

Grant Rehabilitation open for visitors

Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center visitation restriction resulting from COVID-19, influenza, and RSV were lifted Friday and they are open for visitors.

If you are sick or have any symptoms of these viruses, please do not visit until you are symptom free and off your quarantine.

Firefighter class to be held in Keyser

Interested in become a firefighter in Grant County or the surrounding area?

The West Virginia Public Service training course for Firefighter 1 is being offered at the Keyser Volunteer Fire Company.

The course will begin Feb. 10, at 9 a.m. and meet Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Preregistration is required online at www.wvpst.org and fees associated with the course may be found there.

Great Backyard Bird Count hike

The Great Backyard Bird Count guided hike is set for Saturday, Feb. 17, 8 - 10 a.m. at the Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

Join them for a citizen science effort to monitor birds on the Freeland Boardwalk. They have finoculars to spare.

The Freeland Boardwalk is a 1/2 mile ADA-accessible boardwalk trail. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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COVID-19 UPDATES

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

Obituaries

Paul Kimble
Pat Parker

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Global company announces new location at Grant County data center

According to an announcement made by the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority (SRRDA), Grant County will soon be welcoming a new business to the Petersburg area.

Continent 8 LLC, the global infrastructure, connectivity and security provider with data centers across 100 locations and four continents, announced earlier this week that they would be ramping up activity in West Virginia via a partnership with the SRRDA to utilize its Grant County Data Center.

Housed within the Grant County Business and Technology Park and operated by the SRRDA, the data center is a ready-to-occupy 10,200 sq. ft. facility, designed for co-location, hosting and disaster recovery services.

“Complementing its vast footprint of data centers across the globe, Continent 8 will be significantly investing in the site to enable customers, existing and new, to access the world-class hosting, connectivity, and cybersecurity solutions they are known for,” the SRRDA said in

a press release.

Continent 8 has already embarked on a recruitment drive locally, as it begins its development phase, with its first set of customers expected to go live in the coming months.

“We are thrilled to have reached an agreement with the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority and will soon be able to deliver our world-class data center solutions from the West Virginia site,” said Michael Tobin, CEO and Founder, at Continent 8. “We have 25 years of experience deliver-

ing innovative infrastructure solutions to online businesses worldwide, and while we have

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Candidates announced for the May 2024 primary election

While multiple county positions will be appearing on the upcoming May 2024 primary ballot, according to the final report of candidates who have filed, many incumbents will be running unopposed.

The primary, which will be held in Grant County on May 14, will include multiple county seats, including for county commissioner, sheriff, prosecuting attorney and several board of education seats.

Perhaps the most competitive positions on the ballot will be for the Grant County Board of Education, which currently has three open seats and a total of five candidates.

Unlike most of the other elected offices, the board of education is a non-partisan group, meaning they do not run under a party label, such as Republican or Democrat. Instead, these positions are selected solely on dis-

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FROSTY - Union Educational Complex (UEC) student Megyn Stahl won first place in the school’s Snowman Challenge, which encouraged students home during the snowy weather to create a snowman and send a photo to the school’s Facebook page.

Commission receives update on ambulance service

The Grant County commission received an update last week from the Grant County Ambulance Service, including information on their current call volume, revenue and number of employees.

According to director Bobby Funk, Grant County Ambulance ran 2,245 calls in 2023. Of these, 1,940 were run from Petersburg and 305 were run from Mount Storm. Funk said that the department currently has 51 employees, including 12 full-time employees.

Funk said that despite some employees being out currently, the department has been able to handle the current call volume.

“We have had one call that had to be sent to West Hardy,” said Funk. “It was early in the morning and we were already out on other calls. It happened here in town, but we had a bunch of wrecks back-to-back

and we just didn’t have the people available.”

Funk said that the issue was largely due to the inclement weather, saying that he was grateful for the mutual aid the service has with other nearby ambulance services.

“We had a wreck way out in Maysville, a wreck somewhere else - it was two or three wrecks at the same time,” Funk said. “But that is why you have mutual aid. That is why whenever we can help someone else I always like to help, it goes both ways.”

Funk also clarified that, due to the recent rash of bad weather, the service had been keeping a crew available in the Mount Storm area full time when necessary.

Assistant director Jeremy Hottinger provided the commissioners with a financial update, saying that there was currently \$821,879 remaining in the ser-

vice’s budget, with \$49,352 being brought in as revenue since their previous appearance in December.

Hottinger also provided an update to the commissioners on the Ambulance Service’s call volume. According to Hottinger, from Dec. 26 to Jan. 23, the department responded to 181 calls. Of these, Petersburg ran 149 while Mount Storm ran 32, with the county averaging 6.7 calls a day. From July 1 to Dec. 31, the service received 1,261 calls (1,044 from Petersburg and 217 from Mount Storm), which average approximately seven emergency calls a day.

Hottinger also requested that a sign be installed in front of the Grant County Ambulance building due to confusion among visitors about the service’s location.

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BOGAL FLAVOR

By Camille Howard
It's interesting to live in a four-seasons area, especially when you get at least two if not three of them in the month of January: winter of course, spring when it starts heading up into the 50-60 degree range and then 70 degrees or more when people start breaking out their shorts and T-shirts. I don't know if the rainy season counts as one here, but if last week was any indication, it could come in as the fourth season.

If you were around for any of the flooding we've had in the past, you probably have been watching the river and streams to check how full they are. There's always that little worry in the back of your mind that the river may overflow its banks again.

I was surprised the snow stayed around for more than a day or two. This is all down here in the valley. The mountaintop is a completely different story. In my family, there are a lot of January birthdays, and this year marked the 95th birthday of my Aunt Polly, my Mom's older

sister. She doesn't travel much anymore so my cousin Danny set up a Zoom birthday call for any family to log into and wish her a happy birthday.

There were several online including her son, daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and sisters. I didn't stay on for the whole hour so I'm not sure who else showed up. As it was, she had visitors from Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, California and even Germany. She has the same birthday as my brother Curt, so they sang happy birthday to each other.

She received cards and flowers and when asked if she had a party, she said "Oh yes, I've been partying all my life!" She made sure we all knew her new address so we could plan a visit. It was a nice way to celebrate with her. I hope I make it to my 95th birthday

with salt and pepper to taste. Mix thoroughly. Heat oil in a deep fryer or a large, deep skillet to 350°F. Using a spoon or your hands, shape small portions of the corn mixture into nuggets or small patties. Carefully place the shaped corn nuggets into the hot oil. Fry until they are golden brown and crispy on the outside.

CORN NUGGETS
1 can (11 ounces) creamed corn
1 can (11 ounces) whole kernel corn, drained
1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
Salt and pepper to taste
Oil for frying
In a mixing bowl, combine the creamed corn and drained whole kernel corn.
Gradually add the yellow cornmeal, stirring until well combined.
Season the mixture

with as much spunk!

Along with the aforementioned spring-like weather, has been the influx of lady bugs and stink bugs. All it takes is one

warm day and they are flying around and buzzing the lights. I have to keep an eye on my coffee to make sure there are no divers and swimmers (or drowners). I usually keep a lid on my cup to avoid them. I accidentally vacuumed up a live stink bug on Saturday and then the whole room smelled. At least it was warm enough to open a

EASY SAUSAGE BALLS
1 pound sharp cheddar cheese shredded
1 pound ground pork sausage
2 cups biscuit baking mix (Bisquick)
1 tablespoon freeze dried chives (optional)
1/4 cup milk (if needed)
Preheat oven to 350°F
In a large bowl (or in your standing mixer bowl), combine the ground sausage, biscuit

LOADED TACO STUFFED CHEESY POCKETS
1 packet taco seasoning
1 pound ground beef
1/2 cup salsa
8 ounces cream cheese, softened
2 tablespoons melted butter
1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
12 6-inch tortillas
In a skillet over medium heat, cook the ground beef until browned. Drain any excess grease.
Add the taco seasoning to the cooked ground beef, following the instructions on the packet (usually involves adding a bit of water). Simmer until the mixture thickens.
Stir in the salsa with the beef mixture and cook for a few more minutes. Then, remove

the skillet from heat and let it cool slightly.
In a separate bowl, mix the softened cream cheese with the shredded cheddar cheese.
Lay out the tortillas on a flat surface. Spread a portion of the cream cheese and cheddar mixture onto half of each tortilla.
Spoon the taco-seasoned beef mixture over the cheese on each tortilla.
Fold the tortillas in half over the filling, pressing the edges to seal.
Brush both sides of the stuffed tortillas with melted butter.
Heat a skillet or griddle over medium heat. Cook the stuffed tortillas for 2-3 minutes on each side, or until they are golden brown and the cheese has melted.

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It's nearing the Super Bowl and time to plan what to eat during the game. Craig and I have a friend from college who always posts recipes. These are some he shared. Thanks, Jerry!

baking mix and shredded cheese and chives.
Form into 24 golf ball sized balls and place on baking sheets.
Bake in the preheated oven for 20 to 25 minutes, until golden brown and sausage is cooked through entirely.
Remove and serve hot. Note: If sausage isn't that greasy, you also might have to add in milk.

Petersburg Church Women United announced Lenten lunch schedule

Each year CWU holds Lenten luncheons for the community.
The proceeds from these lunches go to aid charities within the area. Last year's recipients were Energy Express, Grant County Baby Bank, Joy House crisis center and Living Waters Food Pantry.
As always, Lenten

lunches are on Wednesdays. This year's dates are Feb. 14, Feb. 28, March 13 and March 27 and are again at Petersburg Presbyterian Church at noon.
Cost is \$5 per meal and carryout/delivery is available. Also, soup is \$10 per quart and \$5 per pint.
Call 703-895-0580 for orders.

Community Meetings & Events

Potomac Highlands Beekeepers Association will meet Thursday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. upstairs at the Romney Fire Department, 175 S. High Street, Romney. All meetings are open to the public and no prior experience in beekeeping is required. If you are interested in learning about beekeeping, are a beginner or an experienced beekeeper, this is a forum where you will be able to learn and exchange beekeeping information. The meeting will be canceled if Hampshire County government offices are closed due to inclement weather.
Convention of States meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Petersburg Ameri-

can Legion. Come join the group that will save our country. <https://conventionofstates.com>.
Grant County Adult Education enrolls students for their High School Equivalency and does TABE testing for the DHHR every Friday from 8:30 am-12 noon. Call 304-257-1277 to schedule or request information.
Grant County Board of Education meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the board office on Jefferson Avenue.
Grant County Commission meets every month on the second Tuesday at 9 a.m. and the fourth Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the low-

er level conference room. For the agenda check grantcountywv.org
Grant County Historical Society board of directors meetings will be posted on the Society's Facebook page. Members are welcome to attend.
Grant Memorial Hospital board meetings are held the fourth Monday at 7 p.m. in the administrative conference room at Grant Memorial Hospital.
New Beginnings Community Outreach, Thursday, 6-9 p.m. at First Baptist Church.
Patterson Creek Ruritan Club meets the second Thursday of each month, 6 p.m. at Forman Community Center in Lahmansville.

