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Upcoming Events

The lights at Welton Park will be turned on this week! See page 8A

This is the last week for turning your application for Toys for Happiness. See page 3A

Shoebox collection week for Operation Christmas Child this week at Living Hope Baptist.

Bazaar at Petersburg Memorial Covenant Brethren this Saturday. See page 3A

Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers, this Saturday, 7 p.m. at the Landes Arts center. Ticket required.

Free Thanksgiving dinner at Petersburg First Baptist Church. See page 6A

Churches - Don't forget to send in your Christmas play and program dates and times. No charge to be listed.

COVID-19 UPDATES

Grove Street Health Center will provide Covid-19 tests by appointment (call 304-257-2451). If you have a positive home Covid test, call 304-257-4922.

Support the Petersburg Food Pantry

As always, you may drop off your non-perishable donations to the Petersburg Interfaith Pantry at the Grant County Press. Monetary donations will also be forwarded to the food pantry.



Obituaries

Sonny Alt
 Don Huffman
 Roy Jones
 Earl Roberson

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poll question

If you could bring back to replace the current administration, who would you choose?



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Second person charged with murder in overdose death

The recent Grant County grand jury indictments show that a second person has been charged for causing the death of Thomas Hedrick, who was discovered dead in a family member's garage from an apparent drug overdose in March 2022.

Luis Angel Flores, 34, of 212 3rd St., Moorefield, was indicted last week with one count of felony murder in the first degree and one count of failing to seek medical assistance for another having an overdose while engaged in the illegal use of a controlled substance.

According to the police report on the incident, Hedrick's death was discovered to have been caused by an overdose of fentanyl and methamphetamine, drugs that were allegedly sold to him by Jessica Lynn Metz, 32, of 501 Ridge St., Keyser. Metz was also indicted last week with one count of felony murder in the first degree and failing to seek medical assistance for another having an overdose while engaged in the illegal use of a controlled substance.

During the investigation, officers allege that both Metz and

Flores were with Hedrick in the hours leading to his death. Further communications were discovered by the investigating officer via online messages, with references to the drugs Hedrick purchased from Metz with Flores expressing unhappiness that he had bought them from her. During the conversation, Hedrick later says that he would "get what he wanted off of Flores" in reference to the purchase of future drugs.

The indictment claims that Flores and Metz had been selling fentanyl, methamphetamine,

marijuana and other illegal drugs to several individuals in the area, including Hedrick.

The indictment concludes that not only were Metz and Flores allegedly with Hedrick prior to his death, they also allegedly sold him the drugs that would later claim his life.

Other indictments handed down by the grand jury included:

Christopher Lynn Grapes, 54, of 1206 Reeves Rd., Keyser, was indicted on one count

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Students gather as the American Flag is raised during a Veterans Day ceremony hosted by the South Branch Career and Technical Center. For more photos of Veterans Day events around the area, see page 1B.

press photo

City receives \$12,000 from unclaimed property, says there are over 4,000 listings in county

Last week, the City of Petersburg announced it had received nearly \$12,000 in returned unclaimed property, which they say will be put towards facility improvement projects to benefit the local community.

The return of the funds was reported during the regularly scheduled Petersburg City Council meeting on Nov. 6, during which mayor Gary Michael said the funds would assist in the city's ongoing efforts to update community facilities.

"It was an easy process to work with Regional Treasury Representative John Paul Abbott and the state treasurer's office to receive the city's unclaimed funds," said Michael. "We have been focused on updating community facilities, such as adding a dog park and installing new playground equipment at the city park for families to enjoy, and we plan to use this money to boost our city's finances to continue serving the residents of Petersburg."

Both Michael and the West Virginia state treasurer's office encouraged others in the county to ensure they do not also have unclaimed property that they

may not be aware of. According to the treasurer's office, they have more than \$400 million in unclaimed property in its database, with over 4,000 listings in Grant County.

"It's always an honor to partner with local government of-

ficials to return missing funds that would have otherwise gone unclaimed," State Treasurer Riley Moore said. "Through new programs such as West Virginia Cash Now and updating our unclaimed property online database, we have made it a priority

in my office to modernize the process of returning lost funds to our citizens."

The City of Petersburg received an unclaimed property

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Two Virginia men charged after being found with drugs, firearm in local cemetery

Two Virginia men are facing charges after allegedly being discovered with illegal drugs and a firearm at Maple Hill Cemetery in Petersburg.

The charges stem from an incident late in the evening on September 11 when an officer with the West Virginia State Police Department noticed a suspicious vehicle with Virginia plates parked at the cemetery. The officer then pulled in behind the blue Toyota and approached from the driver's side. While the vehicle was unoccupied, the officer did note a glass container positioned on the driver's seat with a green, leafy substance

inside. Officers would note that the substance appeared to be marijuana.

According to the police report filed on the incident, the officer then noted three subjects in the cemetery, one of which approached him and identified herself as Bonnie Sue Shenk.

Another officer from the Grant County Sheriff's Department soon arrived at the scene to assist. The two men were identified as William Joseph Brown, 60, of 100 Farmview Rd., Luray, Va., and Donnie Walter Seal Jr., 54, of 606 6th St., Luray, Va.

Due to the suspected marijuana in the vehicle, a K9 officer

was retrieved and conducted a exterior free air sniff of the vehicle. During this search, the K9 officer positively alerted to the vehicle, indicating illegal substance may be inside.

According to the report, a subsequent search of the vehicle yielded an additional container on the passenger side floor, which was also suspected to be marijuana as well as a black, Taurus 9mm firearm loaded with 17 rounds.

When asked who the firearm belonged to, Shenk said it was her son's and that she had

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Looking to Turn a Holiday Profit?

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COOKIES**PIE WORK**

By Camille Howard

If you've been packing Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, don't forget this is collection week at Living Hope Baptist Church, just around the corner from the Press. They've been the dropoff location in Petersburg for several years.

We had our "Shoebox Sunday" at church this past weekend and broke our old record for boxes collected.

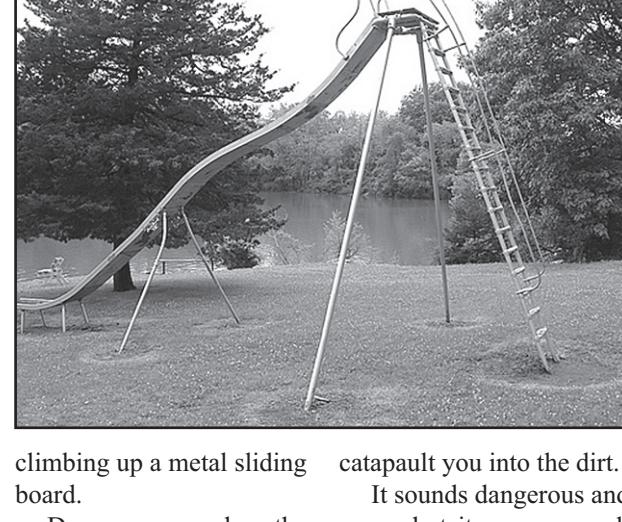
All the kids came up front to carry out all the boxes to be loaded up for delivery. Even the "big kids" helped out. I'm curious to know how many boxes are shipped out of Grant County. I hope we beat last year's number!

And since Christmas has already been mentioned, I'm not sure if I'm going to hang the massive amount of Christmas lights I usually put up.

It's a big project and I love the end results ... but what a job! And, my helper, who climbs up to the roofline, is now the proud owner of a knee replacement so, I'm not sure having him scale an extension ladder two stories up is the best idea. Really it's three stories since we're built into a hill.

I'm no help in that department. You couldn't pay me any amount of money to climb up that ladder and hook up twinkle lights. I might be able to go up, but I doubt I could make it back down.

There's just no easy way up there, and since we now have a metal roof, it's like



climbing up a metal sliding board.

Do you remember the days when child safety wasn't much of a consideration when building a playground?

Some of the sliding boards were 8-10 feet up in the air, metal and had minimal sides to keep you from falling out. We used to ride a sheet of waxed paper down a few times to grease it up so we could fly down to the bottom. More than once I shot off the end and into the ground. Worse than that was sliding on a hot summer day when the board was like a pancake griddle on high heat!

Then there was the jungle gym, the swings with long, long chains that you could take you up to the clouds and if you were brave enough to let go, send you flying across the playground. More than one kid got carried off by a teacher to the school nurse.

The see-saw was fun but a complete machine of revenge and the merry-go-round would make you dizzy or sick and could even

catapult you into the dirt.

It sounds dangerous and crazy, but it was so much fun. Makes me wonder if someone out there was trying to decrease the population of grade schoolers.

Given the same circumstances, I know plenty of kids today who wouldn't hesitate to climb up a giant metal sliding board.

In fact, going down the rocket slide that used to be over in the City Park was a real life "fear factor" moment for a lot of kids.

CHEESECAKE IN A PIE PLATE*Recipe for crust —*

1 1/2 cups crushed vanilla wafers

1/4 cup sugar

4 tablespoons melted butter

Mix above ingredients, part into 9" pie plate and refrigerate.

Recipe for filling —

2 eggs

1/2 cup sugar

8 ounces cream cheese

1/2 cup sour cream

2 teaspoons vanilla

Beat eggs, sugar,

Making it down to the bottom was a point of pride and gave them playground cred.

I rode that crazy thing down several times hanging onto my daughter until she was brave enough to do it herself (which didn't take long). More than once I burned my elbows on the way down.

There's nothing like conquering the playground to prepare a kid for the next big thing ... learning to ride a bike! That's something that can actually scar you for life (mostly knees and elbows).

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Last week, Billy Riggleman of Martinsburg, stopped by the office to drop off his cheesecake recipe. He noted that one of the differences in this recipe is the topping: a rum flavor instead of the usual fruit topping.

