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Funding sought for recovery coaches

Late last month, the Grant County PITAR and Gateway Re-entry council met to discuss issues facing the county. One important piece of information shared in the meeting concerned the potential addition of new recovery coaches at Potomac Highlands Guild which will include the Russ Hedrick Recovery Resource Center in Petersburg.

According to information discussed in the past, recovery coaches can play an important role in helping individuals struggling with addiction maintain sobriety.

In the recent meeting, the council was informed by Roger Dodd of the Grant/Hardy Recovery Group, that the organization has applied for funding through a grant to hire and train additional coaches to provide recovery services for the five-county region.

Dodd also reported that the current coaches attended intensive training at Berkeley County Recovery Resource Center last month to receive a national certification.

The grant funding sought in this effort comes from the State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant Prevention program, which started in late February. This grant program strives to target high-risk individuals such as pregnant and postpartum women, veterans, justice-involved individuals, the homeless, blue collar workers and LGBTQ individuals.

The program will also focus on stigma-reduction for the general public, law enforcement, first responders and healthcare providers.

Also discussed was the ongoing Grant County Harm Reduction program, or needle exchange. In a report given by Bob Borrer of the Russ Hedrick Recovery Resource Center it was explained that, in the month of March, five individuals exchanged 44 needles. It was also reported that Narcotics Anonymous meetings, which are held three times a week, had an attendance of 67 people last month.

The council also discussed ongoing efforts for drug prevention in the region with a focus on youth.

It was explained that the Guild will be working on activities aimed at high risk youth (ages 9-20) that will include presentations given by specialist Lester Harper.

These presentations will cover injection drug use, underage drinking, marijuana and tobacco cessation. Harper will be working with the Grant County school system in conjunction with the Regional Youth Service Centers.

Another youth prevention effort is the PHG Prevention program, which will be giving evidence-based training to the school

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FACES IN THE COMMUNITY: Kimberly Byard and Tonia Berg sit together at the South Side Depot in Petersburg. Byard recently stepped into the role of executive director of the Grant County Convention and Visitors Bureau and Berg is the new executive director of the historic South Side Depot.



Former executive director of the Potomac Valley Transit Authority J. Carter, stands with PVTA board president Lee Thompson and new PVTA executive director Doug Pixlar.

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PVTA and CVB welcome new leadership

The Potomac Valley Transit Authority (PVTA), the Grant County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) are welcoming new leadership this month as both programs open their doors to new executive directors.

Earlier this month, the PVTA officially welcomed their new executive director, Doug Pixlar. Pixlar is the former executive director of the Eastern Panhandle Transit Authority in Martinsburg and is taking the place of J. Carter, the long time executive director of the trans-

it authority.

Carter first started with the PVTA in 1977 and helped to steer the program for more than four decades. He said the PVTA has changed drastically over the years, beginning with a five vehicle fleet in 1977. Of those, three were borrowed.

Carter also said the PVTA has seen changes in the eyes of the community and among local leaders.

"By being, in my opinion, innovative at what we do and how we do it, has allowed us to cultivate a great deal of sup-

port and bring people who were once detractors into full fledged supporters," Carter said. "We have had a lot of help along the way."

One early supporter that Carter remembers was a former Hardy County Commissioner named Weldon Neff, a very conservative leader, who took the first step and pledged financial support from Hardy County for the program.

One important service the PVTA provides is worker transportation, which began in 1978.

"We first began worker transportation in 1978," Carter recalled. "There was a Hanover Shoe Plant in Franklin. It originally began in Riverton, when we had requests to run people from Riverton to Hanover Shoe and we worked it out. One bus turned into seven buses."

Today, while the Hanover Shoe Plant may be gone, the worker transportation effort in the PVTA still runs employees to multiple places in the region,

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City Council announces spring clean-up

During their meeting on April 1, the Petersburg City Council announced the dates of the annual spring clean-up event, which allows city citizens to discard items not generally taken in regular trash pickup.

This year, spring clean-up will begin on April 29 for the western side of the city and will finish on May 2 for the eastern side of Petersburg. No trees, electronics or paint will be taken.

The council also reviewed the Petersburg Police Department report for the months of February and March. Prior to the report, councilman Boyd Sites pointed to an increase in arrests for burglary and stolen property, warning that citizens be vigilant.

In February, the PPD handled 73

complaints and issued 27 verbal and 10 written warnings for traffic. One citation for shoplifting was issued and one misdemeanor warrant was obtained.

In March, the PPD handled 54 complaints and issued 39 verbal and 15 written warnings for traffic. Four citations were issued: one for no proof of insurance, one for driving without a license and two for speeding.

The department participated in 10 grand jury indictments: one for burglary, one for grand larceny, two for possession of stolen property, two for conspiracy, two for counterfeiting and two for destruction of property.

The department conducted 10 felony arrests as a result of these indictments.

The council also reminded city resi-

dents of the ordinance in effect for the weekend of April 26-29 which prohibits unauthorized yard sales or flea markets during the Spring Mountain Festival.

Next, the council voted to appoint Bob McCalley as the voting representative of the city in the Mon Forest Town Project.

This project is aimed at increasing tourism in the region and is a collaboration between the United States Department of Agriculture, West Virginia University and all the towns bordering the Mongahalia National Forest. Each town in the program will send one voting member to attend the meetings.

In her statement, council recorder Sar-

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Mount Storm man pleads to selling meth

Robert Lee Pauley Jr., 40, of Mount Storm, has admitted to methamphetamine distribution, United States Attorney Bill Powell announced.

Pauley pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

Pauley admitted to working with others to distribute more than 500 grams of methamphetamine from March 2018 to May 2018 in Mineral, Grant and Randolph counties.

Pauley faces not less than 10 years and up to life incarceration and a fine of up to \$10,000,000. Under the federal sentencing guidelines, the actual sentence imposed will be based upon the seriousness of the offenses and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Lara Omph-Botteicher is prosecuting the case on behalf of the government. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Potomac Highlands Drug and Violent Crimes Task Force, a HIDTA-funded initiative; the West Virginia State Police; and the Ravenswood Police Department investigated.

The investigation was fund-

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Two students honored by the Board of Education



During the March 26 Grant County Board of Education meeting, the board recognized two Petersburg High School Students for their outstanding work in the Future Farmers of America (FFA) program. Isaac Nazelrodt participated in the National FFA band and Elizabeth Ours, the 2018-2019



Eastern Region vice president. Ours also spoke during the meeting about a trip to Africa she took through the National FFA program. Also shown is Grant County superintendent Doug Lambert and board president Jared Amtower.

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poll question

Do you think United States Supreme Court Justices appointments should have term limitations?

YES

NO



Last week's responses:

Yes: 5%
No: 95%

think student ability is accurately judged by standardized testing.

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BOGAL FLAVOR

By Camille Howard

A few weeks ago I wrote about our early vacation to Florida. We did the usual beachy things and ate too much food. And one thing I got to experience, that I hadn't done in probably 20 years, was ride a bike.

The house we rented came with bicycles and fortunately there were level roads to ride on.

So one day Craig and I got out the bikes for a leisurely ride through the quiet streets near the house.

Because I hadn't been on a bicycle for so long, I wondered if the old saying was true, "you never forget how to ride a bike."

So I rolled the bike out of the garage and down the slope of the driveway to the street. I was afraid to get on it in the garage and head down that minuscule grade to the level road just in case I didn't remember how to ride.

But wonder of wonders, I did remember ... sort of. I didn't fall off but if anyone was watching they probably thought I was three sheets to the wind because I was weaving all over the place. Thankfully no cars came by or this story might have ended sooner.

We rode around the neighborhood a while and enjoyed the evening and I got back to the garage in one piece. It was fun and a little embarrassing.

Several days later Erin and I decided to take a spin in the evening and much to my surprise



I could pedal in a straight line. As we were tooling through the neighborhood there were several undeveloped lots that had areas marked off with string and a little sign. At first I thought the string was to mark a possible site for utilities or digging but when we stopped to take a look we discovered a little burrow and a small owl sitting on top. It seem unconcerned that we were looking at it.

As we rode around we noticed a lot of roped off areas and little owls guarding their holes. Some of the signs nearby announced that there were laws to

protect their habitat and not to get too close.

We took some pictures and looked up some info about them and found out they are the only species of owl to live underground in burrows they dig up to three feet deep and 5 - 12 feet long. They return to the same burrow each year so anyone wanting to build on a lot with a burrow has to jump through a lot of hoops to get them moved.

They have their own Facebook page and owl watchers keep track of the birds and report any mishaps as well as post

pictures. There's even a Burrowing Owl Festival every year.

We usually don't see owls up close in the wild so it was interesting to see them in such an urban setting.

I wouldn't mind to keep up the bike riding but where I live you have your choice of riding on gravel or getting hit by a chicken truck on the highway.

The bike riding brought back memories, though, of the first bike I had as a kid - a brand new Schwinn. My dad took my sister and I to a bike shop and we got to pick the bike we wanted. Mine was pink and white with a silver sparkle banana seat, a sissy bar, plus pink and silver sparkle streamers on the chopper-style handle bars. I don't remember what my sister got, just that it was blue, but we were two happy little girls.

I have many bicycle stories including some epic wrecks and scars and a few hair-raising trips down a red-dog road with my sister at the helm.

I'm looking forward to warmer days and maybe when I visit Erin and Tyler out in the flatlands of Indiana, we can go riding again.

Easter is coming up fast so I'll be looking for recipes you might want to include in your holiday cooking and baking. Here are some variations on an Easter favorite ... deviled eggs.

SPINACH, POPPY SEED, AND BACON DEVILED EGGS
 12 hard-cooked eggs, peeled
 1/2 cup mayonnaise
 1 1/2 teaspoons white wine vinegar
 1 1/2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt
 Dash of hot sauce (optional)
 3/4 cup frozen chopped spinach, thawed
 4 1/2 teaspoons grated red onion
 4 1/2 teaspoons poppy-seed dressing

Chopped cooked bacon
 Slice eggs in half lengthwise, and carefully remove yolks, keeping egg whites intact.
 Grate egg yolks using small holes of a box grater. Mash together yolks, mayonnaise, and next three ingredients. Add hot sauce, if desired. Stir spinach, onion, and poppy-seed dressing into yolk mixture.
 Spoon or pipe yolk mixture into egg white halves. Top with bacon.

CHEDDAR-BACON DEVILED EGGS
 12 hard-cooked eggs, peeled
 1/2 cup mayonnaise
 4 slices bacon
 2 tablespoons finely shredded Cheddar cheese
 1 tablespoon mustard
 Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium-high heat until even-

ly brown. Crumble and set aside.
 Cut eggs in half lengthwise. Remove yolks to a small bowl.
 Mash egg yolks with mayonnaise, crumbled bacon and cheese. Stir in mustard.
 Fill egg white halves with the yolk mixture and refrigerate until serving.

TEX-MEX DEVILED EGGS
 6 hard-cooked eggs, peeled
 1 tablespoon diced green onions
 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
 1 small jalapeño pepper, seeded and finely chopped
 1/4 cup mayonnaise
 1 teaspoon yellow mustard
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese

SWEET ONION PIMIENTO CHEESE DEVILED EGGS
 6 large hard-boiled eggs
 1/4 cup finely shredded sharp cheddar cheese
 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
 4 teaspoons diced pimientos, drained
 2 teaspoons finely chopped sweet onion
 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
 1 small garlic clove, minced
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/8 teaspoon pepper

Chili powder
 Cut eggs in half crosswise; carefully remove yolks, and place in a small bowl.
 Mash egg yolks; stir in green onions and next five ingredients.
 Spoon yolk mixture into egg white halves; sprinkle with cheddar cheese and desired amount of chili powder.
 Serve immediately, or cover and chill until ready to serve.

Additional diced pimientos and finely shredded sharp cheddar cheese
 Cut eggs lengthwise in half. Remove yolks, reserving whites.
 In a bowl, mash yolks. Stir in cheese, mayonnaise, pimientos, onion, mustard, garlic, salt and pepper.
 Spoon or pipe into egg whites. Sprinkle with additional pimientos and cheese. Refrigerate, covered, until serving.



Library Corner

chael Lippincott (regular print) — A soon-to-be a motion picture about 17-year-olds Stella and Will, both suffering from cystic fibrosis, realize the only way to stay alive is to stay apart, but their love for each other is slowly pushing the boundaries of physical and emotional safety.

- "The Goodbye Café" by Mariah Stewart (regular print) — After she and her estranged sisters fulfill her father's dying wish to renovate the Sugarhouse Theater in Pennsylvania, Allie Hudson Monroe must decide whether to return to her previous life on the West Coast or stay in the small town she has come to love.

- "The First Lady" by James Patterson (regular print) — When the First Lady disappears after her husband's affair goes public, top secret agent Sally Grissom is charged with finding her and is faced with a twisted case after the White House receives a ransom note along with the First Lady's finger.