Potomac Highlands Cancer Support Group for cancer patients and caregivers, meets the first Monday of every month, 5 p.m. at Living Hope Baptist Church, 1 Veach St., Petersburg. Refreshments.
Petersburg City Council meets the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at City Hall on Mt. View St.
T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at 6 p.m. every Tuesday at Living Hope Baptist Church, South Main Street in Petersburg. Call Wendy DeiCas at 304-257-2349. for more information.
To post meetings call 304-257-1844 or email news@grantcountywv.com

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MEETING NOTICE

The annual meeting of the

TRI-COUNTY FAIR

Wednesday, Feb. 14 • 7 p.m.

Meeting Room at the Fairgrounds

- Election of a director for a 3-year term from Grant, Hardy and Pendleton counties.
- Review of 2023 financial report

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ANSWERS FROM PUZZLES ON PAGE 3B

Cryptogram

Today carve out a quiet interlude for yourself in which to dream, pen in hand. Only dreams give birth to change. — Sarah Ban Breathnach

answer

solution

Go Figure!

30	16	25
3	+	1
20	5	x
x	x	x
6	+	8
28	2	x
+	+	-
4	x	8
7	-	25

answers

- Expel, Excel
- Convey, Convey
- Armor, Arbor
- Orate, Irate
- Attach, Attack

King Crossword

Solution time: 25 mins.

answers

- Ballet, Ballet
- Orion, Orion
- Brook, Broom
- Remote, Remove
- Pickle, Fickle

Even Exchange

answers

Healthy Saturday

WVU Medicine

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February 3, 2024
6:00 am – 9:00 am

- Limited to 200 people
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Vitamin D Test - \$20

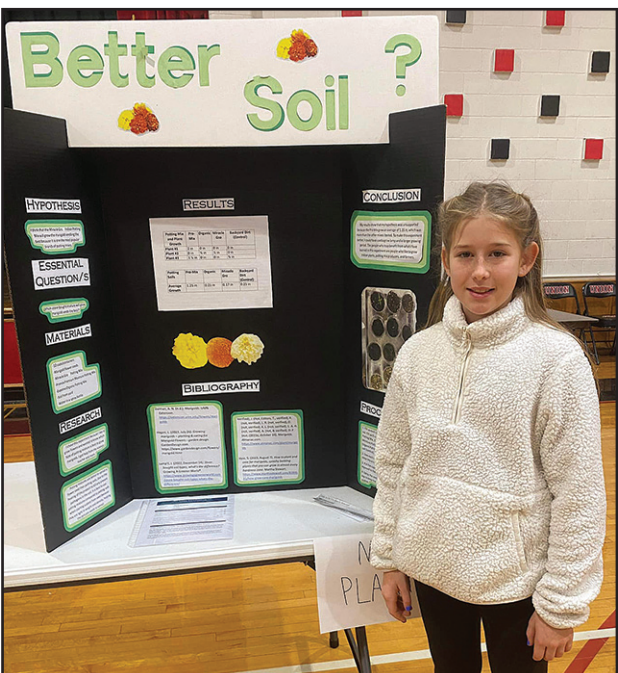
County science fair winners from MES, UEC



Animal Science: First place, Ella Riggleman and Adilyn Law, MES



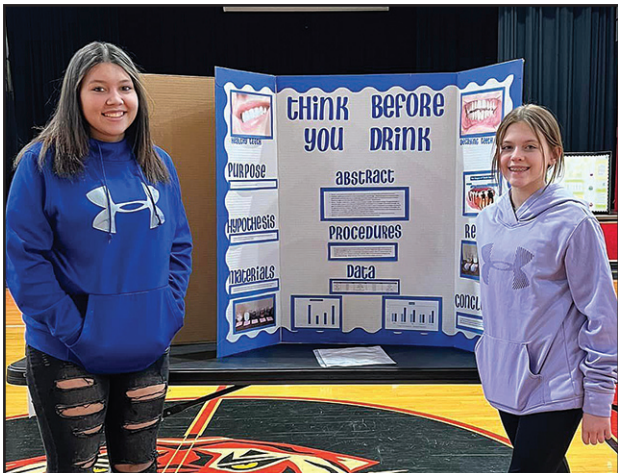
Math Science: First place, Maggie Evans, MES



Plant Science: First place, Aubrey Kessel, MES



Medical: Second place, Simon Carr, UEC



Medical: Third place, Addie Pugh and Ana Reynolds



Microbiology: Second place, Megyn Stahl, Chanda Gaither and Candace Slaughtbaugh, UEC

Union Educational Complex hosted the county science fair Jan. 18. Students from UEC, Maysville Elementary and Petersburg High School entered projects, and first, second and third place winners will move on to the regional fair on Feb. 2.

More science fair photos on Page 4B

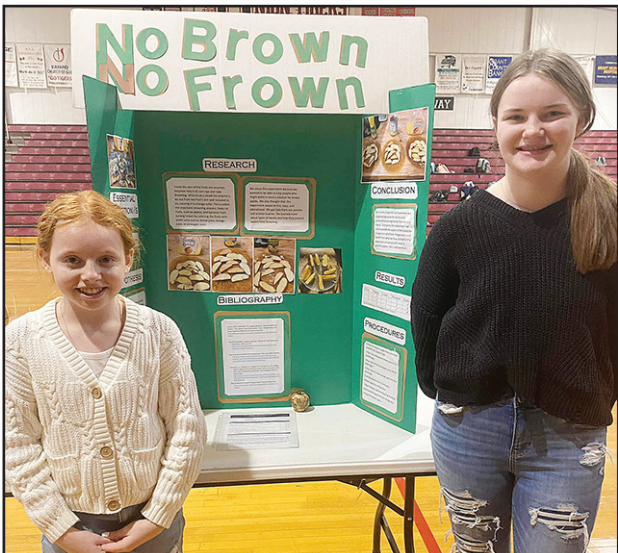
Also placing, but not pictured are MES students: Christian Herron, second place, Medical Science; Abigail Shirk, honorable mention, Medical Science; and William Cook and Ben Dailey, honorable mention, social science.



Chemistry: First place, Audrey Hall, MES



Medical Science: First place, Ally Hagerty, MES



Chemistry: First place Seneca Boddy and Remington Rohrbaugh, MES



Microbiology: Second place, Albert Taylor, UEC

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 Boys B-ball (H) JV 6:00, V 7:30 East Hardy MS Boys B-ball (H) 6:00 Harpers Ferry MS Girls B-ball (A) 6:00 Pendleton	6 MS Boys & Girls B-ball 12:30 (A) Union Girls JV B-ball (A) 6:00 Union Boys B-ball (H) JV 6:00, V 7:30 Pocahontas	7 MS Boys B-ball (H) 6:00 Paw Paw Parent/Teacher Conferences	8 MS Girls B-ball (H) 6:00 Terra Alta MS Boys B-ball (H) 7:15 Terra Alta	9 Girls B-ball (A) JV 5:45, V 7:00 Tucker Boys B-ball (A) JV 6:00, V 7:30 Mfield MS Boys B-ball (H) 6:00 Pendleton Early Release	10 MS PVL Cheer Competition (H) 11:00 Archery (A) 9:00 Magnolia ACT Testing
12 Girls B-ball (H) JV 6:00, V 7:30 Keyser FAFSA Workshop 4:30 - 7:00	13 Boys B-ball (A) JV 6:00, V 7:30 Keyser	14 Girls B-ball (H) JV 6:00, V 7:30 Pocahontas 	15 Girls B-ball (H) JV 6:00, V 7:30 Hampshire	16 Wrestling (A) 1:00 Lewis County Boys B-ball (H) JV 6:00, V 7:30 Trinity High AP Gov Class Mock Trial at Courthouse	17 Wrestling (A) 9:00 Lewis County Boys B-ball (H)
19	20 Boys B-ball (A) JV 6:00, V 7:30 Pendleton	21	22 Boys B-ball (A) JV 6:00, V 7:30 Berkeley Springs	23	24
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COP28: Climate ideology’s damage to the world

By West Virginia State Senator
Rupie Phillips, R-Logan

The 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) in Dubai ended with a historic commitment among almost 200 countries to move away from fossil fuels – the very first international commitment to do so. In the middle of COP28, the attendees were surprised by an extreme pronouncement from the UN Secretary-General António Guterres. Opening the second day of the conference, Guterres demanded that the world completely eliminate the use of fossil fuels: “Not reduce,” he said. “Not abate. Phase out.”

China emits 30% of all total greenhouse gas emissions, more than the U.S., the EU, and India combined. ... China knows what many world leaders would like to deny: fossil fuels remain the most reliable form of energy globally.

This extreme rhetoric is patently improbable, unrealistic, and short-sighted. We’ve seen this before. Back in 2015 at COP21, for example, world leaders negotiated the Paris Climate Agreement and celebrated it as a historic agreement that would save our planet. As it turns out, the agreement was filled with unrealistic benchmarks and only effective if

every signatory followed the rules, which unsurprisingly did not happen.

The biggest blindspot to this flawed thinking concerns the U.S.’s geopolitical competition with China. The Chinese Communist Party, instead of working to reduce its emissions, is ramping up its carbon footprint. China emits 30% of all total greenhouse gas emissions, more than the U.S., the EU, and India combined. CCP leader Xi Jinping has explicitly stated that he will not follow through with the emissions reductions China promised in 2015.

China knows what many world leaders would like to deny: fossil fuels remain the most reliable form of energy globally. And the Western world’s transition to unreliable forms of energy such as wind and solar leaves us vulnerable to our coal-burning adversaries, such as China, Russia, and Iran during a time of international upheaval.

Indeed, while the United States moves quickly to phase out coal without a reliable replacement, China, Russia, and Iran will continue to use their vast coal reserves to bolster their economic and military power. Our unreliable energy portfolio will not only lead to energy crises at home but weaken the United States on the world stage and embolden our adversaries.

