix
3/4 cup mayonnaise
2 cups cooked, diced chicken
Parmesan cheese
1 box jumbo pasta shells
2 cans cream of chicken soup

Prepare the stuffing mix as directed and cook the pasta shells.

Combine the mayonnaise and chicken and add to the stuffing mix. If too dry, add another 1/4 cup mayonnaise.

Stuff the shells with the chicken mixture.

Mix the soup as directed on the can.

Cover the bottom of a 9x13 dish with some of the soup (enough so the shells won't stick). Place shells, open side up and over with the rest of the soup. Top with Parmesan cheese.

Bake at 350°F for 50-60 minutes.

This recipe is great for using up leftover chicken.

State Fair hosts second annual West Virginia Farm Show May 4-5

The State Fair of West Virginia is set to host the second annual WV Farm Show on May 4-5 at the state fairgrounds in Lewisburg.

The agricultural-filled weekend will be highlighted by the WV High School Rodeo State Finals, a jackpot lamb, goat, breading heifer and market steer/heifer show; and a vendor expo featuring farm equipment, western wear and everything in between. Vendors will be located in the Ag Pavilion (beef barn).

Hours of operation are 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday with the rodeo at 4 p.m. and 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sunday with the rodeo at 1 p.m.

"Our mission surrounds agriculture here at the State Fair of West Virginia and it's something we want to continue to promote year round," stated CEO Kelly Collins.

"This is going to be a great weekend and an event we hope to continue to grow."

Admission is free to the public and free parking is available at gate 4 on Fair Street and gate 5 on 219N.

Check out www.statefairofwv.com/event-center/west-virginia-farm-show/ for more information and a complete schedule.

For more information, please visit www.statefairofwv.com or follow fair events on Facebook and Twitter.

Strategic plan for growing WV agriculture released

The West Virginia Agriculture Advisory Board released its five year-strategic plan April 15, for West Virginia agriculture. The final report includes input from over 850 participants who either took an online survey or attended one of 14 regional meetings over the last eight months.

The agriculture advisory board is comprised of Gov. Jim Justice, Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt and WVU Extension Service Dean Steven Bonanno.

"We have found there are a lot of folks doing great things to improve agriculture in West Virginia. What we were missing was a road map on how to work together," said Leonhardt.

"The plan has helped identify and prioritize agricultural issues which will have the greatest impact on our agricultural economy over the next five years."

Titled "A Shared Agenda for Growing West Virginia's Agricultural Economy," the plan focuses on several areas including: connecting producers to market opportunities, creating infrastructure needed to grow the agriculture economy, developing the next generation of agricultural industry leaders and enhancing access to land.

Collectively, the aim of the plan is to ensure that all of West Virginia benefits economically from the efforts of its hard-working agricultural community.

"There is no doubt that agriculture plays a significant role in the future of West Virginia's economic prosperity. This plan provides us with a roadmap to help us enhance agricultural opportunities, develop our future leaders and work to ensure we have the proper tools and resources in place to be successful," said Bonanno.

To facilitate the development of the strategic plan, the board appointed a steering committee of stakeholders to lead the process on developing a long-term sustainable plan to maximize the state's agricultural sector.

The steering committee included representatives from the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, West Virginia Farm Bureau, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, West Virginia Conservation Agency, WVU Extension Service, WVU Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design and West Virginia State University Extension Service.

The committee then hired Fourth Economy in 2018 to conduct a market analysis as well surveys, interviews and stakeholder meetings.

"What we do not want is another study to sit on a shelf and collect dust. We plan on implementing the findings of the strategic plan with our partners immediately," Leonhardt said.

"The goal is simple, grow West Virginia agriculture as a team."

The full report and strategic actions are available at www.wvagadvisory.com. For more information or questions, contact Crescent Gallagher at cgallagher@wvda.us or 304-558-3708.

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Spring Mountain Festival schedule

Thursday, April 25th
5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Miss Spring Mountain Festival Pageants
Circus Tent

5:30 p.m. Baby Miss (0-11 months)
6:00 p.m. Wee Miss (12-23 months)
6:30 p.m. Tiny Miss (2-3 years)
7:00 p.m. Petite Miss (4-6 years)
7:30 p.m. Little Miss (7-9 years)
Entry fee: $35
Entry form and rules available on Festival Facebook page.

Friday, April 26th
11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Horse & Pony Rides
6:00 p.m. Austin Rogers & Band in Concert
Circus Tent - Free Admission
7:00 p.m. Series 62 in Concert
Circus Tent - Free Admission

Saturday, April 27th
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. 5K Run/Walk & 1 Mile Run/Walk
Starts at Petersburg Firehouse
Entry form on Festival FB page
8:30 a.m. PHS Wrestling Team Breakfast
Petersburg High School Cafeteria
10:00 a.m. Parade (lineup at 9 a.m.)
11:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies at Flagpole
11:00 a.m. Raymond's Gymnastics
Tumbling and gymnastics show
Circus Tent - Free Admission
Noon Magic by Tyler
Circus Tent - Free Admission
TROUT DERBY PETERSBURG CITY POOL
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Ages 0-3
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Ages 4-6
3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Ages 7-9
4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Ages 10-12

1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Pony Rides
2:00 p.m. Bear Hill Bluegrass in Concert
Circus Tent - Free Admission
4:30 p.m. Raw Country Band in Concert
Circus Tent - Free Admission
7:00 p.m. Nathan Shaffer Band in Concert
Circus Tent - Free Admission

Sunday, April 28th
9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. Church Service - Circus Tent

Noon Antique Car, Truck, Tractor and Engine Show
Noon Motorcycle Show
1:00 p.m. N2 Pickin' in Concert
Circus Tent - Free Admission
TROUT DERBY PETERSBURG CITY POOL
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Ages 13-18
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Ages 19 and up

3:00 p.m. Hour of Faith Concert
Circus Tent - Free Admission

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Grant County Young Writers winning story

Basic
Grade 5-6
Audrey Mongold
Sixth Grade - PES

Violet was basic, or at least that's what everyone thought. Violet never had a lot of friends, and ever since she could remember she been insecure about her body. Anyway, everything about Violet was basic, even her backpack. The day she went shopping for her backpack she got the one in the far back corner. It was black with a white Adidas sign on it. When she checked it out, the cashier said it was very special and winked.

It was the first of April, and Violet sat in class and colored the white Adidas sign black. She couldn't find her white out though. It seemed like everything had disappeared into thin air. She was going to try and make the Adidas sign white again so her mom wouldn't notice. Her mom had been hard on her ever since her dad had left over the summer. She went to the bathroom where she could search more and not get yelled at.

Once she got into the bathroom she reached into her backpack. She felt a sudden a gust of air. She was falling, and it was into her backpack! Once she hit the ground, she blacked out for a few seconds. She woke up to a little moose and a delicious smell. "Get away you little rat," she screamed at the moose. The little moose said, "I'm Ethan, I'm here to help you." Violet asked what he was going to help with. He said her body insecurities. "How do you know about that?" "Where do you think all your poems go?" "Let me take you on a tour," said Ethan. Violet agreed, but she just wanted to, surprisingly, go back to the real world.

Ethan took Violet on a tour all over the backpack world. Ethan showed her the store, which had all her stuff, and to the bakery. Then, Ethan took Violet to the poet wall. It had all of Violet's poems in them with ribbons and such. Ethan, lastly, took her to her house. She didn't stay long. She asked how long she had been in the world. It has only been a minute in real life, but an hour in the backpack. She wasn't going to leave soon. She didn't care if the teacher came and looked for her. She had wanted to leave school anyways. Violet became hungry and tired, so she went to her house for about an hour.

Once she decided it was time for her to go back to the real world, she realized she couldn't. She had fallen and she didn't know how to get out. She went and looked for Ethan. He said that they only had a broken ladder. By this time, Violet figured she was stuck, but then Ethan said the ladder would go back together if she said good traits about herself.

Violet refused to say anything for another two hours. There was nothing good about herself or at least that's what she thought. Ethan told her the only way she could leave was by doing this, and he wasn't allowed to help her. Violet looked in a nearby mirror. She liked her eyes and her hair, so she said those things. Two out of the ten pieces went together. She said other things like her sense of humor, clothes, and shoes. Soon enough, the ladder was back together, and she was ready to climb out. "I knew you could learn to love yourself," said Ethan. Violet rolled her eyes and climbed up the ladder.

When Violet was out of the backpack, she headed back to class.She had gotten into trouble for being in the bathroom for 20 minutes, but it was worth it. She got called to the front office about 10 minutes later. Turns out, she had to give a new kid a tour. When she got done with the tour, she asked what the kids name was, and he said Ethan. After a short while they were close. Violet never said anything bad about herself again thanks to Ethan. He even let her use his white out. Funny to think this all started because of a basic backpack.

More stories next week

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More than $1.7 million in secure rural schools payments in West Virginia announced

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.), ranking member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (ENR), announced that West Virginia counties will receive a total of $1,778,953.84 through the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program.

Manchin pressed United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service Chief Victoria Christiansen about the lapsed SRS payments to 14 West Virginia counties during last week's Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing.

"Fourteen rural counties in West Virginia depend on Secure Rural Schools funding as they set their budgets. While it's unacceptable the payments have lapsed this long, I am relieved the Forest Service has responded to my continued urging and finally issued these overdue payments. I hope they will work with us in the coming months to find a long-term solution that provides our counties the financial stability they deserve," said Manchin.

In January, Manchin urged U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue and then Acting Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt to deliver SRS payments as quickly as possible following the government shutdown. In February, Senator Manchin introduced bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the SRS program.

Individual awards listed by county:

- $9.31 – Barbour
- $35,255.41 – Grant
- $172,953.33 – Greenbrier
- $4,471.98 – Hampshire
- $76,462.81 – Hardy
- $92.89 – Mercer
- $34,635.66 – Monroe
- $51,413.62– Nicholas
- $225,565.28 – Pendleton
- $487,426.36 – Pocahontas
- $7,105.26 – Preston
- $335,374.72 – Randolph
- $135,647.26 – Tucker
- $198,529.95 – Webster

Family Dollar announces grand re-opening April 27, in Petersburg

Family Dollar Stores, Inc., a leading small format and convenience retailer, has announced plans for a renovated store's grand reopening in Petersburg.

"Family Dollar is proud to be a part of the Petersburg community and we're excited to welcome existing and new customers to our newly renovated store," said Jim Van Slyke, Family Dollar spokesperson. "In addition to providing everyday low prices and a broad assortment of merchandise, we have expanded our selection of food, beauty and essentials, household products and seasonal items. Our renovated store should provide even greater value and convenience to our shoppers."

There will be a grand reopening celebration for the community from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 27. The event will feature gift basket raffles, giveaways, free samples and family fun entertainment. In addition, the first 50 customers on Saturday will receive a gift card and reusable shopping bag.

Family Dollar stores are open seven days a week and offer everyday items for the entire family in an easy-to-shop neighborhood location. The store is located at 442 Virginia Avenue in the Petersburg Plaza.

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Join the festivities!

By Camille Howard

The end of winter and the arrival of warm weather is reason enough to celebrate, and that's one intention of the Spring Mountain Festival. A time to come out of winter hibernation and enjoy a weekend with family and friends, good food, music and all-around fun.

The great thing about the Spring Mountain Festival is that all the shows are free to attend and under the big tent in the park, no matter what the weather.

I'm hoping for sunny days so attendees and vendors can reap the benefits. The City Park is the perfect venue to draw people to our town, whether they intentionally make the trip or are just passing by.

The Grant County Chamber of Commerce has worked tirelessly to put this year's festival together and all those who've given of their time and talents deserve a big round of applause. It's no small task to get volunteers and pull off a big event.

This year's festival is featuring lots of musical talent in many genres, plus a magic act as well as a parade, pageant and the much anticipated Trout Derby at the city pool.

Give yourself a break and come out to the Spring Mountain Festival. This year's festival schedule of events is on page 3A so you can plan your weekend. See you there!

WV editorial sharing

The Exponent Telegram (Clarksburg)

On battlng obesity

About 10 years after earning the designation, "fattest city in America," Huntington has shown what can happen when you face a challenge and are willing to work to fix it.

While the city now finds itself in the epicenter of a war on opioid addiction, it can take pride in its approach to battling the bulge - and in fact can learn from its approach in tackling other issues as well.

The entire state should consider the same game plan.

As The Washington Post reported, and we shared in our Sunday edition, Huntington has emerged from its blight with obesity, dropping the rate of adults considered obese from 45.5 percent to 32.6 percent.

But it took time. And effort. And a unified approach.

And it all starts with small changes that grow as they develop.

One facet of the change included how people eat, with more emphasis now being placed on healthy, fresh, local food.

Farmers markets and small co-ops are more visible and accessible. Instead of once-a-week farmers markets, co-ops that are open five or six days a week make the food more available.

And there is a clear message that produce - vegetables and fruits - are an integral part of any plan to address obesity.

The messaging of the effort has been clear and concise, starting with school-age children, where the nutrition supervisor took her role seriously.

Implementing new menus and cooking procedures, the school system worked to train cooks how to provide nutritious - but still tasty - meals for the masses.

The schools offer plenty of fresh produce and make every effort to buy local, including from the students themselves who are engaged in agricultural endeavors.

Providing that sense of ownership of the problem - both in terms of cause and solution - goes a long way towards implementing a successful strategy to solving it.

The school effort includes grab-and-go fruit stations, where students can pick up a banana or apple to snack on while heading to their next class.

The need to change bad food and exercise habits has also been championed by the bully pulpit of politics as well as the pulpit in church.

The mayor gets out to host "Walks with the Mayor" events to encourage residents to get out and about. And ministers have rallied their congregations with a message, no doubt reminding that the body is the temple given by their Creator to do His work.

"We aren't the healthiest city yet, but we are moving in the right direction," said Gail Patton, the leader of a group that championed efforts to promote locally grown fresh produce.

"And we are moving in that direction as a result of intentional actions by an army of people, businesses, local government and institutions who want to see things improve."

All of this effort is paying off for Huntington and would pay off for others as well. It is a great example of the positive changes that can be made when a group of people join forces for a common cause.