Have a great week!

cream cheese, sour cream and vanilla until smooth. Pour into pie crust. Bake at 350°F for 35 minutes or until set. Cool 10 minutes.

Recipe for topping —

1 cup sour cream

2 teaspoons vanilla

3/4 teaspoon rum

flavoring

Beat the filling ingredients. Spread over cooled pie and bake for 5 minutes in 350°F oven.

Chill for at least 4 hours before serving.

IMMEDIATE OPENING**For Office Cleaning - Part-Time Position**

Cleaning two office buildings located in Petersburg, WV.

DUTIES: Clean bathrooms, hallways, and kitchen. Remove trash, vacuum, sweep, mop, dust, window cleaning, and all other duties assigned.

If interested, please contact Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority at 304-358-2074.

NOTICE:**PURSUANT TO THE GRANT COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE:**

A Public Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 27, at 6 p.m. in the Grant County Courthouse Conference Room located at 5 Highland Avenue, Petersburg, WV to discuss the Subdivision Application for Mountain Lake Estates located off Grassy Ridge Road in Union District of Grant County, WV.

The Grant County Planning Commission will receive public comments at the time.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**Mandatory Garbage Disposal Notice**

The Region VIII Solid Waste Authority reminds residents that WV Garbage Disposal Laws (WV Code 22C-4-10) require each household and business to do one of the following:

- Subscribe to, pay for and use a garbage collection service OR
- Provide proof (scale house ticket) they have properly disposed of their garbage at the transfer station at least once every 30 days.

The Solid Waste Authority is a public agency that operates the transfer stations near Romney and Petersburg, West Virginia. The waste hauling companies in the region are private businesses that are regulated by the West Virginia Public Service Commission.

• Please DO NOT throw trash out of your vehicle.

• Please make sure that trash is properly bagged when it is being put out at the curb for pickup or covered by a tarp or net when it is being transported to the transfer station in an open truck or trailer.

• Please consider becoming a volunteer under the Adopt-A-Highway program sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Highways. Call (304) 926-0499 to volunteer.

• Please report illegal dumping to the Region VIII Solid Waste Authority (304) 257-2644 or the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (304) 822-7266.

Call the Region VIII Solid Waste Authority at (304) 257-2644 if you have any questions.

IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

HELP WANTED**911 Dispatcher/****Telecommunicator Positions**

Would you like to join a team dedicated to making a difference and helping others in time of need?

Are you searching for a meaningful career?

The Grant County Commission is accepting applications for one or two (1 or 2) full-time E911 Telecommunicators in the Office of Emergency Services and 911. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent. To be considered for employment you must have good communications skills, computer skills, ability to type at least 30 wpm, the ability to read, write, speak English without impediment, be able to multi-task, pass a background check and be available to work different shifts and holidays. Salary begins at \$13.75 per hour and after completion of all required training pay goes up to \$15.00 per hour. We have a good benefits package that includes vacation, insurance, retirement, personal time, sick time and paid holidays.

All training is provided by the department and employees will be required to travel for some training. Employees must pass at least the following courses: APCO 40 hour Telecommunicator PST 1, EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatch) and WEAPONS (West Virginia Automated Police Network), NIMS 100 and 700, and an onsite local map test.

Applications and further details are available from the Office of Emergency Services, located at 155 Technology Lane, Suite 2, Petersburg, West Virginia 26847.

Previous experience is preferred and wage dependent upon previous experience and certifications.

Peggy Alt, Director,

Grant County OES & 911

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Community Meetings & Events

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 lower level conference room. For the agenda check grantcountywv.org

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

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

New Beginnings Com-

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 DeCas at 304-257-2349.

for more information.

To post meetings call 304-

257-1844 or email news@

grantcountypress.com

Region 8 PDC requests help identifying natural hazards in the region

The Region 8 PDC is updating the regional Hazard Mitigation Plan which identifies natural hazards that negatively impact the

region like the horrible Election Day flood of 1985.

Please take five minutes to complete the short survey and give your thoughts on natural hazards within the region. There are no right or wrong answers and all responses are anonymous.

Utilize the QR Code or go to the survey at <https://forms.gle/Y26owJbFLpvb-WiKF7> to access the survey.

The survey link is also included on the homepage of Region 8 PDC's website at www.regioneight.org

by BUD BLAKE

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FFA degrees awarded at nat'l convention



During the first week of November, at the 96th National FFA Convention and Expo, three former Petersburg High School students received their American Degree. Hannah Moyers (Class of 2020) and Cody Kline and Tristin Miller (Class of 2021). Also receiving an Honorary American Degree was Mrs. Missy Whetzel, Pe-

tersburg High School FFA /AG teacher. Less than 1% of FFA members complete their American FFA Degree, making it one of the National FFA Organization's highest honors. The National FFA Constitution details criteria and requirements for the American FFA Degree.

Grant Memorial Hospital transitions to new electronic medical record



GMH staff members Diana Reel, Jaden Redman and Felisha Oates

Grant Memorial Hospital is the latest WVU Medicine facility to benefit from an enterprise technology transition.

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Giving back to those who gave

From the Editor

It was an honor to be a part of the Veterans Day Celebration at the Landes Arts Center this past Friday evening. I've been part of the Community Chorus for the several years now and take part in their annual Veterans Day event. This year the house was packed, and the program had serious, proud, happy and even silly moments. There were so many working parts by so many people.

As I was watching the high school band and chorus I thought about how important it is to pass on our national pride to the next generation, and for them to be part of it, not just bystanders.

It was hard not to tear up as we sang the official songs of each branch of service and saw the veterans in the audience stand and hear the applause and cheers for them.

No one who stepped on stage was a professional performer, although some are more used to being on stage than others. But that's what made the evening so special. Just everyday people stepping up to make a great evening for our veterans, as an offering of thanks.

And most likely, that type of evening was being repeated all across the U.S. and in other small towns and countries like ours. And the Veterans Day Celebration was just one event here.

Our schools invited veterans to share meals with students, churches sponsored meals and recognized their veterans and military members, the American Legion and Auxiliary held their annual dinner and put American flags throughout town, local restaurants and stores provided discounts and even free services for veterans, the Old Courthouse museum was open, South Branch Career and Technical Center had a special day of honor as did the Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center, and the list goes on.

It does us all good to remember our veterans, living and dead, and be reminded that the freedoms we enjoy are not of our own making.

How lawmakers helped ruin high school football in West Virginia

By Henry Culvyhouse and Derek Willis
Mountain State Spotlight

As South Charleston ran pregame drills, Hurricane performed jumping jacks on a Friday night in late October. The Hurricane team stretched from the end zone to the 50 yard line. They looked like NFL players compared to the hometown team made up mostly of freshmen.

As the clock counted down to kickoff, the speakers blared radio Top 40 hits from five years ago.

Fans munched kettle corn out of a bag. A few older men showed up with small bleacher seats, one with a pair of binoculars.

Within the first three plays, that size advantage was evident. Hurricane players effortlessly marched the ball into the end zone. Only 25 seconds into the game, Hurricane was up 7-0.

Hurricane scored touchdown after touchdown. Runs down the middle looked effortless. Long bomb passes were thrown with ease. A botched kick resulted in a quick score. On one run, a Hurricane receiver plowed through a South Charleston defender, not even breaking stride on the way to the end zone.

By the end of the first quarter, Hurricane had 42 points on the board to South Charleston's zero.

Just a few miles west, Huntington was grinding St. Albans into the dirt 42 to zip by halftime as well. Across the state in Lewisburg, Princeton put up 55 in the first half at Greenbrier East.

On Friday nights from the Eastern Panhandle to the southern coalfields, the story has been the same.

Nearly half of games this season have ended in blowouts large enough to trigger a mercy rule, according to a Mountain State Spotlight analysis of scores.

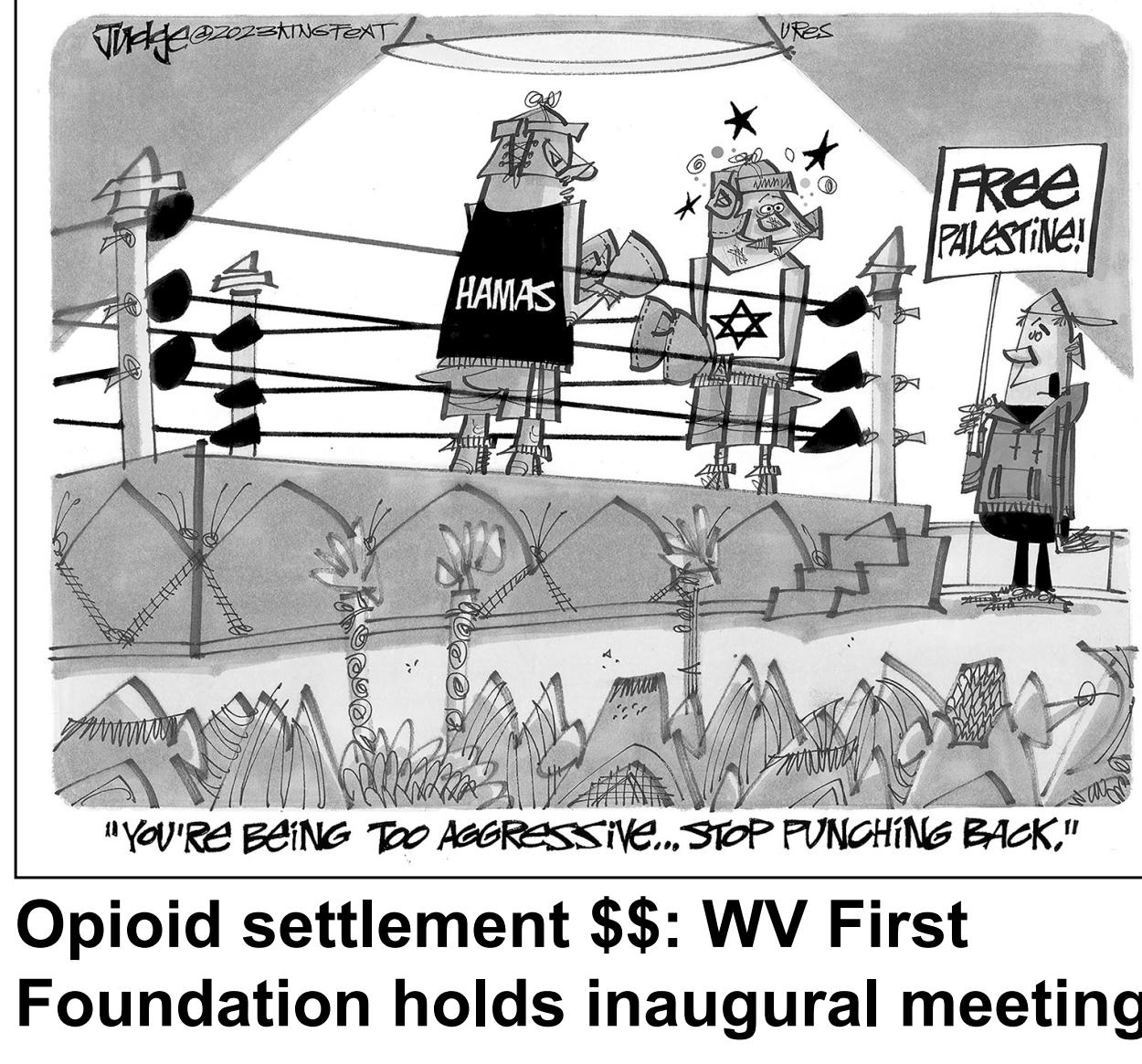
As the lopsided scores piled up, parents and coaches pointed to a law that made it easier for students to transfer from one school to another.