Climate, ccontinued on Page 5A

Shared editorial West Virginia Is Building Workforce of the Future

The Intelligencer, Wheeling

Though politicians are still fond of diminishing West Virginia as only a fossil fuels state, the reality points to an even brighter future. According to West Virginia Affiliated Construction Trades Director Justin Williams, apprenticeship programs are growing here.

And yes, some of those workers are in coal mines, but others work in a variety of trades that will literally build our state’s next chapters.

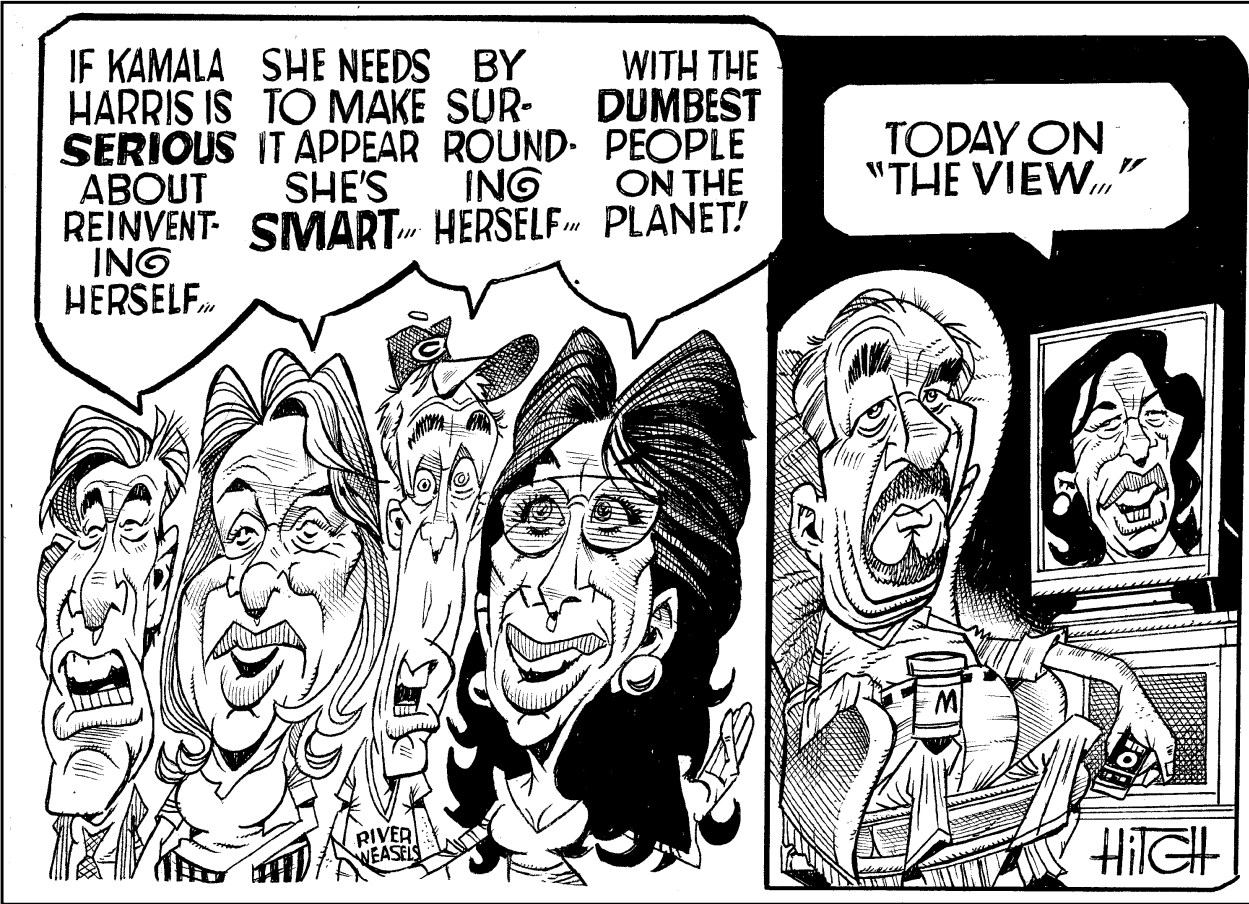
“There are 2,500 apprentices in West Virginia, and we represent about 24,000 construction workers,” Williams told WV MetroNews.” “It’s not a huge number but it’s people that get up and go to work every day, and they make a big impact on their communities and state.”

For those hoping to work in the budding aviation, aerospace and even electric vehicle manufacturing industries in our state, apprenticeship programs can put them in a position to make starting wages of \$20 to \$23 per hour. “With the investments we’re seeing ... these are 20, 30, 40-year-old or more careers that people coming out of high school now can have,” Williams said. “They’ll have a living wage, benefits, and a pension.”

Sounds a little bit like the career prospects our grandparents knew in this region, doesn’t it?

Apprenticeships are classroom and on-the-job training that allow employers to tailor the training to build the workforce they need. Williams touted apprenticeships’ ability to produce electricians, plumbers, pipe fitters, iron workers, truck drivers and more.

In a state full of people who can do it all, there is room for those who are ready and willing to get to work. Apprenticeship programs offer an option that will let workers make a difference for themselves –and our state.



House committee advances bill requiring internet providers to issue bill-credit for service outages

By Autumn Shelton,
West Virginia
Press Association

A bill that would require internet and telecommunications providers to issue credit to their customers for lack of service is once again advancing through the West Virginia Legislature.

Last Tuesday, the House Committee on Technology and Infrastructure advanced HB 4807, which would require internet and telecommunications providers to automatically credit a customer’s account if that customer is without service for five or more days (120) hours.

A similar bill was brought before the legislature last year, but was not passed.

According to the bill, the credit must be “proportional to the number of days of disrupted service.”

The bill goes on to state that, “The Legislature recognizes that service failures occur beyond the control and of no fault of the [provider], but an inherent unfairness exists in the relationship between Internet or telecommunications providers and their customers that allows the [provid-

er] to require the customer to pay for considerable periods of non service.”

Further, the bill states, providers have “disproportionate control of consumer provider agreements, and the contracts offered consumers are essentially ‘take it or leave it’ propositions,” which leaves consumers with the option to accept the service agreement or not get service.

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Under this bill, providers would have 24 hours to credit their customer’s account, “provided the interruption is not caused by the subscriber.”

Before moving the bill to the House Committee on the Judiciary, the committee approved one amendment that allows the state’s attorney general to negotiate a resolution with a provider before pursuing the matter in court.

Also during the meeting, the committee advanced three additional bills, all of

which had similar bills introduced last year.

The first bill advanced was HB 4697, which provides protections for certain West Virginia residents from non-renewal of driver’s licenses and registration, and establishes the West Virginia Residential Renewal Protection Act.

West Virginia residents who are either active-duty military deployed out of

state or students who are enrolled in an out of state college, university or trade school would be classified as “full time” state residents and may “maintain [their] license and registration in West Virginia, as well as his or her address of record,” the bill states, adding that those who must “maintain an address of record in other states for a period of six months,” or longer, would be protected from “having to obtain insurance, as well as a motor vehicle license and driver’s

license at every expected stop that lasts over six months.”

Following the committee’s passage, HB 4697 will now be heard before the full House of Delegates.

The next bill advanced was HB 4703, which “lowers the percentage of a service-connected disability required for exemption” of vehicle registration fees from 100 percent to 50 percent or greater.” It also adds certain Military Awards for Valor recipients to the list of those who may receive registration fee exemptions.

Should the bill pass, the state’s annual revenue reduction would amount to \$625,250, according to a fiscal note provided by the WV Division of Motor Vehicles. The bill is now headed to the House Committee on Finance.

Lastly, the committee advanced HB 4722, the “West Virginia Road and Highways Infrastructure Improvements and Coal Production and Processing Facilities Tax Credit Act,” which is designed to increase economic opportunity in the state, according to language in the bill.

Lawmakers reject DNA collection bill that could crack cold cases

By Henry Culvyhouse
Mountain State Spotlight

West Virginia is no stranger to wrongful convictions. Yet lawmakers voted down a bill Thursday that could’ve been used to crack cold cases and exonerate the wrongfully convicted.

HB 4627 would’ve allowed police to collect

DNA from suspects arrested for certain felony offenses. The DNA would be kept by State Police and data sent to a federal system that allows jurisdictions to upload and compare their data.

In the event of a match, the appropriate jurisdictions are notified and can then compare samples to

determine if it’s an exact match. Right now, all 50 states collect DNA from convicted felons, but only 30 states take DNA upon arrest.

Currently, police in West Virginia can only collect DNA from a suspect with a search warrant signed by a judge.

DNA has been used to both solve cold cases and exonerate the innocent, most notably, Glenn Woodall, who was falsely arrested and convicted of being the Huntington Mall Rapist in the late 1980s. His conviction was overturned through DNA testing that led to authorities finding out Fred Zain, a state police lab chemist, had lied about his qualifications and fabricated evidence in dozens of cases.

More recently, DNA helped identify a Putnam County man as the perpetrator in the murder of a Canadian teenager in 1975.

When the bill reached a vote on the House floor Thursday, lawmakers debated for over an hour whether the measure would help victims get justice or over-extend the reach of the government in peoples’ lives.

Del. Jonathan Pinson,

R-Mason, a pastor and former state trooper, asked the delegates to think about the victims, saying that taking DNA was no less an invasion than taking fingerprints. He said a member of his congregation was murdered and the investigation stymied by the lack of DNA evidence.

“I look a father and mother in the eyes every Sunday and Wednesday and I know the murder of their daughter hasn’t been solved since 2007,” he said. “It hasn’t been solved because they ain’t got the DNA.”

In 2013, the US Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that the practice was legal. Del. Shawn Fluharty, D-Ohio and a lawyer, was quick to mention a dissent by the late Justice Antonin Scalia that said it was tantamount to searching a home without a warrant.

“This is dangerous territory,” he said, referring to some examples from the dissent. “Why stop at arrests? Why not take the DNA when you enroll in school? Get a driver’s license? When you’re born? Or when you run for the House of Delegates?”

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Remember When



February 3, 1954

Mrs. Urilla (Ritzell) Merryman passed away Feb. 2, 1954, at the home of her daughter Mrs. Wessie Lehman, with whom she resided. She was born Nov. 1, 1856 and celebrated her 97th birthday Nov. 1, 1953, and was Grant County's oldest citizen.