Imagine what could happen if the effort is taken statewide.

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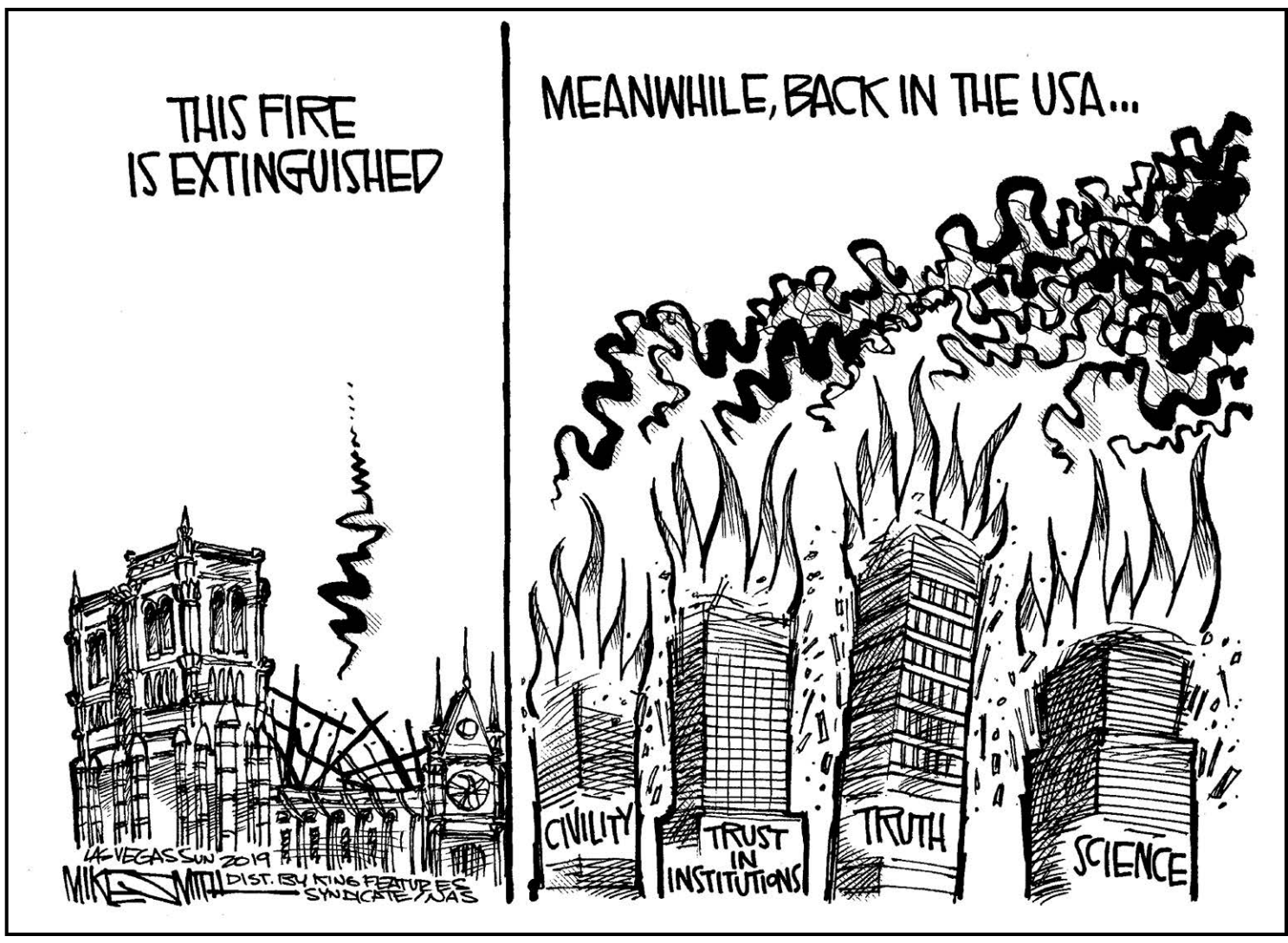

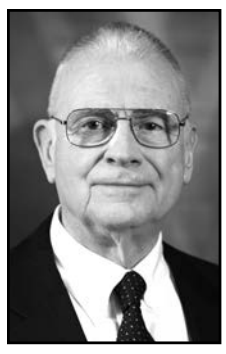

We've lost ground: How politics have changed

By Lee Hamilton

I became active in politics in the late 1950s, got elected to Congress in 1964, and have remained engaged in one way or another every year since then. I've had a ringside seat for a long time. So I suppose I should not be surprised that I get asked a lot these days how American politics have changed over the last six decades.

A few things stand out. When I first arrived in Congress, Americans had faith in the institutions of government. President Lyndon Johnson had actually run on a platform that we could successfully wage a war on poverty — and been elected. It seems inconceivable today that a politician of prominence would be so bold and so naïve as to propose such a thing, let alone believe that we could do it.

Today, Americans have little confidence in government's ability to deliver. And with reason: Congress can't even pass a budget on time, and even the most routine matters get bottled up. A war successfully waged on anything domestic seems beyond its grasp.

We can argue about when this shift began — was it catalyzed or merely summarized by President Ronald Reagan when he famously said that government is the problem, not the solution? Regardless, the days of LBJ-style confidence are long gone.

The second big difference is the extreme political intensity we see all around us. Almost every facet of politics is more complicated and pursued more vigorously, with a harder edge to it, than when I began.

Voters are more demanding and want instant results. Consultants are everywhere you turn. Lobbyists have multiplied and become immeasurably sophisticated and effective at finding ways to get what they want. Interest groups have exploded in number and competency. The media has become more aggressive. And money, of course, has become an avalanche.

Politics has shifted from low-intensity conflict to big business — and very serious business, at that.

With all this, of course, the sharp polarization that marks our politics today has flourished. We've always had partisanship, but today it penetrates everything: the electorate, the political parties, legislatures, Congress, and the White House.

In a sea of information, we're drowning in misinformation.

Which has led to one of the greater ironies of this era. On the one hand, the political world is flooded with information — it used to be that one of the chief tasks of a politician and policy-maker was to gather information; today your problem is sorting through it. On the other hand, in this atmosphere deliberations are often based less on facts, experts and evidence than on partisan beliefs. In a sea of information, we're drowning in misinformation.

Finally, the audience for politics has changed. When you spoke to the Rotary Club in southern Indiana in the 1960s, you were speaking to Rotary members in southern Indiana. Today, you could very well be speaking to the world. Whatever you say can become available everywhere in a matter of hours, if not minutes. Newsworthy events and statements that once took days to stoke a reaction today get an instantaneous — and often hot-blooded — response.

This has all made the work of politics and governing much more difficult. Organizations intensively scrutinize every tiny step, and can gin up a massive response at a moment's notice. The basic building blocks of politics — gathering facts, deliberating on next steps, finding common ground — have become charged in their own right, subject to partisan attack. Bridging our divisions over health care, taxation, immigration, the debt and deficits, and U.S. intervention abroad seems ever more elusive. Plain and simple, it's become harder to make the country work.

When I began in politics, elected officials felt a responsibility to find their way through difficult problems together. They believed that compromise and negotiation were core political values, intrinsic to our democracy and crucial to making it work for everyone. There are still plenty of politicians who believe this — but also plenty who do not, who have shown they can thrive in a political environment that stacks the deck against the shared work of finding common ground.

We've come a long way as a country over the last six decades. But when it comes to politics as a democratic endeavor to address the nation's challenges? We've lost ground.

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W.Va. Legislature's first interim session set for April 30

WV Press Association Report

The West Virginia Legislature returns to Charleston Tuesday, April 30, for the first of eight interim legislative sessions before the 2020 60-day session.

The agenda for that Tuesday includes four meetings: Commission on Special Investigations; Post Audits Subcommittee; Joint Legislative Committee on Flooding; Joint Committee on Government and Finance.

However, it's also anticipated the Legislature will announce the dates for the state's special session on education, possibly in conjunction with the May 20-21 interim meeting. That day would allow the Legislature a month to handle the special session before the end of the 2018-19 fiscal year.

Gov. Jim Justice's proclamation limits the special session to education: "First, relating generally to improving, modifying, and making efficiencies to the state's public education system and employee compensation; and Second, Legislation authorizing and appropriating the expenditure of public funds to pay for the extraordinary session."

When making the proclamation, Justice said, "... We still have not achieved what I promised the people of West Virginia – a 5 percent pay raise for all teachers, school service personnel, state troopers, and all state employees. ... It's critically important that we still get there before the new fiscal year begins on July 1, 2019..."

According to the governor, the money required to cover the 5 percent raise was included as an unappropriated expense in the FY 2020 budget document, "This means the money is safely stored," Justice said.

Since the end of the 2019 regular session, school officials and legislators have been conducting meetings around the state in preparation for the special session.

The Times West Virginian' Eddie Trizzino, reported April 16, that Sen. Roman Prezioso, D-Marion, who is also a retired educator, has joined with senators and delegates in meeting with education leaders and union members statewide to hear their thoughts on how education reform should be handled in a special session.

After attending several meetings between lawmakers and educators, Prezioso says he has a clear sense about where teachers stand.

"The number one thing that the boards of education were concerned about ... was obtaining quality, certified teachers for the classroom," Prezioso said. "There is not enough money right now to help one system, why do we want to start two systems? So those are the problems we're dealing with going into the special session."

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel's Steve Allen Adams reported April 11 that West Virginia Department of Education staff members are reviewing the discussions and survey data from the more than 1,600 people who attended the WVDE's eight education roundtables in Kanawha, Cabell, McDowell, Raleigh, Harrison, Ohio, Wood and Morgan counties.

Those summaries will be given to the governor and lawmakers prior to the special session on education.

The interim dates are as follows: April 29-30; May 20; June 17-18; July 22-23; Sept. 23-24; Nov. 18-19; Dec. 16-17; Jan. 6-7, 2020; Jan. 8, start of 2020 regular session.

The newspaper industry's video program, West Virginia Press InSight, in its four-part review of the 2019 Legislative session, offers a preview of the special session issues.

The preview and all four segments are available on the WV Press Association Facebook page and with these links:

Special session: https://www.facebook.com/wvpress/videos/2221393291523481/

Segment 2 - Legislative Discord: https://www.facebook.com/wvpress/videos/355933128352158/

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Capito, Manchin statements on Mueller Report

U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) issued the following statement after the release of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report:

"I appreciate the attorney general's efforts to be transparent by releasing the report to the public today—as well as the fact that he and his team made clear the reason for each and every redaction. While some critics will never be satisfied with any conclusion that does not implicate President Trump, Robert Mueller has done his job; and I believe it's time to move on. Let's get to work, focusing wholly on issues that matter to West Virginians and all Americans like jobs, the economy, infrastructure, and border security."

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) released the following statement on the Mueller report.

"I have not had a chance to read and review the Mueller report yet. But one conclusion was made clear, Russia has and will continue to interfere in our elections and we must work immediately to safeguard our democratic institutions. I look forward to reading the Mueller report and coming to my own conclusion, just like every American should. The last two years has divided our country and I'm glad the Mueller report has been released to the public for the sake of transparency and for our national healing."

Attorney General Morrisey, 17-state coalition supports EPA plan to ease burden on farmers, landowners

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey led a 17-state coalition to support farmers and landowners by urging the Trump administration to adopt its proposed replacement of the Obama-era, Waters of the United States rule.

The coalition, in comments filed late last Monday, argued the Trump administration's proposal would restore reasonable, predictable lines between waters subject to federal and state regulation.

"The proposed rule gives renewed certainty to farmers, landowners and job creators," Attorney General Morrisey said. "Its adoption will provide a sensible, predictable definition so that everyone knows when and if they are subject to the federal Clean Water Act. Such clarity will spur economic growth as job creators and developers can invest with certainty."

Attorney General Morrisey has been a national leader in fighting against the Obama-era regulation since its issuance in June 2015. In December, he stood on stage with Trump's Environmental Protection Agency as its then acting administrator announced the proposal.

The coalition believes the new rule will correct flaws within the 2015 regulation, which extended authority of the U.S. EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers far beyond what Congress intended and the Constitution permits.

The Trump proposal also shows respect for the primary responsibility and right of states to regulate their own water resources.

Attorney General Morrisey has repeatedly led lawsuits challenging the Obama-era rule and related efforts by environmentalists to implement their radical agenda. His persistence helped win a stay that blocked enforcement of the rule in October 2015, a victory West Virginia continues to benefit from, as it proved crucial in providing time for a new administration and reconsideration of the rule.

The 2015 WOTUS rule, if implemented, would have taken jurisdiction over natural resources from states and asserted federal authority over almost any body of water, including roadside ditches, short-lived streams and many other areas where water may flow once every 100 years.

The attorney general attended a White House ceremony in February 2017, during which President Trump directed EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to review WOTUS, begin efforts to rescind the regulation and take appropriate steps in litigation.

West Virginia signed the letter with attorneys general from Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Utah.

Fentanyl deaths up 122 percent in West Virginia, say WVU researchers

West Virginia University researchers say fentanyl deaths are up 122 percent in the state.

The college released the results of a study into the powerful synthetic opioid Tuesday.

Analysts looked at all drug-related deaths in West Virginia between 2005 to 2017 to come up with their tally.

The study cites federal Centers For Disease Control and Prevention statistics that say West Virginia leads the nation in deaths from fentanyl and has the highest per capita rate of overdose deaths in the country.

Researchers say fentanyl is sometimes blended into heroin or sold as a counterfeit prescription pill, leading drug users to unknowingly take the substance.

The study recommends widespread distribution of naloxone, an overdose reversing medication.

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Remember When

April 20, 1949

Galen Duling, principal of Mount Storm Graded School, was named assistant county superintendent to fill the vacancy caused when A. Neil Frye was named superintendent following the resignation of C.P. Hott.

Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Alt of Petersburg celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary, April 12, at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. T.B. Bass opened the Bass Auto Radiator Repair Shop on Water Street.

Petersburg High School seniors Gus Smith, Wally Ashenfelter, John Ours and Glenn Hanlin earned their award sweaters, when they played or managed four different sports.