Under prior rules, if a high school student transferred to another school without actually moving — say they go to Musselman in the Eastern Panhandle, but transfer to Hedgesville without moving to Hedgesville — they would have to sit out for a full year.

Lawmakers eliminated that restriction earlier this year, allowing students to transfer once and take the field immediately.

A closer examination by Mountain State Spotlight found that the transfer rule change cleared the Legislative only after it was slipped into a popular piece of school choice legislation by a powerful — but little talked about

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Opioid settlement \$\$: WV First Foundation holds inaugural meeting

By Caity Coyne
West Virginia Watch

The West Virginia First Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded earlier this year to distribute money from the state's ongoing opioid litigation, is officially up and running after members convened for the first time on Monday, Nov. 6.

The organization is still without an executive director, but Attorney General Patrick Morrisey — who will eventually select the person to fill the role after consulting with the 11-member board of directors — said during a news briefing Monday afternoon that people can expect developments from the foundation to come relatively quickly over the next few months.

"Rest assured, we will make announcements as they become available," Morrisey told reporters.

The morning portion of Monday's day-long foundation meeting — which was open to the public until members entered an executive session around lunchtime — dealt mostly with the logistics of operating the nonprofit.

"It's my understanding that the counties' and municipalities' portion of the settlement funds, which is significant ... will be able to be deployed ... this calendar year so they can begin to work on directing those resources and putting them in the hands of the people that can do the most good." — Matt Harvey, foundation chair

While dealing with public funds, the nonprofit is completely separate from the state. Board members voted unanimously on Monday to elect the following individuals to leadership positions on the board:

Chair: Matt Harvey, Jefferson County prosecuting attorney

Vice chair: Dr. Matt Christiansen, state health officer and commissioner for the Bureau for Public Health

Treasurer: Jeff Sandy, former cabinet secretary for the state Department of Homeland Security

Secretary: Dora Stutler, Harrison County Schools superintendent

The 11 initial members of the board will serve staggered terms spanning from one to three years that were chosen at random on Monday. Following the expiration of their first term, all subsequent members will serve three year terms.

All directors on the foundation's board are working without compensation. The executive director, however, will be a full-time, salaried position, Harvey said. Morrisey said it was "premature" to make an announcement Monday regarding candidates for the executive director spot.

During the afternoon executive session, he said directors from the foundation asked "engaging" questions during a "lengthy discussion" regarding staffing for the organization.

"I think people are going to like what they see," Morrisey said.

During the morning meeting, John Jenkins, an accountant with the firm Smith, Cochran and Hicks, PLLC who is serving as the fund administrator and incorporator for the First Foundation, walked mem-

Settlement

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U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin: I will not seek re-election

West Virginia Press Association

On Nov. 9, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) released the following message announcing he will not seek re-election to the United States Senate.

"My father, John Manchin owned a furniture store in Farmington, W.Va., a small coal mining town of hard-working people. And one day, our local state representative came in and asked dad for a favor saying, "You owe me for all the things I've done for your little town."

"When the man left, I turned to my dad and said, "Now wait a minute, isn't helping Farmington that man's job?"

"That moment defined

the difference between self-service and public service. When I told my dad that I was going to run for office, he said, "Politics is a bad business, son, I'm telling you right now. Stay out of it."

"I didn't disagree that often with my father but that time I did."

"I reminded him of the famous line from President John F. Kennedy's inaugural address, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." I was 13 when I first heard it and I'm still inspired by it."

"My family were devoted Catholics who immigrated from Italy and Czechoslovakia. So, to us, President Kennedy was

held in the highest regard, and I knew President Kennedy's words would sway my dad.

"It took him a minute, but my dad said that he would support me running if I made a vow to serve all people – friend or foe, and not just myself."

"The promise that I made to my dad all those years ago has been my north-star. I've never cared about where good ideas came from and I never blamed one side for creating a problem nor believed only one side could fix them."

"When America is at her best, we get things done by putting country before party, working across the aisle and finding common

ground. Many times, this approach has landed me in hot water, but the fight to unite has been well worth it.

"Today, West Virginia is attracting more investment, opportunity and jobs than it has in decades. Here at home and across the country we are building more roads, bridges, manufacturing plants and energy infrastructure than almost any time in American history."

"After months of deliberation and long conversations with my family, I believe in my heart of hearts that I have accomplished what I set out to do for West Virginia."

Manchin

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

More on a "Green Utopia"

Recent headlines: From Germany comes "Wide-Scale Bankruptcies in the EU's Solar Sector Now Seem Likely" and "Germany to Fire up 'Brown Coal' Power Plants because of Fears of Energy Shortage." From Sweden, "Sweden Embraces Nuclear Energy," and from France, "Nuclear energy now non-negotiable." All four headlines are courtesy of the E.U.'s disastrous missteps in solar and succeeds in nuclear.

Germany led the way

funded by taxpayers, which has left the country ranking among the worst polluters and highest electric bills in Europe. Because ramp-up and ramp-down times for their massive power plants are so expensive, they have to be left running continually.

By decommissioning all its nuclear plants with no backup plan in sight, it trapped itself. Almost immediately, starved for electricity, it built a pipeline to Russia. What will Grant County do when the Mount Storm power plant closes?

The press and government(s) have long been concealing the bad news

and kept repeating the good fictions. Political science's "big lie" works like this: The masses fall victim more readily to a big lie than a small one, repeat it often enough, and it becomes, in the mind of the masses, a truth. Politicians' concerns are the next election, not your next electric bill.

We the people must wake up from our 1970s rock-band "no nukes" stupor, for nuclear energy has come a long way since then. Small nuclear reactors in the works called SMRs, are scalable in size and are promising. Sweden has just struck a deal with GE-Hitachi for a line

of them and a pilot test of them is being conducted in Wyoming.

Eventually the negative impact financially and environmentally caused by the solar panels and wind generators will be understood by Americans and recognized as the money making "green scheme" it really is.

Hopefully future generations will understand that CO2 is one of the lifelines of this planet and that ignorance of our environment is our enemy as this lack of knowledge allows those wanting more wealth and control to obtain both.

Jim Hinebaugh

Maysville, W.Va.



Remember When



November 11, 1953

Veach-Townsend Clinic births included: Mr. and Mrs. George Busey of Petersburg, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hipp of Mount Storm, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Osa Goldizen of Petersburg, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Riggelman of Purgitsville, a daughter; and Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Sinclair of Brushy Run, a son.

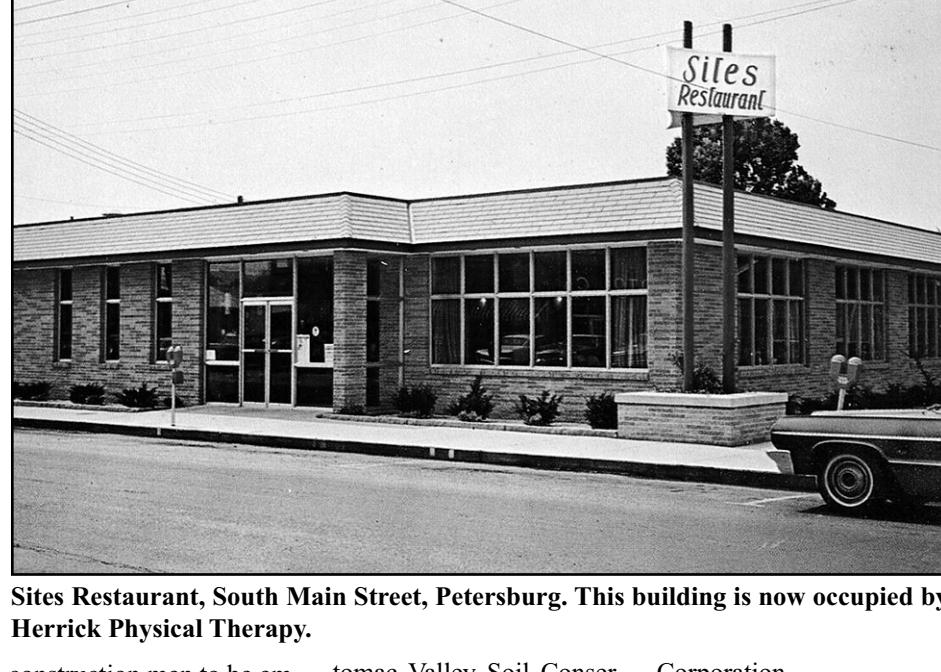
Those reporting for army induction were: Harry Smith of Maysville and Melvin Sears, Wesley Cosner, Ralph Ed Snell, Joseph G. Huffman and James Hiser, all of Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin of Gormanica announced the birth of a daughter, Nov. 3, at Garrett County Memorial Hospital, Oakland.

