

More than 2,000 acres burn in Dry Hollow fire

Firefighters are still working to combat a wildfire near Upper Tract that has seen more than 2,000 acres of forest set ablaze.

The fire began on Thanksgiving Day in the Dry Hollow and Upper Tract areas.

In a release from the Monongahela National Forest Service, public affairs officer Kelly Bridges explained that firefighters are working to prepare the North Fork Mountain Trail as a control line for the fire to spread to the west.

“As moisture is now moving out of the area, significant winds are forecasted to move into the region,” Bridges said. “Fire officials will be closely monitoring the onset of the changing weather conditions and firefighters will remain on scene at least through the next several days.”

Burned areas of the National Forest are closed to the public, along with Smoke Hole Road and Forest Road 79. The Forest Service issued a warning to all visitors, especially hunters, in the area to exercise caution while in the region.

The fire burned on both sides of the South Branch of the Potomac River, including Dry Hollow and Cave Mountain near Eagle Rock.

The fire had caused extremely smoky conditions in the area of Upper Tract and Franklin.

Residents with respiratory illnesses can reduce their exposure to smoke by staying indoors. If you encounter smoke on the highway, slow down, turn on your vehicle’s lights, and drive appropriately for the conditions.

The service issued an announcement on Nov. 28 that

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Janie Berg with her great-grandson, Benji Jr. surrounded by the family’s heirloom cacti.

photo courtesy of Janie Berg

100-year-old holiday cactus sees seven generations and counting

While many families have heirlooms they pass from generation to generation, for one Grant County family that unique heirloom is a cactus.

The holiday cactus, which is currently owned by Janie and Larry Berg, has lived and grown alongside six generations and, according to the family’s estimations, is likely more than 100 years old.

Janie received the cactus from Nellie Carr, Larry’s grandmother, who had owned the cactus for decades.

“My grandparents had passed away when I was

young so I was always really close to Grandma Carr,” Janie explained. “I would go and help her while my kids were at school, small household things, like cleaning the house and taking

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Pendleton County woman arrested in fast food parking lot

A Pendleton County woman is facing charges after being discovered in the Petersburg McDonald’s parking lot with multiple illegal substances.

Grant County Sheriff’s Department deputies J.M. Rohrbaugh and J.C. Earle were dispatched to the location after receiving a suspicious activity complaint.

When they arrived, they identified Ashley Vandevander of Brandywine, sitting in a red sedan, claiming to be using the restaurant’s free wifi connection.

During her interaction with the deputies, she stated she had methamphetamine in the vehicle.

The deputies conducted a lawful search of the vehicle, finding a loaded heroin hypodermic needle, a clear capsule containing heroin, a small “baggy” of methamphetamine and several other “baggies” containing various amounts of marijuana.

She was charged with three counts of possession of a controlled substance.

Two in jail for dealing drugs in Grant County

Dennis James Miller, 50, of Moorefield, has been sentenced to 108 months incarceration for his involvement in a fentanyl and methamphetamine distribution operation.

Miller pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute fentanyl in August.

Miller admitted to distributing more than 64 grams of fentanyl and more than 69 grams of 100% pure methamphetamine from January to June in Grant County and elsewhere.

Also sentenced on similar charges was Jared Judy, 30, of Petersburg, who has pleaded guilty to distributing drugs in the county around the same time as Miller.

Judy was sentenced to 48

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Petersburg High School teen fights back against bullying with “Buddy Bench”

Young people feeling lonely or in need of a friend will now have a creative way to communicate that with the installation of the “Buddy Bench” in the Petersburg City Park.

The bench was donated through Petersburg High School student, Molly Kuykendall, who made the initiative part of her platform as she competed for and won Miss West Virginia Junior High America earlier this year.

M. Kuykendall is the daughter of Suenette and Joshua Kuykendall. M. Kuykendall was also helped with the donation by her grandfather, Robert Kuykendall.

The Buddy Bench Program strives to reduce bullying in elementary schools while providing support for those children struggling socially.

“I hope everyone will be included and if anyone needs a friend, they will use it,” M. Kuykendall said. “Bullying is a big problem for many children

today. I want everyone to have a friend when they need one.”

Petersburg is one of many areas to install a Buddy Bench, with the concept being popular on elementary school playgrounds.

M. Kuykendall explained that she hoped to expand the program in Grant County to include the local schools.

To educate children on the

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Molly Kuykendall in front of the Petersburg City Park’s new Buddy Bench.

press photo

BOGAL FLAVOR



By Camille Howard
We've just come out of the first week of deer season and many of you had family out in the woods last week, or were there yourself.

Getting ready for opening day is like getting ready for Christmas. There are things to be done to get ready to hunt and even more if deer camp is part of the week.

Craig started getting ready for deer season more than a month ago when he started working on some repairs to the cabin he shares with other hunters for the week.

After losing a set of gate keys we went back one Sunday afternoon and were able to find them. There they were, laying in the middle of road, which was a miracle.

The key hunt didn't take long and it was worth the

trip to head up into the mountain and see the far-off views of the valley, the blanket of leaves on the ground and the thousands of trees across the hills. Being in the middle of that vast amount of acreage with only a dirt road out makes a person feel mighty small and insignificant.

Later in the week I baked an apple pie and made sausage gravy and biscuits for the guys. I had to make a run to Shop 'n Save to get apples early the Saturday morning before deer season and arrived just after the store opened.

Already the aisles were full of men in plaid and camouflage filling their carts with enough groceries to last through a natural disaster.

If you are from here, you know that a quick trip to the grocery store may take over an hour depending on who you see there and how long you stop to talk. That's how things were that Saturday morning and I'm sure some of the conversations were about hunting.

I got my apples and headed back to the house to make provisions for the camp. Later that evening

Craig said he was going to the store to get soda and tea to take up on the mountain. Earlier he had scrubbed out a cooler to take along.

He came back with his purchases in the cooler and left it outside since it was just as cold there as a refrigerator.

Jump to Sunday afternoon and he starts to gather up all his belongings for the three or four days he'll be at deer camp.

Since the weather is so unpredictable, there's different gear to take and of course blaze orange, plus boots, hats, gloves, other clothing for the week, the necessary gun and ammo, hunting knife and more.

All that was gathered up and I went to get the pie and cookies to put in the truck plus the gravy to stick in the cooler on the porch.

The cooler was closed and sitting next to it was the soda and tea. He lifted the lid, to put the drinks in I thought, and the cooler was full of bags of food and there was just enough room for the gravy.

It looked to me like they were going to spend just as much time eating as hunting. Craig is a pretty good cook so I knew they were going to eat well. Fortunately they could walk it off and from reports, that's

exactly what they did.

I like deer season. It's like a community event and everyone has stories to tell of what happened or didn't happen during the week. I also like that it's several days of unplugged living in the middle of God's creation. It's good for the soul.

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Venison, which has a low fat, high protein content, is also free of any processing agents, so you can be sure of getting the freshest most nutritious meat available.

I found a cookbook here at the office, "The Complete Venison Cookbook" by Harold W. Webster Jr.

It's 400 pages of processing tips, freezing, canning and curing information and hundreds of recipes for steaks, chops, roasts, stroganoffs, chilies, stews, meat loaves, sausage and jerky.

I usually can a good bit of venison to use in stews, to eat hot or mix with barbecue sauce for sandwiches. I have my quota of canned meat already so we were planning to make burger next; however, in this book there is a chapter of sausage and sausage dishes. I think we'll try out a few and see if they're to our liking.