PHS seniors Patsy Kline, Jo Ann Mowery, Uldene Mongold and Betty Lahman earned gold basketballs.

Births at Veach's Clinic included: Mr. and Mrs. James Martin Jr. of Arthur, a son; Mr. and Mrs. William Reel of Petersburg, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Carr of Moorefield, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Junior Berg of Petersburg, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Parsons of Petersburg, a son; Mr. and Mrs. John Runions of Petersburg, a daughter; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lucas of Gormania, a son.

April 22, 1959

Pvt. James Alt of Brushy Run was assigned to Co. B, 15 Battalion, 3 Training Regiment and Pvt. Herman Kesner of Petersburg was assigned to Co. B, 6 Battalion, 2 Training Regiment, at Fort Jackson, for basic combat training.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Knotts of Rowlesburg announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Franklin, to John George Van Meter, son of Atty. and Mrs. K.C. Van Meter Jr. of Petersburg.

Grant Memorial Hospital births included: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson of Moorefield, a son, April 14; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Walters of Moorefield, a son, April 16; and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hesse of Maysville, a daughter, April 16.

Grant County was the scene of another robbery at Frank Cosner's store in Mount Storm and an attempted entry at the store/post office in Scherr.

April 25, 1969

George C. Harmison of Petersburg was chosen the outstanding chemistry major at Fairmont State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlin Ours of Petersburg announced the birth of a daughter, April 18, at Grant Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Kesner had an eighth birthday party for their daughter, Julie, April 10, at their home.

Pvt. Lester Kuykendall was awarded the rating of Power Generation Specialist.

Roy Sites of Petersburg placed second in the color division of the annual WVU photography contest in Morgantown.

R.H. Armstrong of Parsons submitted the low bid of $485,583, for the job of constructing a new bridge and approaches over Abrams Creek near Mount Storm.

April 25, 1979

Woodland Terrace bids were bids were opened and only two contractors bid on the project – Moss Associates and H. Driver and Company.

David Van Meter of Petersburg was presented with a 20 year service award pin at the Rockingham Poultry Marketing Co-op Inc. annual board of directors meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crites of Dorcas observed their 63rd wedding anniversary, March 18.

Carmen Cleaver was initiated at WVU's chapter of the Cho Chi Society, March 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Orndorff of Petersburg announced the birth of a daughter, Sarah Allison, April 22, at Davis Memorial Hospital, Elkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Alt of Petersburg announced the birth of a son, Steven William, April 19, at Sacred Heart Hospital, Cumberland, Md.

Mark Nicol, a sophomore at Potomac State College, was inducted into Sigma Phi Omega Honor Society.

Blackwood, Carter added to Eastern Board of Governors

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College welcomes Dr. Andrew Blackwood and Sonnee Carter to its board of governors.

Blackwood brings extensive leadership, management and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) teaching experience to Eastern. Since 2004, he has served as the executive director of the National Youth Science Foundation (NYSF), a nonprofit whose mission is to inspire lifelong engagement and ethical leadership in STEM and related professions. For 12 years he directed NYSF's flagship program, the National Youth Science Camp (NYSCamp).

Blackwood serves as the organization's chief executive officer and has managed nearly $10 million in state and federal grants. He has developed new, informal STEM programs including the West Virginia Governor's School for Mathematics and Science, West Virginia Youth Science Camp, Youth Science Leadership Institute and Youth Science Discovery Experience. He is currently leading development of the NYSCenter, which will become the permanent home for NYSCamp and other STEM-related education programs.

Prior to joining NYSF in 2005, Blackwood was a tenured professor of mathematics and coordinator of the Regent's Bachelor of Arts program at West Virginia University Institute of Technology for 13 years. He has additionally had adjunct faculty appointments at the University of Charleston and Marshall University. In addition to his service as a member of the Board of Governors of Eastern, Blackwood serves on the boards of the West Virginia Youth Symphony and Heart of the Highlands Trail System in Tucker County. He is an active referee for the United States Rowing Association and serves on the jury for several national championships and Olympic trials events.

He holds a doctoral degree in education leadership studies from West Virginia University. Blackwood resides in Charleston with his wife, Holly, and has three daughters who attend West Virginia University.

As the daughter of a hardworking family, Carter built her career on a dedication to excellence. A lifelong resident of West Virginia, Carter grew up in Onego, where she helped her parents run a community store and post office.

Carter established her nursing career in the emergency department of Grant Memorial Hospital where she was quickly promoted to manager of the emergency and intensive care units before obtaining the role of emergency department manager at Valley Health. She then served as a Valley Health physician representative for more than 15 years.

She brings decades of experience in nursing and healthcare to Eastern's Board of Governors and is eager to leverage that knowledge within the Moorefield community to better serve students and residents through the college and its nursing program.

Carter is a member of the American Association of Physician Liaisons and has served two terms on the governing board of the Potomac Highland Guild. She holds an Associate of Science in nursing and Bachelor of Science degree in fashion merchandising from Davis and Elkins College. She resides in Petersburg and enjoys meeting new people and serving her community.

Magistrates court report

The following are some of the cases heard in the Grant County Magistrate Court in the month of March:

Gregory Jason Jaranko, 43, of 45 Ryan Ct., Shepherdstown, was fined and assessed $165 after pleading no contest to speeding.

John Albert Sezawich, 35, of 561 Pumpkin Center Rd., Lahmansville, was fined and assessed $371 after pleading guilty to charges of knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription.

Christopher Allan Dorn, 28, of 12517 Bristersburg Rd., Midland, Va., was fined and assessed $165.25 after pleading no contest to charges of speeding.

Adam Zyndall Thorne, 18, of 228 Kites Rd., Petersburg, was fined and assessed $171 after pleading no contest to charges of operating a vehicle without a registration.

Trevor Lee Carr, 18, of 261 Haven Farms Circle, Petersburg, was fined and assessed $171 after pleading no contest to charges of operating an unsafe or improperly equipped vehicle.

David Alexander Donnell, 35, of 210 Kuhn Mine Rd., Mount Storm, was fined and assessed $171 after pleading no contest to charges of operating a vehicle without a registration.

Michael Wayne Butcher, 50, of 345 Coon Creek Rd., Sutton, W.Va., was fined and assessed $165.25 after pleading guilty to charges of speeding.

Jordan Tyler Wolfe, 26, of 93 Highland View St., Moorefield, was fined and assessed $165.25 after pleading no contest to charges of speeding.

Shawn C. Ford, 23, of 25 Shobes Trailer Dr., Petersburg, was charged with driving with a suspended or revoked license. Ford's bond was set at $1,000.

Michelle Lynn Wimer, 30, of 133 Clipper Dr., Cabins, pleaded not guilty after being charged with compulsory education offenses. Her bond was set at $150.

Justin Dyer Mongold, 27, of 251 Appalachia Ridge, Petersburg, pleaded not guilty to charges of knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription. His bond was set at $2,000.

Heather Faye Ludeker, 44, of 126 Hedrick Dr., Petersburg, was fined and assessed $261 after pleading no contest to compulsory education offenses.

Travis Michael Vance, 25, of 1560 Rocky Creek Rd., Seneca Rocks, was fined and assessed $171 after pleading guilty to charges of operating a vehicle without an inspection.

Beau Tyler Monaco, 26, of 381 Galaxy Rd., Maysville, was fined and assessed $1,422 after pleading no contest to charges of driving with a suspended or revoked license and no vehicle insurance.

Cynthia Louise Wilson, 53, of 4541 North Fork Hwy., Cabins, pleaded not guilty to domestic battery and disorderly conduct. Her bond was set at $5,500.

Mitch Morris Allen, 62, of 117 Poor Farm Dr., Cabins, was fined and assessed $186 after pleading no contest to charges of failing to maintain control of a vehicle.

Ashley Nicole Vandevander, 29, of 1123 Smith Creed Rd., Franklin, was fined and assessed $361 after pleading no contest to charges of driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Jessica Ketterman, 26, of 1030 Kite Rd., Petersburg, was fined and assessed $361 after pleading guilty to charges of driving with a suspended or revoked license and failure to produce proof of insurance.

Addison Grace Lee, 19, of 773 Pine Oak Rd., Pittsburgh, Pa., was fined and assessed $347 after pleading no contest to charges of speeding and operating a vehicle without a registration.

Chase William Corbin, 20, of 73 Corbin Dr., Petersburg, pleaded not guilty to charges of driving under the influence. His bond was set at $500.

Jarrad Michael Winman, 35, 22983 Butternut Ln., California, Md., was fined and assessed $165.25 after pleading guilty to charges of speeding.

Clarence A. Martin Jr., 34, of 3569 Upper North Fork Rd., Circleville, was charged with driving with a suspended or revoked license, knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription and operating a vehicle with a certified inspection. His bond was set at $2,000.

Brandon Samuel Pleasants, 33, of 5926 Old Buckingham Rd., Powhatan, Va., was fined and assessed $211 after pleading no contest to charges of operating a vehicle with an expired license.

Brenda Crites, 69, of P.O. Box 355, Moorefield, was fined and assessed $165.25 after pleading no contest to charges of speeding.

Nicholas Matthew Rexroad, 19, of 373 Brushy Ridge Rd., Maysville, was fined and assessed $261 after pleading no contest to charges of trespassing on property other than a structure or conveyance.

Cody Brent Berg, 22, of 108 Ikes Field Ln., Maysville, was fined and assessed $261 after pleading no contest to charges of trespassing on property other than a structure or conveyance.

Aaron James Runion, 19, of 1012 Jordan Run Rd., Maysville, was fined and assessed $261 after pleading no contest to charges of trespassing on property other than a structure or conveyance.

Quinton Ross Cook, 19, of 331 Cattleman Ln., Maysville, was fined and assessed $261 after pleading no contest to charges of trespassing on property other than a structure or conveyance.

Angela Smith, 44, of 106 First St., Misty Terrace, Box 25, Moorefield, was fined and assessed $261 after pleading no contest to charges of battery on a government employee or medical personnel.

Charles Keplinger, 41, of 307 Pierpont St., Petersburg, was fined and assessed $492 after pleading no contest to charges of passing worthless checks at both Shop 'n Save and Grove Street Station.

Black Hawk helicopters added to battalion's arsenal

West Virginia National Guard officials have unveiled the latest tool in a battalion's arsenal - UH-60M Black Hawk helicopters.

The Journal reports the nine helicopters will be used by aviators at Company C, 1st Battalion, 150th Aviation Regiment.

The aircraft will be based in Wheeling at the Guard's Army Aviation Support Facility, where the 150th is located.

Maj. Fred Nicely says stepping into the new Black Hawk model is like "being a kid on Christmas morning."

For decades, missions by battalion aviators were done in older-model, hand-me-down helicopters - first the Bell UH-1 "Huey" and, starting in 2002, Sikorsky's UH-60A/L Black Hawk.

The 150th deployed overseas twice since Sept. 11, 2001 - to Iraq in 2005 and to Bosnia/Kosovo in 2010-11. It also serves West Virginians in times of need.

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Gladys Genevieve (Mongold) Vance, 92, of Petersburg, W.Va., went to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at Grant Memorial Hospital, Petersburg, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on Jan. 23, 1927, in Petersburg, she was the daughter of the late David Guy Mongold and Lena (Judy) Mongold. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Glen "Hart" Vance Sr. on Feb. 16, 2012; son-in-law, Gerry Bosley; and several half brothers and sisters.

Gladys was an active member of Sites Chapel United Methodist Church. She loved her Lord and church and family. She enjoyed crocheting, bowling and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She was a member of the Farm Women's Club. In recent years, her faithful companion was her cat, Buttercup.

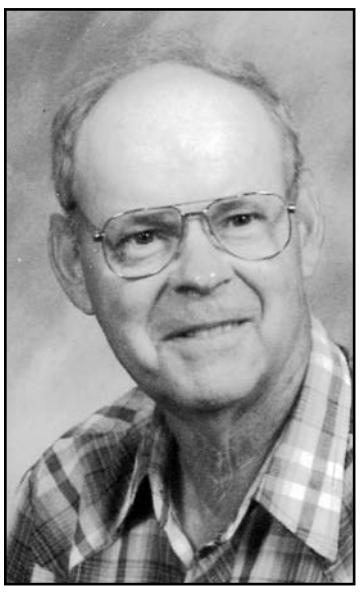
She is survived by two sons, Donald Vance of Upper Marlboro, Md. and Glenn H. Vance Jr. and wife Phyllis, of Petersburg; one daughter, Patricia Bosley of Maysville, W.Va.; one stepdaughter, Edith Jean Runion of Maysville; seven grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Saturday morning at the Schaeffer Funeral Home chapel, Petersburg, with the Rev. Nathan Epling and the Rev. Joseph Gerstell officiating. Burial followed in Sites Cemetery, Elkhorn Road, Dorcas, W.Va.

Memorial donations may be made to Sites Chapel United Methodist Church, 2392 Elkhorn Road, Petersburg, WV 26847.

Condolences to the family may be left at www.schaefferfuneralhome.com. (4-23-19)

HERMAN R. SMITH



Herman R. Smith, 86, of Maysville, W.Va., passed away Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at the home of Rodney and Charlotte Brown while under the care of hospice.

Born Oct. 19, 1932, in Cabins, W.Va., he was the son of the late Page Smith and Zella Susan (Self) Smith. In addition to his parents, Herman was preceded in death by four brothers, Ray Smith, Dayton Smith, Carl Smith and Marvin Smith; and two sisters, Mae Smith and Carmen Borror.

Mr. Smith served in the U.S. Army and was a life member of Potomac Highlands VFW Post 6454 and American Legion Post 78. He retired from Petersburg Southern States in 1997 and was a lifelong farmer. Herman was a truck driver for Mathias Grocery and worked in the maintenance department for Windsor Knit Sewing Factory and Joan Curtis Manufacturing. He also worked for the West Virginia Division of Highways.

He was a member of Maysville United Methodist Church and later attended Falls Assembly of God Church. He was also a member of the Patterson Creek Ruritan Club.