Among those promoted to private first class were two Dorcas men: Jackie O. Sites and Harvey D. Barr.

November 13, 1963

VEPCO was constructing a huge plant at Mount Storm Location. Over 900



Sites Restaurant, South Main Street, Petersburg. This building is now occupied by Herrick Physical Therapy.

construction men to be employed at facility that was to have an ultimate capacity of 1 million kilowatts, largest in the United States.

Those receiving driver's licenses were: Elsie Mallow of Cabins; Ollie George of Petersburg; Linda Bobo of Lahmansville; Mary K. Judy of Petersburg and Linda Barr of Petersburg.

A livestock farm in Po-

tomac Valley Soil Conservation District, owned by George Halterman, placed third in the state contest at the annual conference of the state Soil Conservation District Supervisor's Association at Jackson's Mill, Nov. 5-7.

On Oct. 26, the prosecuting attorney and the enforcement officers of Grant County reported to the court there was not sufficient business to warrant having a grand jury and an order was entered dispensing with a grand jury for the November term of court.

Births at Grant Memorial Hospital included: Mr. and Mrs. Roger Nesselrodt of Arthur, a son, Nov. 6; Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Calhoun of Arlington, Va., a daughter, Nov. 7; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith of Old Fields, a daughter, Nov. 9; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Riggelman of Moorefield, a daughter, Nov. 10; and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Parker of Moorefield, a son, Nov. 9.

November 14, 1973

The Grant County Development Authority was formed, after the decision from the attorney general's office that it would not conflict with the Petersburg Industrial Development

Corporation.

Grant Memorial Hospital births included: Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Long of Maysville, a son, Nov. 8; Mr. and Mrs. James Propst of Franklin, a son, Nov. 7; and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ratliff of Moorefield, a son, Nov. 7.

November 16, 1983

Grant Memorial Hospital closed out the 1982-83 fiscal year with a surplus of revenues over expenses, but the prospects for next year may not be so bright. The hospital finished the year with a \$197,306 excess of revenue over expenses.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sears were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary, Oct. 16, at the Forman Community Center, Lahmansville.

John and Betty Ours of Scherr announced the birth of a son, John Cecil Ours II, Nov. 6, at Garrett Memorial Hospital.

Airman John Armentrout of Petersburg completed Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Petersburg High School Viking football player Roger Thorne was named to the 1983 "All Potomac Valley Conference" team.

Manchin

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I have made one of the toughest decisions of my life and decided that I will not be running for re-election to the United States Senate, but what I will be doing is traveling the country and speaking out to see if there is an interest in creating a movement to mobilize the middle and bring Americans together.

"To the West Virginians who have put their trust in me and fought side by side to make our state better – it has been an honor of my life to serve you. Thank you.

"Every incentive in Washington is designed to make our politics extreme. The growing divide between Democrats and Republicans is paralyzing Congress and worsening our nation's problems. The majority of Americans are just plain worn out.

"Our economy is not working for many Americans from the rising cost of food and fuel and everything in between. We have a border crisis with illegal drugs entering our country

and killing Americans every day. Our national debt is out of control and Americans don't feel safe in their own communities.

"We are providing critical aid to two of our allies fighting wars for their survival, and we must prevent being pulled into a major war ourselves. These are not Republican or Democratic challenges. They are American challenges. They affect every one of us, and we need to face them together.

"I know our country isn't as divided as Washington wants us to believe. We share common values of family, freedom, democracy, dignity and a belief that together we can overcome any challenge. We need to take back America and not let this divisive hatred further pull us apart.

"Public service has and continues to drive me every day. That is the vow that I made to my father 40 years ago, and I intend to keep that vow until my dying day.

"May God Bless America, the great state of West Virginia and each and every one of you."

Football

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— committee, then passed in the final hours of the 2023 session.

This year, 432 students have transferred for fall sports alone, more than triple the amount of transfers in the previous year and a half, according to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission, which governs high school sports in the state.

"These transfers are happening all over the state, but you're really seeing them in areas with high concentrations of schools, like in the Eastern Panhandle or in the stretch from Spring Valley to Riverside," said David Price, the WVSSAC's executive director.

And the scores have reflected the change. Blowouts are at an all-time high, according to the data analysis, which used publicly available scores going back to 2009. Blowouts in general rose in 2022, but this year marks a new peak.

About 45% of all games played this season had 35-point margins, triggering a running clock mercy rule in the fourth quarter. That's nearly double what was seen in 2009.

The number of games with 70-point margins has tripled, with 13 in the regular season. Before that, the high in the last 14 years was only five games.

After witnessing beat-down after beat-down on Friday nights, some state lawmakers have called for the law to be repealed, in order to save the sanctity of high school football. Even the governor has weighed in, calling it a "bad move."

Balls and bills

Brooke High Coach Mac McLean said his school has always struggled in the AAA class, because it's the runt of the state's top division. With the new transfer rule, that's only going to get worse as players flock to high-performing schools.

"The rich will get richer and the poor will get poorer," McLean said.

Ironically, Brooke County High School alumni Ryan Weld, a Republican state senator, is the architect of the rule change.

Weld, who is running for state Attorney General, declined to comment for this story. But in past public statements, he said he pushed for it because three kids in his district had to sit out a year when they transferred from public to Catholic school.

During the 2022 legislative session, Weld wrote up a bill that would allow for one transfer for upperclassmen without penalty. At the time, Weld said the impact would be minimal. During a committee hearing, Weld said he had a "tell a little fib" back in 1995 when he transferred from Madonna High School, a Catholic school in Weirton, to Brooke High.

"I had to say I was going to take Japanese at Brooke," Weld said. "Well, konnichiwa is all I can say, because I never took Japanese at Brooke."

Weld's bill passed through the Senate with ease, but died in a House committee in 2022.

Later that year, the state Supreme Court ruled the one-year sit-out was constitutional in a case involving a Wheeling student's transfer. Furthermore, the justices said the court system ought to, as a rule, butt out of high school sports policies.

This year, Weld pushed the same bill.

During a Senate education committee hearing, Weld appealed to the idea of school choice – that the government, in the form of the state's athletic commission, was muddling around in a parent's decision for their child.

For the second year in a row, it passed the Senate in late January but was promptly parked in a House committee.

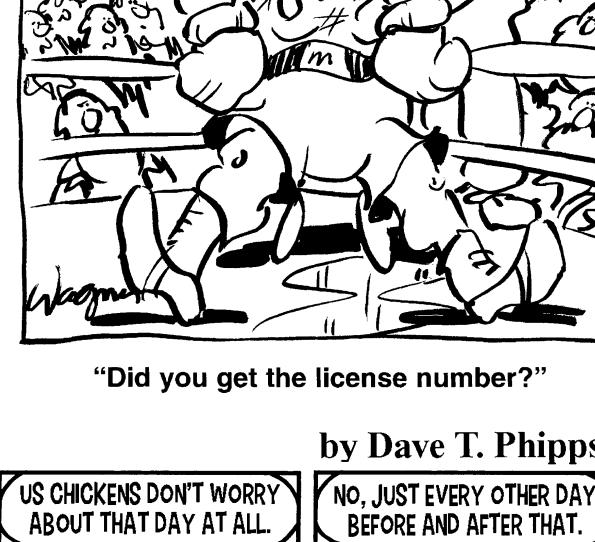
Around the same time, another bill was working its way out of the House. This one would allow Hope Scholarship and private school kids to play a sport at a local public school if their own school does not offer that sport.

The bill cleared the House and into the Senate, where it went to the Rules Committee. That committee, consisting of Senate leadership, determines what goes on the floor and what doesn't — and sometimes, they will change a bill before it goes to a vote.

During that meeting, high ranking senators like Sen. President Craig Blair, R-Berkeley, Sen. Tom Takubo, R-Kanawha, Sen. Charles Trump, R-Morgan, and Weld decided to add the transfer rule change to the Hope Scholarship athletics bill.

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by Dave T. Phipps



Local and area obituaries

DONALD "DON" HUFFMAN

Donald Lee "Don" Huffman, 88, of Petersburg, W.Va., passed away peacefully Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family.

Born Sept. 11, 1935, in Petersburg, he was a son of the late Lane Huffman and Goldie Easter (Vance) Huffman. In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by one son, Bradley Lee Huffman; one brother, Victor Lane Huffman; two sons-in-law, M. Lynn Runion Jr. and Michael Anthony Lehr.

Don was a 1955 graduate of Petersburg High School. He was a construction worker, farmer and logger. Don was the owner of D. Huffman Logging and also owner of Petersburg Seneca Theater. He enjoyed taking care of his cattle and garden. He was an avid hunter. He was a member of Bethel Church, Landes, W.Va.

Don is survived by his wife, Donna (Crites) Huffman; two sons, Donald Brent Huffman and Brock Edward Huffman; two daughters, Angela Marie Huffman and Myra Huffman-Runion; one stepdaughter, Susan George (Mike), all of Petersburg; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; four



stepgreat-grandchildren; four sisters; Nancy Webster (Kenny) of Moorefield, W.Va., Judy Lough of Petersburg, Mary Ann Bennett of Petersburg and Peggy Huffman of Falling Waters, W.Va.; one brother, Gerald "Jerry" Huffman (Myra) of Petersburg; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Thursday afternoon in the chapel of Schaeffer Funeral Home, Petersburg, with Pastor Brian Henson and Pastor Glenn Vance Jr. officiating.