COUNTRY VENISON SAUSAGE
2 parts venison, ground
1 part lard, diced
Thyme
Coriander
Summer savory
Sweet marjoram
Bay leaf, pulverized
Black pepper
Sausage casings (optional)
Chill venison and lard, then grind together. Season with spices.
Fry a small piece of sausage, then taste. Check by placing a piece of the cooked sausage in your mouth, then inhale

to get a good whiff of each ingredient. If it has enough of a particular spice, your nose will tell you; it will smell almost medicinal. If it can use a pinch more, the aroma of the spice will enhance the flavor of the sausage.

Add additional seasonings a pinch at a time and smell again. Remember, the goal is balance, and moderation is the key. Add seasonings as your taste dictates.

Make into patties and either cook, wrap separately or use casings and freeze.

HERBED AND SPICED VENISON SAUSAGE
1 1/2 pounds ground venison
3/4 pound ground pork
2 teaspoons salt
1/2 tablespoon dried sage, powdered
1/2 tablespoon dried oregano, powdered
1 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 teaspoon red pepper
2 tablespoons dark brown sugar
2 tablespoons parsley,

chopped
Sausage casings (optional)
Mix all the ingredients together well and pack into a container with a cover. Place in the refrigerator overnight so that the mixture can absorb the flavor of the herbs. The next day, shape into patties or make into links. Fry or put in freezer.
Serves 4-6.

HOT ITALIAN SAUSAGE
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon black pepper
4 teaspoons fennel seeds
4 teaspoons oregano
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper to taste
1 teaspoon red pepper flakes, finely chopped
6 pounds boneless venison

2 pounds boneless pork butt or shoulder
1 1/2 pounds bacon or pork fat
Sprinkle combined seasonings over meat cubes in a large bowl. Toss until well coated.
Grind with desired grinding disc. Shape into casings or patties. Freeze in meal-size portions.

Dorcas news and notes

By Delores Alt Propst
Happy birthday to Darren Alt, Jane Sites, Sandy Bowen, Denver Ketterman, David Alt, Harmani Goff, Linda K. Sites, Suzie Sites, and Valerie Smith.

Charlotte Ayers Ketter-



Charlotte Ketterman

man received more than 95 birthday cards for her birthday card shower.

REEL THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Reel family held their annual Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 23 at the Dorcas Community Center. Among those present

were Ashley Reel, Tyrone Smith, Demarus Smith, Natalie Reel, Brooklyn Smith, Dave Reel and Linda Reel, Darlene Franz, Amanda Moreland, Bre Moreland, McKinley Moreland, Tisha Rodgers, Levi Alt, Dylan Alt, Laila Spitzer, Delores Alt Propst, Karen Keplinger, Paul Keplinger, Kayla Reel, Sharon Moss, George Creed, Sherry Kisamore, Samantha Kisamore, Taylynn Long, Paisley Kisamore, Gary Kisamore, George Bell, Harry Todd, Josh Kisamore, Hannah Kisamore, Tommy Wrathford, Jonathan McDonald, Judy Reel, Delphia Reel, and Vergie Kile.

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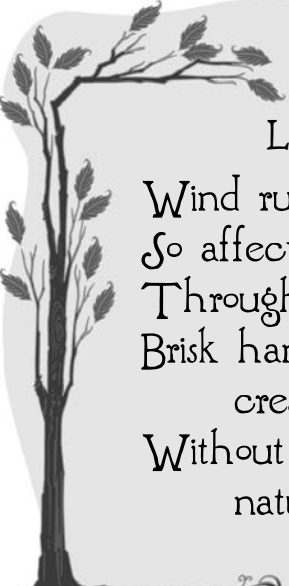
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How will needy children be identified?

Public school staff and social service agency staffers identify needy children and provide their names and contact information to the Warm the Children coordinator.

How will the clothing be purchased?

The Children coordinator assigns volunteer shoppers to take families shopping for their winter clothing and footwear. Shopping takes place at Walmart in Moorefield. Each child receives \$80 worth of new winter clothing and footwear (\$40 if under the age of 2).

How can I help?

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W.Va. Farm Bureau celebrates 100 years

More than 300 members and friends of the West Virginia Farm Bureau gathered Nov. 8-10 in Flatwoods, to conduct their 100th annual meeting.

Among those attending were three Grant County Farm Bureau members, Frances Alt, Tomasenia Ours and Hollis Ours.

During the meeting a review of current policies and the addition of new policies was voted on by the delegates.

Elections for state leadership positions were held and Charles Wilfong of Pocahontas County was chosen to serve as president and Woody Ireland of Ritchie County will serve as vice president.

Regions 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 chose directors to serve on the WVFB board. Elected from Region 2 were Steve Conrad (Pendleton) and Dennis Funk (Hardy).



Grant County Farm Bureau members Tomasenia Ours, Hollis Ours and Frances Alt.

US Wind Force Foundation names West Virginia area grant recipients

The US Wind Force Foundation, Inc. has announced the recipients of the ninth round of grants from its community benefit fund associated with the Pinnacle Wind Farm, which is operated by Clearway Energy Group. Eighteen grants ranging from \$250 to \$3,000 and totaling \$22,250 were allocated to local projects, bringing the eight-year total of donations from the wind farm to \$213,775.

Thirty-two completed grant applications were received and evaluated by a local allocation committee made up of eight members of the community. The committee is chaired by Keyser resident Cindy Pyles. "I appreciate the continued commitment and the amount of effort the allocation committee exerted in its review of the grant applications. They did an outstanding job. We appreciate that the developers of the Pinnacle Wind

Farm designed a process for allocating grant money that allowed for local decision-making," said Pyles.

The 2019 grant recipients are as follows: American Legion Boyce Houser Post 41, Junior Shooting Sports Program Post 41, Burlington UM Family Services, Catamount Children's Center, County United Way, Elk District Volunteer Fire Company, Family Crisis Center, Fort Ashby Public Library, Friends of Jennings Randolph Lake, Highland Arts Unlimited, Keyser High School, Mineral County Historical Society, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh and Morgantown, Save the Keyser Pool, Town of Elk Garden Police Dept., Tri-Towns Ministerial Association and Westernport Heritage Society.

Members of the allocation committee are Pyles, chair; Logan DelSignore, vice chair; Bill Boggs, Rod

Ryan, Terry Stephens, Walt Ward, Cliff Wendricks and Carol Wilson.

Funding for the community benefit fund comes from Pinnacle Wind LLC, owner and operator of the Pinnacle Wind Farm. The Pinnacle project was developed by US Wind Force and is operated by Clearway Energy Group. The project company agreed to finance the community benefit fund when the project reached commercial operation status in early 2012 and each year for the life of the project.

"We are extremely pleased to be part of this community," said Doug Vance, site manager with Clearway Energy Group. "It's nice to know that we can be of help to such worthy projects."

US Wind Force Foundation, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable purposes. To learn more visit www.uswff.org.

MVB Bank to sell four Eastern Panhandle banking centers to Summit Community Bank

MVB Bank Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of MVB Financial Corp. ("MVB" "MVB Financial") has announced the signing of a definitive agreement under which Summit Community Bank, Inc., a subsidiary of Summit Financial Group Inc. ("Summit") will acquire three MVB Bank locations in Berkeley County and one MVB Bank location in Jefferson County.

Summit will assume certain deposits and loans whose balances at Sept. 30, were approximately \$181 million and \$46 million, respectively.

"This transaction aligns well with the strategic plans of both MVB Bank and Summit Community Bank. Summit is committed to grow in the Eastern Panhandle, which is positive for our retail team members and clients in the East. MVB intends to fo-

cus our growth in our core commercial markets in West Virginia and Northern Virginia, supported by our retail footprint, as well as our expanding Fintech vertical," said Larry F. Mazza, president and CEO, MVB Financial Corp.