- "Dark Tribute" by Iris Johansen (regular print) — Kidnapped by a mysterious adversary from her grandfather's past, violin prodigy Cara Delaney struggles to escape and protect her loved ones from becoming casualties of dark forces from her tragic childhood.

- "Blood Oath" by Linda Fairstein (regular print) — A key witness' revelation about a sexual assault at the hands of a

prominent official is complicated by rumors about a colleague's abusive conduct and another associate's violent, mysterious collapse.

Note: Annotations from Novelist Plus.

Easter Egg Hunt and Coloring Contest
 Mark your calendar for our annual Easter Egg Hunts at the library. They will be April 11

and April 12 at 10 a.m. The library will have a coloring contest and pictures may be picked up after April 9 and returned by April 19.



Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department Spring Vendor Show
April 20 • 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
 PVFC Welton Room
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From the principal's desk at Maysville Elementary School

dents are getting the appropriate instruction and skills they need to be successful at grade level and on the state assessment. Many thanks to Amber Mongold and Doug Turner, our ELA and math coaches. They have worked with our teachers and met with students on many occasions to review data and assist our teachers in making instructional decisions.

We have also celebrated students who won or placed at

county fairs, regional fairs, and even state fairs. We are so proud of the extra efforts from these students and for how well they represent Grant County Schools.

Recently, we had a state send-off for the MES Archery Team. This year the team competed in several tournaments and placed first or second in each one. The entire team qualified for the state tournament on Saturday, March 31. At the state tournament, the team placed second! Individuals

who placed at the state tournament were Dustin Fridley (4th place), Ryan Clark (6th place), Kaylyn Whetzel (5th place), and Kailea Kisamore (6th place).

Many thanks to these students, parents and coaches – Dorothy Fridley and Leon Evans. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments! Below is a picture of our team at the state tournament.



MES archery team at the state tournament

By Megan DiBenedetto
MES Principal

Many great things have happened this year at Maysville Elementary School. It's hard to believe that this school year is so close to the end. It seems like yesterday we were preparing for the first day.

On March 20, we had our third nine week awards ceremony when students were recognized for perfect attendance, super behavior, and high academics. We had prizes to give away for perfect attendance and super behavior. Several parents, grandparents, and guardians were in attendance for our ceremony. It is so wonderful to have high parent involvement and support at our school.

Throughout the year, teachers have met monthly to review and track student data to ensure stu-

GMH Auxiliary scholarship dinner well attended



Grant Memorial Hospital Auxiliary members Ann Harrison, Lila Frye, Fran Welton, Sharon Prunty, Nancy Roby, Jo Ann Harman and Dave Williams.

The Grant Memorial Hospital Auxiliary sponsored their annual scholarship dinner at the fellowship hall of the Petersburg

Presbyterian Church on March 9.

The event was proof that "it takes a village" to support area

youth as 184 tickets were sold for the dinner which was provided by Cheetah B's. Tammy Western presented her rendi-

tions of the "Songs of Patsy Cline" and Andy Western, her husband, provided the sound equipment for her.

In addition, 40 businesses in the tri-county area provided door prizes. Monetary donations were received from area banks, businesses, and individuals. All of these funds are used to provide scholarships to seniors in Grant, Hardy and Pendleton counties who plan to pursue majors in medical fields.

Scholarship applications are available in the counselor's office at the area high schools.

The Grant Memorial Hospital Auxiliary welcomes new members. Anyone wishing to become a member can stop by the gift shop. The next event will be the sale of chocolates from Fudge Farm April 15-16 in the D-wing lounge hallway.

PHS honor roll announced for grades 7-9

Principal Avery Anderson has released the honor roll for grades 7-9, for the third nine weeks. An asterisk denotes a 4.0 average or higher.

A Honor Roll

Seventh grade - Abigail G. Alt, Jackson T. Alt, Katelyn Bobo, William A. Boddy*, Sophia Kopf, Klarissa D. Kuhn*, Grace C. Mallow, Wyatt A. Nuzum*, Riley J. Rhea, Ryen E. Sites*, Sara M. Vance*, Bethany R. Western and Jackson L. Yeager*.

Eighth grade - John W. Alexander, Daphne M. Ayers*, Emma G. Berg*, Olivia M. Bible, Leah N. Carr, Allison M. Champ, Drew B. Chewning*, Jaielyn D. Cook*, Caitlyn R. Cooper*, Braylee L. Corbin*, Madison R. Crites, Keirah S. Cullers*, Dakota Sky Donaldson*, Skyler N. Donaldson, Amelia L. Donovan, Megan M. Duncan, Kennedy O. Kaposy*, Madison L. Kirby, Jonathan W. Kite*, Kylie N. Lahman, Chloe L. Meadows, Chase M. Moyers, Jordan E. Mullan, Haylee M. Ours*, Cassidy M. Park, Jaden D. Poore, John R. Redman, Ryan B. Riggelman, Noel L. Rochette*, Christian Rodriguez, Harmony R. Schell, Jaslyn M. Shook, Preslea L. Smith, Noah K. Travis, William G. VanMeter and Kaitlyn R. Vetter.

Ninth grade - Ashlee M. Beach*, Zander M. Bennett, Kyle A. Branham, Ethan M. Brown*, Kathleen N. Brown*, Bryson C. Coblenz, Trevon E. Crites, Sadie J. Dayton*, Talysa C. Dodd, Carina R. Easton, Emma D. Franz*, Anna G. Goldizen*, Shanna M. Halterman, Kensey M. Harper*, Jady Hartman*, Madison Hawk*, Morgan Hawk, Paisley W. Hawk*, Raphael H. Hott*, Ella M. Huffman, Jacob J. Jones, Hunter M. Keplinger*, Hailey M. Kimble, Mackenzie Kitz-

millar*, Gianna Kopf*, Shelby L. Landis*, Haylee A. Lonas, Cody G. Mitchell*, Shalea M. Moreland, Aiden M. Moyers*, Cody B. Nuzum*, Thomas M. Ours*, Joshua K. Pennington*, Logan S. Riggelman*, Ashlee N. Rohrbaugh, Brooklynn P. Rohrbaugh*, Slade A. Saville*, Hannah R. Shockey, Austin N. Shoemaker*, Shelby R. Southery*, Mickala M. Taylor*, Garrett S. VanMeter, Kelsie D. VanMeter*, Courtney N. Whetzel, Matehya R. Whetzel and Emilee White*.

B Honor Roll

Seventh grade - Autumn D. Allen, Serena M. Bava, Sterling W. Bensenhaver, Riley W. Bobo, Samantha G. Colaw, Trevor W. Dodd, Madelyn K. Evans, Andrew J. Fleming, Breanna N. Funk, Carissa D. Heavener, Rhenn A. Hedrick, Elizah J. Keplinger, Corey M. Kisamore, Hunter W. Kisamore, Katie T. Kish, Callie E. Kitzmiller, Elijah L. Kuykendall, Landon S. McGinnis, Nathen D. Miller,

Brooklynn R. Mullins, Skylar R. Raredon, Bryson C. Riggelman, Ryan Rummer, Makyiah J. Shirk, Elizabeth M. Sites, Kadin A. Tinney, Autumn R. Tyree, Colton L. Vance, Tiffany M. Waugh, Karmen N. Whetzel and Anna M. Wimer.

Eighth grade - Bryce B. Berg, Drema N. Carr, Ariana M. Coakley, Peyton A. Day, Kierra R. Dent, Nathan A. Fisher, Xavier L. Frye, Hannah M. Goldizen, Kayden N. Hartman, Alexis E. Herron, Alexis D. Keplinger, Jimmy B. Keplinger, Ty M. Kesner, Logan A. Leshuk, Hamily M. Lewis, Blayton R. Lofton, Kodie W. Lofton, Joseph L. Monroe, McKinley D. Moreland, McKenzie E. Oates, Skylar Rohrbaugh, Jacob C. Saville, Patrick Shreve, Logan S. Thorne, Blake I. Turner, Kynadal N. Vance, Cody M. Vetter and Maximus E. White.

Ninth grade - Levi Alexander, Chloe E. Barr, Gage L. Colpitts, Kody L. Eckard, Chloe G. Evans, Danielle B. Fridley,

Paige M. Kisamore, Khristian Kuykendall, Jasmine B. Long, Johnathan W. Mallow, Falecia M. Metheny, Kelsey R. Miller, Adam L. Moyers, Sadie E. Smith, Alexis Summers, Caleb J. Swick, Sophie J. Walters, Kelsi G. Wilson-Hott and Madeline B. Wolfe.

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GRANT COUNTY SCHOOLS EDUCATION BETTERMENT FORUM
For Parents and Community Members
Monday, April 22 • 5:00 p.m.
Petersburg High School Gymnasium
207 Viking Drive, Petersburg, WV
Key Legislators will be in attendance to discuss, along with you, SB 451, which includes the following:
✓ School Choice and Innovation
✓ Social Emotional Support
✓ Funding Opportunities
✓ Instructional Quality



Get educated

By Camille Howard

The Grant County Board of Education is sponsoring an educational forum and attending will be members of the state legislature that represent Grant County.

The educational system has been in the forefront of state and local news with two teachers' strikes and a massive education bill that contained both good and bad ideas. Fortunately or unfortunately, depending on which way you look at it, the bill was defeated.

But that's not the end of our educational woes. The state needs to make changes and the only way your representatives will know which direction to go is if you tell them.

This is your opportunity to hear and be heard, but you're going to have to think "outside the box" or "outside of your situation." This meeting isn't to address personal grievances. It's to give serious input and consideration to what needs to be done to help our schools. Just because it was good enough for you when you were in school here, doesn't mean it couldn't be better.

Plan to attend the Education Betterment Forum and draw, first hand, your own conclusions. Write it down: Monday, April 22, 5 p.m. in the PHS gym. It's important to the future of our schools that we all become educated on this subject.

W.Va. editorial roundup

The Herald-Dispatch (Huntington)

On Murray Energy Corporation's purchase of three metallurgical coal mine complexes

West Virginia's largest producer of coal for power plants is moving into the metallurgical coal market.

If that's not an indication of change in the industry, what is?

Last week, Murray Energy Corp., which is based in St. Clairsville, Ohio, announced it was the successful bidder for three met coal mine complexes in West Virginia and Alabama formerly owned by Mission Coal Co.

Murray has formed a new subsidiary company called Murray Metallurgical Holdings LLC with Javelin Global Commodities to own and operate the mines. Murray will be the majority owners of the LLC. The sale must be approved by the bankruptcy court handling the Mission bankruptcy.

"Murray Energy's acquisition of the Mission Assets provides a significant entrance into the metallurgical coal market, allowing for diversification of its portfolio of quality mining assets," Murray Energy said in a statement announcing the acquisition. "The Mission Assets will benefit from Murray Energy's best-in-class longwall mining and operational expertise that will further enhance the value of these high quality metallurgical coal properties. Additionally, this acquisition leverages Javelin's existing global marketing platform, bringing further value to these newly acquired assets."

Murray Energy was founded on the strategy of acquiring coal mines near power plants. As coal has fallen out of favor for generating power, Murray has had to change its strategy.

Figures released recently by the Energy Information Administration show how much coal's share of the energy market has diminished. In 2008, power plants purchased about 463.9 million tons of bituminous coal, the kind mined in West Virginia. By 2018, that amount had fallen to 205.1 million.

The price has likewise fallen for thermal bituminous coal, from \$59.92 per ton in 2008 to \$39.27 in 2017. Numbers for 2018 were not available, according to the EIA.

Meanwhile, power plants' use of natural gas increased from 7.8 trillion cubic feet to 10 trillion in that same time, with the price dropping from \$9.26 per thousand cubic feet in 2008 to \$3.49 in 2017. Industry analysts say gas is more competitive than coal for power generation when it's in the \$3 to \$3.50 range, which is where it's been since 2015. Perhaps by coincidence, 2015 saw a large number of older, smaller, less-efficient coal-fired power plant retirements.

In West Virginia, coal still dominates the power generation market, but it's the exception in this region. All five of our neighboring states have seen the amount of electricity generated by coal decrease by 50 percent or more while they have increased their generation from natural gas.

Although West Virginia has increased its electricity production from natural gas in the past decade, the state produces more power from hydroelectric plants and wind farms than it does from gas, despite the amount of gas produced in the Marcellus shale fields in the northern part of the state.