He is survived by one sister, Goldie Smith and husband Carl of Clarksburg, W.Va.; two sisters-in-law, Wanda Rawlings of Bridgeport, W.Va. and Bonnie Smith of Petersburg; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Thursday morning at Falls Assembly of God Church with Pastor Vivan Watts officiating. Burial was in Lahmansville Cemetery, Lahmansville, with military honors by Potomac Highlands VFW Post 6454 and West Virginia Army Honor Guard.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Schaeffer Funeral Home, Petersburg.

Condolences to the family may be left at www.schaefferfuneralhome.com. (4-23-19)

DOUG LYON

Douglas MacArthur Lyon, 76, of Old Fields, W.Va., passed away Saturday morning, April 20, 2019, at the Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center, Petersburg, W.Va.

Born April 30, 1942, in Lahmansville, W.Va., he was the son of the late Malcolm Glenn Lyon and Angie Josephine Shobe Lyon. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Judy Joanne Kelley Lyon in May 2016; and a sister, Patricia Lyon.

In his younger years, Doug was employed by Powers Auto Sales, Sherman's Machine Shop and was the owner/operator of the Honda dealership in Moorefield. Later in his years he worked for Mathias and Associates as an insurance agent. His real enjoyment and passion was working and driving vintage cars of which he had numerous. Doug, his brother Bill and nephew Michael were and are West Virginia state inspectors for the National Street Rod Association. Doug had been in declining health from an accident returning home from a car show nearly 10 years ago. God finally called the old street rodder home and the family hopes he doesn't get into trouble doing burnouts on the streets of gold.

Surviving is one son, Dennis and Sumalee Lyon of O'Fallon, Ill.; one brother, William and Alma Lyon of Lahmansville, W.Va.; two grandchildren, Natalie and Patrick; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 24, at the Fraley Funeral Home Chapel, 107 Washington Street, Moorefield, W.Va., with Pastor Harold George officiating. Interment will follow at the Lahmansville Cemetery, Lahmansville, W.Va..

Friends may call from 5 – 8 p.m. this evening (Tuesday) at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to a charity of the donor's choice. Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on Doug's tribute wall at www.fraleyfuneralhome.com.

(4-23-19)

If drugs disappear from your medicine cabinet, how may that affect you?

The opioid epidemic has claimed many more victims, young and old, than we see on television or in documentaries.

Those who have been prescribed opioids for legitimate purposes can become the target of unscrupulous people who want the drugs for their own purpose.

Betty learned this lesson recently. She has needed certain painkillers on a daily basis for several years.

Over a couple months, her doctor noticed that Betty's blood and urine tests showed low levels of the opioid. When he asked her about that, she said she always took her pills.

Was it possible Betty was selling some of her prescription drugs? Or perhaps someone in her household was substituting other pills for Betty to take and selling her opioids?

The doctor didn't want to take any chances. He sent her a letter stating that, after 30 days, he would no longer be her physician.

Betty was surprised and couldn't understand why, but her doctor can do that under American Medical Association guidelines.

Doctors can face criminal charges for overprescribing opioids. They have to be careful, and physicians nationwide have faced this decision.

Betty's caregiver or a family member could be taking the drugs without her permission or awareness. She trusts them, but trust can often mean less monitoring of another person's behavior.

An addicted person is dangerous to be around, whether a family member or caregiver, because of their own problems and the people they are affiliated with.

Now that Betty has lost her physician and her opioid prescription, it may be difficult for her to find another doctor. Other physicians may refuse to take her as a patient after reviewing her medical records. This problem is compounded in rural areas where there are fewer doctors.

One positive ramification of the opioid epidemic is that less addictive pain management alternatives are available and may be viable for patients like Betty.

Those dealing with chronic pain and the drugs that help them have to be careful about how they are handled on a daily basis.

For free legal guidance on this and other legal issues, West Virginia residents who are age 60 and over may call West Virginia Senior Legal Aid at 800-229-5068 to speak with the staff attorney.

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Romans 8:31

ALONG THE ROAD AGAIN - The Petersburg's Lions Club members Jeremy Riggleman, David Umling, Mary Lou McCalley, Barbara Umling, Bob McCalley, Jamie Cookman, Neil Basagic, Kyle Cosner and McKenzie Henritz as they prepared to pick up trash along U.S. Route 220 South, Franklin Pike on April 15. The picture was taken by Lion member, Donna Alexander. Not pictured is John McDonald. The Lions Club International is a secular nonprofit service organization that empowers volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding. The Petersburg Lions Club meets monthly, has a food booth at the Tri-County Fair, provides programs to the Grant County Rehabilitation and Care Center, works with local service agencies to fund vision care needs in the community, sponsors a holiday dinner to honor local police departments, collects gifts for the Toys for Happiness program, picks up trash twice a year along highways, and sponsors scholarships to Petersburg High School graduates. For more information or to join the Lions Club, contact Roger Sites at rsites20@shentel.net or at 304-257-7977.

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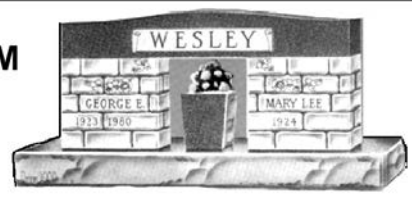

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The Family of Barbara Susan Alt would like to thank everyone for their love and support shown to us at our loss. Thanks to Rev. Rita Beeman and Pastor David Webb for the funeral service. A special thank you to Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center. To the staff, nurses and CNAs for the love and care they gave her for over 11 years. For the flowers, donations, food, phone calls and visits. A special thank you to the Schaeffer Funeral Home and to all that brought food and helped serve the meal at the Ruritan Building.

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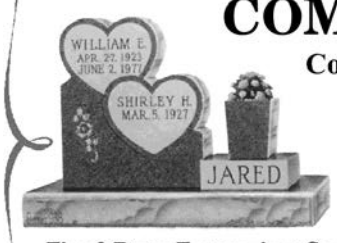

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We would like to thank Pastors Coleman and Colleen Clark and Kenneth Phares for the lovely memorial service for our Mother, the ladies of the Cabins Assembly of God for the wonderful memorial meal for the family, those who visited us, brought food to our homes, and individuals who sent cards, gave memorials in our Mother's memory and other acts of love and kindness. We especially thank the staff at Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center for the love and excellent care given to our Mother during her residency and to her special caregivers, Linda Turner, Elsie Keplinger, and Sharon Goldizen who helped care for her in her home. Mom loved each and every one of you as you did her. God Bless you!

Velma Phares Lyon Family

All 1st Responders, LEPC, 911 board members of Grant County & their families

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Thank you for your service. We appreciate all you do for our community.

The dinner is for the Bayard, Mt. Storm, Maysville, and Petersburg Fire Departments, Grant County EMS of Mt. Storm and Petersburg, Bayard Police, Petersburg Police, Grant County Sherriff's Department, WV State Police, WV Natural Resource Police, U.S. National Forestry (law), Emergency Management and 911, LEPC (Grant County Local Emergency Planning Committee) members, and Grant County 911 Board Members.

If you have questions call Teresa Barr of the Petersburg Church of God at 304-434-2623. RSVP, if you can, by May 1st, by calling 304-257-2140 so that we know how much food to prepare.

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Card of Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during the loss of my husband Jackie W. Crites. Thank you to nurses and doctors at Grant Memorial Hospital for their wonderful care. Special thanks goes out to those who provided food, flowers, cards, donations and phone calls. Commission on Aging, you have, been a great support to me. Also, a Thank You to Pastor Brad Taylor for a wonderful service and to Pastor Wade Armentrout for his words of comfort. To Schaeffer Funeral Home, thank you Renee and Steve and to everyone else who made this difficult time easier for me.

God's Blessings to All
Shirley C. Crites

Jury

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firearms and a large quantity of ammunition despite a felony conviction in Grant County during 2011, of operating a clandestine drug laboratory and being convicted of domestic abuse "several" times.

The illegal marijuana plants being grown by Keplinger were discovered by a West Virginia State Police Aviation Unit who spotted the crops growing at his home.

When discovered from the air, the plants were all approximately five to six feet in height.

When officers arrived, they witnessed a vehicle quickly leave the residence.

A traffic stop was conducted and two other passengers were discovered: **Brandon Glen Eversole**, 34, of P.O. Box 1101, Petersburg and **Jennifer Lynn Morral**, 27, of 1480 South Mill Creek Rd., Petersburg.

During the stop of Eversole and Morral, officers discovered methamphetamine. At the time, Eversole claimed ownership of the drugs found in the vehicle, which he said included "20-some grams of crystal meth."

Eversole was indicted on charges of conspiracy and possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance.

Later, Eversole changed his statement, claiming Morral had retrieved the substance from a shed outside Keplinger's home with the intent to dispose of it when they saw the helicopter in the area.

Morral was charged with delivery of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and conspiracy.

Joshua Quinn McKahan, 36, of 26 Water St., Petersburg, was indicted on charges of burglary and grand larceny.

McKahan's charges stem from an incident in October 2018, in which he allegedly entered a residence to commit larceny. The home in question is located in Petersburg and the crime was reported when the owner of the residence returned home to find his house had been broken into and at least five firearms were missing.

No point of forced entry could be located and officers determined the home had been broken into by an unlocked basement door.

The investigating officer also noted that, along with the stolen items, it appeared that someone had spent time in the house, as food and drink had been carried upstairs and several items that did not belong to the victim were discovered. The items left at the scene included a pair of leather gloves, a set of headphones and a computer device.

Two witnesses later came forward claiming that McKahan had attempted to sell three rifles, which were later identified as matching the stolen guns.

Nathaniel Lee Sherman, 31, of P.O. Box 604, Petersburg, was indicted on the charge of possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine.

Sherman was arrested in November 2018 when officers discovered he had an active arrest warrant for petit larceny. During the arrest, the officer discovered a hypodermic needle and methamphetamine on his person.

It was later determined that Sherman was attempting to sell the needle and the methamphetamine.

Cheyanne Skye Judy, 21, of 230 Pierce Rd., Maysville, was indicted on charges of possession with intent to deliver marijuana, possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine and possession with intent to deliver alprazolam.

Judy was discovered to be in possession of the illegal substances after officers obtained a warrant to search the content of a purse, a blue lock box and two additional bags owned by Judy.

Upon execution of the search, several containers of drugs were found as well as other items used in the weighing and selling of drugs.

Karie Michelle Rudd, 24, of 355 Dolan Dr., Augusta, was indicted on charges of delivery of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and conspiracy to violate.

Rudd's arrest was the result of a sting operation in which she sold illegal substances within 1,000 feet of a school.

More information on those indicted will be available in next week's edition of the Grant County Press.

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and facing serious behavior issues to be removed from general classrooms to receive more pointed education in a small class size.

Finally, the board approved personnel requests, including the hiring of a new dean of students and athletic director at Petersburg High School. The resignation of current athletic director and PHS football coach, Kevin Board, was approved previously by the board. The position will now be filled by Travis Liller, the former boys' basketball coach at Union Educational Complex.

Also approved was the transfer of Kim Evans from a PES special education teacher to MES, Samuel Everson from a PHS math teacher to a PHS science (chemistry) teacher and Tina Shirk to a PES Behavior Specialist teacher. Other position requests approved was the hiring of Barbara Geary as a substitute teacher, Garrick Haslacker as the PHS volunteer assistant baseball coach and Paula Weese as the PHS assistant athletic director. Three retirements and resignations were approved, including: Elisabeth Thorne as science teacher at UEC, Michelle Phares as a SAT coordinator at PES and Bobby Jack Harman as a PHS varsity assistant football coach.

Service personnel requests approved were the employment of Jacquiline Zirk as a substitute custodian and the leave requests of Lori Western and Lisa Weakley.

The next scheduled board of education meeting is May 14 at UEC.

SPEED BUMP - Drivers in the county noted the closure of the west end of Arnold Road in Dorcas last week as Scott Construction removed and replaced a cattle guard. The Petersburg-based business is anexcavating company that serves West Virginia.

Chase

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able to read the license plate of the bike however, the plates were not registered to the vehicle.

Calls came in saying the bike had exited Corridor H in Mount Storm and was reported speeding, driving recklessly and still dangerously passing multiple vehicles.

Departments involved in the incident included the Mineral County Sheriff's Department, the Keyser City Police and the Potomac State Campus Police. At the time of press, Mineral County deputies involved were unavailable for comment and the department was not aware of charges filed in the case.

The investigation is ongoing. If anyone has information regarding the incident, contact the Mineral County Sheriff's Department at 304-788-4107.

Appalachian strike force takedown results in charges against 60 individuals, including 53 medical professionals

Attorney General William P. Barr and Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex M. Azar II, together with multiple law enforcement partners, announced enforcement actions involving 60 charged defendants across 11 federal districts, including 31 doctors, seven pharmacists, eight nurse practitioners, and seven other licensed medical professionals, for their alleged participation in the illegal prescribing and distributing of opioids and other dangerous narcotics and for health care fraud schemes. In addition, HHS announced today that since June 2018, it has excluded over 2,000 individuals from participation in Medicare, Medicaid and all other federal health care programs, which includes more than 650 providers excluded for conduct related to opioid diversion and abuse. Since July 2017, DEA has issued 31 immediate suspension orders, 129 orders to show cause, and received 1,386 surrenders for cause nationwide for violations of the Controlled Substances Act.

"The opioid epidemic is the deadliest drug crisis in American history, and Appalachia has suffered the consequences more than perhaps any other region," Attorney General William P. Barr said. "But the Department of Justice is doing its part to help end this crisis. One of the department's most promising new initiatives is the Criminal Division's Appalachian Regional Prescription Opioid Strike Force, which began its work in December. Just four months later, this team of federal agents and 14 prosecutors has charged 60 defendants for alleged crimes related to millions of prescription opioids. I am grateful to the Criminal Division, their U.S.attorney partners, and to the members of the strike force for this outstanding work that holds the promise of saving many lives in Appalachian communities."

In the Northern District of West Virginia, a case was brought against an orthopedic surgeon who allegedly used fraudulent prescriptions to obtain tablets of acetaminophen-codeine for his own use. To obtain the pills, the surgeon allegedly wrote out prescriptions using his DEA number, and in the names of a relative even though the pills were for his own use, using a driver's license that he had stolen from a colleague to obtain the pills from pharmacy. This case was brought in connection with assistance from the DEA and HHS-OIG.