"The purchase of these branches represents an outstanding opportunity for Summit Community Bank to expand its presence in and commitment to the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia and adds the convenience of more banking locations for our clients," stated Summit's president and CEO, H. Charles Maddy III.

"MVB Bank has a long-standing reputation of providing their clients with superior customer service, and we are dedicated to upholding this tradition by providing 'Service Beyond Expectations' and making this transition a smooth

experience," Maddy concluded.

The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, including regulatory approvals, and is expected to close early in the second quarter of 2020.

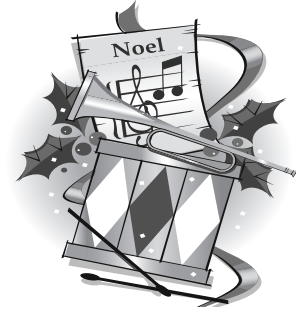
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Grant County Farm Bureau was recognized for donating to the Ag on the Move lab.

The Women's Leadership Committee, which included T. Ours and Alt, selected Pam Hessler from Morgan County as chair of the committee. Danielle Grant, from Putnam County, will serve as the chair of the WVFB Young Farmer Committee. In addition, both will serve on the WVFB board of directors.

For information about joining the Grant County Farm Bureau, contact Robert Reed at 304-813-2173, Alt at 304-257-4556, or any member.

West Virginia Farm Bureau was founded in 1919 to provide leadership, education, information, training and economic services to county Farm Bureaus to enhance the quality of life for its membership.



WVU Potomac State College bands to present holiday concert

The West Virginia University Potomac State College Community Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble will perform a joint holiday concert Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church-McKee Arts Center Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public.

The concert band will perform a variety of selections beginning with Derek Bourgeois' "Sleigh Bells." The band will also perform "Star of Bethlehem" by John Williams; "Christmas Medley" arranged by Charlie and Rhoades Whitehill; "Rhapsody for Hanukkah" arranged by Stephen Bulla, and "Wassail!" arranged by Harry Stone.

Both bands are comprised of Potomac State College students and members of the surrounding communities. For more information on the bands or becoming a member, contact Brian Plitnik, at Brian.Plitnik@mail.wvu.edu.

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A Christmas tradition

By Camille Howard

As is the tradition for over 20 years, Denver the Roof Elf will be seen standing over the Petersburg Electronics/Radio Shack building on the hill collecting toys for Toys for Happiness. He has been braving the cold, snow, rain and sleet to draw attention to the needs of area children in hopes you will see to it that they all have a Merry Christmas with gifts under the tree.

Assisting him again this year will be the Grant County Little League who will be there to accept donations and keep track so that when the 650 toy count is achieved, Denver can come down and rest up and warm up until next year - sort of like Santa!

Just as faithful as he is, so are the elves of the Jordan Run CEOS club, especially Shari Taylor, who spends countless hours sorting through applications and matching toys to the boys and girls on them.

If you cannot make it this Saturday to drop off your donations, bring it to the Grant County Press office between 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. now through Friday. If you are writing a check, please make it to Toys for Happiness.

Thank you in advance for sharing and your continued support of a Grant County tradition that benefits Grant County kids. It will make them happy and you happy, as well.

W.Va. shared editorials

Dealing with trooper misconduct accusations

Charleston Gazette-Mail

Two reports in the Gazette-Mail over the past few days have detailed how the West Virginia State Police deals with use-of-force and trooper misconduct accusations, and the overall picture is disturbing.

Examining four years of records between 2014 and 2019 (it would be five, but, for some reason, the State Police didn't document its Early Identification System reports for 2017) shows a pattern of troopers undergoing an internal investigation for incidents ranging from wrongful death, excessive force and sexual assault, and being cleared - even when a review finds it likely they committed a crime.

Discipline seemingly only occurs after public awareness is raised regarding the trooper in question. And the public typically only becomes aware if there is a large legal settlement over the matter or if a video of something like the beating of a suspect is released.

Over the past five years, the State Police paid \$3.1 million in lawsuit settlements and \$400,000 in legal fees. All of that is taxpayer money.

It's true that complaints against state troopers have decreased quite a bit over the past 20 years, but there are still officers who rack up multiple complaints over seriously reckless, sometimes life-threatening behavior and go back to their job cleared by an internal investigation.

The State Police has framed such instances involving the same trooper as "outliers," but that doesn't excuse one improper use of force or abuse of power, let alone several. West Virginians should be able to rely on state troopers to respond to incidents in a level-headed, professional manner. That's not what happened when troopers savagely beat a 16-year-old in Martinsburg last year. That's not what happened when a trooper shot and killed a teenager in 2014 after the officer had been looking for teens who had been on his property and allegedly thrown wet underwear on his cruiser. That's not what happened when a trooper in 2017 allegedly raped a woman after arresting her boyfriend.

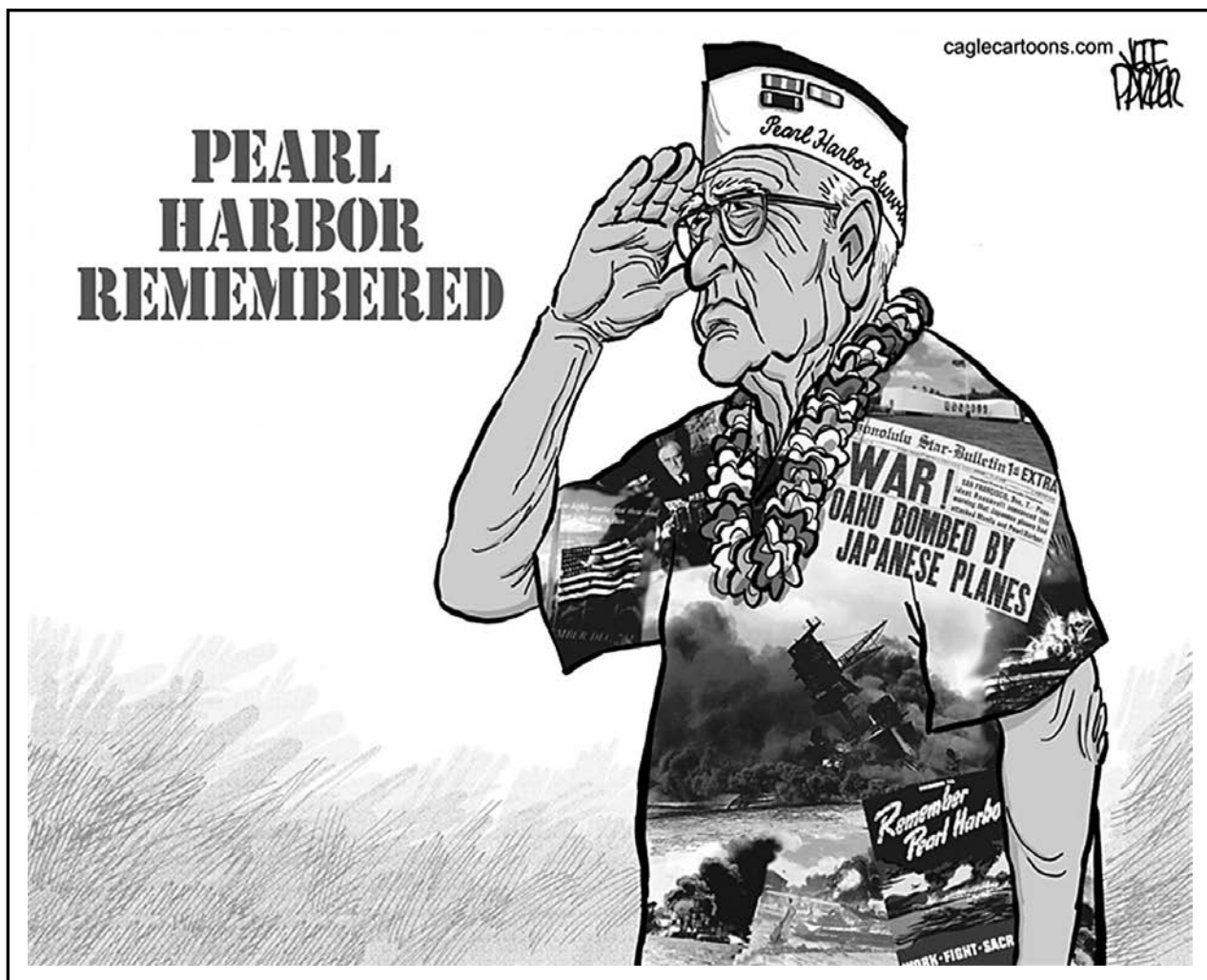
And why should troopers be concerned about their conduct if they know they'll face a review board that will clear them?