West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio have increased their production of power from wind, while Maryland, Virginia and Kentucky lag behind. None of these states produces significant amounts of power from solar sources, although North Carolina does. This goes back to the weather and topological features of the states, among

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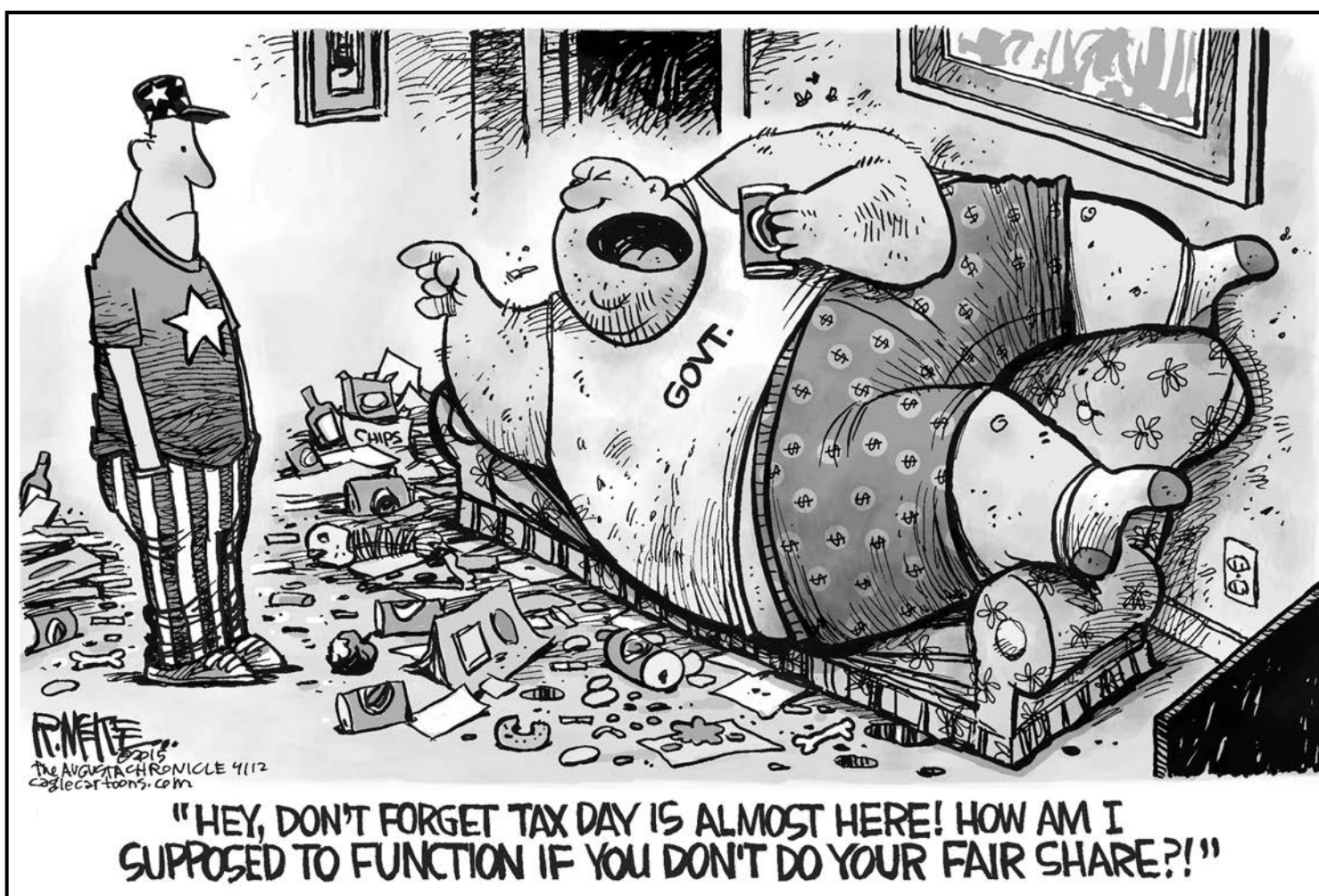
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Who is your doctor?

By

Jane M. Orient, M.D.

People used to know who their doctor was. His name and phone number were on the wall or the refrigerator next to the telephone. He was there

for you and could manage most of your problems.

When I was about 13, my mom took me to our pediatrician for belly pain. He was on his way out the door, but he stopped to take care of me. He diagnosed appendicitis based on history and physical examination. He called his favorite surgeon ("Billy," a Tucson legend), who came from the golf course to meet me in the emergency room. Within hours, my red-hot appendix was in a jar. My parents paid the hospital bill (\$150—10 days' pay for a construction laborer) as I was discharged a few days later.

Today, the patient with abdominal pain could wait for hours to see the ER provider—possibly a nurse practitioner or physician assistant who had never seen a case of acute appendicitis. She'll probably get a CT scan, after another wait. Eventually, Dr. On-call may take her to the operating room, hopefully before the appendix ruptures. And the bill will be beyond the means of ordinary people.

I used to be able to direct-admit patients from my office and send them with a set of orders to the hospital admitting office. For years, this has been impossible. The hospital is decidedly unfriendly to independent doctors. There's now a gatekeeper in the emergency room, and most patients are under the control of a hospitalist.

This hospital, still Catholic at least in

name, is now owned by a huge national conglomerate. Recently, it thwarted all efforts to keep it from dehydrating a patient to death despite lack of an advance directive or permission from next of kin. The patient's mother disputed the diagnosis of brain death. The gastroenterologist of her choice was willing and able to place a feeding tube, needed in order to transfer the patient to a skilled nursing facility, but the hospital would not permit it. An outside physician whom the mother had called on was removed from the patient's room by security, when she was merely praying with the mother. The mother could not get a phone call returned from an attending physician. Who was the doctor? Apparently, the hospital system.

If you disagree with your private doctor, you can fire him or simply decline to follow his advice. But what if the government is your doctor?

Recently, a physician called me about her mother, who was seemingly a captive in a world-renowned hospital. She was concerned about her mother's nutritional status and falling oxygen level. She could not speak to the attending physician. "They play musical doctors."

Largely driven by government policy, the System is increasingly in control. A new level of intrusion is being proposed in California in a bill (SB 276) that would outlaw all medical exemptions for vaccines, unless a public health officer approves each one, based on the very narrow list of contraindications accepted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Doctors traditionally swore an oath not to harm patients, and are liable if they do. But government officials are immune from liability, even if they overrule a physician's judgment that a particular patient faces an unacceptable risk of harm from a vaccine.

If you disagree with your private doctor, you can fire him or simply decline to follow his advice. But what if the government is your doctor?

In Arizona, law enforcement officers in tactical gear broke down the door to a home where children were sleeping, entered with guns drawn, and took three little children away from their parents. The stated reason: the mother had decided not to follow a doctor's advice to take her two-year-old to the emergency room for a fever, because the fever broke and the child got much better soon after leaving the office. The main concern seemed to be that the child was not vaccinated.

Americans need to defend their right to have an independent physician, to choose their physician and type of care, and to give or withhold informed consent to medical treatments. Otherwise, their "doctor" will be a protocol in a system staffed by interchangeable automatons. Treatments will be inaccessible or required, tailored to meet the needs and beliefs of the system.

If the government is the ultimate authority on your "health care," remember that its tools for checking whether a child has a life-threatening disease such as meningitis include battering rams and assault rifles.

Dr. Orient is the executive director of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons and is a policy expert with the Heartland Institute. The Heartland Institute is one of the world's leading free-market think tanks.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Keep it up free press!

Recently I watched a movie called "Schindler's List." A Catholic gentleman by the name of Oskar Schindler saved over 1,000 Jews by employing them in his ammunition factory and porcelain cooking ware factory. Guess what? The ammunition was purposely made incorrect so it could not be used by the Nazis!

Way to go Oskar Schindler!

If you have ever seen the movie, you may remember the little Jewish girl wandering the streets wearing a red coat. The entire movie is in black and white, except for the little girl in her red coat.

Another Catholic gentleman who helped to resist Hitler's evil regime was a Catholic priest named Martin Niemoller. He became a member of the Confessing Church of Germany.

He wrote this -

"First they came for the Socialists and I did not speak out — because I was not a Socialist.

Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out — I was not a Trade Unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out — because I was not a Jew.

And then they came for me

— and there was not one left to speak for me."

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Helen V. Rohrbaugh
Maysville

Dear Editor,

The planet - due to global warming (oft-termed, correctly, either "catastrophic" or "apocalyptic" global warming) - is in crisis: species of the Earth's deeply interconnected biosphere (of which we humans are but one small piece) are dying off in unprecedented numbers due to anthropogenic climate change.

Humans, self-evidently, are dependent on the environment for survival - when we destroy the environment we, deductively, destroy our very selves.

Why, might one enquire - and against all scientific evidence - would "Donald Trump" deny the existence of global warming? The present resident of the Oval Office, sadly consumed by both avarice and vanity, once again proves himself a flimflam man who plays the U.S. public - and especially his well-cultivated base - for patsies.

But one example needst suffice in confirmation: has not Trump (and for years) on his "privately owned" Scottish seaside resort, been attempting to protect said resort's coastline

from the every-increasing encroachments of global warming-induced rising oceanic waters?

To generalize from the foregoing "private Scottish seaside resort" exemplum, the whited sepulchre publicly denies - despite self-evident and ubiquitous facts to the contrary - the existence of global warming because of public awareness/consensus of this catastrophic anthropogenic phenomenon would call into question the very same system which is itself the self-evident and ubiquitous source of global warming - that is, further, the very same system wherefrom Trump has acquired his ill-gotten gains: the capitalist.

Charles L. Zorbaugh Sr.
Petersburg

Dear Editor,

One of the most disturbing facts about our capitalist nation is the misappropriation of funds directed to the salaries of entertainers.

Everyone should agree that the value an athlete, movie star, talk-show host, team-owner, etcetera, brings to the average citizen is very small. Granted, they do offer a minuscule of diversion from our daily trials and tribulations as did the jesters in the king's court during

the middle ages. But to allow these entertainers to horde such great amounts of wealth at the expense of more benevolent societal programs is unacceptable.

They do not provide a product or a service so why are they rewarded as such?

Our society is also subjected to the "profound wisdom" of these people because it equates wealth with influence. Perhaps a solution to this problem and an alternative to defeated school levies, crumbling infrastructures as well as all the programs established to help feed, clothe and shelter those who cannot help themselves would be to tax this undeserved wealth. Entertainers could keep 1 percent of the gross earnings reaped from their endeavor and 99 percent could be deposited into the public coffers.

The old ideas of the redistribution of wealth have failed, and it is time to adapt to modern-day preferences. People put their money into entertainment above everything else; isn't it time to tap that wealth? Does anyone think this will reduce the quality of entertainment? It seems to me that when entertainers received less income, the quality was much higher.

Joe Bialek
Cleveland, Ohio

Roads temporarily closed in Smoke Hole area to repair slides

The West Virginia Division of Highways announces the temporary closure of Pendleton County Route 2/3, Upper Smoke Hole Road, now through Friday, June 14, for slide repair.

The closure will occur between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. It begins at milepost 3.1 north of County Route 2/4 U.S. Forest Service 79 and ends at milepost 0.51 south of the Grant County line.

Also temporarily closed is Pendleton County Route 2, Smoke Hole Road, now through Wednesday, April 10, for soil nail slide repair. The closure will be between 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and begins at milepost 0.68 and ends at milepost 0.73. Special accommodations will be made for emergency vehicles and school buses only.

Motorists are advised to use an alternate route.

Secretary of State's office to visit Grant County April 16

Secretary of State Mac Warner announces mobile office visits to all 55 counties in April to assist business owners and entrepreneurs with filing their annual reports on time.

There are approximately 117,000 businesses, including nonprofits and charities, required to file an annual report. In 2018, nearly 97 percent of those businesses filed online.

"Our office has made it a priority to assist anyone who may need help in filing their annual, whether by paper or online," Warner said. "Our field representatives have been diligently going out in their communities and providing a service that directly benefits the taxpayers."

State law requires all entities that do business in West Virginia to file an annual report with the Secretary of State's office. That report provides information to the public about the officers and/or members of the entity as well as listing a service of process agent. Annual reports are due by July 1 of each year.

A field service team member will be in Grant County on Tuesday, April 16, from 1-3 p.m. at the Grant County Courthouse, 5 Highland Ave., Petersburg.

Help will be provided to any business owner needing assistance with filing their annual report.

In addition to the mobile office hours in April, businesses can receive help throughout the year at the WV One Stop Business Center in Charleston, or at one of the regional Business Hub offices in Clarksburg and Martinsburg. Businesses may also call the WVSOS Business Call Center at 304-558-8000 for assistance over the phone.

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other things.

It's been known for years that thermal coal is not the future of the coal industry. The met coal market can change, but right now it's where the action is. Murray Energy's shift in strategy should let us know where the money is going.

People who expect thermal coal to carry the state in the future should plan accordingly.

The Intelligencer Wheeling News-Register

On the governor's veto of a medical marijuana business bill

Giving a tax break to big marijuana businesses that allegedly have a financial advantage over small ones makes absolutely no sense. Yet a bill passed by the West Virginia Legislature would have done just that.

Gov. Jim Justice was right to veto the measure. Any attempt to resurrect it ought to be rejected, too.