Veach-Townsend Clinic births included: Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hyre of Petersburg, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sullivan of Petersburg, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Brook Hedrick of Landes, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Nelson Jr. of Petersburg, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pratt of Old Fields, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heavener of Cabins, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Dolly of Forman, a son; and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kisamore of Medley, a daughter.

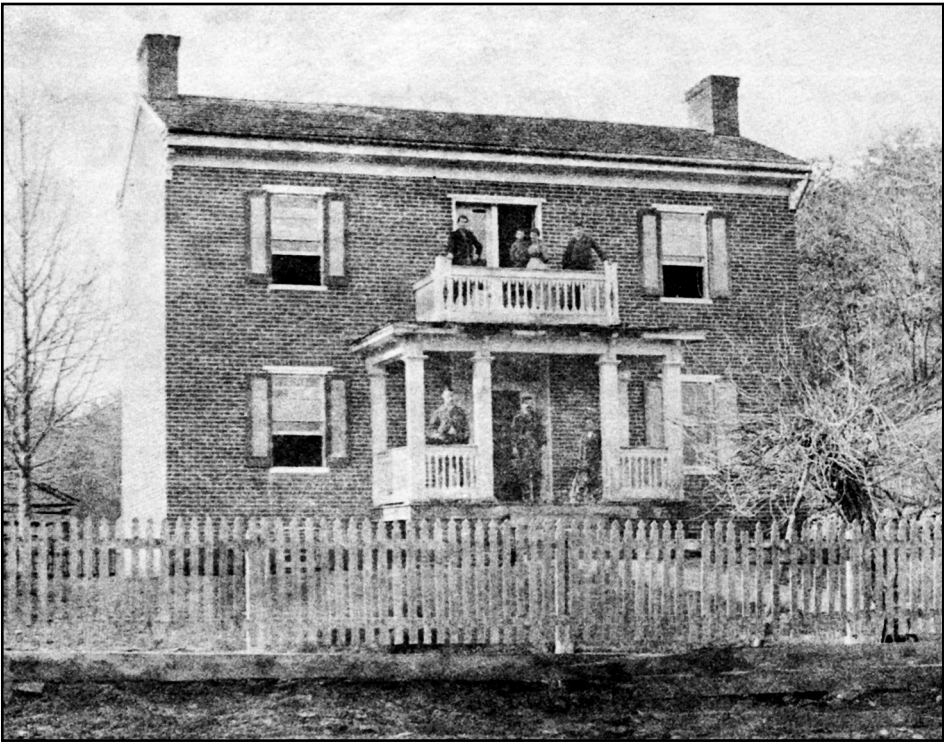
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kesner announced the birth of a son, at Rockingham Memorial Hospital, Harrisonburg.

Pfc. Curtis L. Crites of Kline was serving with the 24th Signal Division in Korea.

January 29, 1964

Operation was begun by David Bergdoll and Jettie Simmons of a general machine shop in conjunction with Simmons Parts and Service on Grant Street.

A review of communicable diseases reported to the Grant County Health Department for the decade between 1953 and 1963 revealed some informative data. The totals for the 10 year period ranged from a low of one case each of brucellosis and tularemia to a high of 5,506 cases of flu. In second and third highest rankings were: 904 cases of measles and 775 cases of strep.



House built by the Cunningham family around 1865 and later became part of the Ralph Snell property in South Petersburg.

Potomac Valley Bank "Echos of the Past" 1977 calendar submitted by Tim Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Nelson Jr. of Morgantown announced the birth of a daughter, Lisa Ann, Jan. 19, at University Hospital.

Births at Grant Memorial Hospital included: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thorne of Rough Run, a daughter, Jan. 22; Mr. and Mrs. Connie Alexander of Mozer, a son, Jan. 23; Mr. and Mrs. Walton Shrader of Franklin, a son, Jan. 24; Mr. and Mrs. Harman Self of Franklin, a son, Jan. 24; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Porter of Petersburg, a daughter, Jan. 25; Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Henderson of Harman, a son, Jan. 25; and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Barr of Petersburg, a son, Jan. 26.

January 30, 1974

Allegheny Properties announced that Timberline, its new conservancy and recreational development near the Canaan Valley State Park was to open the week of Feb. 7-10, Alpine Festival time in Tucker County.

Petersburg High Sch-

ool's high-riding Vikings put their unbeaten record of 12-0 on the line in what was considered by many to be the "game of the season." The opponent was the torrid Moorefield Yellow Jackets.

The city council granted a 30 day temporary operating authority to Oates Cable TV.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kimble announced the birth of a son, at Memorial Hospital, Cumberland.

Union High School homecoming queen was Kathy Caylor.

Births at Grant Memorial Hospital included: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith of Moorefield, a son, Jan. 22; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ford Jr. of Moorefield, a daughter, Jan. 23; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Evans of Rig, a daughter, Jan. 25; Mr. and Mrs. Lysle Heavener, a daughter, Jan. 26; and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Reel of Rig, a daughter, Jan. 26.

February 1, 1984

The Grant County Com-

mission announced it will wait a while longer before deciding whether or not to help the City of Petersburg locate a new municipal office.

A first birthday party was given in honor of Brenna Marie Brennan, given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brennan, Jan. 22.

Jacqueline Kitzmiller of Mount Storm took part in the 37th annual nurses capping ceremony at Alderson-Broadus College.

The PHS Vikings improved their record to 8-2 with a thrilling 58-55 victory over Hampshire and a 74-41 rout of Union.

Fairfax Sand and Crushed Stone Co. Inc. of New Creek was a recipient of the National Limestone Institute's Special Safety Certificates as recognition for four years of operation at the company's Cumberland, Rich Mountain and Scherr quarries without a disabling injury.

Climate

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Perhaps climate ideology's greatest sin, though, lies in its damage to developing countries. At COP28, leaders discussed how rich countries can fund developing countries' transition to green energy. Instead of promoting economic growth through reliable energy sources, developed nations at the UN plan to funnel cash to green energy pet projects, a strategy destined for misuse and failure.

Even worse, the U.S. and EU will soon refuse to fund new fossil fuel projects in developing nations even as they themselves continue to use fossil fuels. The EU, for example, relies heavily on natural gas infrastructure but will deny developing countries that same infrastructure in the name of "climate justice." Pure hypocrisy.

If the past is prologue, it seems like COP28 was less of an arena for common action and more of a stage for grandstanding and virtue-signaling. While climate change is complicated, extreme environmentalists see the solutions as cut-and-dry. The consequences of their dogm reverberate globally.

We must see through elitist rhetoric and discover sensible, common sense solutions to rising global temperatures. As economies around the world grow, the demand for reliable energy such as coal and oil will remain. Leaders at COP28 must understand that reliable energy sources such as clean coal are here to stay in the 21st century.

Extreme rhetoric and pandering will not save the climate, but pragmatic goals and solutions will.

W.Va. Sen. Rupie Phillips, R-Logan from the 7th District, represents Logan, Boone, Lincoln, Mingo and Wayne Counties.

A reminder to all political candidates

Individuals running for office in Grant County are entitled to one free story about their candidacy and photo if desired.

Candidates can list their qualifications for the office, their educational background, reasons for running for the office and most anything they would like to say as long as it is in good taste. No opponent bashing.

Each write-up is limited to no more than 400-500 words and is subject to editing for length and clarity. Libelous material will be deleted.

The deadline for accepting write-ups and photos is Thursday, April 25, by 4 p.m. Any copy received after that time will only be published as paid advertising.

Please note that all political endorsement letters to the editor are considered paid advertising.

Also, each political ad must contain the information about who paid for the ad.

Grant County BOE Vacancy

— TEMPORARY BOARD MEMBER —

The Grant County Board of Education is soliciting letters of interest from qualified Grant County citizens (residing in either the Milroy or Union District) who would be interested in serving on the Board on a temporary basis. Board members will be appointing an individual to serve in the seat that was vacated on January 23, 2024.

The person appointed to fill the role will serve until June 30, 2024. Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest to the attention of Mitch Webster, Superintendent, Grant County Schools, 204 Jefferson Avenue, Petersburg, WV 26847 and mark on the envelope "GCBOE VACANCY". Letters of interest must be received by noon on February 9, 2024.

Anyone interested in serving on the Board is reminded to review the qualifications of Board of Education members required by the West Virginia Code in Section 18-5-1a.

GRIN & BEAR IT



Review of last week in the W.Va. House of Delegates

Ann Ali, Deputy Chief of Staff & Communications Director, for the week ending Jan. 26.

Members of the West Virginia House of Delegates voted to complete two bills last week.

The first, House Bill 4274, was a utilitarian measure signed into law by the governor Jan. 26. It will update the language throughout state code to reflect the newly divided Department of Health, Department of Human Services and Department of Health Facili-

ties.

The second, Senate Bill 269, would expand a 2022 law that decriminalized testing strips for the drug fentanyl. All other testing strips used to identify controlled substances are still classified as "drug paraphernalia," subject to a misdemeanor charge. This bill, now with the Governor for action, would exempt any drug test strips from that definition.

Deputy Speaker Matt Rohrbach, R-Cabell, serves as Chairman of the Com-

mittee on Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse. He explained the bill just before the vote, saying it would permit all test strips for deadly drugs without the Legislature revisiting the issue each time a new drug is developed.

"As we've seen, as time has gone, unfortunately, we've got fentanyl, now we've got carfentanil, now we've got xylazine," he said.

The bill came from the Joint Committee on Health studying the issue during the interim committee process. It passed the full House by unanimous vote.

The West Virginia Senate has already introduced House Bill 4595, which also passed the House by unanimous vote this week. The bill would update the authority already given to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Health

and Human Resources Accountability, which was created in 1995.

The measure would allow members of that committee to privately meet in executive session to confidentially investigate child abuse, nursing home abuse, IDD waiver, adult protective service matter, child protective services and hospital abuse.

Delegate Mike Pushkin, D-Kanawha, who serves as Minority Chairman of the House Health and Human Resources Committee, spoke in favor of the bill before the vote, saying it was "incredibly unfortunate that a bill like this is necessary."

A total of 1,242 bills have been introduced in the House. The deadline for House bills to be introduced is Feb. 13. The regular legislative session ends at midnight March 9.

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.

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

This policy has been in effect for over 15 years.

by Dave T. Phipps



Amber Waves

Local and area obituaries

PAUL M. KIMBLE

Paul Marvin Kimble, 85, of Rough Run, W.Va., passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, just two days shy of his 86th birthday.