Maybe there's no foolproof way to completely rid any law enforcement agency of officers who will abuse their power, but the State Police review system as it exists almost invites it.

Bringing in another agency to externally investigate these incidents is one place to start. Holding troopers accountable with an effective deterrent and taking action before one trooper becomes involved in multiple incidents would reduce misconduct even further, possibly even preventing misconduct in the first place.

The taxpayers should also see how much of their money is being spent to settle these cases. Yes, the settlements are public record, but there's no way to see them unless you know where to look or it gets picked up by the news media. Maybe the West Virginia Board of Risk and Insurance Management, which keeps the data for all legal damages or settlements paid out by any state agency, should put them online.

Keeping all of this in house isn't working. Independent investigations and transparency over legal settlements can only help bring more accountability.



By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Your best Christmas gift?

The average American will spend \$920 on Christmas gifts this year reaching a total of more than \$1 trillion in holiday spending.

Eight percent said they would spend nothing, and three percent said they were unsure. Twenty-nine percent expected their gift spending to be between \$100 and \$499 according to stats from Investopedia.

In 2001, the average American planned to spend \$1,052 - the highest ever. Following the financial crash in 2008, planned holiday shopping dropped to \$417 in 2009 - less than half of what people planned to spend in 2018 according to the National Retail Federation.

Americans have been spending more on holiday gifts every year since 2008 (except 2012); although the holiday spending is still not back on the prerecession trend, it seems

to be headed in that direction - possibly thanks to lower unemployment, stronger growth, and higher confidence in the economy.

I can't find a stat for the number of people who receive stuff on Christmas they really don't want or need. Often these gifts are from people who can't afford to buy Christmas gifts. The average American racked up \$1,018 in credit card debt in 2018 according to a CNBC report. Most of these Americans spent the last year trying to pay off that debt. Why do people do such crazy stuff?

It's good that we want to give. Giving makes us feel good, but it won't make you feel good when you are still paying for it in July.

Think about ways to give that you can afford or that might be more meaningful.

How about make lunch or share your evening meal with someone? Offer babysitting for a night as a gift. Write a letter of recommendation for an unemployed friend. Write someone a note and let them know what they have meant to you over

the years. Offer an hour or even an evening of your time to a friend or family member to chat over a snack. Relieve a relative who spends hours and days at the nursing home. Go and take their place for a day to help out. You might be thinking - "I'd rather just send or give them a gift." Exactly, because time is our most precious gift and asset.

One of my best friends died not too long ago. He had a lot of money. He said, "Glenn, the only thing I want is just one more day." As we face this life and look at all our stuff how much does it really mean to us in comparison to our time and relationships, love, friendship and the ability to enjoy life?

Keep in mind Christmas is about someone - Jesus. He gave us his time, his life, and what he did and became for all humanity continues to be the greatest gift.

Glenn Mollette is a syndicated columnist and author and is read in all 50 states.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

What kind of educational system has this country wrought? Our educational system is seeded with people that cannot teach a person to properly read, write and do simple math in 12 years.

The system is teaching these same children that anyone that disagrees with their philosophy should not be tolerated. The system is teaching your children that they can be any gender they wish. The system is using the children entrusted to their care to carry signs and demonstrate to support their causes. The system has so many government dependency programs that parents have actually become dependent.

Education was once number one on the list of basic requirements for those seeking real freedom from kings and their absolute control. Preventing and controlling education was number one on the list of those wanting total control of the people. We should all keep in mind that at one time on this planet most people were subjects not citizens.

Why is there so much indoctrination in our educational system? The words of President Lincoln explain it clearly, "The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next." Only using the educational system to indoctrinate the young can you take over a country without firing a shot.

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world and it is the key to lock or unlock the golden door of freedom.

Those who are supporting the government educational system should consider that an educated person who won't tolerate another's opinion has no advantage over one who has no education. It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education." - Martin Luther King Jr.

Jim Hinebaugh
Maysville

To the Editor,

I am continually amazed how people who work for their money, work hard, long hours in dangerous conditions even, gaze in awe at the rich, and are absolutely goo-goo-eyed about the super rich, defending their right to make obscene amounts of money. The topic came up again when Michael Bloomberg threw his solid gold cap into the ring. Funny how we toss terms like "50 billion" around like we use other monetary terms including, "10 grand" or "gimme a sawbuck" (\$20). Let's take a minute to do some simple math.

I would guess that most of the folks reading this letter don't make \$100,000 a year. I certainly don't and I have an advanced specialist degree in psychology. It would take you 10 years to turn that annual salary in \$1 million. Say you made that million dollars every week. That would give you \$50 million at year's end (no paid vacation at that salary). It would take you

10 years to make \$500 million. Not bad, a million a week and in 10 years you are half way...half way to a billion dollars which is \$1,000 million. So you'd need 20 years to make that billion. But Bloomberg has \$50 billion. That...would take 1,000 years. At a million dollars a day.

So...do you really think it's unreasonable to ask these ultra rich to pay their fair share of taxes that would provide for thousands and thousands of people?

Frank L. Miller
Mount Storm

Dear Editor,

Let's be honest: Trump is a fraud. To wit, he's told—on the record, and to date—in the vicinity of 14,000 readily confirmed lies, and just while in office (Washington Post: "Fact Checker"). Trump claims to be a "great businessperson." Such a "great," clearly and at best, is a disingenuous self-misrepresentation insofar as Trump has driven many a business into the ground, and has—in consequence—relied on the Saudis and/or his father to bail him out time and time again. Moreover, Trump determinedly defends his bloated, yet exceedingly fragile, ego from ever-threatening truth/reality (e.g., with "alternative facts").

Lamely does the "Trumper" contingent respond with rationalization, e.g.: "Hillary, herself, is a 'fraud'; she politicked for arch-conservative Presidential candidate Goldwater, only a few years later to spout revolutionary slogans! And did not Hillary ultimately sell out to Wall

Street, intimating her cluelessness as to the meaning of existential authenticity?"

Wherein, citizens, lay the problem? Succinctly, the capitalist system—a system, nota bene, in which money(!) rules over people—reigns, and wreaks havoc, upon our globe/world. Beyond victimizing Trump and Hillary—the both reduced to confused, insubstantial, humanly disadvantaged wisps—capitalism is destroying the planet (even as we write)!

Why, pray tell, would anyone doubt global warming? 97% of accredited scientists concur that global warming is real and sourced by human activity. Global warming is not described as "catastrophic" or "apocalyptic" for no reason! It has killed/is killing off species of our global interconnected, ecosystem(s) slowly and surely—the same ecosystem(s) which we as humans depend on for our very survival.