With the state's medicinal marijuana program far behind schedule, lawmakers this year were told they needed to enact corrections to overcome some obstacles. They did.

Justice signed one of those bills, on how those involved in the industry can conduct banking business. But he vetoed another measure, House Bill 2079.

Current law prohibits growers and processors of the marijuana product permitted by law from also owning dispensaries where the product is sold. The still-new state law continues a ban on sale of marijuana for smoking, but permits those with legitimate medical needs to buy products containing the plant's active ingredient, THC.

Delegate Mike Pushkin, D-Kanawha, was lead sponsor of HB 2079. It would allow vertical integration - that is, the same company owning marijuana growing, processing and dispensary facilities. Pushkin insists that without vertical integration, dispensaries cannot make profits.

He may or may not be right about that. Some states allow vertical integration in the marijuana industry and some do not, according to Marijuana Business Daily (yes, the industry has grown to the point that it has a trade publication). There is even some argument over whether integration or ownership solely of retail sales outlets is wiser.

In Washington state, where there are about 430 marijuana dispensaries and the product is legal for recreational use, the law bans vertical integration.

Still, perhaps because the market would be far smaller in West Virginia, Pushkin may be right.

But the bill sent to Justice not only permitted vertical integration, it gave it a big tax break.

Under current law, marijuana growers and processors selling to unaffiliated dispensaries must pay a 10 percent tax on gross receipts. HB 2079 would have kept that in place - but the tax would have dropped to 5 percent for integrated businesses.

It would have given big marijuana businesses a tax break over small ones.

Pushkin insists the veto will set the medicinal marijuana business in West Virginia back a full year. Nonsense. Legislators are to hold a special session later this spring. They can send an acceptable version of HB 2079, minus the tax break, to the governor then.

Justice was right to veto the existing bill - and not let big marijuana business pull a fast one on Mountain State residents.

LETTERS POLICY

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

Letters are subject to editing and those longer than 400 words will usually not be published.

No more than one letter per month per person will be published.

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Remember When



April 6, 1949

Births at Veach Clinic included: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Alt of Petersburg, a son; and Mr. and Mrs. John Mallow of Petersburg, a son.

Pfc. Wilham Gilmore, 77 Tc. Trk. Co., Munich Military Post, formerly of Petersburg, re-enlisted in the U.S. Army for three years overseas duty. He had served as infantry soldier, driver and construction worker.

Miss Mary Sue VanMeter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. VanMeter of Petersburg, was appointed as a page to the 58th Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

April 8, 1959

Miss Shirley Judy, a Petersburg High School junior, was a candidate for the state office of treasurer of the Future Homemakers of America, from the Petersburg Chapter.

A record prize of \$556 was paid for the grand champion dozen of eggs exhibited by David Stump, 15, at the 16th annual Future Farmers of America ham, bacon and egg show auction in Charleston.

Southern States Cooperative, Petersburg, was burglarized and \$600 in cash was taken.

A fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the residence of Tom Cox on Turkey Knob. Estimated damage to the two-story house was \$1,500 and \$2,00 to the contents.

Lowell Alt and Tom Strawderman of Petersburg High School won first place at the regional science fair at Potomac State College. The title of the exhibit was "Controlling Electric Currents for the Strobe

Light and Bell."

Grant Memorial Hospital births included: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baldwin of Moorefield, a son, April 2 and Mr. and Mrs. Sterle Lambert of Upper Tract, a daughter, March 31.

Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Alt were honored for their 65th anniversary at the Petersburg High School cafeteria.

Lindon Funkhouser of Maysville completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

April 9, 1969

Whitewater weekend was April 11-13.



White Water Race, Petersburg, W. Va.

Carmen H. Huffman of Petersburg wed Marcel LeFevre, March 21, at Evangelical United Methodist Church.

Barbara Moreland was presented a Voice of Democracy plaque by Abraham Lincoln Post 6735, Mount Storm, for her essay on the subject, "Freedoms Challenge."

Heritage weekend at Blackwater Falls, April 11-13.

Mr. and Mrs. Hule Warnick entertained with a ninth birthday party for their son, Kevin, March 30.

April 11, 1979

The Tri-County Fair was slated for Aug. 7-11.

Twelve PHS students ex-

tended their theatrical winning streak when they won the state drama competition. They were to represent West Virginia at the southeastern theater conference in March, in New Orleans. They scored 99 out of 100. PHS' Tony Weatherholt and Andrea Snell were chosen to the all festival cast.

PHS seniors, Nancy Hedrick and Dennis Sites were chosen as Rotary Students of the Month.

Grant Memorial Hospital births included: Mr. and Mrs. Roger Berg of Maysville, a daughter, April 4; Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Brooks of Cabins, a

daughter, April 5; and Mr. and Mrs. David Warner of Elk Garden, a daughter, April 7.

The PHS band, under the direction of Randy Brannon, participated in the Eastern WV State Band Festival in Hedgesville, April 7. The band received a superior rating, the highest rating.

Discover Nature Day returns to Seneca Rocks Discovery Center

Discovery Center Saturday, April 27. The event, organized by Potomac Highlands Cooperative Weed and Pest Management Area (PHCWPA), is an entire day geared toward school-aged children who want to learn more about the natural world.

Discover Nature Day begins at 10 a.m. with the Garlic Mustard Challenge. Garlic mustard is an invasive species that is in need of some predators. On Discover Nature Day that predator is you. The challenge is to see how many garlic mustard plants teams can pull on the Discovery Center grounds.

All volunteers will receive a thank you bag with prizes. Please be at the Center by 9:30 a.m. to sign up or join a team. Light refreshments follow the pull and are free for all volunteers who participate in the

challenge.

After refreshments, the festivities begin with a message from the Cheat/Potomac District Ranger Troy Waskey. Drop by anytime 1-4 p.m. for live animal presentations as well as booths and displays with information from the W.Va. Department of Environmental Protection, Trout Unlimited, W.Va. Department of Agriculture and other partner groups located throughout the Potomac Highlands of West Virginia.

They are looking for volunteers so if you're interested or are looking for more information please contact Hannah Wroton at 304-635-4424 or Hannah.wroton@usda.gov or Elizabeth Mekonnen at 703-850-8223 or Elizabeth.Mekonnen@usda.gov.

Visit the Monongahela National Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/mnf/home> and the PHCWPA website at <https://www.phcwpma.org/>



Discover Nature Day is back for its eighth consecutive year at Seneca Rocks

Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center news



Madison Hall



Tyla Hogbin

working part-time while at PHS. She plans to attend college and pursue a teaching career. During her free time she enjoys spending time with friends and family. She has one sister, twin brothers, two stepsisters and baby niece, plus two dogs, Bella and DJ.

March was National Social Work Month and recognized were Ravenna Redman, director of social services, Aimee Minor, social worker and Amy Rotruck, a social services assistant.

The therapy department is

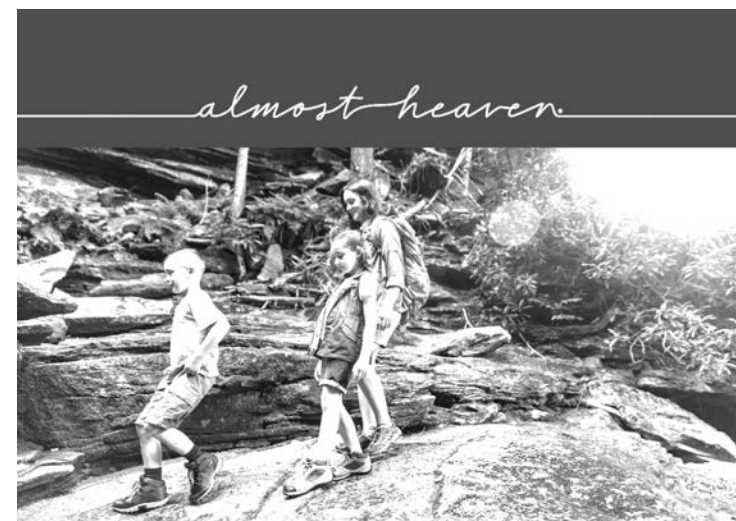
honoring a CNA each month who goes above and beyond in providing quality care. Honored in March was Jess Stickley.

Appointed as the new supervisor for the environmental services department was Tyla Hogbin. She has been at the facility for five years as a CNA.

The activities department is looking for volunteers for Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Friday mornings and afternoons. If you are interested please contact Cindy Evans.



Jess Stickley



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Local and area obituaries

ALVIN RANDALL MOYERS

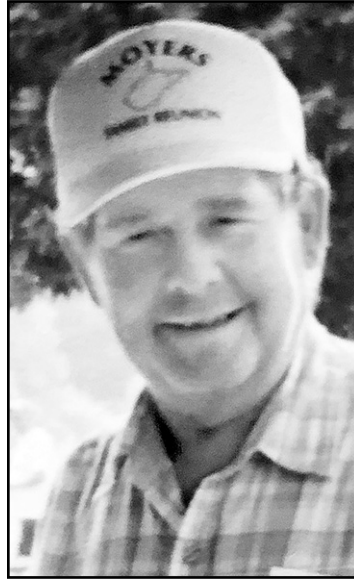
Alvin Randall Moyers, 69, of Petersburg, W.Va., passed away Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

Born Dec. 2, 1949, in Petersburg, he was the son of the late Arnold Grant Moyers and Mernie (Reed) Moyers. In addition to his parents, Alvin was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Mae (Caplinger) Moyers in 2004; one brother, Johnny L. Moyers; and sister-in-law, Linda Moyers.

Alvin was employed by Golden Lanes in Petersburg for several years.

He is survived by two sisters, Bernadine Moyers and Louisa Pennington, both of Cabins, W.Va.; three brothers, Robert Moyers of Maysville, W.Va., Daniel Moyers of Scherr, W.Va. and Charles Reed of Harrisonburg, Va.; two stepdaughters, Debra Kile of Maysville and Yvonne Tristan of Petersburg; one stepson, Clayton Laub of Petersburg; three stepgrandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Thurs-



day morning at the Schaeffer Funeral Home chapel, Petersburg, with the Rev. Johnny Goldizen officiating. Burial followed in the Whetzel Family Cemetery, South Fork, W.Va. on Dumpling Run Road.

Memorials may be made to the family, c/o Schaeffer Funeral Home, Petersburg. Condolences to the family may be left at www.schaefferfuneralhome.com. (4-9-19)

GARY LEROY ELLIS

Gary Leroy Ellis, 76, passed away Thursday, March 28, 2019.

He was born in DuBois, Pa. to the late Ivera Mae Smeal and Matthew Warren Ellis.

He was a retired dockman from Exxon Mobile. He was a member of Crosspointe Freewill Baptist Church and served as a deacon, church and school board member and handyman. He enjoyed fishing and the outdoors and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Beverly Ann Oates Ellis; son and wife, Gary Lee and Alyson Ellis; grandchildren, Noah, Hailey and Kayla; sisters and brother-in-law, Grace Dusch and Norma and Bob Mowery; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jim and Diane Ellis and Matthew "Chip" and Peggy Ellis; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were April 1, at Crosspointe Freewill Bap-



tist Church with Pastor David Sexton officiating. Burial followed at Colonial Grove Memorial Park in Virginia Beach, Va.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Crosspointe Freewill Baptist Church, 2460 Prud-en Blvd., Suffolk, VA 23434. (4-9-19)

BONNIE J. MURPHY

Bonnie Judy Murphy, 93, of Riverton, W.Va., passed away Wednesday, March 27, 2019, at Grant Memorial Hospital, Petersburg, W.Va..

Born Oct. 5, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Grace Judy Wimer. On April 25, 1945, Bonnie married her husband of 57 years, Frazer William Murphy, who preceded her in death on February 28, 2002. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her grandparents, Kenny and Almeda Judy; one great-great-granddaughter, Vivien Grace Murphy; and two half brothers, Carl Raines and Bobby Wimer.

Bonnie attended Circleville High School, was a member of the Circleville Presbyterian Church, a member of the Spruce Knob CEOS for 56 years, and had served as a Pendleton County Belle. She had worked at Glen L. Martin Aeronautics in Baltimore, Md. during WWII, and she retired from the Franklin Garment Company, after 29 years of employment.

Mrs. Murphy is survived by one son, Dale (Juanita) Murphy of Franklin; two daughters, Juanita (Ted) Goldizen of Maysville, W.Va. and Lenora "Skip" (Roger) Mallow of Upper Tract, W.Va. (with whom Bonnie lived for the last eight months); eight grandchildren, Della (Kurt) Wright of Chantilly, Va., Robert (Candy) Murphy of Blue-mont, Va., Jennifer (Patrick) Kelly of Niceville, Fla., Chad (Hilary) Goldizen of Acworth, Ga., Barry (Cassie) Goldizen of Montrose, W.Va., Ryan (Amber) Goldizen of Flemington, W.Va., Judy (Warren) Hedrick



of Franklin, W.Va., Kami (Trey) Keyser of Upper Tract, W.Va.; 16 great-grandchildren, Robyn, Clayton and Amy Murphy, Alana (Anthony) Fields, Evan and Hannah Kelly, Taylor Wright, Brookeleigh, Luke and Shaylyn Goldizen, Conor, Cole, and Cason Goldizen, Katie and Kallie Keyser, and Gracie Hedrick; two great-great-grandchildren, twins, Jackson and Clayton Fields; and her cat and great companion, "Honeybun."