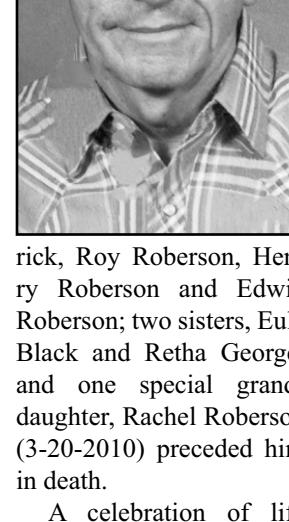
Interment was in South Branch Valley Memorial Gardens, Petersburg.

Memorials may be made to Gideons International or charity of choice.

Condolences to the family may be made at schaefferfuneralhome.com

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EARL A. ROBERSON



Earl Alden "Babe" Roberson, 91, of Franklin, W.Va., passed away at his home in Ruddle, W.Va., on Thursday, Nov. 9.

Born Feb. 23, 1932, at Ruddle, he was the son of the late Mack C. Roberson and Eva Hedrick Roberson.

Mr. Roberson had worked for Ruddle Lime and as a U.S. mail carrier in the Franklin, Ruddle and Upper Tract area for 53 years, driving for 45 of those years without missing a day. He was a lifelong farmer, loved to hunt and fish and work in his garden. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family. Alden was a member of the Ruddle Presbyterian Church, where he had served as a deacon and elder.

On June 18, 1955, he married the love of his life, Ruby Gail Thompson Roberson, who survives. Also surviving are two sons, Tommy Roberson (Frankie) and Randy Roberson (Janet), all of Franklin; one daughter, Vickie Hartman (Mark) of Upper Tract; one sister, Elma Roberson of Upper Tract; four grandchildren, Chris Roberson (Lisa), Rebecca Miller (Daniel), Emily Mongold (Logan) and Katie Hartman; seven great-grandchildren, Cayden, Colton and Cooper Roberson, Jameigh, Alanna and Adelynn Miller and Nolin Mongold; two stepgrandchildren, Jennifer Harper (Adam) and Tracy Kimble (Rebekah); and seven stepgreat-grandchildren, Rylee, Madelyn, Luke, Ava, Jake, Tessa and Beau; four brothers, Arlin Hed-

rick, Roy Roberson, Henry Roberson and Edwin Roberson; two sisters, Eula Black and Retha George; and one special granddaughter, Rachel Roberson (3-20-2010) preceded him in death.

A celebration of life service was Saturday evening at the Kimble Funeral Home, Franklin, with Pastor Deborah Beam officiating. His body has been cremated.

Memorials may be made to the Pendleton County Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 727, Franklin, WV 26807 or the Franklin Vol. Fire Dept., P. O. Box 902, Franklin, WV 26807.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.kimblefuneralhome.com.

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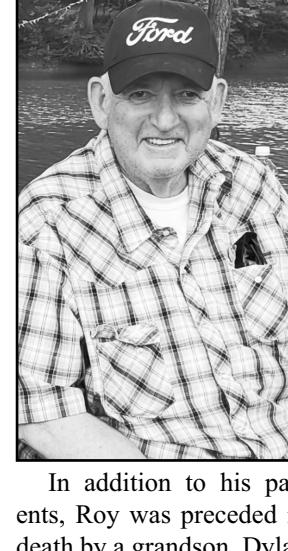
ROY "SUNSHINE" JONES

Roy Hobert Jones Sr., affectionately known as "Sunshine," 80, of Elk Garden, W.Va., passed away on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, at his residence surrounded by his family.

Born Jan. 13, 1943, in Maysville, W.Va., he was the son of the late Floyd "Buck" and Esther Jones. He was married for 59 years to his partner in life, Priscilla "Tillie" (Paugh) Jones. Together they raised their children on the family farm. Roy learned to work at a young age; having trucks was not only his livelihood but something he truly enjoyed. Jones Trucking, Inc. and RJ Farms were the legacy he built. He had a love for truck pulling and his truck known as the "Attitude Adjuster."

He is survived by his wife, Tillie; four children, Roy Jones Jr. (Heather) of Hedgesville, W.Va., Melissa Davis (Mike) of Elk Garden, Craig Jones (Jillian) of Mount Storm, W.Va., and David Jones (Tabitha) of Elk Garden; 10 grandchildren, Marlene, Clayton, Brianna, Jessica, Allison, Riley, Austin, Logan, Riley, and Wesley; and four great-grandchildren, Alaina, Caroline, Marianne, and Clara. He is also survived by one sister, Barbara Kitzmiller of Mount Storm.

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In addition to his parents, Roy was preceded in death by a grandson, Dylan Floyd Jacob Jones; and a sister, Irene Hartman.

Funeral services were Thursday morning at the Elk Garden Assembly of God Church with Pastor Johnny Spencer and Pastor James Reed officiating. Interment was in the Jones Family Cemetery on Nethkin Hill.

The Jones family would like to thank Chasity Broadwater and WVU Medicine Home Health and Hospice for their great care and compassion for Roy during his illness.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the WVU Medicine Hospice of Keyser, W.Va.

The C & S Fredlock Funeral Home, P.A. is honored to be serving the Jones family at this time.

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ISAAC "SONNY" ALT

Isaac A. "Sonny" Alt, 82, of Keyser, W.Va., passed away Monday, Nov. 6, 2023, at the Keyser Healthcare Center.

Born March 31, 1941, in Petersburg, W.Va., he was a son of the late Sherman Doyle Alt and Arlena Virginia (Riggleman) Alt Kimble. He also was preceded in death by his stepfather, Carl Kimble.

Surviving is his wife of 59 years, Judy (Feaster) Alt;

his daughter, Susan Wilson (Gary) of Ashburn, Va.; two grandchildren, Alon and Aliya Wilson; and his brothers, Lewis Alt (Kathy) of Moorefield, W.Va., and Michael Alt

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Condolences and personal reflections to the family may be left after Mr. Alt's obituary at smithfuneralhomes.net.

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www.warmthechildren.org

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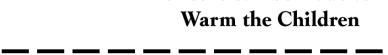
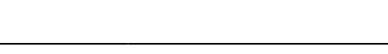
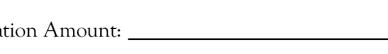
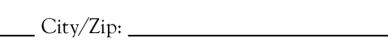
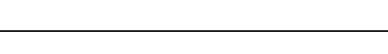
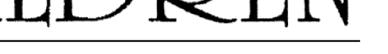
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Indictments

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of burglary. According to his indictment, Grapes broke into a home in Thorne's Trailer Court.

According to the charges, Grapes allegedly broke into the home via a screen door, which was damaged during the break-in and he destroyed a television while in the home. The victim told officers that Grapes had threatened to burn down the trailer two weeks prior.

The victim had been visiting family at the time of the break-in and no one was in the residence at the time.

Multiple small items were allegedly stolen during the burglary, including food and a family photo.

Danny Lee Toothman, 61, of 731 Parish Run Rd.,

Farmington, was indicted on one count of driving while revoked pursuant to DUI (driving under the influence) revocation, third offense.

Toothman's charges are the result of an incident in July during which he was stopped by an officer while driving in Petersburg. Toothman had two previous convictions for driving without a license, both in Marion County. His license had originally been revoked after being convicted of driving under the influence.

Joshua Lee Grapes, 43, of Poor Farm Dr., Cabins, was indicted on one count of delivery of methamphetamine. According to the indictment, Grapes is charged with delivering approximately half a gram of methamphetamine to a confidential informant at the cost of \$60.

Robert Maxwell Legg,

71, of 128 Pine St., Petersburg, was indicted on one count sexual abuse by a custodian and one count of sexual assault in the third degree. Legg is charged with sexually abusing a child under the age of 13 while he was babysitting the victim.

James Steven Lambert, 57, of 1432 Pumpkin Center Rd., Petersburg, was charged with one count of driving while license revoked pursuant to a DUI suspension - third offense. Sloan is charged with operating a vehicle in Grant County after being convicted of driving under the influence in 1994 and receiving two previous convictions of driving without a license in 2006 and in 2022.

For more indictments returned by the Grant County grand jury last week, check out next week's edition of the Press.

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bert, 35, of 6177 Patterson Creek Rd., Lahmansville, was indicted on one count of manufacture of a controlled substance. Lambert is charged with illegally growing two marijuana plants in a barn near his home.

Paul Jackson Sloan, 54, of 121 Abe Rd., Rockerville, Va., was indicted on one count of driving while revoked pursuant to a DUI revocation - third offense. Sloan is charged with operating a vehicle in Grant County after being convicted of driving under the influence in 1994 and receiving two previous convictions of driving without a license in 2006 and in 2022.

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maining permanently with financial institutions, business associations, governments and other entities. The treasurer's office is seeking to reunite the unclaimed property, including uncashed paychecks, stocks, or safe deposit box contents, with its owner.

Nationwide, nearly 33 million people in the United States – one in every 10 – are estimated to have unclaimed property available for them to claim.

The council also discussed plans to update the Christmas decorations used in the city, including a goal of replacing outdated pieces. To this end, the council said they had

received a \$500 donation and were seeking other donations from residents wishing to see these decorations replaced.

Other topics covered during the council meeting included:

- A review of the Petersburg Police Department's monthly report from the month of October. During that time frame, the department - headed by police chief Sierra Mallow - received 106 calls, performed seven arrests and opened six new investigations.

In total, the department issued three citations, 22 verbal warnings, obtained four warrants, issued 12 property main-



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tenance notices, assisted other agencies in eight incidences, performed 12 traffic stops and performed special detail nine times.