In the Southern District of West Virginia, a doctor was charged with allegedly distributing narcotics, including dextroamphetamine, methylphenidate, and amphetamine salt, to a patient who did not have a medical need for the drugs and whom the doctor never examined. This case was brought in connection with assistance from the DEA and HHS-OIG.

Attorney General Barr and Secretary Azar were joined in the announcement by Assistant Attorney General Brian Benczkowski of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney William J. Powell for the Northern District of West Virginia, U.S. Attorney Michael B. Stuart for the Southern District of West Virginia and many other attorney generals from the region.

The charges announced today involve individuals contributing to the opioid epidemic, with a particular focus on medical professionals involved in the unlawful distribution of opioids and other prescription narcotics, a priority for the Department. According to the CDC, approximately 130 Americans die every day of an opioid overdose.

"Today's takedown demonstrates the FBI's unwavering commitment to working alongside our Strike Force partners, including the HHS-OIG and DEA, to fight the opioid epidemic and related criminal activity in the Appalachian region," said FBI Executive Assistant Director Hess. "We will not stand by and allow the harmful and oftentimes deadly practice of over-prescribing highly addictive drugs to continue unchecked. The FBI will pursue medical personnel who misuse their positions of trust to blatantly disregard others' very lives for their own financial gain."

"The opioid crisis has had a devastating impact in the Appalachian region," said Principal Deputy Inspector General Chiedi. "Addressing this public health issue and ensuring beneficiaries have continuity of care requires a collaborative approach with our federal, state, and local partners. Our commitment is resolute. We will continue working together to protect the health and well-being of all Americans and ending this terrible epidemic."

The ARPO Strike Force is made up of prosecutors and data analysts with the HCF Unit, prosecutors with the 10 U.S. attorney's offices in the region, including the newly added Western District of Virginia, and special agents with the FBI, HHS-OIG and DEA. The ARPO Strike Force operates out of two hubs based in the Cincinnati, Ohio/Northern Kentucky and Nashville, Tenn., areas, supporting the 10 districts that make up the ARPO Strike Force region. In addition, the APRO Strike Force works closely with other state and federal law enforcement agencies, including the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, State Medicaid Fraud Control Units.

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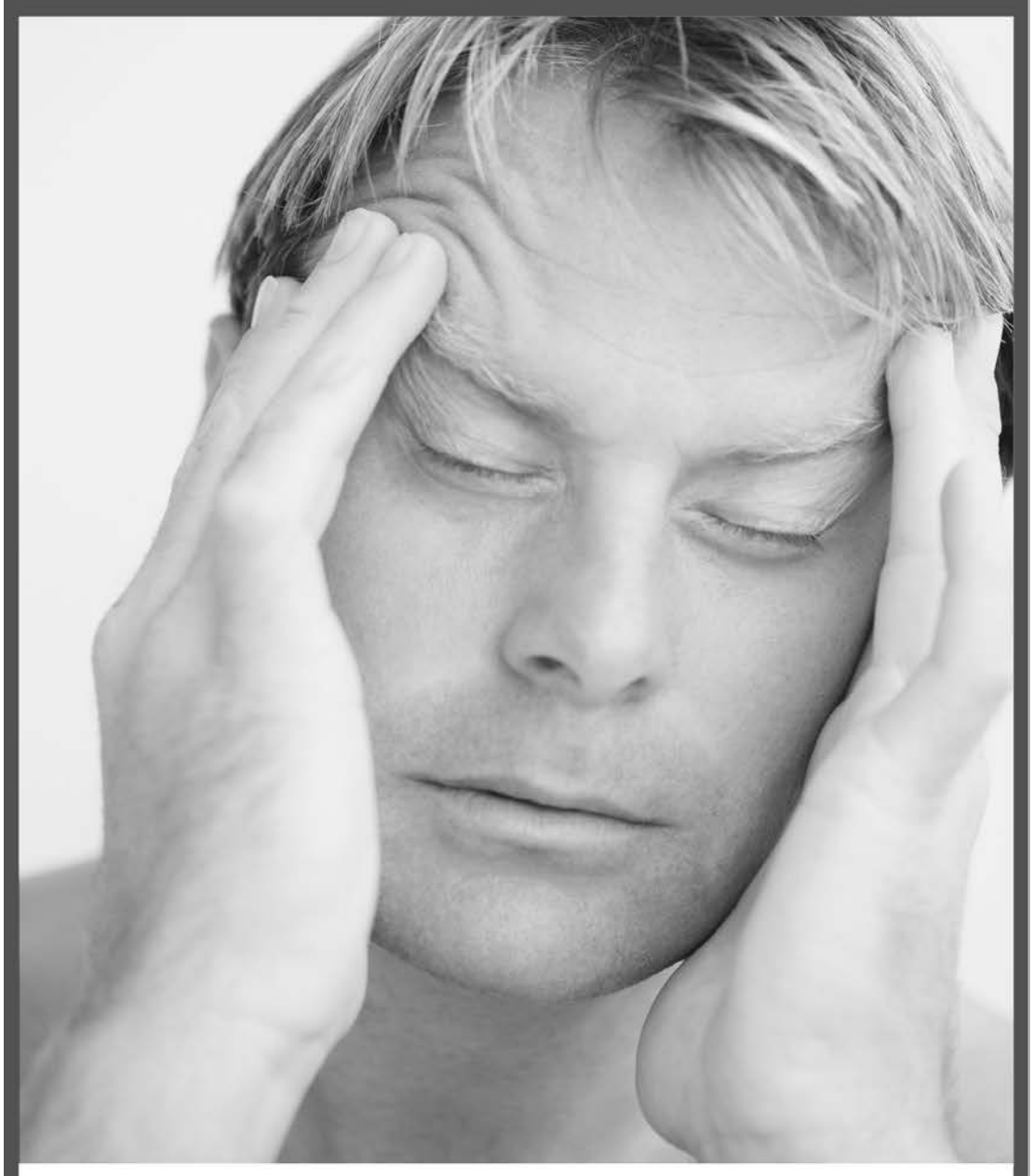

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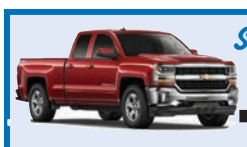

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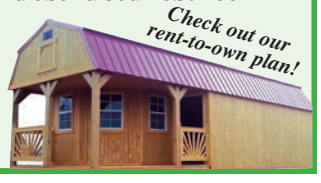

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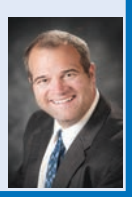

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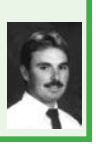

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Sports

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PHS Viking baseball update, see page, 2B

Petersburg hosts Potomac Valley Conference tennis tournament

Earlier this month, the Petersburg High School Vikings hosted the annual Po- tomac Valley Conference (PVC) tennis tournament. Teams from all over the region traveled to face off against each other at both the Petersburg City Park tennis courts and the PHS courts.

Sarah Armentrout, who competed in the fourth singles position in the tournament brought home a win for the school with most positions being picked up by Berkeley Springs.

Overall results for the tournament were:

Girls #1 Singles Dallas Carder (Berkeley Springs)

Girls #2 Singles Leah Reed (Berkeley Springs)

Girls #3 Singles Kimberly Miller (Moorefield)

Girls #4 Singles Sarah Armentrout (Petersburg)

Girls #1 Doubles Hannah Decker/Matilda Wunderlich (Keyser)

Girls #2 Doubles - Still needs to be finished Keyser vs Berkeley Springs will finish on their own time

Girls #3 Doubles Whitney Tasker/Zoe Stergeidas (Keyser)

Boys #1 Singles Haden Fincham (Berkeley Springs)

Boys #2 Singles Matthew Rubeck (Berkeley Springs)

Boys #3 Singles Dylan Carder (Berkeley Springs)

Boys #4 Singles Johnathan Smith (Moorefield)

Boys #1 Doubles Haden Fincham/ Matthew Rubeck (Berkeley Springs)

Boys #2 Doubles Dylan Carder/ Ben Michael (Berkeley Springs)

Boys #3 Doubles Terrance Sadowski/ Joseph Wilkins (Berkeley Springs)

Boys Champions- Berkeley Springs

Boys Coach of the Year- Raynette Mock (Berkeley Springs)

Former Viking football player and Army serviceman picks up win as an MMA fighter

Since graduating from Petersburg High School in 2017, Branden Wratchford has taken his skills as an athlete in an unexpected place - mixed martial arts (MMA).

While attending PHS, Wratchford played football under coach Kevin Board and was a starting defensive lineman for the team.

Following his graduation, Wratchford enlisted in the military, where he currently serves as a calvary scout with the 1st Calvary Regiment and is stationed in the North Pole. He is currently a Private First Class (PFC).

Wratchford discovered his skill in the ring by coincidence when, while lifting weights at the gym, he began talking to two other servicemen during their own MMA training.

Wratchford expressed interest in the sport and, while skeptical, the two invited him to try his hand in a fight.

Despite being the first fight of his life, not only did Wratchford do well, he actually won and walked away with a new interest and, soon after, an invitation to his unit's MMA team.

Wratchford then took his skills from the practice ring to the competitive arena, picking up his first official win with his Army unit and moving on to compete in the annual Spartan Crucible, an event held in Anchorage, Alaska.

Competing in the heavyweight class, Wratchford fought his way to the winners podium, picking up third in the state.

Wratchford and his unit sent fewer people to the Spartan Crucible than nearly any other unit but picked up more winning positions than most.

Now, moving from cold to hot, he and his unit plan to compete in the next level of competition in Hawaii.

Wratchford is the son of Steve and Laurie Wratchford of Cabins, the grandson of the late Robert Kight and Jeri Whited and Steve and Wanda Wratchford of Moorefield. He is also the brother of Dylan (a PHS student) and Maverick (a student at Petersburg Elementary School)

HEAVYWEIGHT CLASS - First place: Cpt. Joe Lambert from 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, Second place: Pfc. Mohammed Hoque from 3rd Battalion, 509th Infantry Airborn, and third place, Branden Wratchford 1st Calvary Regiment.

DNR urges outdoor enthusiasts to leave young wildlife alone

West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) personnel urge people to leave young wildlife alone because doing anything else is illegal, unsafe and often detrimental to the animal's health.

"This season provides an excellent opportunity to observe the fawns, cubs and other young wildlife our state has to offer," said Tyler Evans, a wildlife biologist at the West Virginia State Wildlife Center. "It is especially important for the public to understand the need to avoid touching or disturbing these animals, as the risks are considerable."

Picking up wildlife or getting too close greatly increases the risk of harm to both the animal and human, Evans said. By handling these animals, humans leave behind a scent that may attract a predator. Additionally, handling wildlife can expose humans to a variety of parasites.

"Ticks, fleas and lice are just a few of the common threats that humans are immediately exposed to when they handle wild animals," he said.

Zoonotic diseases are even more dangerous because they can be transmitted from animals to humans, and these include Lyme Disease, which is caused by the bite of a black-legged ("deer") tick. Not surprisingly, these ticks are frequently encountered when handling fawns and other young animals.

Rabies, a viral disease that is nearly always fatal in humans when left untreated, is capable of infecting any mammal but is more commonly found in raccoons, skunks and foxes. These animals are all commonly encountered by humans in West Virginia, especially in the spring when people decide to illegally possess and handle the offspring of these animals.

Each year DNR offices receive numerous calls pertaining to fawns and other young wildlife that have been picked up by well-meaning individuals, but in the vast majority of these cases, the animals weren't in any danger until they were picked up by the human. Removal of a young animal from its natural environment will almost certainly lead to the death of that animal.

"Young animals have special dietary needs and must obtain survival skills that only a natural setting and parent can provide," Evans said. Offspring often are left behind while the adult searches for food, and this separation can last for several hours. "This separation should not be mistaken for abandonment."

For example, many people mistake a bedded fawn, with no mother in sight, as abandoned,

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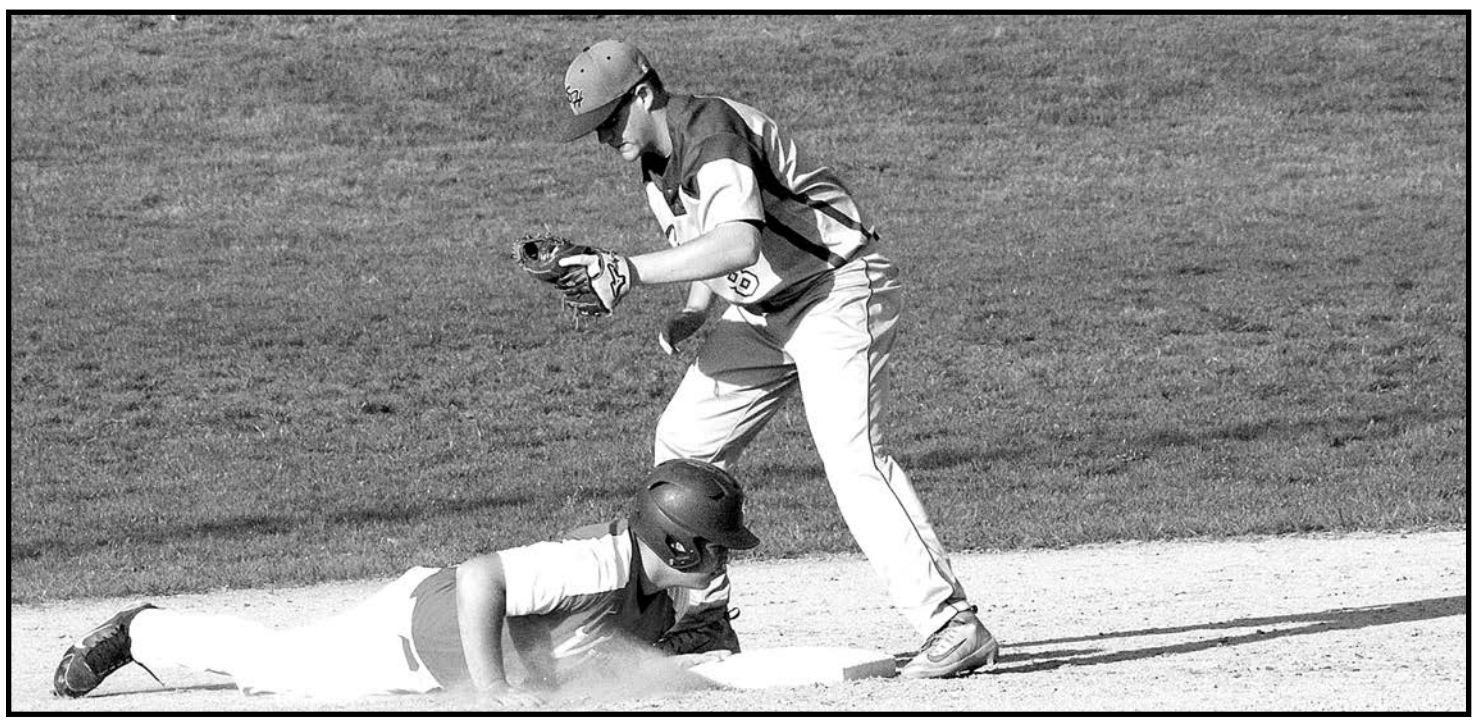
but that is rarely the case. Hiding the fawn while the doe searches for food is an important survival tactic. The fawn's spotted pattern and coloration, combined with its lack of scent, affords protection and makes them difficult for predators to detect.