Funeral services were March 31 at the Circleville Presbyterian Church, Circleville, with Pastor Fletcher Hutcheson, Jr. officiating. Interment was in the North Fork Memorial Cemetery in Riverton.

Memorials may be made to the Circleville Presbyterian Church, PO Box 191, Circleville, WV 26804 or charity of choice.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home. (4-9-19)

ELIZABETH CASTO MATHIAS

Elizabeth "Betty" Casto Mathias, 87, of Petersburg, W.Va., passed away Tuesday, April 2, 2019, in Martinsburg, W.Va., surrounded by family.

Born on April 8, 1931, in Charleston, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Ronald H. Casto and Mary Norvell (Adams) Casto. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil "Mac" M. Mathias on Dec. 4, 2004; and her brother, Ronald Casto.

Betty was raised in Logan, W.Va. and attended Mary Washington College before transferring to West Virginia University where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. After graduating from WVU she taught school until her future husband, Mac, graduated. After she and Mac were wed in 1954, they moved to Philadelphia where he was stationed in the Army for two years before moving to Petersburg.

Betty was dedicated to being a wife, mother and homemaker. She was devoted to her family and church. She was an excellent cook and lifelong WVU sports fan. She enjoyed playing bridge and golf and looked forward to playing in the West Virginia Amateur Golf Tournament for a number of years with her friend Joann Ours. In later years, she and her best friend Becky Moomau would attempt to out brag the other about their grandchildren. She was a member of the Petersburg Presbyterian Church for over 60 years. She was an active member of the Worship Committee for many years and maintained the flower chart.

ORMA G. BLAND

Orma Glee Bland, 78, of Petersburg, died Sunday, March 31, at her home.

Born April 12, 1940, in Macksville, she was the daughter of the late William Isom and Beulah Ilva (Kimble) Hedrick. She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Ilva Phillips; one sister, Susie Simmons; and two brothers, Riley Hedrick and Ralph Hedrick. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family.

Ms. Bland graduated from Circleville High School in 1958. She was a former member of the North Fork Baptist Church in Riverton and High Rock United Methodist Church in Seneca Rocks. She was a waitress at Geno's and Roy Rogers for 20 years in Hyattsville, Md. Before retiring, she was a cook for the Riverton Head Start for 10 years where she was named cook of the year.

She is survived by one daughter, Penny Hoggarth of Petersburg; two sons, Hadley Bland of Petersburg and Richard Bland of Seneca Rocks; five grandchildren, Steven Bland, Christopher Phillips, Tina Hoggarth, Denali Hedrick and Brock Bland; and

BARBARA SUSAN ALT

Barbara Susan Alt, 65, of Petersburg, W.Va., passed away Sunday, April 7, 2019, at Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center, Petersburg.

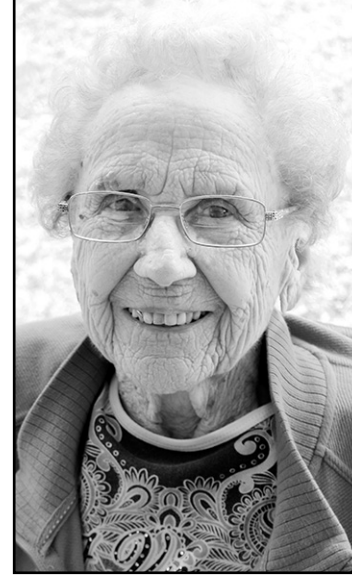
Born July 26, 1953, in Petersburg, she was the daughter of Eulala (Shreve) Alt of Petersburg, and the late Stanley E. Alt.

Barbara was a member of Gordon Chapel United Methodist Church and former member of the Landes Ruritan Club.

Along with her mother, she is survived by two brothers, Neal Alt and wife Dixie of Winchester, Va. and Don S. Alt and wife Karen of Petersburg; one niece, Jenny Turner; three nephews, Shawn Alt, Scott Alt and Steven Alt; four great-nieces; four great-nephews; one great-great-niece; one aunt, Betty Ann Alt of Gambrills, Md.; and several other cousins.

Family will receive friends Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Schaeffer Funeral Home, Petersburg.

Funeral services will be Thursday, April 11, at 2 p.m. at the Schaeffer Funeral Home chapel with Pastor David Webb and the Rev. Rita Beeman offi-



ciating. Interment will follow in South Branch Valley Memorial Gardens, Petersburg.

Memorials may be made to the Hedrick Cemetery c/o Diane McMorrow at 156 Harmon Hills Rd Seneca Rocks, WV 26884.

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six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Thursday morning at the Basagic Funeral Home chapel, Petersburg with Pastors Theodore Bennett and Sam Harper officiating. Interment was in the Hedrick Cemetery, Seneca Rocks.

Memorials may be made to the Hedrick Cemetery c/o Diane McMorrow at 156 Harmon Hills Rd Seneca Rocks, WV 26884.

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Memorials may be made to Gordon Chapel United Methodist Church, 40 J.F. Stump Lane, Petersburg, WV 26847 or Grant Rehabilitation and Care Activity Department, 127 Early Avenue, Petersburg, WV 26847.

Condolences to the family may be left at www.schaefferfuneralhome.com. (4-9-19)

VELMA KISAMORE PHARES LYON

Velma Kisamore Phares Lyon, 93, of Petersburg, W.Va., passed away Sunday, March 31, 2019, at Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center, Petersburg.

Born June 25, 1925, in One-go, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Joel and Clara Dolly Kisamore. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Boyd Phares in February 1987 and her second husband, Dwight W. Lyon September 2011; three brothers, Burl, Marvin and Jonas Kisamore; two sisters, Ver-cie Kisamore Carr and an infant sister; two sons-in-law, Dale Keplinger and Ronnie Myers; and one great-great-grandson, Thomas Olaf Berg. She was the monarch of seven sets of five generations.

Velma worked at Grant Memorial Hospital as a certified medical assistant, Joan Curtis Sewing Factory, as a volunteer emergency medical technician in Grant County for several years, and retired as manager of the Guyan Factory Outlet Shoe Store in Petersburg. She received her GED through the South Branch Vocational Center and was a previous member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post #78.

She was one of the last two surviving charter members of the Cabins Assembly of God Church that was established and built during the ministry of her aunt Dairie Dolly.

Velma is survived by four daughters: Bernice P. (Harvey) Carr of Maysville, W.Va., Shirley J. Myers of Martinsburg, W.Va., Bonnie L. Keplinger, of Petersburg and Leta M. (Vernon Jr.) Carr of Lahmansville, W.Va.; one stepson Mike



(Brenda) Lyon; 12 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; four sisters, Verda K. Bennett of Petersburg; Esther K. (Stan) Vernon of Richmond, Va., Ethel K. Phares Dickerson of Amis-ville, Va. and Otie K. Whitaker of Washington; many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews, as well as cousins and a host of friends and loved ones.

Funeral services were Friday morning at the Basagic Funeral Home chapel, Petersburg, with the Rev. Coleman Clark and the Rev. Kenneth Phares officiating. Interment was in the Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Ridge Road, Maysville.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Velma Phares Lyon Memorial Fund, Cabins Assembly of God Church, c/o Bernice P. Carr, for pew Bibles or to the Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center.

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Lenten lunch schedule

Lenten lunches will be conducted at the Petersburg Presbyterian Church weekly, at noon, with a cost set at \$3.

April 10 - St. Mary's Catholic Church, assisted by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Speaker: Fr. Josh Stevens.

April 17 - Grace Lutheran assisted by Brake Church of the Brethren. Speaker: James Dye.



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ah Moomau explained that McCalley is familiar with the project and has been involved with it since its creation.

The council agreed to appoint McCalley to the project for a two-year term. More in-

formation on this program and its goals will be available at a later date.

Finally, the council approved multiple building permits including: Raymond Donaldson at Cedar Manor Trailer Park to move in a new mobile home; Joan Mace at 118 Pine St., to install a handi-

cap ramp; Juanita Kuykendall at 70 Aspen Dr., to enclose a back porch and replace underpinning; Frank Baker at 106 Grant St., to replace a roof; Kent Hudgins at 117 Highland Ave., to replace a post on front porch; Ismeal Sanchez at 18 Pierpont St., to replace a room and add a second sto-

ry; Dwight Baker at 15 East Ave., to replace a roof; Es-til Heavner at 219 Mountain View St., to enclose a porch; Melva Cornette at 226 Sears St., to add a handicap ramp; Bob Legg at 128 Pine St., to install a chain link fence and Robert Spanswick at 14 For-man Ave., to replace a wood

fence with a vinyl fence.

The next regularly sched-uled meeting of the Petersburg City Council is May 6 at 7 p.m.

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ed in part by the federal Or-ganized Crime Drug Enforce-ment Task Force Program (OCDETF).

The OCDETF program supplies federal funding and coordination that allows fed-eral and state agencies to work together in an attempt to identify, investigate, and prosecute major interstate and international drug trafficking organizations and other crim-inal enterprises.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert W. Trumble presided.

Another new face in the CVB, namely at South Side Depot, the home of the CVB in Grant County, is Berg.

Berg is a Grant County na-tive whose family owns a farm in the area and raises Angus cattle. This local foundation plays an crucial role in her new position, saying the South Side Depot is an important Grant County location that brings the community together.

“Many are not aware of what the South Side Depot has to offer,” Berg said. “We offer a lot more in our store than most think. Not only do we have train rides through out the year, but we also have many items that you won’t find anywhere else. We carry many West Virginia made merchan-dise along with local consign-ers who make a variety of just about everything. We have fly fishing lures for the men as well as fly girl jewelry for the women, and that’s just a small amount of what we offer.

Berg also explained the role that locally sourced products, such as maple syrup and jams ,play in the store.

“We also have locally made maple syrup, home-style apple butter, hot red pepper jelly, ‘Hillbilly Hollerin’ hot sauce, peppercorn mustard, as well as ramp jam and road kill jam. We have various West Virg-inia wine flavors as well, along with multiple varieties of coffee. We also carry a beauti-ful assortment of handmade wooden chests, chairs and even items made from metal. We have beautiful framed and unframed artwork and metal prints which are quite mes-merizing, and when summer comes around, we’ll be able to cool you off with our many flavors of shaved ice. So please, stop by, enjoy a hot cup of coffee and see the constant flow of new things in our store. We have a little bit of something for everyone.”

Kim Byard, CVB

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JOSEPHINE ROHRBAUGH

Josephine (Reed) Rohrbaugh, 72, of Maysville, W.Va., passed away Saturday, April 6, 2019, at Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center, Petersburg, W.Va.

Born Oct. 15, 1946, in Lah-mansville, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Edgar Parker Reed and Ruth Mae (Heaven-er) Reed. In addition to her par-ents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Paul Jones Reed; one half brother Robert Reed; and one sister, infant Eva June Reed.

Josephine was a homemak-er and loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She enjoyed cook-ing, gardening and singing gospel hymns. She enjoyed talking with others and never met a stranger. She was a member of Falls Assembly of God Church, Maysville.

She is survived by her hus-band of 55 years, Melvin B. Rohrbaugh; two daughters, Car-olyn S. VanMeter and husband Paul of Maysville and JoAnn Ketterman and husband Billy of Maysville; one son, Melvin “Bruce” Rohrbaugh Jr. and wife Jamie of Chattanooga, Tenn.; three grandchildren, Tammy Ayers, Samantha Delawder and Elijah Rohrbaugh; two great-grandchildren, Daphne Ayers and Sophia Thorne; four sisters, Mary Powell of Freder-ick, Md., Margie Saville and husband Wendell of Rio, W.Va., June Huffiman and husband Alan of Seneca Rocks, W.Va. and Linda Ours and husband Mickey of Cabins, W.Va.; and numerous



nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff of Grant Reha-bilitation and Care Center for all their love and care given to Josephine these past years.

Funeral services are today (Tuesday) at 11 a.m. at Falls As-sembly of God Church, Mays-ville, with the Rev. Vivan Watts and the Rev. Coleman Clark officiating. Interment will be in the Lahmansville Cemetery, Lahmansville, W.Va.

Memorials may be made to Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center, 127 Early Avenue, Pe-tersburg, WV 26847 or Falls Assembly of God Church, 5260 Knobley Road, Maysville, WV 26833.

Arrangements are by Schae-f-er Funeral Home, Petersburg. Condolences to the family may be left at www.schaefferfuneral home.com. (4-9-19)

MARY CRITES

Wilma Mary Newhouse Crites, 89, of Cardinal Lane, Rig, W.Va., passed away Wednesday evening, April 3, 2019, at her residence with her family at her side.