- An update to city residents that trash pickup will be on Sunday, Nov. 19. This is due to deer season.

- The approval of multiple building permits, including: 15 Dogwood Dr., to enclose a shed; 777 Point Dr., to install a metal railing and roof on a carport; 111 Mountain View St., to replace siding, a door, windows and roof on an existing building; 9

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Petersburg City Council will be Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. at Petersburg City Hall.



Second grade spelling bee winners were: First – Naveah Harris - UEC; second - Reed Welch - MES; and third - Kyler Funk - PES.



Third grade spelling bee winners were: First – Chase Nellis - MES; second - Elovie Bogan - MES; and third - Emily Wehr - PES.



Fifth grade spelling bee winners were: First - Secret Sharp – PES; second - Elijah Simms – MES; and third - Katana Taylor - UEC.



Fourth grade spelling bee winners were: First - Sawyer Welch – MES; second - Bianca Cleaver – PES; and third - Rachel Shreve – MES.



Sixth grade spelling bee winners were: First - Elliana Alt – PES; second - Luke Pennington - UEC; and third - Degan Bomboy - UEC.

Grant County Schools' spelling bee winners announced

Football

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The legislative jockeying put delegates in a pickle: either go on record voting against a Hope Scholarship related bill or let the transfer rule pass.

The House faces a tough vote

In the waning hours of the final night of the 60-day legislative session, the combined bill hit the House floor.

A clear fissure cracked within the Republican supermajority.

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"While I believe there was good intentions, ladies and gentlemen, taking a bill that has nothing to do with the first bill and jamming it into it sort of feels like I'm being bullied," Gearhart said. "Those of us from the southern part of the state, bullying is something we're not going to tolerate."

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mented this is the most passion they'd seen all session.

Delegates bemoaned how this change could lead to superteams built by near open recruiting of players to win championships. They cried for the days of school loyalty when kids played for the hometown team through victories and defeats.

But others defended the bill. Del. Shawn Fluharty, D-Ohio, who is often a vocal critic of conservative bills, found allies in the Republican caucus after he called for passage of the bill.

"Let the kids play – why would the government step in and tell kids when and where they can play?" Fluharty said. "That's some woke, big government stuff right there."

Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay, called the vote and the board lit up, with 64 voting in favor and 26 voting against. Hanshaw voted against it.

Gov. Jim Justice let it become law without his signature. He said he couldn't veto it because of the Hope Scholarship kids, but he couldn't sign it because of the transfer rule.

I fear we're heading down the wrong path with our high school athletes and opening up the door to many unintended consequences," Justice said.

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U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree stops in Upper Tract on its way to Washington



A Kenworth 100th Anniversary T680 Signature Edition, with a newly installed graphics wrap is transporting the 63-foot Norway spruce, which weighs about 8,000 pounds and drinks about 5-10 gallons of water daily.



A big crowd lined the roadway to see the tree.

Each year, a different national forest provides a tree to light the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol for the holiday season.

Monongahela National Forest, in partnership with nonprofit partner Choose Outdoors and presenting sponsor 84 Lumber, is sending this special gift from West Virginia to Washington, D.C., with a series of events in communities along the way.

The tree's tour kicked off in Elkins, headquarters of Monongahela National Forest, and traveled to Summersville, Marlinton, Beckley, Charleston, Huntington, Wheeling and Morgantown before stopping at the Pendleton County Industrial Park in Upper Tract.

While there, everyone in the area was invited to a celebration sponsored by Swilled Dog, Pendleton Rocks, Grant County Convention and Visitors Bureau and Pendleton County Farmers Market.

From Upper Tract it continued its journey stopping in Davis on Sunday and heading to Romney, Harpers Ferry and Joint Base Andrews, and will be arriving this Friday on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol Building.

The tree was harvested Nov. 1 from the Monongahela National Forest has been named "wa'feem'tekwi" by the Shawnee Tribe, meaning "bright tree" in the Shawnee language.

Chosen to harvest the tree were West Virginia attorney and world champion lumberjack Arden Cogar Jr. whose father had the



Grant County CVB director Carla Kaposy and her daughter Claire in front the truck displaying the Capitol Christmas Tree.



Mike Alt from the Upper Tract Volunteer Fire Department, signs the truck.

very same honor almost

50 years ago in 1976, and longtime Monongahela National Forest employee Ron Polgar.

The tree will be decorated with more than 10,000 ornaments, many of which were made by students

across West Virginia.

Monongahela National Forest was the first national forest to provide the People's Tree on behalf of the Forest Service in 1970, and again in 1976.

WVDNR reminds hunters about late black bear gun seasons

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources reminds deer hunters that there will be a concurrent bear season in all or parts of 42 counties open to buck firearms hunting.

The concurrent bear season is without dogs and will run from Nov. 20 to Dec. 3. Hunting is legal on both public and private property.

"Concurrent bear hunting during deer season takes advantage of a time of year when the maximum number of hunters are in the woods," said Colin Carpenter, black bear project

ect leader for the WVDNR.

"This helps manage bear populations by increasing the number of harvests, but also provides a unique opportunity for hunters who may have never hunted bears to harvest one."

The best-producing mast crops of 2023 were in the red oak family and hunters should find bear feeding activity in the same places as deer.

"The fact that both bears and deer will be seeking red, black and scarlet oak acorns should give hunters a good chance to harvest either species during the up-

coming season," Carpenter said.

Due to spotty acorn production, hunters are encouraged to scout immediately prior to the season to find the most recent feeding activity.

Bear hunting opportunities continue after the buck-gun season as well. All or parts of 26 counties will be open for bear hunting with or without dogs from Dec. 4-31. In addition, all or parts of 35 counties will be open for bear hunting without dogs from Dec. 4-31.

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Book No. 293, at Page 236, Sally J. Winebrenner and Edward L. Winebrenner did convey unto Richard A. Pill, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by PennyMac Loan Services, LLC to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Grant County Courthouse in Petersburg, West Virginia, on

December 14, 2023

at 1:00 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereto belonging, situate in

03 - Milroy District, Grant County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All of that certain tract or parcel of real estate, together with any and all improvements, rights of ways and appurtenances thereto belonging, lying and situated in Milroy District, Grant County, West Virginia, about 5 miles west of Petersburg, on the east side of Maysville Road, leading from Cabins to Maysville, West Virginia, through a portion of Lot 4, containing 2.50 acres of the "Oak Cove Development" - Section A".

There is excepted and reserved in the aforesaid deed dated September 13, 1978, a fifty (50) foot right of way or roadway, and which said right of way or roadway is for the use and benefit of the remainder of Lot No. 4 not herein conveyed, and Lot No. 2 not herein conveyed, and said reservation is set forth verbatim as follows:

"There is excepted and reserved for the use and benefit of the grantors, their heirs and assigns, a fifty (50) foot right of way that will run parallel to the metes and bounds call in this Lot No. 4, being a common call with Lot No. 12, to-wit, S 74° 25' 53" W 177.30'

This right of way or road way is for the use and benefit of Lot No. 2, and, further for any and all purposes of subdivision easements, including but not limited to, electric, telephone, cable, sewer and water lines, and installation, construction, maintenance and repair thereof and with the right to construct, build, maintain and repair a road way or right of way and the right and authority to install and place such culverts or drainage systems as might be required therewith."

This being the same tract or parcel of real estate conveyed Sally J. Winebrenner by Angela Piccirilli in that Deed dated the 25th day of August, 2017 and recorded among the records of Grant County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 153 at page 4, which is incorporated herein for a more particular description thereof.

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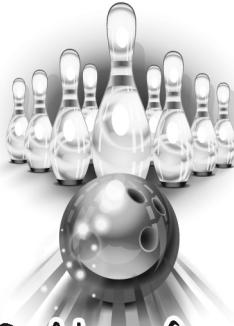
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TEAM STANDINGS:
WELD 29 – 15, Terminators 28.5 – 15.5, Split Happens 27 – 17, NKOTB 26 – 18, Country Cars & Trucks 24 – 20, Vetter’s Guns & Ammo 23.5 – 20.5, Lucky Strikes 20.5 – 23.5, Empire Strikes 20.5 – 23.5, Outlaws 11 – 33.

HIGH GAME MEN (SCRATCH): Tyler Halterman 252, Cohan Kesner and Jacob Wratchford 246, Evan Kesner 236. (HANDICAP): Jacob Wratchford 284, Tyler Halterman 281, Roger Earle 266, Jerry Propst 259.

HIGH SERIES MEN (SCRATCH): Tyler Halterman 694, Jacob Wratchford 634, Evan Kesner 632, Cohan Kesner 620. (HANDICAP): Tyler Halterman 781, Jacob Wratchford 748, Jerry Propst 747, Charles Keplinger 707.

HIGH AVERAGE (MEN): Richie Burgess 211.58, Tyler Halterman 200.30, Larry Walp 198.64, Phil Crews 196.33.

HIGH GAME WOMEN (SCRATCH): Dee Anna McDonald 213, Helen Bell and Teresa Sullivan 172,

Denise McGreevy 171. (HANDICAP): Helen Bell 267, Dee Anna McDonald 264, Teresa Sullivan 256, Ashley Day 251.

HIGH SERIES WOMEN (SCRATCH): Dee Anna McDonald 540, Ashley Day 505, Denise McGreevy 496, Teresa Sullivan 480. (HANDICAP): Ashley Day 748, Teresa Sullivan 732, Helen Bell 727, Denise McGreevy 697.

HIGH AVERAGE (WOMEN): Carissa Michael 180.70, Dee Anna McDonald 174.39, Sarah Earle 162.86, Tonya Keplinger 156.72.