As a final caution, remember that state law prohibits the possession of wildlife without a permit. When you pick up a young animal in the wild, you have taken it into your possession. Fines for illegal possession of wildlife range from $20 to $1,000 and/or up to 100 days in jail.

"We want everyone to enjoy our state's wildlife," Evans said. "However, for your safety and for that of the animal, please remember that young wildlife should always be left undisturbed and given the opportunity to remain wild."

A fawn camouflaged by tall grass.

photo courtesy of the west virginia department of commerce.



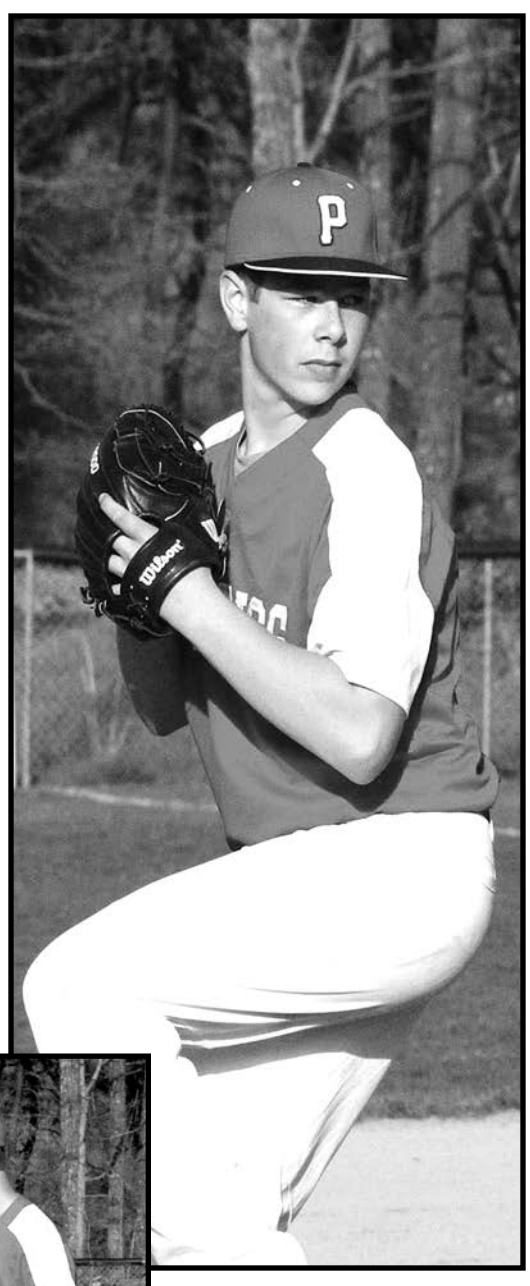
Quick recap: Viking baseball results

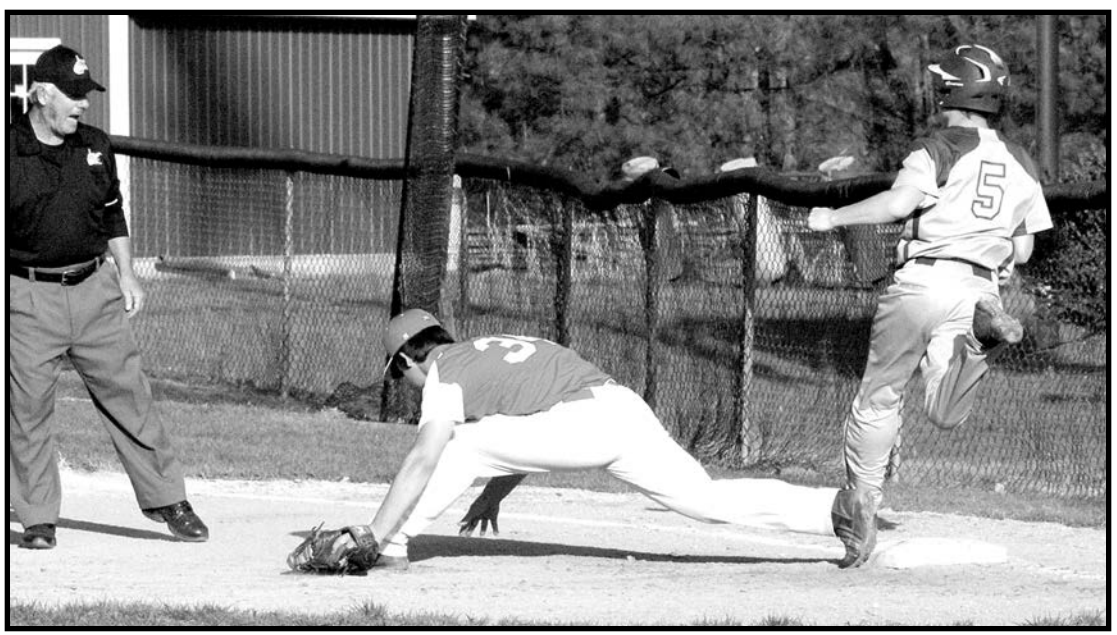
April 13:
BROADWAY, VA H.S.
17 - 6 (Loss)
10 - 1 (Loss)

April 16:
PHILIP BARBOUR
5 - 1 (Loss)

April 17:
EAST HARDY
12 - 4 (Win)

April 20:
GRAFTON
4 - 3 (Win)
14 - 2 (Win)





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WVU sports: Late rally falls short in finale

By: Charlie Healy
West Virginia University

The No. 20 West Virginia University baseball team rallied with a four-run eighth inning, but it was not enough in a 6-5 loss to Kansas in the series finale on Sunday afternoon at Monongalia County Ballpark.

The Mountaineers (24-14, 8-7 Big 12), who secured their fourth consecutive series win with a pair of victories yesterday, trailed 6-1 but came back with four runs on five hits in the eighth to make it a one-run game. WVU put two on with two outs in the ninth inning, with the winning run on first, but the Jayhawks (20-18, 5-10 Big 12) got a strikeout to end the game and avoid the sweep.

West Virginia suffered its third loss in 16 home games this season. In addition to its four consecutive Big 12 series victories, WVU has won 10 of its last 13 games.

Kansas took a 3-0 lead in the first inning before West Virginia scored one in the second. KU made it 5-1 in the fifth and 6-1 in the seventh. WVU, which was held to four hits in the first six innings, had a pair of two-out hits in the seventh before cutting the deficit to one in the eighth to make it 6-5. The Mountaineers had two hits in the ninth, but could not tie the game or walk it off.

Junior right-hander Kade Strowd suffered the loss and falls to 4-4 on the season. In 4.1 innings, he allowed five runs on eight hits with five strikeouts and a walk. Four relievers followed to hold the Jayhawks to a run on four hits in the final 4.2 innings.

Offensively, WVU's five runs came on 13 hits. Senior right fielder Darius Hill and sophomore designated hitter Paul McIntosh each had three hits, while McIntosh added an RBI and two runs scored. Junior pinch hitter Kevin Brophy had two RBIs on an eighth-inning, pinch-hit single.

Kansas took a 3-0 lead in the first inning. The Jayhawks' first run came on an RBI single up the middle with one out before back-to-back two-out run-scoring hits, on a double and a single.

WVU answered with a run in the second to make it 3-1, as senior second baseman Andrew Zitel doubled home McIntosh with no outs. McIntosh led off the frame with a single to center and took second on a passed ball.

Strowd faced the minimum in the second, third and fourth innings before KU added two in the fifth to extend its lead to 5-1. Two singles and a walk loaded the bases before a one-out single brought in two runs. Senior left-hander Zach Reid relieved Strowd and got a strikeout and flyout to end the inning and strand runners on the corners.

Kansas made it 6-1 on a bases-loaded walk in the seventh. West Virginia had two two-out hits in the bottom half, but could not add a run before its four-run eighth.

In WVU's eighth, senior catcher Ivan Gonzalez doubled and Hill singled to put two on with one out for junior first baseman Marques Inman, who reached on an infield single that scored Gonzalez from third. After Kansas went to its bullpen, McIntosh doubled down the right-field line to score Hill, and Brophy followed with a pinch-hit single up the middle to bring in Inman and McIntosh. With the tying run on first, KU got a flyout and a strikeout to end the inning and take a 6-5 advantage into the ninth.

Freshman right-hander Brock Helverson got a double play to end the top of the ninth after a leadoff walk. In the bottom half, a leadoff single and two-out base hit put two on, but a strikeout ended the game.

The Mountaineers welcome Penn State to Morgantown on tonight at 7 p.m.

Monitoring WV elk a challenge for biologists

By John McCoy,
Charleston Gazette-Mail

Ideally, each of the 95-plus elk in the Mountain State herd would be equipped with a Global Positioning System transmitter that allows biologists to know at a glance where the animal is.

From time to time, however, the transmitters malfunction. Batteries die. Elk outgrow their transmitter-equipped collars. And a few elk — those born after their parents were released into the wild — never had collars in the first place.

Since mid-January, Division of Natural Resources crews have worked diligently to put working transmitters on every animal that needs one.

"So far, we've collared or re-collared 10 individuals," said Randy Kelley, the DNR's elk project leader. "Five of them were animals we've re-collared or replaced their radios. Two were adults that came in the second batch of elk we received from Kentucky. Three were calves that were born here."

The hard part, Kelley explained, is finding the animals. To do that, he and other DNR workers set up bait sites surrounded by cellular trail cameras that immediately transmit pictures of every bull, cow or calf that comes in for a bite. It's not exactly a foolproof approach.

"Elk aren't as predictable as deer when it comes to bait," Kelley said. "They come in occasionally, but not consistently. I can almost name the deer that come to the sites, but I can spend a lot of time at the sites without seeing elk."

He and his crew members have run "four or five sites" for the past couple of months.

"It's an intense effort," he said. "The sites have to be monitored every day, and we have to make sure fresh bait gets put out every day."

When an elk earmarked for collaring begins showing up consistently at a site, Kelley grabs his dart gun, takes up a seat in a blind 10 to 15 yards from the bait, and waits for the animal to appear. Sometimes it does, sometimes it doesn't.

"If I go in the morning, I'll usually sit there until about 11, when the elk go to bed down," he said. "If I go in the afternoon, I'll wait from about 2 p.m. until dark."

While Kelley waits in the blind, his assistants wait in a truck about a quarter-mile away. "It takes three or four people to do the job quickly and efficiently," he said. "Sometimes we have our wildlife managers or labor crew helping out. At other times we have law enforcement personnel, and sometimes we get volunteers."

When an elk Kelley has been seeking comes within range, he shoots it with a tranquilizer dart and waits for the sedative to take effect.

"When they hear the pop of the CO2 gun, they usually run off," he said. "Usually it's a short distance, 40 yards or so. Most of the time, they run out of sight."

An elk can cover a lot of ground in the 3 to 5 minutes it takes for the drug to take hold. Kelley said he and his assistants usually find the animal fairly quickly, but if they can't they have an ace in the hole.

"Each dart has a little radio transmitter attached to it," Kelley explained. "That feature has come in handy twice now, for animals that made it into the woods before they went down."

As soon as he darts an elk, Kelley calls in his crew with a quick cell-phone text message.

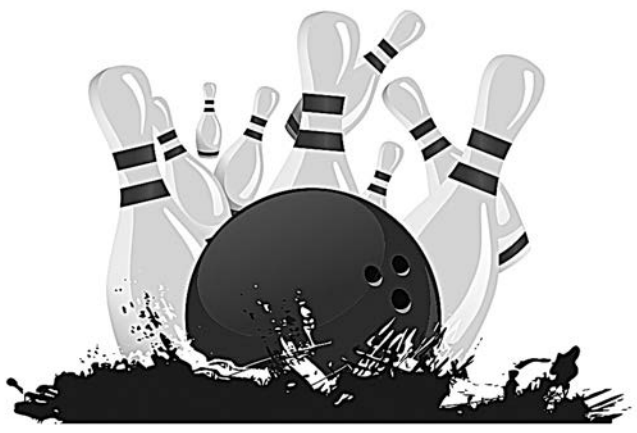
"The team comes in and works the animal up," he said. "If it just needs a new radio, the process doesn't take long at all. If it's a new capture, we put in ear tags and a microchip, take a DNA sample, and then put the radio on. Usually we're able to get the animal back up and on its feet within half an hour."

Crew members monitor the sedated animals' respiration rates to make sure they're not in distress. If their breathing slows down, Kelley administers a little of the drug that reverses the sedative's effects.

Though it's been successful so far, the collaring effort won't go on much longer. The landscape is starting to green up, and the bait sites will become less effective as elk begin to feed on tender new grass.