Born on March 20, 1930, at Rig, she was the daughter of the late Oliver S. Newhouse and Mollie Etta Eye Newhouse. Her brother, Norman Newhouse in addition to her parents also pre-ceded her in death.

Mary was a loving mother and homemaker who loved sew-ing, cooking and canning, espe-cially pickles and jelly.

Surviving are two daughters, Terri (husband Brad) Taylor of Petersburg, W.Va. and Tammy (husband Craig) Crites of Fisher, W.Va.; one son, Bradley Crites of Rig; two grandsons, Adam (wife Alicia) Crites of Rio, W.Va. and Aaron (wife Rebec-

ca) Crites of Fisher; one grand-daughter, Emily (husband Jake) Phillips of Queenstown, Md.; four great-grandchildren, Brant-ley and Tatum Crites of Rio and Allie and Macie Crites of Fisher; and her friends/caregivers, Win-nie Helmick and Wendy DeiCas.

Graveside services were Fri-day afternoon at the Crites-Eye Cemetery, Rig, with Pastor Brad Taylor officiating. Interment fol-lowed. Mary’s wishes were not to have a traditional service.

Memorials in Mary’s hon-or may be directed to the Rig Assembly of God Church, 10 Queens Drive, Moorefield, WV 26836 or Hardy County Com-mittee on Aging, 409 Spring Av-enue, Moorefield, WV 26836.

Condolences, shared memo-ries and photos may be left on Mary’s tribute wall at www.fra-leyfuneralhome.com. (4-9-19)

JACKIE WILLIAM CRITES

Jackie William Crites, 75, of Rig, W.Va., passed away Sat-urday, April 6, 2019, at Grant Memorial Hospital, Petersburg, W.Va.

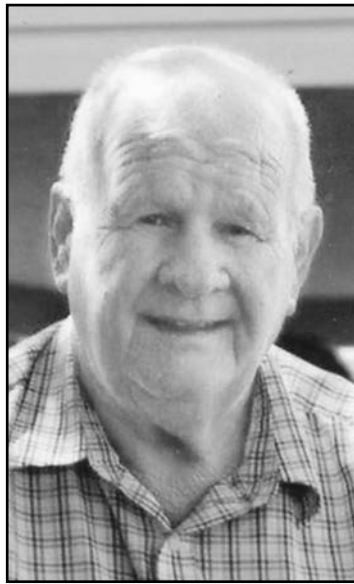
Born Jan. 21, 1944, in Rig, he was the son of the late Lem-uel James Crites and Ada Vernie (Baldwin) Crites.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Tommie Crites, Wardney Crites, Lucky Crites, Harvey Crites; and two sisters, Delphia Ours and Betty Crites.

Jackie was a truck driver for V.R. Mowry for several years and retired from Fairfax Stone. He was a member of Rig As-sembly of God Church.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Shirley C. (Helmick) Crites; two brothers, Bobby Crites, resident of Grant Reha-biliton and Care Center, Pe-tersburg, and Roger D. Crites and wife Arlene of Moorefield, W.Va.; two sisters, Josphine Crites and husband Albert of Fisher, W.Va. and Mary Pratt of Moorefield; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends today (Tuesday) from 4 – 8 p.m. at Rig Assembly of God Church.



Funeral services will be Wednesday, at 2 p.m. at Rig Assembly of God Church with Pastor Brad Taylor and Pastor Wade Armentrout officiating. Interment will be in Critestown Cemetery, Rig.

Memorials may be made to the Crites family, c/o Shirley C. Crites, 5754 Rig Road, Moore-field, WV 26836.

Arrangements are by Schae-f-er Funeral Home, Petersburg. Condolences to the family may be left at www.schaefferfuneral home.com. (4-9-19)

J. Carter, the former executive director of the Potomac Valley Transit Authority

I have testified in congressional situations, I have worked with legislature on the state level and I have worked with some great people here. I wasn’t the one that put all this together, I have had so much help along the way. The opportunities I have had and the people I have worked with - those are the things I will carry out of here. It has been a pleasure.

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including Pilgrim’s Pride and American Woodmark. Carter said that now, the PVTA does worker transportation in col-laboration with the company, a unique situation in the trans-portion industry.

Carter said he was proud to have filled the position for so long and was grateful for his time at the PVTA.

“My time here has been very gratifying and reward-ing,” Carter said. “I have had so many opportunities that so few people will ever get. I have testified in congressional situations, I have worked with legislature on the state level and I have worked with some great people here. I wasn’t the one that put all this together, I have had so much help along the way. The opportunities I have had and the people I have worked with - those are the things I will carry out of here. It has been a pleasure.”

One person Carter said has greatly impacted the PVTA is Lee Thompson.

“You talk about a dedicat-ed man, Lee didn’t get a pay-check,” Carter said. “The night they officially hired me, they elected Lee as president of the board and, with the exception of two years of duty in Iraq, Lee has been here.”

Thompson also spoke high-ly of Carter, saying the board was sad to see him leave the position.

“J. has hinted for a year or so that someday he wanted to retire and I think the board has been on pins and needles since that first came up, that some-day we would have to replace J. Obviously we were not look-ing forward to that. We were hoping to clone him but I guess that hasn’t been perfected yet.”

Thompson said the board began seeking someone with the experience and background to fill the position when they found Pixlar.

“We needed someone that could walk in J’s shoes and I think we have found the in-dividual that can do that,” Thompson said. “Of all the people we interviewed, he was the most highly qualified and had the experience we need-ed. We were fortunate to find Doug and as sorry as I am to see J. go, I am happy to see Doug come in.”

As for the future of the

PVTA, Pixlar said he was ex-cited to take on the new chal-lenge in the region.

“This area has always been an area that I loved,” Pixlar said. “It was a difficult decision to leave the eastern pan-handle but as far as moving to Grant County, we have always visited it and are glad for this opportunity. We are very hap-py.”

Grant County Convention and Visitors Bureau

The Grant County CVB also has two new executive directors joining their ranks in CVB executive director Kim-berly Byard and South Side Depot executive director Tonia Berg.

Byard is a West Virginia native and a former state bi-ologist and an environmental consultant traveling through-out much of West Virginia and especially enjoyed visiting the Potomac Highlands areas.

“My husband Jeff and I spent many vacations in Grant County after my folks built a cabin in the North Fork Re-treat,” Byard said. “Our favor-ite activities were fishing the North Fork, floating through the Smoke Hole Canyon, and hiking at Dolly Sods. We set-tled here in Cabins, when we were both able to find good jobs in this area.”

Since moving to the county, Byard has worked for Hester Industries and has been in-volved in public relations as an outreach to the communities concerned with water quality. She has also worked in the lo-cal school system as well as at Eastern West Virginia Commu-nity and Technical College.

“I feel I can draw on this varied work background in my new role as the Convention and Visitors Bureau director for Grant County,” Byard said. “As a scientist, you are trained to make observation and gather facts and as a teacher you need to be able to relate facts and in-formation to others in a mean-ingful way.”

Byard said she feels the area is a prime location for tourism, explaining that West Virginia is a world-class travel and tourism destination poised for tremendous growth and development.

“We are in the heart of a heavily – traveled tourism re-

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system on Juuling and vaping and the harmful effects of the products. Currently, five peo-ple have been certified for this program.

Finally, the council also explained that another pre-vention effort underway focuses on the physicians themselves and providing ad-ditional information on opioid use. In this effort, the program has distributed “Opioid Pre-scribing Guidelines and Best Practices” to every physician in Grant, Berkeley, Hardy, Mineral, Hampshire, Morgan, Jefferson and Pendleton coun-ties.

Elk Garden man admits to role in a multi-county drug distribution operation

Nathan E. Carpenter, of Elk Garden, has admitted to his involvement in a drug dis-tribution conspiracy, United States Attorney Bill Powell an-nounced.

Carpenter, 29, pleaded guilty to one count of conspir-acy to distribute methamphet-amine. Carpenter admitted to working with others to distrib-ute methamphetamine from August 2017 to June 2018 in Mineral, Hardy and Hampshire counties and elsewhere.

Carpenter faces up to 20 years incarceration and a fine

of up to \$1 million. Under the federal sentencing guidelines, the actual sentence imposed will be based upon the seri-ousness of the offenses and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Lara Ompps-Botteicher is pro-secuting the case on behalf of the government.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explo-sives, the West Virginia State Police, and the Potomac High-lands Drug and Violent Crimes Task Force investigated.

The investigation was fund-ed in part by the federal Or-ganized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Program (OCDE-TF). The OCDETF program supplies critical federal fund-ing and coordination that al-lows federal and state agencies to work together to success-fully identify, investigate, and prosecute major interstate and international drug trafficking organizations and other crim-inal enterprises.

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Grant County to send archery competitors to National Tournament

The Maysville Elementary School archery team brought home a state title last month when they finished second in the the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) State Tournament. MES also had four archers finish in the

top 10 individually and will be moving on to the National Tournament in May in Louisville, Ky.

MES competitors who placed were: Dustin Fridley, Ryan Clark, Kaylyn Whetzel and Kailea Kisamore.

Petersburg High School also sent two competitors who also finished in the top five and

will be traveling to Kentucky in May for the national tournament. One of the archers, Dan-

ielle Fridley, received the Top Shot award for the tournament and was awarded a scholar-

ship of \$9,500. This win marks Fridley's second state championship in archery.

Maysville

- Dustin Fridley, 270 points, 4th place boys
- Ryan Clark, 268 points, 6th place boys
- Kaylyn Whetzel, 264 points, 5th place girls
- Kailea Kisamore, 259 points, 6th place girls

Petersburg

- Danielle Fridley, 292 points, 1st place
- Dakota Parsons, 287 points, 5th place boys



Local Dream Team takes on the undefeated Harlem Superstars at Petersburg High School

On Friday, Petersburg High School hosted a fundraising game between the Harlem Superstars and the PHS Dream Team. Representing the local area during the light-hearted game was Lauren Fleming, Alexis Earle, Jon Webster, Grant

Shanholtz, Jace Shanholtz, Cody Southerly, Josh Stickley and was coached by Mitch Webster. The Harlem Superstars travel all over the country performing in both large and small venues promoting positive teamwork and kindness. The group that

took on the PHS Dream team were: Roosevelt "Rolex" Lee, Kevin "Tiny" Briggs, Kevin "Showboat" Jackson, Donnie "Razzmatazz" Seale, Jimmy "Live Action" Bosque, Steven "Abby" Ruple and Adre "The Pope" Pope.



NICE SHOT - Danielle Fridley, archery coach Ruthann Nuzum and Dakota Parsons following the West Virginia NASP tournament. Both Fridley and Nuzum will be competing in the national NASP tournament in Kentucky.

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Berkeley Springs fall to Vikings in doubleheader

Last week, the Petersburg High School Vikings softball team won a doubleheader last week against Berkeley Springs High School. The Vikings won

the games 10 - 0 and 15 - 0, without Berkeley Springs able to pick up a single run over the Vikings.

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By: Charlie Healy
 West Virginia University

The West Virginia University baseball team's four-game win streak was snapped with a 9-5 loss at No. 23 Oklahoma State on Saturday afternoon at Allie P. Reynolds Stadium in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

The Mountaineers (18-12, 3-5 Big 12) led 5-0 after four innings, but the Cowboys (19-10, 6-2 Big 12) rallied with one in the fifth, three in the sixth and five in the eighth to even the three-game series.

WVU's five runs came on eight hits, while OSU had nine runs on 11 hits. West Virginia committed two errors, which led to all three runs in the sixth inning being unearned.

Sophomore left-handed starter Jackson Wolf turned in his second quality start of the season and struck out a career-best seven batters. In 7.0 innings, he allowed four runs, one of them earned, on eight hits with two walks.

Junior right-hander Sam Kessler suffered the loss. In 0.2 innings, he allowed five runs on three hits with one strikeout and two walks.

Junior first baseman Kevin Brophy led the offense with two hits, two RBIs and two runs scored. He launched a two-run home run in the fourth inning, his sixth of the season and 12th of his career. Brophy was one of three Mountaineers with multiple hits.

Wolf escaped a bases-loaded jam in the first inning and got a flyout to end the frame before WVU answered with three runs in the top of the second.

All three runs came with two outs, on five hits. With two on, freshman shortstop Tevin

Tucker singled to left to score senior third baseman Ivan Gonzalez from second. Freshman left fielder Austin Davis followed with an RBI single to left-center, which scored Brophy. The final run came on a wild pitch to plate Tucker from third.

West Virginia added to its lead in the fourth, on Brophy's two-run home run, to make it 5-4. The long ball to center scored Gonzalez, who singled.