Yet, just as cigarette companies hired "scientists" to manufacture doubt about smoking causing cancer, dirty fuel companies (e.g., oil and coal) have followed suit to manufacture "doubt" about global warming ("Post-Truth," McIntyre, Lee [2018]). "Trump," "Hillary," "Brexit," "Immigration," etc.—from this perspective—all constitute but mere diversions from the real (problem) which itself constitutes the capitalist system, per se, being the principal engine driving our planet to arch-viability!

Might you, perchance, value life—e.g., your family's? Your own? The capitalist system—with its well-

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A Second Amendment sanctuary in Virginia

By Charles Boothe
The Bluefield (W.Va.) Daily Telegraph

About 500 residents jammed the main courtroom at the Bland County (Virginia) Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday evening to express their support of a resolution declaring the county a Second Amendment sanctuary.

The board voted unanimously to pass the resolution, said county Administrator Eric Workman.

“The main courtroom was full beyond capacity with additional people filling the hallways and gathering outside the courthouse,” Workman said. “Over the past few weeks, the supervisors have received multiple requests from citizens concerned over recent legislation that was introduced for the upcoming session of the Virginia General Assembly. At the meeting on Tuesday evening, the board of supervisors were presented with a petition with almost 500 names supporting the declaration and two opposed.”

Bland County joined several other counties in western Virginia, including Giles County, that have passed the Second Amendment sanctuary resolution.

Tazewell County is set to pass the resolution on Dec. 3 and the Town of Bluefield, Va., is also considering it, hearing a draft of a resolution at its meeting Tuesday evening.

The trend started after the general election in Virginia which saw Democrats gain control of both the House and Senate. Gov. Ralph Northam has said gun control will be a priority during the 2020 session of the General Assembly.

Workman said the municipalities are standing together on the issue.

“One of the basic things (about the resolutions) is solidarity in support of citizens and their rights,” he said, adding that both the commonwealth’s attorney and the sheriff in Bland County also support the resolution and were in attendance when supervisors made it official Tuesday evening.

The resolution said, in part, that the county expresses “opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights under the Second Amendment of the citizens of Bland County to bear arms ... and to oppose, within the limits of the Constitution of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, any efforts to unconstitutionally restrict such rights, and to use such legal means at its disposal to protect the rights of the citizens to keep and bear arms, including through legal action, the power of appropriation of public funds, and the right to petition for redress of grievances.”

Bluefield may become the first town in Virginia to have the designation.

Council members heard the details Tuesday night from town Attorney Matt Friedman.

The resolution is similar to the one approved in Bland County as well as the one that will be voted on in Tazewell County.

Friedman also emphasized that the town will uphold the “constitutional rights” related to the Second Amendment, but oppose any “unconstitutional” infringement on those rights.

Tazewell County Eastern District Supervisor also spoke at Bluefield’s town council meeting, saying residents may be misunderstanding the intent of the word “sanctuary.”

“They are under the impression that we resist any anti-gun legislation and may not enforce current gun regulations,” he said. “Nothing could be further from the truth. We want to make sure as leaders we tailor language that is clear to our people.”

Stacy said the key to any state law on gun control that may be passed is whether it is constitutional.

The resolutions make it clear any law must follow the Constitution and if there is any issue on that, it will end up in the court system.

If a law is a valid constitutional position, it must be followed, he added, but can and would be challenged in court if it may be unconstitutional.

Giles County last week became the first in this area to pass a Second Amendment sanctuary resolution, declaring that the county is opposed to any restrictions on gun rights.

Board of Supervisors Chair Jeffrey Morris said he resolution also says county funds cannot be used in any way to restrict gun rights, as in enforcing any gun control laws passed by the state and any associated expenses made the responsibility of the counties.

“We have to look down the road,” Morris said, referring to anticipating any problems the county may encounter. “I want to ensure we are not losing tax money out of our county. We don’t want to spend our tax dollars on gun control.”

Tazewell County Administrator Eric Young said last week all supervisors have been polled and all support the resolution, which is only official after they vote on Tuesday.

“It is the first duty of any government to protect the rights of its citizens,” Young said. “Right now, many of our citizens feel their rights are being threatened by potential legislation from Richmond. Rather than simply pass protest resolutions as so many other localities have, we have chosen to act. More importantly, we intend to act within the authority our board has under the Virginia Constitution. Under those laws our board is empowered to either fund or choose not to fund certain activities. Here, we have chosen to fund activities the board feels preserve our rights and not fund activities they feel threaten them.”

Counties in Virginia, mostly rural, that have already passed those declarations include Carroll, Pittsylvania, Patrick, Campbell, Charlotte and Appomattox, with Franklin and Amherst counties also considering the move.

Gov. Ralph Northam has said dealing with gun violence is a top priority for his administration and he wants to pursue “common sense” gun controls including background checks on all gun sales and trades, a ban on selling assault weapons and the reinstatement of the one handgun a month purchase law.

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known growth imperative and overriding obsession with money—is insidiously decimating the viability of this planet! One should not be duped—the capitalist system careth not about democracy (and neither does Trump). A vote for capitalism, viewed through the lens of objective science, is a vote for death.

Charles L. Zorbaugh Sr.
Petersburg

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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November 30, 1949

Ross Cline III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Cline, had a sixth birthday party, Nov. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gabriel “Gabe” Hanlin celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, Nov. 22.

A skeleton found on the VanMeter farm, one mile east of Petersburg, was identified as Laura Bodkins LeFevre, one of the persons swept away in flood waters in June.

Mrs. Mabel Dancer had a third birthday party for her daughter, Betty, at her home.

Births at Veach’s Clinic included: Mr. and Mrs. Max Sites of Petersburg, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Yokum of Landes, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Other Ours of Landes, a son; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Idleman of Scherr, a son.

Pfc. Mildred Sites returned to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, where she entered officer candidate school.

December 2, 1959

Grant Memorial Hospital births included: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stump of Landes, a daughter, Nov. 29; Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Michael of Petersburg, a daughter, Nov. 29; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Heavner of Cabins, a son, Nov. 29; and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harman of Rough Run, a daughter, Nov. 29.

Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Schartiger observed their 67th wedding anniversary at their home, Dec. 7.

Sharon Crawford celebrated her fourth birthday, with a party given by her mother at her home.

Mrs. Nina Brotherton of Maysville announced the engagement of her daughter, Hazel Tomasenia, to Hollis Clyde Ours, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ours of Cabins.

Mrs. Wilson Smith en-

Remember When



FRANKLIN PIKE/LANDES - Friends from that area gathering for a group picture were (front) Fred Kile, (?) Hedrick, Rubert Stump, Marie Stump, Gladly Stump, Neva Stump and Mary Hiser and (back) Eulala Shreve, R. Kile, Eileen Hiser, Vera Kimble, Dora Alt, Dallie Stump, Nola Kesner, Rhoda Judy, Jean Mullenax and Norma Kesner.

tertained at Gene’s Restaurant, Nov. 24, honoring her daughter Janet on her 12th birthday.

Captain and Mrs. William J. Buchanan announced the birth of a son, James Madison, Nov. 23, in Tokyo, Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Cline Garber entertained in honor of their son, Joseph, on his 12th birthday, at their home, Nov. 21.

Harold Stump of Landes was named a national winner in the 4-H Forestry program and was awarded a trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago.

Plans were completed and construction was to begin of an ice skating rink on the grounds of Grant Recreational Park.