Born Jan. 25, 1938, in Upper Tract, W.Va., he was a son of the late Stanley Cecil Kimble and Mary Alice “Molly” (Ratcliff) Kimble.

In addition to his parents, Paul was preceded in death by one son, Stanley Paul Kimble; one grandson, Zac Alston Paul Alt; three brothers, Kermit Mowery, Bruce Mowery and Doug Kimble; and two sisters, Doris Alt and twin sister, Pearl Mae Kimble. Paul was the last surviving member of his immediate family.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Mernie (Ours) Kimble; four daughters, Linda (Craig) Helmick of Petersburg, W.Va., Deborah (Dorsey) Evans of Petersburg, Mary (Ronnie) Alexander of Mozer, W.Va. and Janice “Peep” Alt (Regina) of Petersburg; one son, Michael “Mike” Kimble (Wanda) of Petersburg; 10 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Paul was a United States Navy veteran and was a life member of the American Legion Post 78. He was a member of the Rough Run Church of the Brethren. Paul worked for General Motors in Baltimore, Md. for four years. He was the owner of Paul Kimble



Trucking for 57 years. He received a 6 Million Mile Accident Free Award.

He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting trips to Colorado with family and friends and going to hunting camp with Ronnie.

Funeral services were Friday morning at the Rough Run Church of the Brethren with Pastor Ray Church and Pastor Daryl Dunsmore officiating.

Interment was in the Ours Family Cemetery with military honors by Grant County Veterans Honor Guard and United States Navy Honor Guard.

The family suggests that memorial contributions may be made to The Place, P.O. Box 772, Moorefield, WV 26836.

Arrangements were by Schaeffer Funeral Home, Petersburg. Condolences may be left for the family at www.schaefferfuneralhome.com (1-30-24)

PATSY R. PARKER

Patsy Rosetta (Borror) Parker, 73, of Petersburg, W.Va., passed away Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024, at Mon General Hospital, Morgantown, W.Va.

Born July 10, 1950, in Harrisonburg, Va., she was a daughter of the late Arthur William “Taft” Borror and Minnie Rosetta (George) Borror.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four sisters, Hilda Borror Kesner, Phyllis Borror Shook, Ruth Borror Keplinger and Wanda Borror Ellis; and six brothers, Roland, Bruce, Dorris “Bunt”, Leo and infants Roger and James Borror.

Pat was a 1969 graduate of Petersburg High School and a graduate of Shenandoah University School of Nursing, Winchester, Va. She was a registered nurse at Winchester Medical Center for 15 years. In 2005 Pat and her husband returned to Petersburg and she worked at Grant County Health Department for five years. Pat also worked for the Grant County Commission on Aging and Family Services and volunteered her services after retiring. She was a member of Bethel Church, Landes, W.Va.

She is survived by her loving husband of 47 years, W. R. “Rudy” Parker; one daughter, Patricia “Patti” Dean Wilson and husband, Danny of Woodstock, Va.; one son, Roland Douglas



“R.D.” Parker of Stephens City, Va.; one granddaughter, Danielle Jewell and husband Jared of Stephens City; one sister, Shirley (Roger) Cook of Maysville, W.Va.; one brother, Doug (Linda) Borror of Petersburg; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pat’s family will receive friends on Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the Schaeffer Funeral Home, Petersburg.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Feb. 1, at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Schaeffer Funeral Home with Pastor Brian Henson officiating.

Per Pat’s wishes, her body will be cremated.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Grant County Commission on Aging, 111 Virginia Avenue, Petersburg, WV 26847.

Condolences to the family may be left at www.schaefferfuneralhome.com (1-30-24)

Bell awarded flight wings by HealthNet Aeromedical Services

Cassie Lynn Bell, Petersburg High School graduate of 2009 and current Certified Flight Registered Nurse at HealthNet Aeromedical Services, received her wings at this past year’s Team Member Service Awards on November 30, at Stonewall Resort.



Team members receiving this award have over 100 patient flights/transport. Before being cleared to serve aboard the aircraft, a clinician must have at

least three years of hospital intensive care, emergency department or 911 field experience and receive more than 450 hours of additional training.

Bell is the daughter of Gary Bell (Debbie Noonan) and Cindy Bell (Jerry Oates).



Matt Handley, Vice President of Clinical Operations, Cassie Bell and Clinton Burley, President/CEO of HealthNet Aeromedical Services.

Eastern recognizes Grant County students for fall semester honors

Multiple Grant County residents achieved academic honors during the Fall 2023 semester at Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

Earning president’s list honors, which requires completing 12 or more credit hours this spring with a 4.0 grade point average, was county resident Kyle Branham.

Grant County dean’s list recipients, earned for completing nine or more credit hours with at least a 3.5 grade point average, were Aaron Ammons, Sandra Armentrout, Cassidy Aronhalt, Kristi Carle, Talyssa

Dodd, Aprille Engle, Joselyn Evans, Barbara Fortner, Mickayla Grimm-Swick, Ethan Judy, Haley Judy, Jesslyn McCaslin, Kelly Phares, and Matthew VanMeter.

Merit list honorees, based on completing six or more credit hours this spring with at least a 3.25 grade point average, included county residents Jacob Evans, Madelyn Evans, Casey Hylton, Tina Judy, Jonathan Kite, Grace Mallow, Charlotte Ockerman, Brooklyn Phares, Sydney Rumer, Ryen Sites, Albert Taylor II, and Logan Thorne.

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College, based in Moorefield, serves six rural counties in West Virginia’s Potomac Highlands

Local student on D&E dean’s list

Davis & Elkins College has released the dean’s list for the fall 2023 semester.

The dean’s list includes all full-time students with a semester GPA of 3.6 to less than 4.0.

Earning the distinction of the dean’s list is local student Kelsi Wilson-Hott of Petersburg.

Dorcas 4-H Club report

The Dorcas 4H Club met Jan. 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Dorcas Community Center.

Members considered future club activities such as snow tubing at Canaan Valley Resort.

Business was discussed including potential fundraising opportunities.

Members enjoyed a health and science minute followed by making valentine cards for the local nursing home residents

They closed the night with refreshments and gym time.

Meeting notes provided by club reporter, Daniel Moxon

Send valentines to GRCC for their residents

Residents at Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center are going to make their own Valentine’s Day mailbags, which will be hanging outside their rooms.

GRCC is requesting the community to send in valentine cards for their residents. They have around 80 residents, and they will be delivered to their mailbags, outside their rooms.

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continued to grow geographically over the years, we remain committed to our ‘global reach, local

focus’ approach. We look forward to working closely with the Authority as well as the local community to best support businesses operating within the state and beyond.”

Laura Brown, the execu-

utive director for Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority, praised the partnership, saying it would not only benefit the local community but could also mark the start of future opportunities in Grant

County. “It is great to be working with Continent 8, an established and respected data center company with a vast amount of experience in this field. Already, Continent 8 has shown its

commitment to bring this data center back to life and invest in our local community,” Brown said. “The Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority is committed to promoting a vibrant local economy,

and it is agreements like this that will enable us to expand and attract new opportunities to the state of West Virginia.”

Election

Continued from front

district, with each of the three districts (Grant, Milroy and Union) requiring at least one representative on the board. The two seated board members (those positions not up for grabs in this election) are Ashley Cleaver (Milroy) and Jared Alt (Grant). This means one of the winning candidates must be from Union

district while the other two seats can be filled by candidates from any district.

The current Union district representative on the board, incumbent Jared Amtower, will be running for re-election with a second Union resident, Charles Shreve, also making a bid for a seat. Also running for the board are Barb DiBen-edetto (Grant), Doug Lambert (Milroy) and Dixie Lee Murray (Milroy). The two open seats were most re-

cently held by Kelly Roby and Pandora Barr, neither of which will be seeking re-election to the board.

Another seat without a current incumbent in the race will be for the position of circuit clerk. Acting clerk Melanie Biggs (R), who has been filling the position since the previous clerk’s resignation, will be appearing on the ballot against Pandora Barr (R). Incumbent assessor Jerry Ours (R) will be running

to keep his position against challenger Beth Barr Mal-low (R).

Running unopposed for office on the primary ballot will be incumbent commissioner Scotty Miley (R) as the representative for Milroy district on the county commission, incumbent prosecuting attorney John Ours (R), Steven Wratchford Jr., (R) for sheriff, Mark Geary (R) for surveyor and Frankie Weese for the nonpartisan conser-

vation district supervisor position.

Also running for re-election are magistrate judges Williard “Boog” Earle II (division one) and Emory “Bill” Feaster Jr. (division two).

Another key position on the ballot will be for two nonpartisan circuit court judges (circuit 25), which currently have five candidates from the region. Incumbent James “Jay” Courrier Jr. (Keyser - di-

vision two) and Nic James (Ridgeley - division one), Cody Pancake (Keyser - division one), appointed incumbent Robert Ryan (Maysville - division one) and Jason Sites (Maysville - division one).

It is important to note that while the final day for candidates to file was Jan. 27, it is still possible for mailed declarations that were postmarked by that date to be received.

School

Continued from front

The Jan. 23 meeting also marked the last meeting before the board will officially unveil their full levy proposal to the community, which is intended to run on the May ballot.

One topic discussed by the board included the potential of making the school levy a “community levy” that will run for not only the board of education but also the Grant County Volunteer Fire Association. The association appeared before the county commission late last year to discuss the potential of running a levy aimed at helping to provide necessary funds to the Petersburg, Maysville, Mount Storm and Bayard volunteer fire companies.

Webster explained that due to efforts by the school to reduce the overall levy request, even partnering together with the Association will reduce citizen taxes beyond what is currently in place.

Webster said representatives from the Association and the school system met recently to discuss the potential partnership, saying he believed those conversations had been very positive.

However, board member Jared Alt expressed concern about this combination, saying he was unsure if a partnered levy would be best for both entities.

Alt also asked whether or not the school would be required to fulfill levy promises even if the tax base were to be cut drastically,

giving the example of what would happen if Dominion Energy ceased operations.

Webster said that the school levy would still be required to meet those promises and that is why levies are passed in five year increments and not longer intervals.

Alt voiced support for the Fire Association levy, however said he was concerned that combining them could potentially harm their passage. Alt pointed to the fact that a fire levy will pass with just over a 50% vote while the school levy requires a higher percentage to approve.

Alt did say he supported some of the items in the school levy, specifically the addition of aides on buses and the resource officers (PRO) in the schools.