Kelley said the effort has been time-consuming but necessary.

"We've got 10 radios back out there," he said. "That's $20,000 worth of radios that aren't gathering dust in a closet somewhere. More important, though, we're getting home-range and habitat-use data on 10 elk that we weren't getting before."



Golden Lanes bowling results

ODD COUPLES MIXED LEAGUE

Team standing: Vetter's Guns & Ammo 84 – 44, Terminators 81.5 – 46.5, Misfits 75.5 – 52.5, WELD 70 – 58, The Gutter Gang 68 – 60, Pepsi Kids 68 – 60, Traitors 61 – 67, Yokum's 59 – 69, Strike Force 53 – 75.

Men's high game (Scratch): Larry Walp 233, Richie Burgess 227, Troy McGreevy 222; (Handicap): Josh Sullivan 271, Richie Burgess 247, Larry Walp 243.

Men's high series (Scratch): Larry Walp 599, Troy McGreevy 592, Richie Burgess 569; (Handicap): Josh Sullivan 659, Troy McGreevy 631, Larry Walp 629, Richie Burgess 629.

High average (MEN): Larry Ware 188.00, Larry Walp 187.79, Troy McGreevy 184.01.

Women's high game (Scratch): Tonya Keplinger 206, Dee Anna McDonald 197, Rachel Stark 191, (Handicap): Rachel Stark 251, Tonya Keplinger 238, Dee Anna McDonald 226.

Women's high series (Scratch): Dee Anna McDonald 556, Tonya Keplinger 544, Sarah Earle 510; (Handicap): Rachel Stark 669, Dee Anna McDonald 643, Tonya Keplinger 640.

Women's high average: Sarah Earle 169.32, Dee Anna McDonald 164.34, Emily Stark 151.40. 4/9

THURSDAY NIGHT MENS LEAGUE

Team standings: Vetter's Mini Mart 94 – 34, Golden Lanes 78 - 50, Country Cars & Trucks 73 – 55, Pepsi Cola 66.5 – 61.5, The Replacements 60.5 – 67.5, J & K Pest Control 59 – 69, Builders Center 69 – 69.

High game (Scratch): Josh Arbaugh 235, Larry Walp 235, Mike Smith 225, Logan Willis 218, Roger Earle 213, (Handicap): Josh Arbaugh 255, Logan Willis 250, Mike Smith 240, Larry Walp 240, Chris Kesner 232.

High series (Scratch): Josh Arbaugh 623, Logan Willis 574, Eddie Baldwin 560, Gary Leatherman 558, Roger Earle 554, (Handicap): Josh Arbaugh 683, Logan Willis 670, Jerry Propst 623, Pete Luttrell 622, Bill Kenyon 617.

High average: Larry Walp 193.34, Larry Ware 188.74, Bradley Vetter 185.42, Troy McGreevy 184.25, Gary Leatherman 182.54. 4/11

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High game: DeeAnna McDonald 235, Sheri Arbogast 191 and Kathy Vance 176. High series: DeeAnna McDonald 578, Sheri Arbogast 526 and Trina Crawford 482. High average: DeeAnna McDonald 166, Tracy Wood 158 and Kay Leslie 150. 4/15

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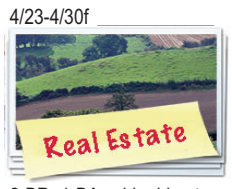

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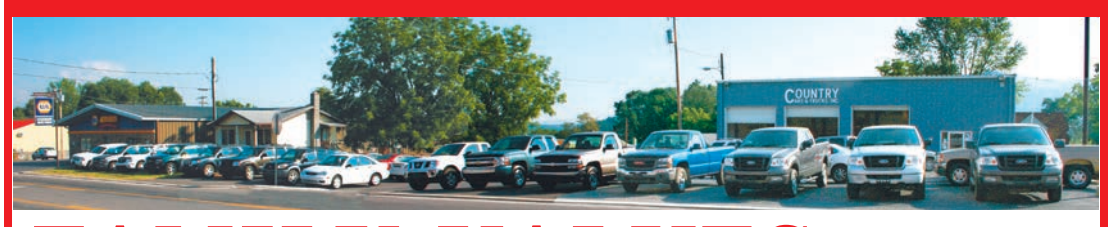

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USDA Forest Service Fernow Experimental Forest celebrates 85 years

Northern Research Station scientists invite you to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the establishment of the Fernow Experimental Forest by joining a tour of research sites Saturday, May 4, at 1 p.m. Participants will drive their own cars to each of the sites.

Meet at the equipment sheds on Forest Road 701 (GPS Coordinates 39.060633, -79.669413) to begin the tour. Stops include a visit to weir ponds to hear about watershed research, a one mile walk along the Zero Grade trail to see the longest running forestry study on the forest and hands-on demonstrations of forestry tools.

The formal tour will end around 4 p.m. with cake to celebrate the anniversary.

The Fernow Experimental Forest was established March 28, 1934, to address water quantity, water quality and timber quality issues.

For more details and to sign up for the tour, contact Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy at 304-478-2000, extension 114 or melissa.a.thomas-van.gundy@usda.gov.

Additional information about the Fernow Experimental Forest and its 85th anniversary are at: https://www.nrs.fs.fed.us/ef/locations/wv/fernow/.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GRANT COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
IN THE MATTER OF A.M.R., AN INFANT FEMALE
CASE NO. 18-JA-43
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
TO: William Hernandez

You are hereby notified of the above styled action pending in the Circuit Court of Grant County, West Virginia. You have been identified as the father of A.M.R., born March 5, 2010, to Lindsey M. Reynolds. The action pending is an abuse and neglect case which can result in the termination of parental, custodial and/or guardianship rights to the above child which is the subject of these proceedings. You are advised that every parent, custodian and/or guardian is entitled to and has a right to counsel at every stage of this proceeding.

An adjudicatory/accelerated disposition hearing is currently scheduled in this matter for May 10th, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held in the courtroom of the Grant County Courthouse, 5 Highland Avenue, Petersburg, West Virginia. You should appear at this hearing to protect and defend your interests. You can obtain a copy of the Petition filed in this matter and further information about the case from the Grant County Circuit Clerk's Office, telephone number 304-257-4545 or your Court apppointed counsel, Attorney James P. Geary II. Failure to appear and/or file a response to this action can and probably will result in a termination of your rights to said child.

JOHN G. OURS
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
GRANT COUNTY
STATE BAR NO. 2791
P.O. BOX 515
PETERSBURG, WV 26847
304-257-2323
4/16-4/23

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of a deed of trust dated October 9, 2008, (the "Deed of Trust"), made by Triple R Ranch, LLC, a West Virginia limited liability company, to George Sponaugle, II and Harry A Smith, III, Trustees, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Grant County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 221, at Page 540, in order to secure Freedom Bank, Inc., in the payment of the sum of $2,063,000.00, evidenced by a negotiable promissory note bearing even date therewith, and Freedom Bank, Inc. being authorized and empowered to designate and appoint one or more substitute trustees in the place and stead of the trustees named in the Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Appalachian Title Services, LLC, a West Virginia limited liability company, having been so appointed by the terms of a Designation of Substitute Trustee of record in the Grant County Clerk's Office, and default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness and said Substitute Trustee having been requested in writing so to do by Freedom Bank, Inc., the owner and holder of said note, said Substitute Trustee, on

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019, AT 2:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME

will offer for sale and sell at public auction at the front door of the Grant County Courthouse in Petersburg, West Virginia, to the highest bidder therefor, all those certain lots or parcels of real estate, together with all buildings and improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Mill Run District, Pendleton County, West Virginia, and Milroy District, Grant County, West Virginia, reported to have, at the time of execution of the Deed of Trust, a physical address of HC 32, Box 63E, Upper Tract, West Virginia, 26866, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

TRACT NO. 4: That certain tract of real estate, lying and being situate in Mill Run District of Pendleton County, West Virginia, and Milroy District of Grant County, West Virginia, said tract of real estate being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a locust tree an old corner near the foot of a hill, thence S. 49° 01' E. 306.36 feet to a black oak, thence S.31° 33' E. 600.57 feet to a black oak, thence N. 59° 12' E. 207.95 feet to an iron pipe a corner of Bouldin's 2.432 acre tract, thence with two lines of same N. 50° 33' E. 290.84 feet to an iron pipe, thence S. 30° 15' E. 244.75 feet to an iron pipe a corner of Bouldin's 1.636 acre tract, thence with two lines of same N. 52° 54' E. 428.26 feet to an iron pipe, thence S. 13° 55' E. 159.32 feet to an iron pipe at the west side of State Rt. No. 1, thence along the west side of the road N. 43° 11' E. 967.63 feet crossing the Pendleton-Grant County line to an iron pipe on the west side of Secondary Rt. No. 9 and a corner of Alt's 3.008 acre tract, thence with two lines of the 3.008 acre tract N. 47° 44' W. 434.31 feet crossing South Mill Creek to an iron pipe, thence N. 36° 58' E. 291.31 feet to an iron pipe, thence N. 44° 43' E. 1033 feet to a point in an old ditch and a corner of a 5.606 acre tract and in a line of the old Snell tract, thence N. 39° 06' W. 617.6 feet to a planted stone, thence S. 51° 54' W. 2447.8 feet to an iron pipe, thence with old lines old calls given from Deed Book 125, page 344, N. 50° W. 900 feet to three pines, thence N. 88° 30' W. 379.5 feet to three chestnut oaks, thence S. 11° E. 495 feet to a red oak, thence S. 20° W. 321.75 feet to a chestnut oak, thence S. 72° 30' E. 523.8 feet to a locust, thence S. 61° 20' E. 511.5 feet to the place of beginning, containing 83.5 acres, more or less.

The aforesaid Tract No. 4 of real estate is the same real estate conveyed unto Mark Lambert and Mary B. Lambert, his wife, by that certain corrective deed dated March 21, 1991, recorded March 6, 1991, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 129, at page 168 from Path lab, LTD., Employees Pension Plan.

There is excepted and reserved from the aforesaid Tract No. 4, containing 83.5 acres, more or less, the same is made subject to the following out-conveyance:

All of the interest in and to a permanent flowage easement in and to that tract of land lying about 500' Northwest of Sec. Rt. 9, near the county line, in Milroy District, Grant County, WV, containing 10.3 acres, more or less, to which the Potomac Valley Soil Conservation District and the Grant County Parks and Recreation Commission, public bodies corporate, and political subdivisions of the State of West Virginia, granted title by that certain order of condemnation dated and entered on July 15, 1992, in that certain condemnation action in the Circuit Court of Grant County, West Virginia, styled Potomac Valley Soil Conservation District and the Grant County Parks and Recreation Commission v. Mark Lambert and Mary Beth Lambert, Civil Action No. 92-C-59, and of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Commission of Grant County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 178, at page 458, said real estate being described as follows:

Beginning at a post with a pipe found, corner of the parent tract and of E. Alt, thence with part of a line of Alt S. 48-51-37 E. 106.11' to a stake, thence by new lines through the parent tract, S. 24-13-35 W. 163.56' to a stake, thence, S. 81-09-42 W. 74.79' to a stake, thence, S. 87-18-27 W. 176.86' to a stake, thence, N. 65-13-43 W. 215.97' to a stake, thence, N. 5-22-49 E. 30.00', crossing South Mill Creek, thence, S. 87-00-10 E. 238.04' to a stake, thence, N. 15-11-48 E. 402.78' to a stake, thence, N. 34-00-29 E. 214.94' to a stake, thence, N. 36-17-28 E. 399.96' to a stake, thence, N. 37-34-42 E. 624.76' to the line of Snell, thence with part of said line S. 40-30-57 E. 352.92' to W. Clark's corner, thence with Clark S. 43-31-52 W. 338.90' to a pipe found, thence S. 43-18-26 W. 224.30' to a pipe found, corner of Clark and Ketterman, thence with the latter S. 43-47-06 W. 185.93' to a pipe found, corner of Ketterman and J. Alt, thence with the latter S. 43-27-03 W. 283.73' to a pipe found, corner of J. Alt and E. Alt thence with the latter S. 35-30-13 W. 290.02' to the point of beginning, containing 10.30 acres, more or less. Bearings are by the magnetic meridian of a Plat of Survey of North and South Mill Creek Site 7, approx. 7 deg., 20 min., West of True North.

TRACT NO. 5: All of the interest in and to a permanent flowage easement in and to that tract of land lying about lying 500' Northwest of Sec. Rt. 9, near the county line in Milroy District, Grant County, WV, containing 2.33 acres, more or less, to which the Potomac Valley Soil Conservation District and the Grant County Parks and Recreation Commission, public bodies corporate, and political subdivisions of the State of West Virginia, obtained title by that certain order of condemnation dated and entered on July 15, 1992, in that certain condemnation action in the Circuit Court of Grant County, West Virginia, styled Potomac Valley Soil Conservation District and the Grant County Parks and Recreation Commission v. Mark Lambert and Mary Beth Lambert, Civil Action No. 92-C-59, and of record in the Clerk's Office of the County Commission of Grant County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 178, at page 458, said real estate being described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the eleventh line of the original easement conveyed from Mark Lambert to PVSCD, thence with part of said eleventh line and continuing with the lines of said original description, N. 18-53-25 E. 162.81', thence, N. 11-34-57 E. 203.99', thence, N. 34-00-29 E. 214.94', thence, N. 41-15-24 E. 175.13', thence with part of the fifteenth line, N. 32-26-42 E. 33.18', thence with and binding on the flood easement elevation of 1311.7', around the edge of a recently constructed fill, S. 30-11-46 E. 62.27', thence, S. 47-49-18 E. 125.66', thence, S. 14-26-53 E. 14.38', thence, S. 41-30-27 W. 231.83', thence, S. 40-48-03 W. 219.60', thence, S. 35-50-09 W. 173.44', thence, S. 52-18-15 W. 96.71', to the point of beginning, containing 2.33 acres, more or less, bearings are by the meridian of the original easement.

The aforesaid real estate is the same real estate conveyed unto Mark Lambert and Mary B. Lambert, his wife, by that certain deed of easement dated August 1, 1994, recorded October 19, 1994, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Grant County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 138, at page 118 from the Potomac Valley Soil Conservation District and the Grant County Parks and Recreation Commission, public bodies corporate, and political subdivisions of the State of West Virginia.