THURSDAY NIGHT MEN'S LEAGUE November 2nd

TEAM STANDINGS:
Builders Center 28.5 – 15.5, American Classic 27 – 17, Petersburg Oil Company 25 – 19, Country Cars & Trucks 25 – 19, Strikeforce 24 – 20, Golden Lanes 20.5 – 23.5, Vetter’s Mini Mart 20 – 24.

HIGH GAME (SCRATCH): Cohan Kesner 257, Zachary Arbaugh 246, Terry Wratchford 245, Bradley Vetter II 237, Don Himelright 236. (HANDICAP): Bradley Vetter II 278, Cohan Kesner 273, Don Himelright 270, Chris Kesner 268, Logan Willis and Terry Wratchford 265.

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HIGH AVERAGE:
Zachary Arbaugh 224.07,

Kyle Davy 223.00, Cohan Kesner 212.85, Gary Leatherman 209.42, Derek Miller 209.33, Terry Wratchford 206.91.

SBV WOMEN

November 6th

HIGH GAME (SCRATCH): Dee Anna McDonald and Penny Sites, 210 and Kathy Vance 199. (HANDICAP): Penny Sites, Kathy Vance 241 and Dee Anna McDonald 235.

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(Code Chap. 44, Art. 2, Sec. 2.)

TO THE CREDITORS
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All persons having
claims against the es-
tate of the said ELAINE
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CEASED, whether due or
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thereof, legally verified, to
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14th day of January, 2024;
otherwise they may by law
be excluded from all benefit
of said estate.

All beneficiaries of said
estate are notified to be
present on said day to pro-
tect their interests.

Given under my hand
this 14th day of November,
2023.

Duke A. McDaniel
Fiduciary Commissioner,
Grant County,
West Virginia

11/14/21

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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2023-019

The Administrative
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2 – Interior Finishes to

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A MANDATORY Pre-

Bid Conference, for General Construction, has been

scheduled for the 28th day

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Each Bidder must be registered with the West Virginia Department of Tax and Revenue prior to the time and date for Receipt of Bids in order for his Bid to be considered. Each Bidder's registration certificate number shall be written in the space provided on the Form of Proposal.

All bidders are required to be licensed to perform work in the State prior to submitting a bid for this project as required by Chapter 21, Article 11, of the Code of West Virginia. Each Bidder's Contractor license number shall be written in the space provided on the Form of Proposal.

A satisfactory bid bond furnished by a solvent surety company authorized to do business in the State of West Virginia, in an amount equal to five (5%) of the total amount of bid, payable to the Administrative Council of South Branch Career and Technical Center, shall be submitted with each Bid.

Each (The) successful bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance Bond and Payment Bond and the fee for same shall be included in their bid.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for at least thirty(30) days.

The Administrative Council of South Branch Career and Technical Center, Petersburg, WV reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Administrative Council of South Branch Career and Technical Center, Ms. Shelly Crites, Director

11/14/21 NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONVEYANCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PROPERTY

(Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church)

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will, on or after November 21, 2023 QUITCLAIM, GRANT and CONVEY to the Trustees of Hedrick Chapel Church all of their right, title and interest in and to that certain lot or parcel of real estate situate, lying and being in Milroy District, Grant County, West Virginia, described as follows:

BEGINNING on the east side of the South Mill Creek Road at a stake (to

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTEES AND LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Grant County Clerk's Office

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

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

First Publication Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Claim Deadline Date: Saturday, January 13, 2024

ESTATE NAME: DAVID L. HARMAN

ADMINISTRATRIX: JENNY L. HARMAN

ATTORNEY: 641 JUSTIN TURNER RD.

ESTATE NAME: NEW CREEK, WV 26743-9042

EXECUTRIX: WILLIAM H. JUDY III

Ruth Cosner chosen as Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center's Resident of the Week

The employees of Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center have chosen Ruth Cosner as their Resident of the Week.

Ruth has been a resident of our facility since September 13. She was born on March 30, 1931, in Scherr, (Grant County), to Ohley and Willye (Shell) Hawk. Ruth was the third eldest of five children. Her siblings were Ralph Hawk, Oleda VanMeter, Loren Purdum, and Mae Harper. Ruth is the last remaining member of her family.

Ohley Hawk was a carpenter and a farmer and built houses and barns. When he built something, he built it the old-fashioned way, with pegs, instead of nails. He also managed a farm to help feed his family.

The family worked the farm together. One of Ruth's main duties was to help take care of the garden. She also learned how to cook from her mother, which is one of Ruth's favorite things to do.

The family also hunted together. Ohley loved to hunt and fish, and Ruth shared her passion of hunting with him.

Ruth attended Maysville Elementary School, and then transferred to Petersburg High School. She did not finish school, because she fell in love with her neighbor who lived seven miles from her, Toney A. Cosner. "He took a look at her and decided he wanted her. They were both ornery, so they took to each other," their son, Andy reported. The couple fell in love and were soon married. Andy was born in 1951.

When asked what he remembered most about his mother, "Mostly spankings; I inherited the orneriness, too. I would get a butt smacking, but soon I was out doing it again," he said with a laugh.

While Andy was growing up, Ruth was a stay-at-home mother. As a family they enjoyed camping trips and they also enjoyed hunting together. They went to Vepco lake and camped at the Stoney River Dam.

Around 1970, Ruth started a job at American Woodmark, where she would remain about 35 years. However, in the fall of 2005, Toney became sick, so Ruth retired, to become a full-time caretaker.

He passed away on June 6, 2006. Ruth was saddened to lose the love of her life, but she resolved to focus on the family that Toney and she created.

They have two granddaughters, four great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter. "I am proud of my grandchildren. I have been blessed."

Ruth also loves to read westerns and shares a love of Louie L'Amour books with her son, Andy. She also loves to read healing and gardening books.

Another favorite activity was putting puzzles together. "She is so patient. She could put puzzles together easily; me on the other hand, I would try to put pieces where they didn't go," Andy laughed.

As stated previously, Ruth loved to cook and bake. She would get into lively discussions about cooking and baking with her daughter-in-law, Linda Lou Cosner (deceased). "Those discussions, I could not get in the middle of. They were both excellent cooks."

Ruth also loved fishing. In fact, she is trying to talk



Andy into taking her as soon as possible.

Ruth is a devout Christian and a member of Rig Assembly of God Church. She was a Sunday school teacher when she was younger. She loves reading her Bible.

Unfortunately, Ruth's health declined, and she was no longer able to be at home on her own. At the facility, her smile is infectious and her laughter echoes our halls. She is friendly and loves talking with staff and other residents. We are blessed to have her in our GRCC family.

Congratulations Ruth on being GRCC's Resident of the Week.

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Alpha Kappa teachers celebrate homecoming



Celebrating homecoming were (front) Vickie Lambert, Jo Ann Harman, Pamela Boggs, Sue Harper and Ruby Alvaro, and (back) Janice Heavner, Beverly Mathias, Donna Bodkins, Susan Garrett, Teresa Eye,

Judy Bowyer, Donna Kuhn, Vickie Skavenski, Betty Inskip, Carolyn Harper, Karen Davis, Sharon Harr, Becky Heavner, Vickie Saville, Peggy High and Amber Champ.

ident Vickie Skavenski called the business meeting to order, and Jo Ann Harman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Vickie Saville gave inspirational thoughts titled "Welcome Home, Sisters" that spoke of the joy of reunion and rekindling connections.

"Here's Your New State President" was the program presented by Skavenski, the new West Virginia state organization president.

She reviewed goals for the 2023-25 biennium, recapped her leadership plan, and promoted the next state conference, which will be at Canaan Valley Resort State Park, April 5-6, 2024.

Skavenski's theme is "DKG Proud: Proud Women Educators, Proud West Virginians, Proud Appalachians." She led members through a lively Appalachian IQ quiz, and everyone had a few laughs learning interesting facts about the region.

Peggy High and Karen Davis shared a memorial for Hampshire County member Louisa Hardy,

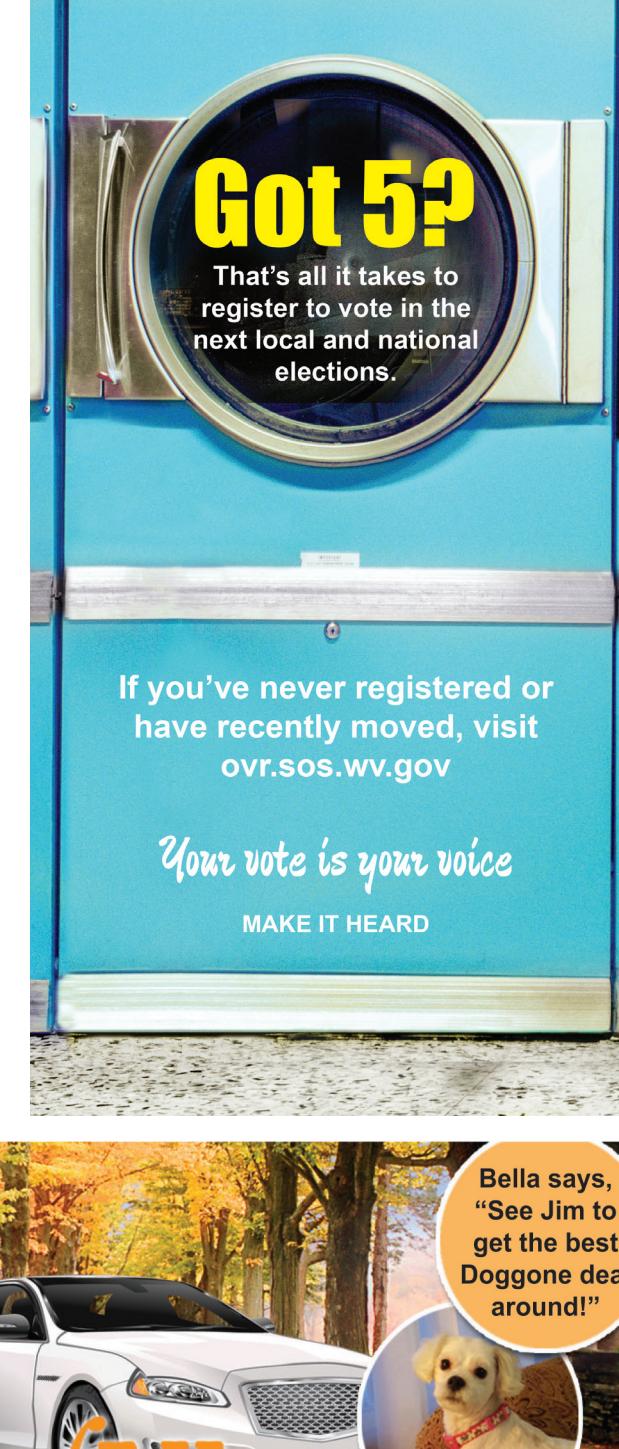
who died in May. Ruby Alvaro remembered honorary member Betty Coffman, who also passed in May.