The Cowboys got a run back in the bottom of the fifth, on a two-out RBI single. OSU added three in the sixth to cut WVU's lead to one, at 5-4. All three runs were unearned, on two errors. After a fielding error loaded the bases, a walk brought in the first run with one out. A fielder's choice ground-out followed, as two runs came across, the second on a fielding error on the throw home.

A nice defensive play by OSU's third baseman helped the Cowboys get out of the top of the inning after a leadoff walk. In the bottom half, Wolf got a pair of strikeouts to conclude his day.

Oklahoma State took its first lead of the series with a five-run eighth inning. Kessler relieved Wolf to start the inning and gave up an RBI single to tie the game before a two-out grand slam by Colin Simpson gave OSU a 9-5 lead. Sophomore right-hander Tristen Hudson then came on and got a strikeout to end the inning.

Gonzalez led off the ninth with a walk, but the Mountaineers could not add anything else.

Notes: West Virginia is 18-12 on the season, 9-11 on the road and 3-5 in Big 12 play ... WVU is 4-4 against top-25 teams and 9-8 against teams

that made the 2018 NCAA Tournament ... The loss snapped the Mountaineers' four-game win streak ... West Virginia is 16-6 when scoring first ... Jackson Wolf had his second career quality start, and allowed four runs, one earned,

on eight hits with a career-best seven strikeouts and two walks in 7.0 innings ... Kevin Brophy hit his sixth home run of the season and 12th of his career in the fourth inning.

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Men's high game (Scratch): Kevin McDonald and Troy McGreevy 246, Larry Walp 197; (Handicap): Kevin McDonald 278, Troy McGreevy 258, Randy Thorne and Caden Mongold 218.

Men's high series (Scratch): Kevin McDonald 636, Troy McGreevy 568, Larry Walp 549; (Handicap): Kevin McDonald 732, Tyler Halterman 628, Jeff Sullivan 614.

Men's high average: Larry Walp 188.00, Larry Ware 187.90, Troy McGreevy 184.54.

Women's high game (Scratch): Valerie Laub 206, Emily Stark 192, Sarah Earle 189; (Handicap): Valerie Laub 255, Emily Stark 232, Rachel Stark, Ashly Sites and Sarah Earle 214.

Women's high series (scratch): Sarah Earle 535, Emily Stark 533, Ashly Sites 490; (Handicap): Emily Stark 653, Ashly Sites 622, Sarah Earle 610.

Women's high average: Sarah Earle 169.27, Dee Anna McDonald 163.05, Rosie Sampsell 150.52.

(scratch): Dee Anna McDonald 563, Sarah Earle 511, Emily Stark 468; (Handicap): Dee Anna McDonald 650, Denise McGreevy 625, Linda Kenyon 589.

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High series (Scratch): Bradley Vetter 619, Michael Hedrick 611, Larry Ware 603, Richie Burgess 597, Zachary Arbaugh and Mike Smith 579; (Handicap): Bradley Vetter II 694, Richie Burgess 660, Zachary Arbaugh 657, Cam Vance 635, Larry Ware 630.

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Women's high series

Basketball class expansion proposal passed in W.V.a.

The governing body for high school sports in West Virginia has passed a proposal to expand the number of classes in basketball to four.

The Secondary School Activities Commission's Board of Control passed the proposal on a 111-26 vote last Tuesday. It would expand the current system of three classes under the two-year trial. The board consists of high school principals and athletic directors.

The state Board of Education will put the proposal out for public comment for 30 days before voting on it.

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Young Writers winning stories to be published

The Queen's New Pet Grades 3 - 4 Reece Sites Fourth Grade MES

One sunny day, a cute, fuzzy little hamster sat in a pet store's glass window cage. He had been there a long time for advertisement, drawing the brief smiles and coos of passersby. He spent the day wishing he could get out because he had always wanted to find a place to call home. Every day, the little hamster tried so fervently to escape, but he could never find a way. On this particular day, he spotted a tiny hole in the glass, so he made it bigger by trying to stick his head through it. All of a sudden, the glass shattered, and he was finally free! The little fellow was so happy!

First, he explored inside the pet store. He was impressed with almost everything he saw. Next, he scattered away to the grocery store, where he helped himself to the fresh fruits and vegetables. He continued on his way through the shopping mall. He decided to stop by the food court, but changed his mind when a huge, angry man stomped toward him and shooed him away. The scared hamster bolted outside and didn't stop until he was out of town.

Finally, he came to the queen's castle. It was so beautiful and magnificent! He sneaked past the sleeping guard and entered the queen's chamber. There, he met the queen's pet schnauzer, Mr. Ruffy. The startled dog barked, "Who are you, and why are you here?" "I am here to see the queen," the hamster squeaked. In an effort to hold a friendly conversation, he quickly asked, "Did you just get

groomed? You look splendid!" "Why, yes!" replied Mr. Ruffy. "Do you know where I can find the queen?" added the little hamster sweetly. "The queen is getting her hair done today, but she will return soon," replied Mr. Ruffy.

Just then, they spied the glamorous queen coming down the hallway. She looked at the little hamster and instantly bent down to scoop him up into her arms. "Why, aren't you a fuzzy little peanut!" she laughed. "Mr. Ruffy," the queen inquired, "doesn't this little guy look like the hamster that spends all day in the window at the pet store?" "Yes, he does," barked Mr. Ruffy. "Well then, let's return

him," she said, "for the owner is probably worried about him." The little hamster's heart sank because he had hoped to stay with the queen.

The pet store owner was thankful to the queen for returning the hamster. "Would you like to keep him?" he asked. "We just got a new hamster." The queen thought for a moment and then replied, "I would love to keep him!" The queen thanked the store owner, said good-bye and returned home with her new pet.

Back at the castle, the queen told the hamster, "Let's call you Peanut." She smooched the little hamster on the tip of his pink nose. Peanut was elated! He finally had a home.

The New Born Baby Grade 1-2 Madelyn Wratchford Second Grade PES

Once upon a time, there was a king and queen, who lived in a castle in the forest. They had a baby girl who was a princess and her name was Bella. The king and queen took very good care of her. One night a fire-breathing dragon flew into the castle through an open window and kidnapped baby Bella. He accidentally dropped Bella's blanket on her bedroom floor, and flew away into the darkness.

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on got caught in a cage where the king met up with him.

The dragon told him that he wanted to be their pet and protect their family at the castle. So the king and queen had a talk and they agreed that the dragon should be their family pet. The dragon began playing with baby Bella and they all lived happily ever after.

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 APPLICATION DEVELOPER - DESCRIPTION: The West Virginia State Treasurer's Office has a job opening for a Windows application developer with a strong background in supporting enterprise level applications in a high-availability environment. Responsibilities include participation in the full software development lifecycle including design, development, testing, deployment and operational support of the solution. REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or related field; 3-5 years of work experience; experience with Visual Studio .Net; demonstrated experience with developing web-based applications using WEB API (REST), JQuery, MVC, HTML, IIS, mobile application development and SQL Server; and the ability to communicate effectively with technical and user staff. Experience with developing financial applications and certifications in Microsoft development preferred, but not required. Please send resumes to: West Virginia State Treasurer's Office, Attn: Phillip White, 322 70th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304
 4/9

Real Estate
 2 BR, 1 BA cabin, big stone fireplace, screened-in porch area. Mt. Storm, near power plant. Very close to lake w/privileges. Mature trees. Large lot. Wood and propane heat. Call Michelle Williams, Old Dominion Realty, 304-851-4334.
 9/26tn
 House for sale: 3 Br., 2 Ba., Valued at \$199,000, selling at \$162,000. 2,200 sq. ft. on 2 acres of land. Also 5 acres of land - \$25,000. Call 304-749-8411.
 4/2tn
 Lot 28 in Petersburg, Grandview SD, 2.4 ac. with approved septic system installed. Call 304-257-2487 or 304-749-7912.
 4/9-4/16f

Rental Properties
 Very nice 1 br., semi furnished apartment in town. Water and trash included. Nonsmoking, no pets. \$400/month. Call 304-257-2431 or 301-268-9342.
 2/5tn
 2 br. townhouse in Petersburg. Great for 1 or 2 people. \$550/mo. plus security deposit. Call after 5 p.m. 304-530-2337.
 3/26-4/16p
 2 br. trailer, \$375 month. Call Randy 304-257-4114.
 5/29tn
 Conveniently located office space, like nail or beauty salon, photography, tax business, etc. \$400/mo. includes water and trash. Call 304-257-2431 or 301-268-9342.
 2/5tn
 Joy Senior Apartments income-based elderly housing. HUD approved. Adjacent to Senior Center. P.V.T.A. available. 304-257-5494 or 304-851-0998. EOE.
 4/3tn
 Mobile home lots for rent at Cedar Manor Trailer Court in Petersburg, WV. Inquiries call 304-668-0730.
 5/25tn

Services
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 4/9p
Seamless gutter installation. Call Vernon Harman Construction 304-257-2509. Accepting credit cards. 2/23tn

Legal Notices
 The hearing has been scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at the:
Coopers Rock Training Room
WV DEP Headquarters
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304
 The public notice for this draft permit was published throughout the state on February 26, 2019, and the comment period ended March 29, 2019.
 Oral and written comments will be accepted at the hearing. After the public hearing, the comment period will be extended until 8 p.m. on Friday, May 17, 2019.
 A copy of the draft permit can be obtained on the WV DEP Website under Water and Waste/Permitting/Stormwater Permits/Multi-Sector Stormwater - 2019 draft general permit or by calling Sharon Mullins, Division of Water & Waste Management, (304) 926-0499, ext. 1132; or e-mail her at Sharon.A.Mullins@WV.Gov. Copies of this permit can be obtained until May 17th, 2019 at 4 p.m.
 4/9

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SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

The following is a true copy from the record of orders entered by GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION on the 27th day of March 2019:

Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Current Expense Levy Rate/\$100	Levy Taxes Levied
Class I		
Personal Properties	19.40	
Public Utilities		
Total Class I		
Class II		
Real Estate	265,691,150	38.80
Personal Property	1,380,860	5.358
Total Class II	267,072,010	1,036,240
Class III		
Real Estate	79,620,040	77.60
Personal Property	140,322,044	
Public Utilities	528,606,587	
Total Class III	748,548,671	617,852
Class IV		
Real Estate	26,295,440	77.60
Personal Property	15,785,156	
Public Utilities	4,512,739	
Total Class IV	46,593,335	204,053
Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections	\$1,062,214,016	\$7,206,543
Less Allowance for uncollectibles, exonerations and delinquencies	2.50%	(180,164)
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts	2.50%	(175,659)
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)		0
Net Projected Tax Collections, before allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund		6,850,720
Less- Allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)	1.85%	(126,738)
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected		\$6,723,982

Note: Copies of all approved excess and/or bond levy orders and certified copies of the canvass of votes must be on file with the State Auditor's Office and the State Department of Education before excess or bond levy rates can be approved.
Signed this 26th day of March, 2019, by Douglas S. Lambert
Secretary of the Board of Education

4/9-4/16
CASE NO. 19-0316-G-42T
MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY,
a public utility, Charleston, Kanawha County,
Rule 42T application to increase rates and charges

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF REQUESTED RATES AND DEADLINES FOR INTERVENTION

On March 6, 2019, Mountaineer Gas Company (Mountaineer) made a Rule 42 tariff filing to increase gas rates and charges seeking an additional \$13.1 million in annual revenue or an approximate 6.15% increase on a total-company basis over current rates for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 218,000 customers in the Counties of Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming Counties in West Virginia.
 The increased rates and charges were proposed to become effective Friday, April 5, 2019. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers would increase as follows:

	(\$) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential	\$3.87	6.40%
Commercial	\$12.45	5.05%
Industrial	\$165.16	9.86%
Resale	\$88.18	2.13%

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing).
 This increase will incorporate the rate impact of the cumulative investment under Mountaineer's Investment Replacement and Expansion Program (IREP) that was placed into service as of December 31, 2018. As a result, Mountaineer proposes to reduce the IREP component of its rates relating to that investment when the new base rates go into effect.
 By Order issued April 3, 2019, the Commission suspended the use of the proposed increased rates and charges through the end of the day December 31, 2019. If new rates and charges are adopted by the Commission, those rates and charges will go into effect on January 1, 2020.
 Any person desiring to intervene and act as a party in this case should file on or before June 4, 2019, a Petition to Intervene complying with the Commission rules on intervention found within the Rules of Practice and Procedures, 150 C.S.R.1. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible, although protests will be accepted by the Commission through the pendency of this proceeding. All written protests should briefly state the reason for the protest. All protests and Petitions to Intervene should clearly state the case name and number and be addressed to Ingrit Ferrell, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.
 4/9

Legal Notices
Notice of Meeting
 The Region VIII Solid Waste Authority Finance Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at the Region 8 office building in the Grant County Industrial Park near Petersburg, WV. The purpose of the meeting will be to review a draft budget.
 4/9