Triple R Ranch, LLC obtained title to the real estate described as Tract No. 4 and Tract No. 5 above, by that certain deed dated January 26, 2007, from Mark Lambert and Mary Beth Lambert, which deed was recorded on January 26, 2007, in the Clerk's Office of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, and of record in said Clerk's Office of the County Commission of Pendleton County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 174, at page 70, and recorded on January 30, 2007, in the Clerk's Office of the County Commission of Grant County, West Virginia, and of record in said Clerk's Office of the County Commission of Grant County, West Virginia, in Deed Book No. 234, at page 71.

This conveyance is made subject to all exceptions, reservations, easements, covenants, conditions, agreements and limitations on record affecting said real estate to the extent the same are now effective.

Grantors further grant and convey to Grantee any and all right, title and interest they may have to any rights of ways or easements incident to their ownership of the above described real estate

The Subject Property will be sold subject to all prior liens senior in priority to the Deed of Trust, if any, all unpaid real or personal property taxes or assessments, encumbrances and claims in favor of public service districts/municipal sanitary boards, if any, and also further subject to any and all exceptions, reservations, rights of way, easements, conditions, covenants, restrictions, leases and other servitudes recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's office prior to the Deed of Trust and affecting the Subject Property.

TERMS OF SALE:

Ten percent (10%) of the sales price shall be paid by cash, cashier's check, or check guaranteed by bank letter of credit in acceptable form, in hand on the day of sale (the "Good Faith Deposit"), with the balance to be paid in cash at closing within 30 days after the date of sale.

The sale of the Subject Property will be made subject to all exceptions, reservations, rights of way, easements, conditions, covenants, restrictions, leases and other servitudes of record, if any, pertaining to said real estate, and any and all unpaid taxes assessed against the Subject Property. The Subject Property shall be sold "AS IS" and "WITH ALL FAULTS." The Substitute Trustee shall not be liable for any representations or warranties respecting the physical condition, size or characteristics of the Subject Property. Conveyance shall be by special warranty deed, and purchaser shall pay for all transfer stamps, recording fees, and other closing costs.

The risk of loss or damage to the Subject Property shall be borne by the foreclosure purchaser from and after the bid strikedown at the time of sale. The Substitute Trustee will not deliver possession of the Subject Property to the foreclosure purchaser, who shall be solely responsible for obtaining possession of the Real Property. Further, the Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the Subject Property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the Subject Property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.

Any sale hereunder may be adjourned from time to time without notice other than oral proclamation at the time and place appointed for the sale. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The party secured by the Deed of Trust reserves the right to purchase the property at such sale.

Additional terms and conditions shall be announced at the sale.

At public sale any person or entity may bid and may purchase any real estate sold if they be the highest bidder. If the real estate is sold for an amount in excess of the outstanding balance of the mortgage, together with all interest, unpaid real estate taxes and costs, said excess must be used to satisfy any other encumbrances on said property and after all said encumbrances are satisfied together with all interest and costs, any excess then remaining must be paid to the Grantor. If the Grantor or any person holding an encumbrance cannot be found after a diligent search, the money shall be paid into the Circuit Court of the county for the benefit of the Grantor or the holder of any such encumbrance.

In the event that there are federal tax liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

Dated: April 5, 2019.

APPALACHIAN TITLE SERVICES, LLC
Substitute Trustee
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Bridgeport, WV 26330
(304) 641-7374
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION / TO CREDITORS AND BENEFICIARIES

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. 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 notice of an objection with the County Commission 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 and 44-3.

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.

Publication Date: April 16, 2019
Claim Deadline Date: June 15, 2019

ESTATE NUMBER:	**6346**
ESTATE NAME:	**Vera Madera Warner**
ADMINISTRATOR:	Roland Warner P.O. Box 6 Petersburg, WV 26847
ESTATE NUMBER:	**6352**
ESTATE NAME:	**Benny Roger Adkins**
ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATOR:	James Paul Geary II P.O. Box 218 Petersburg, WV 26847
ESTATE NUMBER:	**6351**
ESTATE NAME:	**Herbert H. Huffman**
EXECUTRIX:	Sherri L. Crites 847 Pumpkin Center Rd. Petersburg, WV 26847
ESTATE NUMBER:	**6336**
ESTATE NAME:	**Mary Louise Maxson**
ADMINISTRATOR:	William O. Maxson 7487 Patterson Creek Road Lahmansville, WV 26731
ATTORNEY:	Joyce E. Stewart 113 Winchester Ave., Moorefield, WV 26836

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 12th day of April, 2019
Seymour V. Fisher,
Clerk of the Grant County Commission
4/16-4/23

PUBLIC NOTICE

State Water Quality Certification, as required by Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, has been requested of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) for: United States Army Corps of Engineers Regional General Permit for the WV Department of Transportation, WV Department of Transportation, Division of Highways-Engineering Division 1334 Smith Street, Charleston, WV 25301

SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION: Pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act, the State may, either certify, certify with conditions, deny or waive certification that the proposed activity will comply with Sections 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307 of the Federal Clean Water Act and other appropriate requirements of State law. When issuing certification, the WVDEP may consider the proposed activity's impact on water resources, fish and wildlife, recreation, critical habitats, wetlands and other natural resources under its jurisdiction. Procedural and interpretive regulations governing the scope of the Department's certification, public comment, hearings and appeals are in Title 47, Series 5A.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY: On February 15th, 2019 the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) issued a Public Notice for a proposed Regional General Permit (RGP) to the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT). The purpose of the RGP is to expedite the review of requests from the WVDOT to perform projects in waters under the jurisdiction of the Corps. The proposed RGP would authorize certain activities in waters of the U.S. including work, structures, and filling (both temporary and permanent) associated with linear transportation projects and the maintenance of existing transportation infrastructure conducted by the WVDOT in the State of West Virginia. Categories of activities authorized under the RGP would include (A) certain linear transportation projects, (B) certain maintenance projects, and (C) certain bank stabilization activities.

The RGP would apply to all aquatic resources under the jurisdiction of the Corps within the State of West Virginia, except those excluded under conditions of the RGP or conditions imposed by the 401 Water Quality Certification. Once certified, the RGP would be effective for 5 years. Under the RGP, some activities would not require submission of site-specific notification to the WVDEP in advance, provided the work was performed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the RGP.

PROJECT LOCATION: Statewide

INFORMATION AVAILABLE: The WVDOT RGP is available for inspection between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following location:

WV Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Water and Waste Management
401 Certification Program
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, West Virginia 25304

COMMENTS: Comments and information relating to Section 401 Water Quality Certification for this activity are hereby solicited. Such information on the activity's impact will be considered if postmarked prior to the expiration date of this notice. The need for a public hearing will be determined based on an evaluation of specific request for such hearing. All comments and information should be mailed to:

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Sealed bids will be accepted until 12:00 noon, Friday, April 26, 2019 on the following vehicles in "as-is" condition:

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To view, contact Summit Community Bank (304) 530-1000, extension 1809. Bids should be submitted to the attention of Tina Martin, Summit Community Bank, Sealed Bids, P.O. Box 179, Moorefield, WV 26836.

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What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time.

The table below lists the monitoring we did not conduct, how often we are supposed to sample and when the samples should have been taken.

The table below lists the required monitoring and the compliance period.

REQUIRED MONITORING	REQUIRED MONITORING FREQUENCY	COMPLIANCE PERIOD
LONG TERM 2: CRYPTOSPORIDIUM SAMPLING (TYPE 32)	MONTHLY	7/01/2018 TO 07/31/2018
MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORT (MOR) - TURBIDITY (TYPE 38)	MONTHLY	08/01/2018 TO 08/31/2018

What Happened? What is being done?

1. LT2: These samples were collected within the required time frame. However, the results did not get submitted to the state within 10 days following the end on the monitoring period. These were special purpose samples that we were required to do for a one-year period, which have been completed with satisfactory results.

2. MOR - TURBIDITY: This was a minor reporting discrepancy concerning the hours of plant operation and the required number of turbidity readings. We have worked with the District Health office in Kearneysville to ensure the adequate number of readings in the future.

For more information, please contact Diane Junkins at 304-693-7667 or P.O. Box 236, Mount Storm, WV 26739.

Registration now open for 13th annual Run For It event, new teams welcome

Members of the Aurora Project team entertain racers during the 2k walk last year.

Photo by John Eye

Registration is now open for the 13th annual Run For It, a 2k walk and 5k race hosted by the Tucker Community Foundation.

This year's race will start at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28 in the town of Davis during the Leaf Peepers Festival. The 2k course is 1.2 miles around town, walk only and the 5k is 3.1 miles and winds through the town. The 5k is USATF sanctioned and the course is for walkers and competitive runners.

The registration cost $10 with half of the entry fee supporting a charity of the participant's choice. Individuals or teams can register online at raceroster.com/22458 or visit www.tucker-foundation.net/run to download an entry form, team registration or event packet.

Teams must register before Aug. 31. Racers can pre-register up to Sept. 24 or onsite Friday, Sept. 27 and Saturday, Sept. 28 and join a team.

"The purpose of Run For It is to raise awareness and support for nonprofits, civic organizations and other charities throughout the Tucker Community Foundation's eight-county service area," said Kelly Stadelman, development director for the Tucker Community Foundation. "The program promotes a healthy activity and encourages local philanthropy. Throughout the years it has evolved into a solid challenge-grant program thanks to the hard work and dedication of the foundation's staff, board of directors and numerous volunteers."

The Tucker Community Foundation serves Barbour, Grant, Mineral, Preston, Pocahontas, Randolph and Tucker counties and Garrett County, Md.

Run For It raises money and support for the racer or walker's community cause of choice. Half of entry fees, 100 percent of team sponsor donations, and 100 percent of race day awards are distributed to the cause represented.

"More than 100 cash awards are given to team charities that raise the most awareness and support along with demonstrating the best effort," Stadelman said. "We encourage nonprofit organizations to form teams and enlist sponsors for the team's cause. If a group needs help setting up a team or has questions about how to register or how to leverage funds, please contact us. We're happy to help."

New this year each team will have their own fundraising page. The page will allow team captains to track their team sponsorship totals and team participants. Team captains will also be able to share the fundraising page on social media and add a picture or logo to its story profile.

The 2018 Run For It broke records for the number of participating charities and money distributed throughout the region. A total of 1,500 racers participated on 85 teams and raised over $300,000 for charities. Since the program started in 2007, the Foundation has distributed more than $1.75 million to a wide variety of community causes throughout the eight-county region.

The Tucker Community Foundation challenges participants to raise team support for the community cause of their choice during a six-month campaign and then run or walk for that cause in September. For more information on Run For It stop by the Parsons or Davis office, or call 304-259-5008 or email runforit@tuckerfoundation.net.

The Tucker Community Foundation manages more than 125 endowed funds providing annual scholarships and grants to nonprofits and charitable causes throughout the eight-county service area. Inspired by the flood of 1985, the mission of the foundation is to create opportunities for the communities we serve. For more information on the foundation or how to establish an endowed fund call visit www.tuckerfoundation.net.

Community calendar of events

Potomac Valley Conservation District board meeting will be Wednesday, May 1, 7:30 p.m. at the USDA Service Center, Moorefield. The meeting agenda will be available three days prior to the meeting and a copy may be obtained at the district office, 500 East Main St., Romney or by calling 304-822-5174. The public is invited to attend.

American Legion Post 78 meets every second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Legion home.

Celebrate Recovery meets every Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Petersburg. New friends, new experiences, new life. www.wearefbc.com.

C.H.A.D. Caring Hearts Alzheimer's/Demential Caregiver support group meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, 1 p.m. in the RHI building by Grant Memorial Hospital. For more information contact Cindy Hubschmitt at 304-257-5157.

Family Violence Support Group meets every Wednesday, 10 a.m. at the Family Crisis Center outreach office. 304-257-4606.

Grant County Public Service District board meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month, 3:30 p.m. at the district's office on Rt. 28. Any modification of these meetings will be posted at the courthouse and district office.

Grant/Hardy Recovery Network meets every Monday at the Russ Hedrick Recovery Resource Center, 1812 Vandevander Dr., Petersburg. 304-668-6329. Meetings open to anyone dealing with substance abuse.

Immunization Clinic - Grant County Health Department walk-in immunization clinic every Tuesday afternoon from 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 78, meets every second and fourth Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. All members welcome.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets every Tuesday, 5-5:45 p.m. (weigh-in), 6-7 p.m. at Living Hope Baptist Church, South Main St., Petersburg. Call Janice Fritz 304-257-7893 or Bonnie McAllister 304-257-4970.

See you this weekend at the Spring Mountain Festival!

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- **PATIENT CARE ASSISTANT** - full-time, Medical Surgical Unit, night shift (3) 12-hour shifts per week. Current West Virginia CNA certification preferred. Apply by 4/29/19.
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GMH BOARD MEETINGS are the fourth Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the board room at GMH.

Annual Little Miss Petersburg Pageant finalists and winners

Earlier this month, the Petersburg High School Viking soccer teams hosted the annual Little Miss Petersburg Pageant. Each year, this pageant helps raise funds for the local athletic teams.

BABY MISS - First runner-up and crowd-pleaser, Jessa Dawn Stump, queen, Hazel Bensenhaver and second runner-up, Kaelynn Rohrbaugh. They were joined by moms Haley Armentrout, Whitney Bensenhaver and Briana Rohrbaugh

LITTLE MISS - First runner-up, Sophia Gracen Bosley, queen and crowd pleaser, Madyson Michelle Ertel and second runner-up, Bianca Cleaver.

PRE-TEEN MISS - Crowd-pleaser, Rhegan Nicole Redman; first runner-up, Angela Renee Willis; queen, Aiden Mayfield and second runner-up, Ella Chew. *photos courtesy of june hencke*

TINY MISS - First runner-up and crowd-pleaser, Marly Jax Bensenhaver; queen Nataleigh Faith Riggleman and second runner-up Hadessah Morrell Moyers.

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