More information on what will be included in the Grant County Schools 2024 excess levy will be available following their first meeting in February

During the meeting, the board also received an update from ZMM Architects and Engineers concerning the pre-kindergarten expansion planned at Petersburg Elementary School.

The county was awarded a school building grant

through the state in the amount of \$4.8 million for the project.

During their presentation, ZMM said the expansion would dramatically change how the building looks in that it was a large expansion but that it would be designed to match the current facility. They also clarified that the updated pre-k would have its own entrance.

They also discussed two

ing funds that they believe were set aside for the purchase of a new ambulance.

Next, county administrator Michelle Sites also gave a financial update on the service, saying that between July 1 and Dec, 23, the department had expenditures totaling \$603,195 and revenue totaling \$396,199, which included

other potential projects, including the addition of two classrooms at Maysville Elementary School and complete redesign of the Petersburg High School entrance.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be Feb. 6 at 5:30 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room located on the Petersburg High School campus in Petersburg.

transports. She then compared these 2023 numbers to the numbers from 2022, saying that expenditures were down approximately \$53,000 and revenue was approximately \$30,000 less.

The report came during the commissioner’s regularly scheduled Jan. 23 meeting.

Meet the candidates that are running for office in West Virginia during the 2024 election

By Lori Kersey

West Virginia Watch

Four prominent Republicans and a Democratic mayor are among the eight people who have officially filed in the race to be West Virginia’s next governor.

The candidate filing period for the 2024 primary election ended Saturday, Jan. 27. Candidates must have filed in person or postmarked their certificate of announcement prior to midnight.

Among the Republicans who have filed to replace Gov. Jim Justice are Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, Secretary of State Mac Warner, business owner Chris Miller and former state delegate Moore Capito. Steve Williams, a Democrat and the mayor of Huntington, is also running.

Jim Justice, who’s been the state’s governor for two terms, will run for Sen. Joe Manchin’s seat in Congress.

The primary election is May 14. The general election day is Nov. 5.

Here’s a look at the candidates for statewide offices in West Virginia:

Governor

- Moore Capito, Republican. Capito is a former Republican state Delegate representing Kanawha County, the son of U.S. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-West Virginia) and the grandson of the late West Virginia governor Arch Moore.
- Kevin “KC” Christian, Republican, of Chloe.
- Chase G. Linko-Looper, Mountain Party. Linko-Looper is a disabled combat veteran who served in the U.S. Army Reserves, including a tour in Afghanistan.
- Chris Miller, Republican. Miller, of Huntington, is owner of the Dutch Miller Auto Group and the son of U.S. Representative Carol Miller.
- Patrick Morrisey, Republican. Morrisey, an attorney, is West Virginia Attorney General.
- Mitch Roberts, Repub-

lican, of Poca.

• Andrew “Mac” Warner, Republican. Warner is an Army veteran and the current West Virginia Secretary of State.

• Steve Williams, Democrat. Williams is the mayor of Huntington and a former member of the West Virginia House of Delegates.

Secretary of State

- Thornton Cooper, Democrat. Cooper is an attorney in South Charleston.
- Kenneth Reed, Republican. Reed is a pharmacist and former member of the Morgan County Commission and the state House of Delegates.
- Doug Skaff Jr., Republican. Skaff is business owner, former Democratic House minority leader and the president of HD Media, which publishes the Charleston Gazette-Mail and the Huntington Herald-Dispatch.
- Kris Warner, Republican. Warner is executive director of the state Economic Development Authority and brother to current Secretary of State Mac Warner.
- Brian Wood, Republican. Wood is the longtime Putnam County Clerk.

State auditor

- Caleb Hanna, Republican. Hanna is a former member of the state House of Delegates.
- Mary Ann Roebuck Claytor, Democrat. Claytor is a St. Albans resident and former auditor in the State Auditor’s Office.
- Eric Householder, Republican. Householder is a small business owner and the majority leader for the state House of Delegates.
- Mark Hunt, Republican. Hunt is a Charleston attorney and state senator representing Kanawha.
- Tricia Jackson, Republican. Jackson, of Harpers Ferry, is a member of the Jefferson County Commission.

State treasurer

- Larry Pack, Republican. Pack is the acting State Revenue secretary and a former senior adviser to Gov. Jim Justice. He formerly served in the House

of Delegates.

Commissioner of Agriculture

- Kent Leonhardt, Republican. Leonhardt, a Blacksburg farmer and Marine, is the current state Agriculture commissioner and a former senator.
- Roy Ramey, Republican. Ramey is a small farmer and retired Army officer.
- Josh Higginbotham, Republican. Higginbotham is a former member of the House of Delegates.

Attorney General

- John J.B. McCuskey, Republican. McCuskey is an attorney and the current State Auditor. Prior to being elected auditor in 2016, he served two terms in the House of Delegates.
- Ritchie Robb, Democrat. Robb is an attorney and the former mayor of South Charleston.
- Mike Stuart, Republican. Stuart is the former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia and a current member of the state Senate, representing Kanawha.
- Teresa Toriseva, Democrat. Toriseva is an attorney in Wheeling.

U.S. Senate

- Brian Byrd, Republican.
- Don Blankenship, Democrat. Blankenship is the former CEO of Massey Energy. He spent a year in prison after he was convicted of conspiring to violate federal mine safety and health standards at the Upper Big Branch Mine, where 29 miners were killed in an explosion in April 2010. He ran for Senate in 2018 as a Republican and for president in 2020 as a member of the Constitution Party.
- Glenn Elliot, Democrat. Elliot is the mayor of Wheeling.
- Jim Justice, Republican. Justice is governor of West Virginia.
- Zane Lawhorn, Republican. Lawhorn is an optometrist in Princeton.
- Don Lindsay, Republican.
- Bryan McKinney, Re-

publican. McKinney is a senior sales manager in the robotics industry.

- Janet McNulty, Republican. McNulty works in retail.
- Alex Mooney, Republican. Mooney is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives since 2014.
- Zachary Shrewsbury, Democrat. Shrewsbury is a Marine veteran and an organizer.

U.S. House of Representatives

- Derrick Evans, Republican. Evans was elected to the state House of Delegates. He pleaded guilty to a felony civil disorder charge for participating in the Jan. 6, 2021 riot at the U.S. Capitol.
- Carol Miller, Republican. Miller has been elected to Congress since 2018 and previously served in the state House of Delegates from 2006 to 2018.
- Chris Bob Reed, Democrat.
- Jim Umberger, Democrat. Umberger is a Vietnam combat veteran who served in the Army. He works in mental health services and is the former administrator for the Greenbrier Center.
- Dennis “Nate” Cain, Republican. Cain is an Army veteran and a defense contractor in cybersecurity engineering.
- Joseph “Joe” Earley, Republican. Earley, of Bridgeport, is an Army veteran.
- Alexander Gaaserud, Republican, of Elkins.
- Chris “Mookie” Walker, Republican. Walker is a retired West Virginia Air National Guard brigadier general.
- Riley Moore, Republican. Moore is the current state treasurer and a former member of the House of Delegates.
- Steven Wendelin, Democrat. Wendelin is a Navy veteran.

Supreme Court Justice — Division 1

- Haley Bunn, nonpartisan. Bunn is a justice of the state Supreme Court.

Supreme Court Justice — Division 2


• Charles S Trump IV, nonpartisan. Trump is an attorney and state senator.

Intermediate Court of Appeals

- Elgine Heceta McArdle, nonpartisan. McArdle is a Wheeling attorney and the former chairwoman for the West Virginia Republican Party.
- Mychal S. Schulz, nonpartisan. Schulz is an attorney in Charleston.
- Ryan White, nonpartisan. White is a Charleston attorney and former member of the Kanawha County Board of Education.

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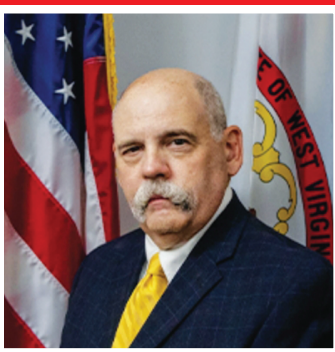
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B Section Sports

January 30, 2024

Wrestlers from all over the region face off during annual **Viking SMASH**

By: Clay Fritz
PHS Wrestling

The halls of Petersburg High School may have been empty Tuesday and Saturday, but the gyms were alive and well with the 2024 Viking SMASH. With 12 teams and two gyms filled wall to wall with wrestling mats, it promised to be an exciting weekend.

Teams making the trip this year included Berkeley Springs, Moorefield,

Hampshire, Keyser, Liberty Harrison, Hedgesville, East Hardy, Frankfort, Philip Barbour, Grafton, and Elkins.

In the first matchup on Friday with Liberty Harrison, six Vikings picked up wins. Josh Lahman (106), Ryan Kessel (132), Lukas Wolford (144), Alex Halterman (157), McKinley Mongold (165) and Landon McGinnis (215) all secured wins for the home team.

Halterman and Wol-

ford would gather wins against Keyser in the second round.

The team also faced Hampshire, Berkeley Springs, and Moorefield on Friday, producing mixed results.

Saturday morning the young men began the final day with Elkins.

Lahman, Wolford, Halterman, Trey Cooper (175), Solomon Rohrbach (190), and McGinnis all picked up victories. Frankfort, Philip Barbour, Grafton, and East Hardy were the remaining opponents for the Vikings on the weekend.

Final results for the Vikings: Lahman 5-5, Kessel 4-6, Wolford 9-1 2nd place, Halterman 9-1 3rd place, Mongold 4-6, Cooper 6-4, Rohrbach 2-7, and McGinnis 5-5.

Team Placing: 1st: Berkeley Springs, 2nd Keyser, 3rd Hedgesville. Most Outstanding Wrestler: Logan Rotruck, Keyser. Fastest Pin: Kollin Sullivan, Berkeley Springs, 5 seconds.

The team would like to thank Fort Hill Motel and Radio Shack of Petersburg for sponsoring the tournament this year. Also, a thank you to Custom Laser Etching and Engraving, LLC for the awards this year.

The Vikings will travel to Hampshire on February 3rd for the PVC Championship.



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Meeting Dates at 1:00 p.m.
Per WV Code 11.3.24 All meetings will be
held in the Grant County
are scheduled as follows: Commission Conference
Tuesday, January 30th Room, 5 Highland Avenue
at 11:00 a.m. Petersburg, WV 26847.
Friday, February 2nd If you have any ques-
at 1:00 p.m. tions, please contact the
Tuesday, February 6th Grant County Assessor's
at 1 p.m. Minerals Office at 304-257-1050 or
Friday, February 9th the Grant County Commis-
at 11:00 a.m. sion at 304-257-4422.
Tuesday, February 13th 1/23-1/30 _____

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTEEES AND LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Grant County Clerk's Office at 5 Highland Avenue Petersburg, WV 26847-1705. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission through the Grant County Clerk's Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2-4 or 44-3A.