December 3, 1969

Final drawings of the Maysville School kitchen were approved and was hoped construction of this addition could be completed and ready for use by the beginning of next year’s school term.

The county deer kill was 630 the first week of the

season.

Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Feaster of Maysville celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, Nov. 23, and were married Nov. 29, 1919 in Cumberland, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. James William Rodgers of Arlington, Va., announced the marriage of their daughter, Wanda Smith to George “Butch” Stump, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Stump of Petersburg, Oct. 25, at Faith Assembly of God, Petersburg.

The Potomac Valley Conference’s first string all-conference football team included PHS’s Craig Redman, Howard Martin and Gary VanMeter.

W.J. Fulk of Bayard observed his 89th birthday, who was believed to be Bayard’s oldest resident.

Grant Memorial Hospital births included: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kite of Moorefield, a daughter, Nov. 28; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Capps of Moorefield, a son, Nov. 30; Mr. and Mrs. William Hedrick of Maysville, a son, Nov. 30; and Mr. and

Mrs. Don Beckwith of Burlington, a son, Dec. 1.

John Tamburini retired from being Bayard’s postmaster, after 36 years of service.

December 5, 1979

Representatives of Adell Polymers and United Rubber Workers Local 1017 met in their first negotiation since the strike at the Adell plant in Petersburg, Sept. 25.

The Grant County Board of Education were making final preparations for the upcoming levy election, Dec. 11.

David Alt celebrated his first birthday, Dec. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Miller of Petersburg announced the engagement of their daughter, Debra Lynn, to Donald Rexrode, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rexrode of Maysville.

The PHS Vikingettes lost in sectional action to Frankfort, 46-33.

The Union Tigers girls basketball team were in the Class A, Section 3 championship, by beating the W.Va. Deaf, 79-9.

Magistrates court report

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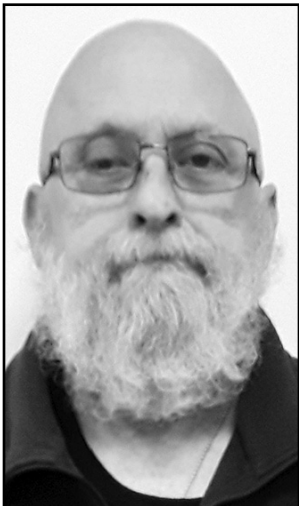
The following cases were heard in the Grant County Magistrates Court between Oct. 25 and Nov. 22:

Pierre Kim Rahming, 55, 420 Courtland St., NE., Atlanta, Ga., was fined and assessed \$442 after pleading no contest to charges of operating a motor vehicle below the minimum speed limit and being involved in an accident involving damage to vehicle.

Jacob Glenn Vance, 19, of 238 Goldizens Dbl. D. Farm, Maysville, was fined and assessed \$230.25 after pleading guilty to charges of knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription.

Debra Kay Jones, 57, of 43 East Ave., Petersburg, was fined and assessed \$371 after pleading guilty to charges of knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription.

Local Democrat receives statewide recognition



Robert Borror

U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin III joined with Democratic leaders from throughout West Virginia in honoring Robert Borror as one of West Virginia’s Outstanding Democrats of the Year.

Borror was selected by local county leaders for his hard work and dedication to the Democratic Party in Grant County. He received tribute from Democrats assembled at the recent Roosevelt-Kennedy Dinner Celebration in Charleston Nov. 15. This year’s special keynote speaker was U.S. Sen. Jon Tester (D-Mont.).

Karen Coria, a Putnam County Democratic lead-

er and coordinator of the 34th annual awards ceremony, indicated that the award was established to recognize local party officials and volunteers whom Democratic leaders feel have contributed most to the party’s efforts.

“Our goal is to recognize these special people who have distinguished themselves by contributing to our society, by working within the framework of our democracy and political party system,” Coria said.

Joining Manchin and Coria in acknowledging the accomplishments of the honoree were state treasurer John Perdue, state executive committee chair Belinda Biafore and Tester.

Borror was honored with special recognition and presentations by party officials.

“The efforts of the honoree demonstrates the importance of the work of every individual in affecting the outcome of local, state and national races. These people are the truly effective party workers,” Coria added.

Joshua Adam Everett, 26, of 4112 Penneroil Rd., New Creek, was fined and assessed \$181 after pleading no contest to charges of failing to stop at throughways.

Michelle Dayton, 23, of 33 Central Ave., Petersburg, was fined and assessed \$1,171 after pleading guilty to charges of failing to produce certificate of insurance.

Alyssa Grace Richey, 33, of 2001 Shutterlee Mill Rd., Staunton, Va., pleaded not guilty to charges of driving a vehicle in an impaired state but with a blood-alcohol concentration of less than .15 and operating a vehicle on a suspended or revoked license. Her bond was set at \$900.

Brian Andrew Kight, 34, of 38 Edgar Ave., Petersburg, pleaded not guilty to charges of child neglect by a parent, guardian or custodian creating a risk of bodily injury. His bond was set at \$2,000.

Catrenia Love Mullins, 29, of 21 Edgar Ave., Petersburg, pleaded not guilty

to charges of child neglect by a parent, guardian or custodian creating a risk of bodily injury. Her bond was set at \$2,000.

Gloria Rae Kight, 33, of 21 Edgar Ave., Petersburg, pleaded not guilty to charges of child neglect by a parent, guardian or custodian creating a risk of bodily injury. Her bond was set at \$2,000.

Dustin Earl Lockard, 28, of 1 Cove Hollow Rd., Petersburg, pleaded not guilty to charges of driving under the influence with a blood-alcohol concentration of .15 and unlawfully causing injury or destruction to property. His bond was set at \$2,000.

Steven Michael Valkos, 26, of 116 North Grove St., Petersburg, pleaded not guilty to charges of knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription (methamphetamine), driving while license is revoked and operating a vehicle with a tail lamp violation. His bond was set at \$1,650.

Attorney General's mobile office sets December stops for Eastern Panhandle

Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced a representative from his office will meet one-on-one with Eastern Panhandle residents in December to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.

Richard Dennis, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the events as scheduled below:

Dec. 10: Noon to 1 p.m. – Pendleton Senior and Family Services, 231 Mill Road, Franklin

Dec. 11: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Hardy County Commission on Aging, 409

Spring St., Moorefield
Dec. 19: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Petersburg Senior Center, 111 Virginia Ave., Petersburg

The events are open to the public; reservations are not required. For more information, contact Dennis at 304-539-6999.

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Local and area obituaries

PASTOR OTIS "BUZZ" WEATHERHOLT JR.

Pastor Otis "Buzz" Seymour Weatherholt Jr., 79, of Fisher, W.Va., passed away Wednesday evening, Nov. 27, 2019, at Winchester Medical Center, Winchester, Va.

Born on March 24, 1940, in Petersburg, W.Va., he was the son of the late Otis Seymour Weatherholt Sr. and Mary Pauline Sirbaugh Weatherholt.

A granddaughter, Hannah Marie Weatherholt; a sister, Treva Sirbaugh Helmick; and a half brother, Lester Weatherholt also preceded him in death.

Buzz was a carpenter by trade, and in his later years, enjoyed sharing his love for the greatest carpenter of all, Jesus. He was pastor at South Mill Creek Church of Brethren in Upper Tract, W.Va., for several years and was also pastor at Mountain View Community Church in Purgitsville, W.Va. He was a charter member of the local Grant/Hardy County Gideon Camp and was the first president of the organization. In 1995, he founded the Potomac Valley Men's Choir where he was the director for 30 years. The choir is a community outreach that has raised more than half a million dollars to date, helping others.