Harman reported on the status of the tree donation in memory of deceased Mineral County member Annette Boggs. A sugar maple will be selected and planted by the WVU Jackson's Mill staff at the Annette S. Boggs STEAM Education Center.

Beverly Mathias, Janice Heavner and Bowyer were recognized as Local Leading Ladies for their community volunteer work.

Skavenski awarded Saville the Recognizing Our Star Educator (Rose) Award for organizing the homecoming celebration and for all her contributions to both the local and state DKG chapters.

Raffle winners included



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Paw's
corner

by Sam Mazzotta

Shaggy Dogs Aren't Imper- vious to Cold Weather

DEAR PAWS: On my morning walks, I've noticed that someone in a

The Spats



-- Francesca W.

via email

DEAR FRANCESCA:

If this person isn't someone you know, and you're nervous about knocking on their door to talk to them about it, then contact the animal control department

house down the street puts their dog outside, tied to the porch railing, with only a pan of water. They stay out there all morning. Now that the weather has turned cold, I still see this dog tied up every morning outside. Even with a shaggy coat, the dog is shivering. What can I do to stop this?

-- Francesca W.

via email

for your town, city or country. If you live in an area where there is no animal control unit, call the nearest shelter or Humane Society to make a report.

In cold temperatures, even temps above freezing, dogs can suffer a cold injury. Their paws and noses -- any exposed skin -- are at risk for frostbite. Hypothermia can be deadly, or it can permanently impair their immune system and overall health. A thick coat doesn't provide as much protection from the cold as one might think.

Many cities have laws

DAD JOKES

What happens when you eat too much pumpkin pie in the fall? You will get autumn's ache

* * * * *

Life's gourd, but then you pie.

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I just saw my wife trip and fall, while carrying a laundry basket full of ironed clothes. I watched it all unfold.

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Which pigs hide in bushes? Hedgehogs

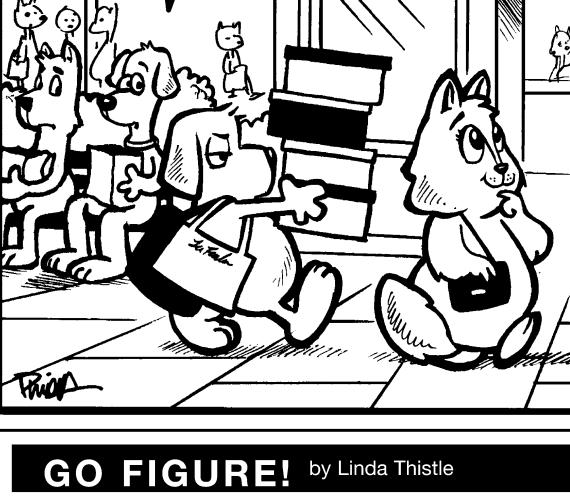
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I had a bunch of books fall on me. I only have my shelf to blame.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

WHOA, SHE DID SOMETHING VERY RIGHT OR HE DID SOMETHING VERY WRONG.



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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Mausoleum
- 5 "Born Free" lioness
- 9 Branch
- 12 Ornamental jug
- 13 Jupiter counterpart
- 14 Sheepish remark
- 15 Famed diarist
- 17 Squeak stopper
- 18 Historic times
- 19 Grown-up
- 21 Town square
- 24 Tizzy
- 25 Occupy the throne
- 26 Imaginary
- 30 Right angle
- 31 Count with an orchestra
- 32 Simile center
- 33 Bloated, in a way
- 35 Computer brand
- 36 Literary Jane
- 37 Puccini work
- 38 Curry spice
- 40 Roundish do
- 42 Palindromic constellation
- 43 Yearly charge
- 48 Up to
- 49 Oboe insert
- 50 Cupid's realm
- 51 Compass dir.
- 52 Columnist Maureen
- 53 Milky gem
- 55 Earl Grey, e.g.
- 56 Have
- 57 Gents
- 58 Light wind
- 59 Poet Pound
- 60 Meadows
- 61 Day light
- 62 With suspicion, as a look
- 63 Complete reversal
- 64 Cupid's realm
- 65 Compass dir.
- 66 Banister
- 67 Beer ingredient
- 68 Monk's title
- 69 Cato's 502
- 70 Get ready, briefly
- 71 Humdinger
- 72 Like the Supremes
- 73 and the Pointer Sisters
- 74 Use scissors
- 75 Lose color
- 76 Tempe sch.
- 77 Addict
- 78 Zhivago's love
- 79 Chocolate substitute
- 80 What a carpet covers
- 81 Hoodwink

DOWN

- 1 Novelist Malamud
- 11 Memo letters
- 16 Lunar program
- 20 Mouths (Lat.)
- 21 "The Haj"
- 22 Felines author
- 23 From the start
- 24 Elmer of cartoons
- 25 "The Matrix" role
- 26 Dandy guy
- 27 Actress Mendes
- 28 Moray, for one

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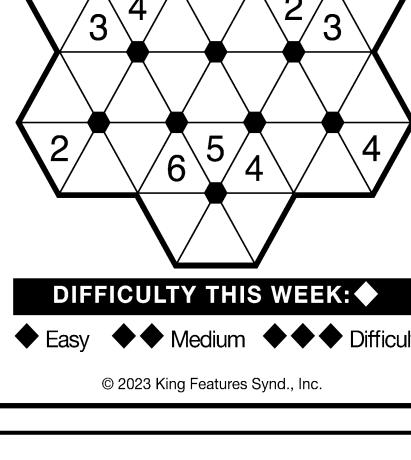
FUN & PUZZLES

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.

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.

AJ GAAD, LCAZJPN QGANYATF

XANCYCYQ. XLDPF XP FYID!

- KYCYVNPE FLCEPNFAC

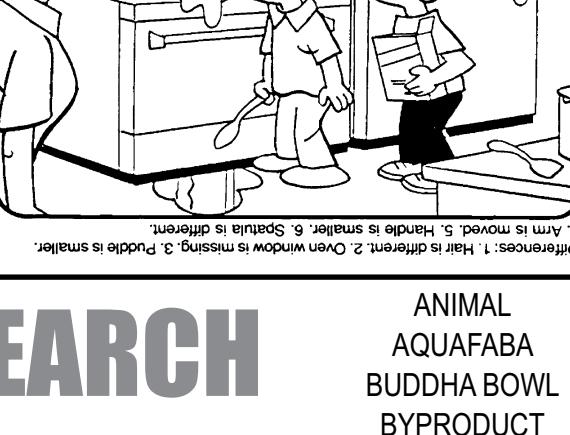
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTONOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is moved. 5. Hand is different. 2. Oven window is missing. 3. Puddle is smaller.

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- 1. Adjust to a change
- 2. Kind of ale
- 3. Hairy
- 4. Loveliness
- 5. Painter's stand
- 6. Ketchup container
- 7. Mrs. Simpson
- 8. Holiday tune
- 9. Bread ingredient
- 10. Massive downpour

- A —
- G — — — —
- U — — — —
- U — — —
- A — — — —
- P — — — — —
- A — — — —
- L — — — —
- U — — — —
- G — — — —

- Take in a stray pet
- Stick around
- Commuter boat
- Actor Warren or Ned
- Ford's flop
- Book cover
- Come together
- Chocolate substitute
- What a carpet covers
- Hoodwink

- O — — — —
- L — — — —
- E — — — —
- T — — — —
- M — — — —
- J — — — —
- E — — — —
- N — — — —
- O — — — —
- D — — — —

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10. Iraq

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Local CAP Potomac Highlands Composit Squadron cadet receives commendation at state conference

Cadet Airman First Class Madisyn Porter, a member of the local Potomac Highlands Composite Squadron, was recently presented with the prestigious Region Commander's Commendation Award at the West Virginia Wing Conference in Charleston.

Cadet Porter's efforts as support staff during the Wing's 2023 monthly glider operations at Grant County Airport were cited as the primary reason for the award's approval.

Throughout the year Cadet Porter's outstanding performance as the Ground Boss Assistant included hook up and launch of the CAP glider for over 200 flights, providing cadets from West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and Delaware a chance to soar.

All members, including cadets, are eligible to receive a Commander's Commendation, however receiving the award at the regional level is especially significant.

The award is the sixth highest decoration possible in CAP and recognizes outstanding duty performance where achievement and services are clearly and unmistakably exceptional.

Cadet Porter was the



Civil Air Patrol cadet Madisyn Porter receives a commendation award at the West Virginia Wing Conference.

only cadet among many adult senior members given this award at the conference. Her service in Civil Air Patrol activities, especially her participation in support of glider flights, were the basis for her recognition as an outstanding cadet.

Deputy Commander for Cadets, Lt. Bradley Link stated, "We're really proud of Cadet Porter. She works hard and always does her best. Our squadron appreciates her commitment to the Core Values and to CAP."

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Cadet Porter was the

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