Notice of Meeting
 The Region VIII Solid Waste Authority will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at the Region 8 office building in the Grant County Industrial Park near Petersburg, WV. The purpose of the meeting will be to conduct regular business.
 4/9

Notice of Public Hearing
 A public hearing has been scheduled for the reissuance of the Statewide Multi-Sector Stormwater General Permit WV0111457.
 The purpose of the hearing is to take additional comments on the draft permit that will cover any establishment with discharges composed entirely of stormwater associated with industrial activity.
 4/9

Hands on the River Massage, Geraldine Gardner LMT, 3422 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston. 304-541-9139 for an appointment. 4/9p

Miscellaneous
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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 2, 2019
Claim Deadline Date: June 2, 2019

ESTATE NUMBER: 6347
ESTATE NAME: Genevia Susan Berg
ADMINISTRATOR: David R. Berg
 3469 Jordan Run Road
 Maysville, WV 26833

ESTATE NUMBER: 6340
ESTATE NAME: Ralph B. Franz Sr.
EXECUTRIX: Linda D. Franz
 1597 Buckbee Hollow
 Maysville, WV 26833

ESTATE NUMBER: 6339
ESTATE NAME: Chester Koneful
EXECUTOR: Chester Koneful III
ATTORNEY: James Paul Geary II
 P.O. Box 218
 Petersburg, WV 26847

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the
28th day of March, 2019
Seymour V. Fisher,
Clerk of the Grant County Commission

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CITY OF PETERSBURG
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020
Levy Estimate - Budget Document
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
MUNICIPALITY OF PETERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA:
 In accordance with WV Code §11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current fiscal year and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:
 The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE	
Unassigned Fund Balance	20,000
Property Taxes - Current Expense	282,433
Prior Year Taxes	5,000
Supplemental Taxes	500
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees	100
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	5,000
Excise Tax on Utilities	100,000
Wine & Liquor Tax	26,000
Animal Control Tax	500
Hotel Occupancy Tax	25,000
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	5,000
Licenses	11,000
Building Permit Fees	3,000
Franchise Fees	15,000
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	7,000
Gaming Income	15,000
Sale of Fixed Assets	200
Video Lottery (LVL)	1,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	521,733

COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND	
Revenue Source	
Assigned Fund Balance	500
Coal Severance Tax	6,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$ 6,500

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
Mayor's Office		16,563
City Council		17,978
Recorder's Office		12,352
Treasurer's Office		18,200
City Clerk's Office		15,450
Police Judge's Office		2,000
City Attorney		1,000
Regional Development Authority		1,900
Planning & Zoning		720
Elections		3,000
City Hall		25,000
Police Department		135,000
Streets and Highways		206,000
Street Lights		30,000
Parks & Recreation	6,500	11,570
Visitor's Bureau		25,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES		521,733

MUNICIPALITY OF PETERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA	REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY	FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020	
Certificate of Valuation	Levy	Taxes	
Assessed Value	Rate/\$10	Levied	
for Tax Purposes			
Class I			
Personal Property		12.50	
Total Class I			
Class II			
Real Estate	35,183,360	25.00	87,958
Personal Property	362,352		906
Total Class II	35,545,712		88,864
Class IV			
Real Estate	25,575,800	50.00	127,879
Personal Property	14,768,525		73,843
Public Utility	3,668,009		18,340
Total Class IV	44,012,334		220,062
Total value & projected revenue	79,558,046		308,926
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectible Taxes		5%	15,446
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)		2%	5,870

Total projected property tax collection		287,610
Less Assessor Valuation Fund	1.80%	5,177
(Subtracted from regular current expense taxes levied only)		
Net Amount to be raised by Levy of Property Taxes		282,433

MUNICIPALITY OF PETERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA	EXCESS, LEVY /LEVIES	Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020	Certificate of Valuation	Levy	Taxes
			Assessed Value	Rate/\$100	Levied
			for Tax Purposes		
Class I					
Personal Property				4.49	
Total Class I					
Class II					
Real Estate	35,183,360	8.98			31,595
Personal Property	362,352				325
Total Class II	35,545,712				31,920
Class IV					
Real Estate	25,575,800	17.96			45,934
Personal Property	14,768,525				26,524
Public Utility	3,668,009				6,588
Total Class IV	44,012,334				79,046
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 79,558,046				110,966
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectible Taxes		5%			5,548
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)		2%			2,108
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy for Budget Purposes					103,310

State of West Virginia
County of Grant:
Municipality of Petersburg:
 I, Sarah J. Moomau, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 1st day of April, 2019.
Sarah J. Moomau
Recorder

4/9-4/16

ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is hereby given that Mettiki Coal (WV), LLC, 1146 Monarch Street, Suite 350, Lexington, Kentucky 40513 has a permit on file with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the surface mining of approximately 275.02 acres and has submitted an application to the DEP, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV, 26416-1600, for renewal of Article 3 Permit Number U-2001-04 to Mine Coal Underground and operate ancillary surface facilities in the Upper Freeport seam of coal. The operation is discharging into Beaver Creek of the Blackwater River, of the Black Fork River of the Cheat River and Elk Run of the Monongahela and Potomac Rivers and is located 5.5 miles northeast of Davis, West Virginia in Davis and Union districts of Tucker and Grant Counties, Longitude 79° 22' 54" and Latitude 39° 11' 14" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map).

Surface of the area associated herewith is owned by:

NAME	ADDRESS
Western Pocahontas Properties, LP	5260 Irwin Road, Huntington, WV 25705
Mettiki Coal (WV), LLC	293 Table Rock Road, Oakland, MD 21550
Shoben Grant County, LLC	4320 Pergate Lane, Fairfax, VA 22033
Laurel Run Mining	1000 Consol Energy Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317
CDS Family Trust	28 Park Circle Road, Middletown, PA 17057
Vindex Energy Corp	One City Place Drive, Suite 300, Saint Louis, MO 63146
Glottelty Carole A & Johnson Jennie L Et al	137 North 4th Street, Oakland, MD 21550
Coastal Forest Resources Company	P.O. Box 709, Buckhannon, WV 26201
Kelley Bonnie Kay & Evans Carolyn Sue	P.O. Box 2137, Mt. Lake Park, Maryland 21550
Layman Curtis B & Jannette C	P.O. Box 97, Oakland, MD 21550
Bailey Christopher R & Carolyn R 2/3 Et al 1/3	689 Jacob Road, Xenia, OH 45385
King Michael S	5110 Chinook Avenue, Pensacola, FL 32507
Jones James E & Mark W	110 Lakeside Drive, Stephens City, VA 22655
McCalley Farms, LLC	11 Dogwood Drive, Petersburg, WV 26847
NextEra Energy Mt. Storm, LLC	700 Universe Blvd., North Palm Beach, FL 33408
Camp Beaver, LLC	39124 Hughesville Road, Leesburg, VA 20175
Bailey Clara Belle	689 Jacob Road, Xenia, OH 45385

***and the mineral associated herewith is owned by:**

NAME	ADDRESS
Western Pocahontas Properties, LP	5260 Irwin Road, Huntington, WV 25705
Alliance Properties, LLC	1146 Monarch Street, Suite 350, Lexington, KY 40513

NAME	ADDRESS
Laurel Run Mining	1000 Consol Energy Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317
Coastal Forest Resources Company	P.O. Box 709, Buckhannon, WV 26201

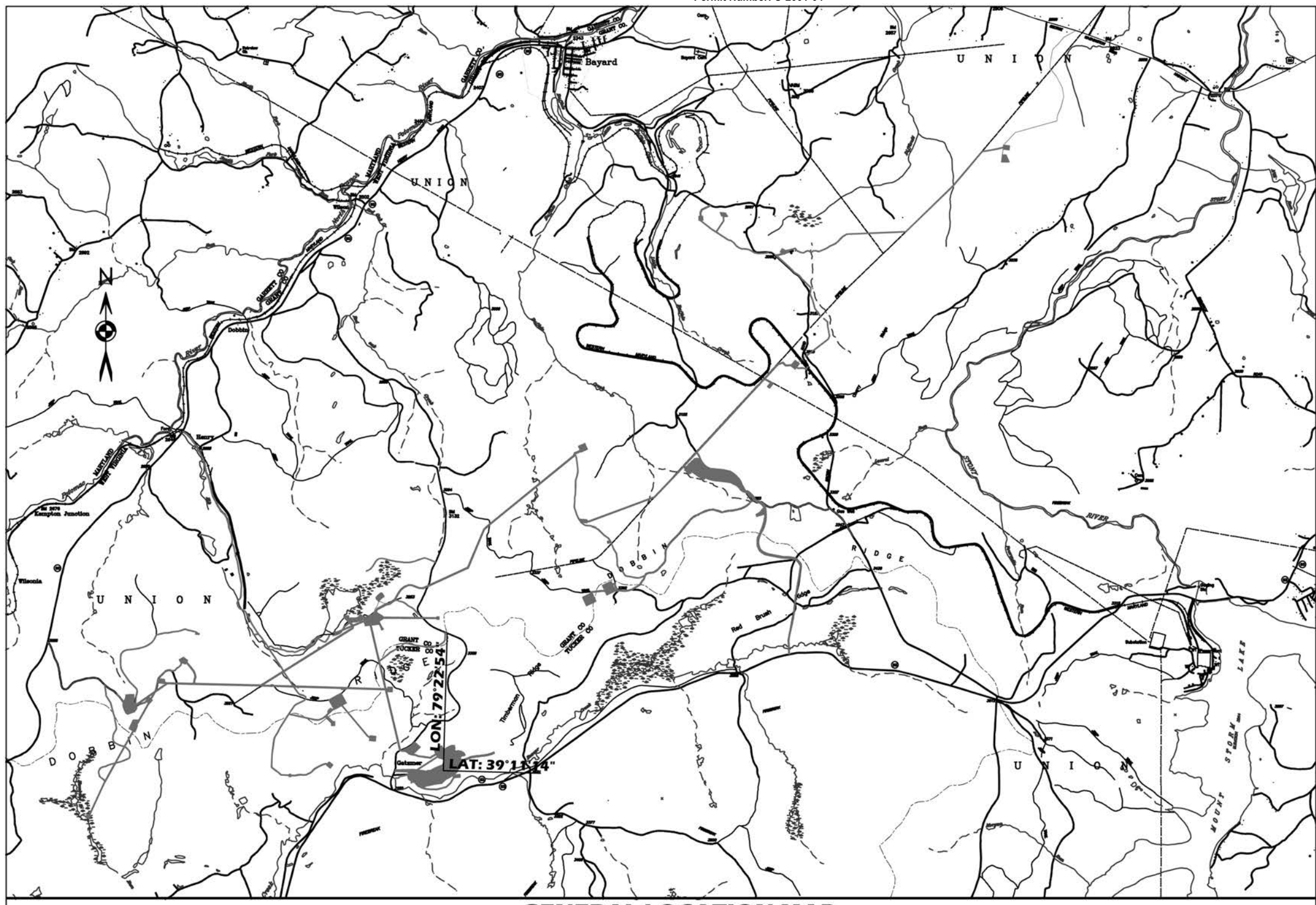
***and the mineral within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by:**

NAME	ADDRESS
Western Pocahontas Properties, LP	5260 Irwin Road, Huntington, WV 25705
Alliance Properties, LLC	1146 Monarch Street, Suite 350, Lexington, KY 40513
David Parker	P.O. Box 901, Romney, WV 26757

Surface of the area within 100 feet of the permit area is owned by:

NAME	ADDRESS
Nesselrodt Roger L Jr	355 Eventide Drive, Petersburg, WV 26847
Martin Douglas K	P.O. Box 162, Davis, WV 26260
West Virginia DOH	P.O. Box 99, Burlington, WV 26710
Smith James Benjamin Jr	3895 Poor House Road, Martinsburg, WV 25403
Slagle Norma J	P.O. Box 305, Bayard, WV 26707
Wolfe Randy L & Annette L	3129 Fairway Drive, Morgantown, WV 26508
Riggleman Randall E & Peggy A	P.O. Box 235, Bayard, WV 26707
Gallien David J & Leslie B	474 Wymer Run Road, Jane Lew, WV 26378
Blevins Nancy L	P.O. Box 56, Bayard, WV 26707
Mollohan Mark E	50 Gambrills Road, Severn, MD 21144
Combs Linden Duane	13945 George Washington HWY, Mt. Storm, WV 26739
Slagle Ronald L & Norma J	P.O. Box 305, Bayard, WV 26707

Written comments and/or requests for an informal conference of the permit renewal application shall identify the applicant and application number and will be received by the Permit Supervisor at the DEP address above until May 16, 2019, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication. A copy of the application will be available for review until May 16, 2019, or thirty (30) days from the date of final publication in the DEP Regional Office located at the address above and in the Tucker, and Grant County Clerk's Offices during normal business hours.
DEP Telephone Number: 304-457-3219
Permit Number: U-2001-04



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