Buzz never met a stranger. He enjoyed life and talking with others. He was an avid hunter and he also enjoyed fishing, hunting for arrowheads and being outdoors enjoying wildlife. He was very interested in working on his genealogy. He loved being with his family, especially spending time with his grandchildren. He was a member of Old Fields Baptist Church and he loved the Lord Jesus and was always ready and

WOODROW "WOODY" VANCE

Woodrow "Woody" Vance, 78, of Frederick County, Va. passed away Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019, at his home.

Born in 1941, in Grant County, W.Va., he was the son of the late Fred Vance and Viola Miller; stepson and daughter of the late Clarence "Bubby" Miller. His wife, Dorothy Vance, whom he married on Nov. 16, 1959, in Cumberland, Md., preceded him in death in 2012. Along with his parents, stepfather and wife, Mr. Vance was also preceded in death by a brother, Frederick J. Vance.

Mr. Vance was a truck driver and dedicated employee with King Wholesale, retiring after 25+ years. He was a 50-year member of Winchester Eagles Aerie 824, a member of the American Legion Post 137 in Capon Bridge, W.Va., and a member of the Terrace Club in Winchester. He enjoyed cutting/splitting wood, dancing and playing the tip jars.

Mr. Vance was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan and NASCAR racing fan (as long as it was a Ford driver). He liked making apple butter, curing hams, and sowing/harvesting a vegetable garden. He never met a stranger, always willing to lend a helping hand. His favorite past-time was spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his daughters, Ramonda "Mondy" Perry of Ste-



willing to serve Him.

Surviving is his loving wife of 62 years, Bette Gwen Barr Weatherholt; one daughter, Beverly (Jerry) Donald of Middletown, Md.; three sons, Victor (Anita) Weatherholt of Lynchburg, Va., Jeffrey (Laurie) Weatherholt of Moorefield, W.Va. and Dan (Denice) Weatherholt of Fisher; six grandchildren, Blair, Emily, Molly, Brooke, Matthew and Sarah; one sister, Janet Weatherholt of Petersburg, W.Va.; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Funeral services were Monday morning at the Fraley Funeral Home chapel, Moorefield, with Pastors Dan Combs and Dan Howard officiants. Interment followed at the Newhouse Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Gideon's International, Grant Hardy Camp, P.O. Box 344, Petersburg, WV 26847, Hannah Marie Weatherholt Scholarship Fund or Hardy County 4-H Camp Association, 144 Emergency Lane, Moorefield, WV 26836.

Condolences, shared memories and photos may be left on "Buzz's" tribute wall at www.fraleyfuneralhome.com. (12-3-19)

phens City, Va. and Pamela Vance Booher of Pemberton, N.J.; son, Mark Allen "Bubba" Vance (Jody) of Winchester, Va.; grandchildren, Christopher Edelen, Emily Gunter, Josh Perry, Brittany Booher, Jake Perry, Stephanie Booher and Markayla Vance; great-grandchildren, Joseph Khan, Dominic Edelen, Gabrielle Gunter and Michael Booher; sisters, Wanda VanMeter, Martha Jane Hinkle and Lucy Mae Rotruck, all of West Virginia; and brother, Dorsey Vance of Fredericksburg, Va.

Funeral services will be today (Tuesday) at 11 a.m. at Omps Funeral Home, South Chapel, 1600 Amherst Street, Winchester, VA 22601. Interment will be in Shenandoah Memorial Park, Winchester.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Woody's memory to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 W. Cork Street, Suite 405, Winchester, VA 22601.

View his obituary and tribute wall at www.ompfuneralhome.com. (12-3-19)

Church Christmas programs

Please submit your church's Christmas play, program or cantata for publication at no charge.

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MARY LOUISE McCALLEY

It is with profound sadness we announce the passing of Mary Louise McCalley, 78, of Petersburg, W.Va., on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019, at Winchester Medical Center, Winchester, Va.

Born outside Philadelphia, Pa. to Thomas and Mary McCloskey, Mary Lou was raised in Washington, D.C. She attended Blessed Sacrament School and Holy Cross High School. She married Bob McCalley who lived just a stone's throw away.

They raised their boys in Chevy Chase, Md. and retired to Petersburg, W.Va. in 2003.

Mary Lou was a caretaker for all. She was a dedicated wife, mother, Grammy and friend.

She gave of herself and her time in a countless number of ways including at the boys' schools, the church, the soccer club, So Others May Eat, cleaning up after the 1985 West Virginia flood and as a member of the Petersburg Lions Club.

Mary Lou was a "roll up your sleeves and get it done person." She loved cooking, canning and working in the garden. If someone saw a need in her community, they often called Mary Lou because she was an action person. Her solutions often involved her teammate Bob and they were a powerful giving team.

Her loss leaves an empty spot in the lives of everyone she touched. Everyone that knew her was drawn to her and her energy and dedication to helping others.

ANDREW L. KILE

Andrew Lee Kile, 76, of Cabins, died Monday, Nov. 25, at Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center, Petersburg.

Born March 20, 1943, in Cumberland, Md., he was the son of the late Raymond Burley Kile and Mary Matilda (Lahman) Kile. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: one daughter, Amanda Kile and one brother, Raymond N. Kile.

Mr. Kile graduated from Petersburg High School and formerly attended the Corners United Methodist Church, Cabins. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He worked for Dettinburn Trucking before he became a delivery man for 25 years with CarQuest in Petersburg.

On April 24, 1975 he married his wife of 44 years, Brenda (Miller) Kile, who resides in Cabins. He is also survived by three daughters, Angela Engle of Maysville, Mary Jowers of Fitzgerald, Ga. and Teresa Watson of Apopka, Fla.; one son, Larry Kile of Pensacola, Fla.; seven grandchildren and



Mary Lou is survived by her husband of 57 years, Robert McCalley; sister Judy Horman; brothers Tommy (Claudia) McCloskey and Jimmy (Catherine) McCloskey; sons Michael (Libby), Brad and Patrick (Marcie); and her grandkids Damon, Logan, Riley, Mel, Ali, Josh and Dominik. She was predeceased by her sister Jane Carmody.

Mrs. McCalley's family will receive friends on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019, 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Petersburg, with a memorial service following at 1 p.m., and a reception immediately after the service at Kaposy's Great Room.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019, at 1 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus in Bethesda, Md. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary's Church in Petersburg, the Lions Club of Petersburg, or a charity of your choice.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home. (12-3-19)



three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday morning at the Basagic Funeral Home chapel, Petersburg, with Pastor Gary Crislip officiating. Interment was at the Kile Family Cemetery, Cabins. Military graveside rites were accorded by the Potomac Highlands VFW Post #6454.

Memorials may be made to the WV Theater East c/o June Hencke, 346 Genesee Ridge, Arthur, WV 26847.

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MARISA LOUISE MOYERS

Marisa Louise Moyers, 37, of Cabins, W.Va., passed away Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019, at Grant Memorial Hospital, Petersburg, W.Va.

Born Oct. 20, 1982, in Elkins, W.Va., she was the daughter of Donald Ray Moyers and Patricia Ann (Parsons) Moyers of Maysville, W.Va. and biological mother, Diana Lynn Parsons of Cabins, biological father, the late Donald "Don" White.

She was also preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Richard and Orpha "Sue" Moyers; maternal grandparents, Alvin and Mary Parsons; one uncle, Richard Lee "Dickie" Moyers; and one cousin, Jordan Miller.

Marisa was a graduate of Petersburg High School Class of 2001 and was a former employee of Pilgrim's Pride in Moorefield, W.Va. and Pizza Hut in Petersburg.