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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND BENEFICIARIES
(CODE CHAP. 44, ART. 2,
SEC. 2)
TO THE CREDITORS
AND BENEFICIARIES
OF THE ESTATE OF
MARVIN E. BIBLE
DECEASED**

All persons having claims against the Estate of said MARVIN E. BIBLE, deceased, whether due or not, are notified to exhibit same with the vouchers thereof, legally verified to the undersigned, at Highland Ave., Petersburg West Virginia, on or before the 2nd day of April, 2024 otherwise they may be excluded from all benefits of said Estate.

All beneficiaries of said Estate are notified to be present on said day to protect their interests.

Given under my hand this the 30th day of January, 2024.

First Publication Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024
Claim Deadline Date: Saturday, March 30, 2024

ESTATE NAME: VIRGIL L. MALLOW
EXECUTOR: JOHN G. OURS
5 HIGHLAND AVE.
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ESTATE NAME: CARL R. COOPER SR.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
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WEST VIRGINIA
IN THE MATTER OF
B.V., INFANT MALE
CASE NO. 23-JA-16
ORDER OF
PUBLICATION
TO: The unknown father
of B.V. Infant Male

You are hereby notified of the above styled action pending in the Circuit Court of Grant County, West Virginia. An unknown male has been identified as the father of B.V., born September 5, 2023 to Ciera VanMeter. The action pending is an abuse and neglect case which can result in the termination of parental and/or guardianship rights to the above child which is the subject of these proceedings. You are advised that every parent, guardian and/or grandparent is entitled to and has a right to counsel at every stage of this proceeding.

An adjudicatory/accrued disposition hearing is currently scheduled for May 22, 2024, at the hour of 2:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in the courtroom of the Grant County Courthouse, 5 Highland Avenue, Petersburg, West

Virginia. You should appear at this hearing to protect and defend your interests. You can obtain a copy of the Petition filed in this matter and further information about the case from the Grant County Circuit Clerk's Office, telephone number 304-257-4545, or from Kevin Sponaugle, an attorney that has been appointed for you at 304-335-3528. Failure to appear and/or file a response to this action can and probably will result in a loss of your rights to said child.

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Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check	\$1,836.33

You may redeem at any time before June 30, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand January 10, 2024
G. Russell Rollyson Jr.
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and
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Paw's corner
by Sam Mazzotta

Are dogs really happy in freezing weather?

DEAR PAWS: While walking along the local riverway this frosty weekend, I noticed at least three people whose dogs were un-

der-equipped for the cold. One dog wore an insulated vest but no booties; the other two dogs wore no cold protection at all. Why do so many owners ignore their dogs' comfort and safety this way?
-- Harold in New Hampshire

DEAR HAROLD: Unfortunately, not every dog owner knows that it's up to them to protect their pets from cold-weather hazards. Most dogs won't ask for a sweater vest, and I've yet to meet one that didn't hate booties. I know quite a few dogs that just won't tolerate booties.

Many owners do know their dogs' limits in the cold, however. They check the temperature before going outside and survey the sidewalk or trail they're on for hazards like ice chunks, salt or glazing. They limit the time spent outdoors so their dog's core temperature doesn't drop. They monitor their dogs to make sure they're not shivering or in pain, and that their paws aren't getting frost-bitten. And they carefully wipe and check their dogs' paws as soon as they get back indoors.

How do you, an observ-

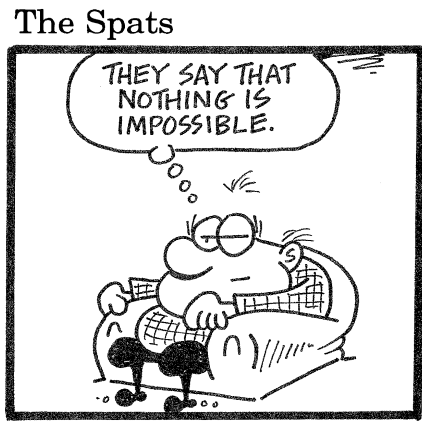
er, make sure that an owner is following these guidelines? Confronting owners is not advisable. You may be able to strike up a casual conversation on the path, and ask how their dog tolerates the cold weather.

But don't preach at them. In my experience, owners who take the time to walk their dogs on a leash in freezing weather do care about their health and keep an eye on them in the cold.

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

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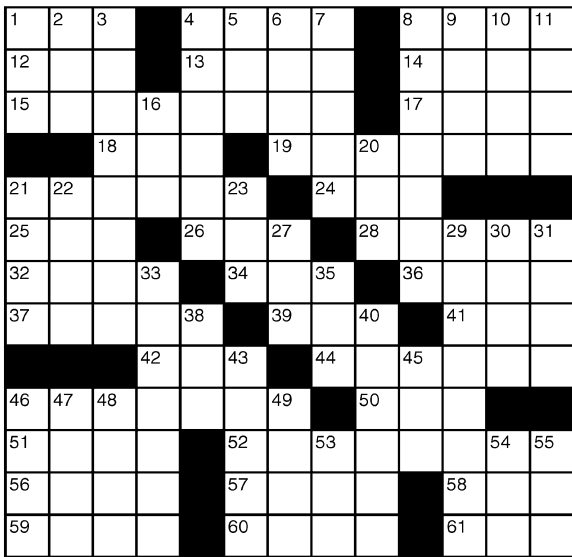
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- 17 Seize
- 18 Chapeau
- 19 Slogan
- 21 Garden figurines
- 24 Use henna
- 25 Post-op area
- 26 Apply cream
- 28 College study
- 32 Close by
- 34 "Gee, ya think?"
- 36 Golfer's cry
- 37 Campfire leftovers
- 39 Clothing protector
- 41 Sandwich meat
- 42 "— been real"
- 44 By and large
- 46 Opposite of candor
- 50 Eggy quaff
- 51 Bern's river
- 52 Halite
- 56 Egyptian deity
- 57 Shrek, for one
- 58 Half of CIV
- 59 Society newbies



- 60 French perfume brand
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- 3 However
- 4 Praised loudly
- 5 Mentalist
- 6 Take it easy
- 7 Wanderer
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- 9 Petty of "Tank Girl"
- 10 — impasse
- 11 Innocent one
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- 30 Exam format
- 31 "Ratatouille" rat
- 33 Patty Hearst, for one
- 35 "Tell —" (Streisand/Dion song)
- 38 Fr. holy woman
- 40 Monopoly job
- 43 Seafood selection
- 45 Cyclades island
- 46 Stated
- 47 Lighten
- 48 Baby's bed
- 49 Boo-Boo's buddy
- 53 — -Magnon
- 54 Lucy of "Elementary"
- 55 Box office buys, slangily

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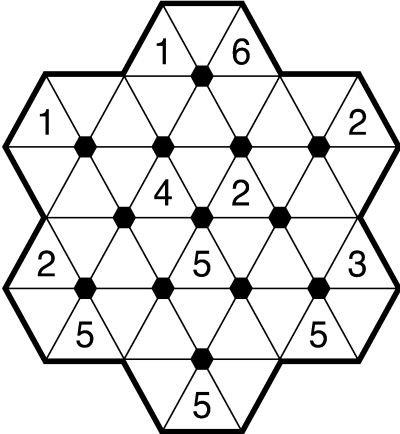
FUN & PUZZLES

PUZZLE ANSWERS
FOUND ON PAGE 2A

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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

	x		-					25
+			+			-		
	+			x				28
x			x			x		
	+			x				20
30			16			25		

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

★★★ GO FIGURE!

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

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

PYEQN OQSWH YTP Q ITKHP

KDPHSFTEH JYS NYTSCHFJ KD

XUKOU PY ESHQR, BHD KD UQDE.

YDFN ESHQRC LKWH AKSPU PY

OUQDLH.

— CQSQU AQD ASHQPUHQOU

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

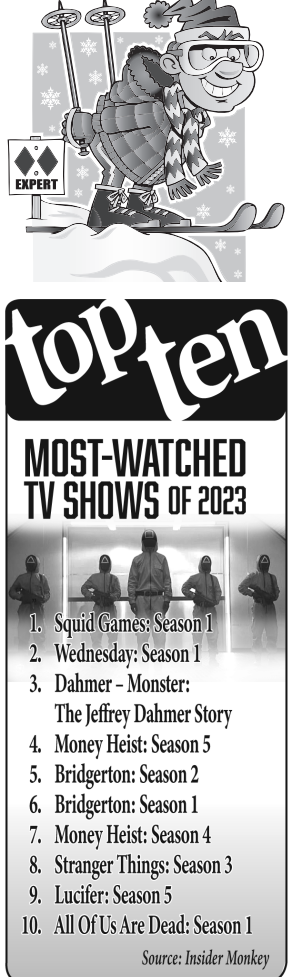


Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Newspaper is longer. 2. Hat is larger. 3. Label is missing. 4. File cabinet is taller. 5. Man is thinner. 6. Jacket sleeve is shorter.

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top ten

MOST-WATCHED TV SHOWS OF 2023

1. Squid Games: Season 1
2. Wednesday: Season 1
3. Dahmer - Monster: The Jeffrey Dahmer Story
4. Money Heist: Season 5
5. Bridgerton: Season 2
6. Bridgerton: Season 1
7. Money Heist: Season 4
8. Stranger Things: Season 3
9. Lucifer: Season 5
10. All Of Us Are Dead: Season 1

Source: Insider Monkey

HIT THE SLOPES WORD SEARCH

I C E S S O O G L L I H N W O D H E H D
M A F M L N T C R E V A S S E F N S T I
O G C S W O O D P K C A L B E I B Y Y F
L X C H U H P W R L H I D S P R I S H D
A L B F A W I E G A L R G L V C N K S E
L C Y O V I I T A T O I A W D M D P U W
S E D R O V R Y E H H B H K E H I W L U
P U P I T C F P O O L D W P M D N R S L
B I R O R N P T B U U N N O U S G F S A
P B S K I L U A R P P T U F N Y S E L E
H O R T R D S O P A V E R U L S B I U R
M U L N E E B U C F V E U A G H A N G I
X T V E P T Y R N S E E I L A L R B O A
T K K L S D A R G S S C R R B I B W M L
E V A M R C E O T P I O D S H F A C W S
K T Y A E D G Y P F O P R P E T R E B B
E K G L A G L V I A A W C C F X G B H L
D L B R L E G T Y C S Y D T M D A U B Y
F A L E V E R O K R W S N E R T B W B O
C G S N D A L W B M N E F F R U N W X C

AERIALS
ALPINE
ARTIFICIAL
BASEPLATE
BINDINGS
BLACK
BLUE
CABLE CAR
CHAIR
CREVASSE
CROSS-COUNTRY
DOWNHILL
DRAG
EDGE
FREESTYLE
GOGGLES
GRAB
HARD PACK
ICE
LIFT
MOGULS
PASS
PISTE
POLES
POWDER
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SKI
SLALOM
SLOPE
SLUSH
SNOW
SNOWBOARD
TRAVERSE
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WAX
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Swick is Employee of the Year at WVU/Grant Memorial Hospital



Swick was presented the award by Elaine Geroski, AVP, John Sylvia, CEO, and Brooklyn Vetter.

Rebekah Swick has been selected as Employee of the Year at WVU/Grant Memorial Hospital.

Swick is the nurse navigator at the cancer and infusion center.

"I feel I was given this award because of my patient care qualities. Being a cancer survivor led me to be in the profession and provides me with the skill-set and compassion that has exceled my quality of care for patients," said Swick.

"Without the hand-picked staff members alongside me, none of this would be possible. Every coworker I have are an asset to the center and our patients. I would like to thank my husband and family for their support and understanding as well."

She is currently in nurse practitioner school and will finish in two years.

CARETAKER NEEDED

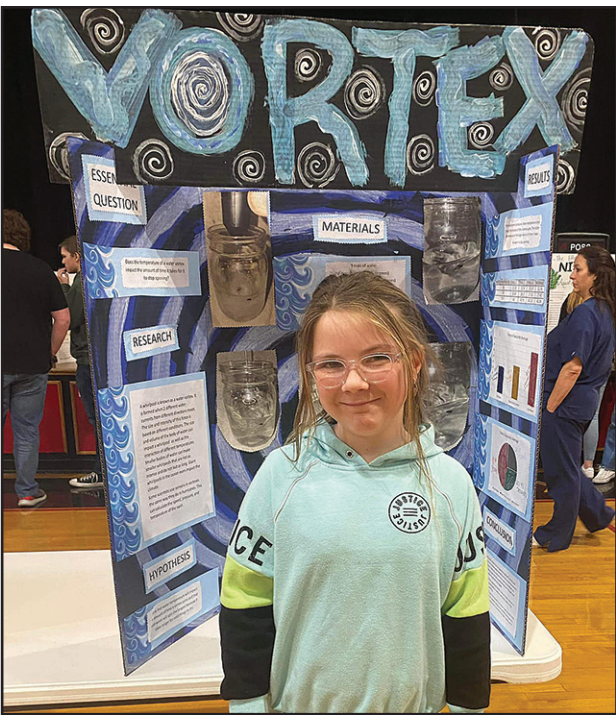
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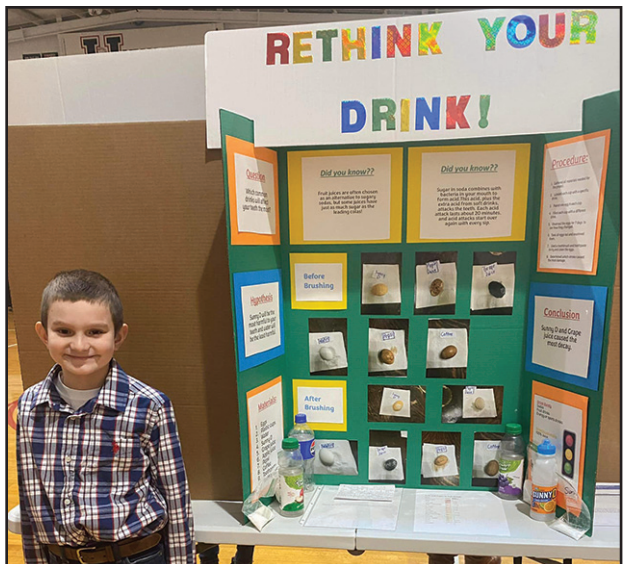
HELP WANTED

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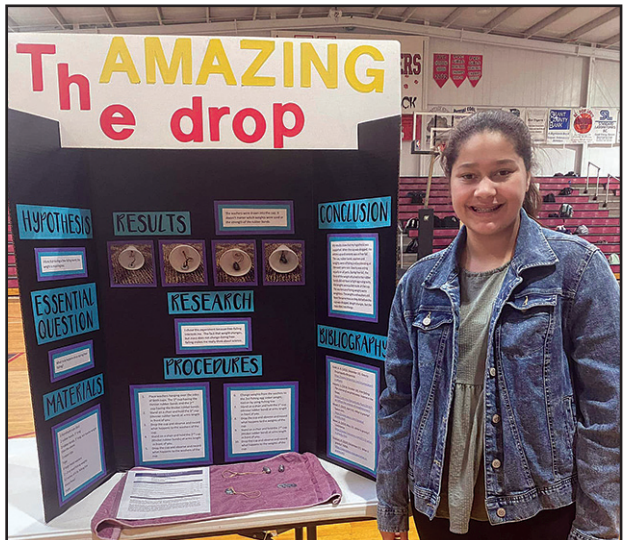
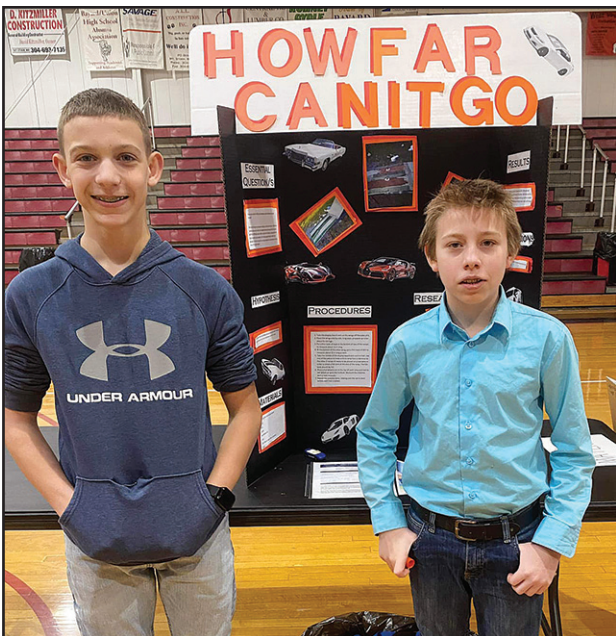
More county science fair winners



Environmental Science: Second place, Faith Funk, MES



Medical Science: Third place, Tatem Keplinger, MES



Physics: Third place, Jayla Bierkamp, MES (above)

Materials Science: Third place, Jayden Hedrick and Noah Rumpf, MES (left)



Golden Lanes LEAGUE RESULTS

ODD COUPLES MIXED LEAGUE January 9th

TEAM STANDINGS: Split Happens 53 - 31, Terminators 52.5 - 37.5, NKOTB 49 - 35, Vetter's Guns & Ammo 48.5 - 35.5, WELD 45 - 39, Country Cars & Trucks 43 - 41, Lucky Strikes 38.5 - 45.5, Outlaws 38 - 46, Empire Strikes 36.5 - 47.5.

HIGH GAME MEN (SCRATCH): Charles Keplinger and Ed Wompler 247, Richie Burgess 236, Troy McGreevy 214. (HANDICAP): Charles Keplinger 277, Ed Wompler 276, Jeff Constable 262, Jerry Propst 261.

HIGH AVERAGE

(MEN): Evan Kesner 208.90, Richie Burgess 207.92, Terry Wratchford 201.10, Tyler Halterman 198.53.

HIGH GAME WOMEN (SCRATCH): Carissa Michael 256, Dee Anna McDonald 243, Emily Stark 182, Denise McGreevy 181. (HANDICAP): Carissa Michael 300, Dee Anna McDonald 295, Emily Stark 253, Denise McGreevy 250.

HIGH SERIES WOMEN (SCRATCH): Dee Anna McDonald 637, Carissa Michael 630, Denise McGreevy 495, Sarah Earle 490. (HANDICAP): Dee Anna McDonald 793, Carissa Michael 762, Denise McGreevy 702, Kathy McNemar 697.

HIGH AVERAGE (WOMEN): Carissa Michael 183.17, Dee Anna McDonald 174.71, Sarah Earle 165.47, Tonya Keplinger 158.77.

THURSDAY NIGHT MEN'S LEAGUE January 11th

TEAM STANDINGS: American Classic 58 - 22, Builders Center 54 - 26, Petersburg Oil Company 51 - 29, Strikeforce 39 - 41, Golden Lanes 37 - 43, Vetter's Mini Mart 36 - 44, Country Cars & Trucks 33 - 47.

HIGH GAME (SCRATCH): Kyle Davy 290, Eddie Baldwin 244, Michael Hedrick 241, Richie

Burgess 237, Tyler Halterman 236. (HANDICAP): Kyle Davy 296, Eddie Baldwin 284, Randy Thorne 275, Michael Hedrick and Walter Barnes 265.

HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Kyle Davy 743, Richie Burgess 695, Tyler Halterman and Larry Walp 633, Gary Leatherman 620. (HANDICAP): Richie Burgess 776, Kyle Davy 761, Jeff Constable and Trey Wratchford 731, Tyler Halterman and Larry Walp 714.

HIGH AVERAGE: Co-han Kesner 210.61, Terry Wratchford 206.60, Zachary Arbaugh 205.74, Gary Leatherman 204.00, Michael Hedrick 203.63, Richie Burgess 201.57.

SBV WOMEN'S LEAGUE January 22nd

HIGH GAME (SCRATCH): Emily Stark 192, Dee Anna McDonald 180, Marsha "Kay" Leslie 174. (HANDICAP): Paula Bergdoll 224, Linda Helmick 214, Marsha "Kay" Leslie and Brenda Sweitzer 213.

HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Dee Anna McDonald 505, Emily Stark 464, Denise McGreevy 463. (HANDICAP): Paula Bergdoll 654, Sheri Arbogast 579, Marsha "Kay" Leslie 575.

***Low & Slow smoked pulled pork, chicken, & brisket**
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