She is also survived by one son, Hunter Largent Jr. (Hunter Largent) of Moorefield; one daughter, Nadia Jade Swick (Xavier Swick) of Maysville; two sisters, Marcee (Tim) Kesner of Lahmansville, W.Va. and Marena (Benji) McKay of Logan County, W.Va.; two brothers, Butch (Rachel) Moyers of Maysville and Michael (Gwen) Moyers of Maysville; one half sister, Jodi White of Moorefield; one half brother, Drew White of Moorefield; numerous nieces and nephews including Kaitlyn and Kaleb Kesner, Madison McKay,



Ethan and Hannah Moyers, and Chase and Lacey Moyers; two half nieces, Freyja Cullers and Izzy Wratchford; two half nephews, Carter Thompson and Donivan White; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and also a special family, Allen "Bub" and Barbara Clark of Maysville.

Marisa was a tender hearted and loving person. She loved spending time with her family and friends. She loved children and all her nieces and nephews and they all loved her. Later on in her short life, Marisa dealt with addiction and she tried so hard to get past all of that. Her family loved her unconditionally through her life and she will be missed greatly.

Marisa's family will be having a celebration of life service at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Schaeffer Funeral Home, 11 North Main St., Petersburg, WV 26847.

Condolences to the family may be left at www.schaefferfuneralhome.com. (12-3-19)

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Cactus

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care of whatever they needed. And she always had that cactus.” Janie said Nellie once told her the story of the cactus, saying that someday she would leave it to her to care for.

“As she got older, she would say ‘Now Janie, someday I am going to give you this cactus,’” Janie recalled. “She was the grandmother I never had.”

She also gave Janie some advice on caring for the prized plant, including never re-potting it.

“Every year it blooms, like clockwork,” Janie said. “I always show it to the Carrs when it does, let

them see that part of Nellie is still here with us.”

Janie plans to someday leave the cactus to her daughter, April, who will then pass it on to her son, Cody.

The cactus’ family role has passed through seven generations, beginning with Nellie Carr, moving to Louise Carr-Berg, to Larry Berg (and Janie), to their daughter April Rohrbaugh, to their grandson, Cody Rohrbaugh and all the way down to their great-grandson, Benji Jr.

Janie actually cares for two cacti, one left to her by Nellie and another left to her by her mother. The cactus left to her from Nellie blooms red each year and the one left by her mother, blooms pur-

ple.

Janie said the plants hold a special place in her heart and reminds her of the family members that left them to her.

“Every Sunday afternoon I water them and remember my mom and Grandma Carr,” Berg said. “I know how much they loved them and how much they loved their family. I’ve dealt with losing them but you never want to forget them. When I look at their flowers, I know Nellie, mom and dad are in heaven but those cactus are little pieces of them I get to keep here with me.”

Janie also feels the strength and resiliency of the plants speak to the character of the people that once owned them.

“Those are tough flowers,” Janie said. “Just like the people who gave them to me.”

One interesting discussion in the family now is the actual type of holiday cactus the plant is. After some research, Janie’s sister, Peggy Bobo-Alt, discovered that the cactus could likely not be a Christmas Cactus like they had believed for so long, but could be a Thanksgiving Cactus.

Although they may look similar there are some notable differences between the Christmas Cactus, the Thanksgiving Cactus and the Easter Cactus. The group is collectively referred to as Holiday Cactus.

“No matter what type



of cactus it is,” Janie said, “It has become an important part of our family and

a reminder that the people we love, never really leave us.”

Fire

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several volunteer fire departments had responded to the fire, along with the West Virginia Division of Forestry and the USDA Forest Service. At the time, fire crews secured private structures by constructing a dozer line and burning out areas around homes and outbuildings. Crews continued to work throughout the day to assess fire contingency lines and access points.

The day saw multiple

fires around the region, including at 1:31 a.m., when the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Company members were dispatched for a structure fire. Upon arrival, Deputy Chief Keen confirmed a working barn with extension to a brush fire. Fire Chief Bobby Funk assumed command of the situation.

Maysville Co. 200 and Moorefield Co. 46 were initially alerted. After starting to extinguish the fire, a second structure fire, including a large amount of hay, was noticed.

Deputy Chief Keen took command over the second structure fire. Tankers from Seneca Rocks, Upper Tract, and Franklin were requested. While on this call, the company was alerted for another large brush fire. Along with these two calls, Maysville was alerted on numerous brush fires.

With further assistance from Fort Ashby, Fountain, Elkins, Parsons, Davis, Thomas, Gorman, Bayard, Mount Storm, Mathias-Baker, Harman, Pocahontas County and New Creek fire departments, the firefighters were able to gain control of the situation.

Firefighters from the states of Kentucky, Montana, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Wisconsin worked on the forest fires assisted by qualified Job Corps students.

Monongahela National Forest continues to coordinate with and support the Upper Tract Fire Department and West Virginia Division of Forestry as they monitor the needs of

private landowners affected by the fire.

“Thank you and God bless to all those dispatchers, fire, EMS, law enforcement responders and the military who are taking care of us now and who take care of us every day,” said Peggy Bobo-Alt, the director of the Grant County Office of Emergency Management and 911. “We thank God that no one has been seriously injured or killed while fighting fire in the dangerous wind. Please be safe. We want you to return home to your families. They need you and we, the citizens, do



too. Your dedication, skill and giving hearts make you our heroes. We cannot make it without you and without each other.”

Alt also put out an an-

nouncement thanking all community members and organizations that helped to provide food and supplies to the emergency personnel.

Jail

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ply of synthetic opioids in “hot spot” areas previously identified by the attorney general’s office, thereby reducing drug overdoses and drug overdose deaths, and identify wholesale distribution networks and sources of supply operating nationally and internationally.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy D. Helman is prosecuting the case on behalf of the government. The Potomac Highlands Drug & Violent Crimes Task Force, which includes a member of the Grant County Sheriff’s Department, the West Virginia State Police and the Charles Town Police Department investigated.

WV

sues two major

opioid manufacturers

Late last month, the West Virginia Attorney General’s office filed suit against two major opioid painkiller manufacturers.

The lawsuits allege Endo Health Solutions Inc., Mallinckrodt LLC and various subsidiaries contributed to the opioid crisis by individually engaging in strategic campaigns to deceive prescribers and misrepresent the risks and benefits of opioid painkillers.

“We must hold everyone in the pharmaceutical supply chain accountable,” West Virginia Attorney Patrick General Morrissey said. “We cannot let bad actors go unpunished. These alleged actions have caused widespread harm to our state and its citizens.”

The lawsuits, filed separately in Boone County Circuit Court, allege the defendants mischaracterized and failed to disclose the serious risk of addiction, overstated the benefits of chronic opioid therapy and promoted higher dosage amounts without disclosing inherently greater risks.

Specifically, the attorney general alleges Endo rebranded its widely abused drug from the 1960s to keep up with competition decades later. The effort included a new name, Opana, and a new color to minimize memory of a reputation tarnished by widespread abuse and diversion.

The Endo lawsuit also alleges the company misrepresented a later version of Opana ER as tamper resistant.

Similarly, the Mallinckrodt lawsuit alleges its executives

ignored warnings of abuse. It cites one email in which a distributor jokes that consumers are addicted to its product, to which a Mallinckrodt executive compared opioids to chips in replying, “Keep eating. We’ll make more.”

The Mallinckrodt lawsuit cites another email alleging the company used a reggae song to train its sales team to push doctors to prescribe stronger doses of opioids. The email, which wished its recipients “happy listening and good selling,” was not to be shared with customers or others outside the team.

Both lawsuits allege the manufacturers’ conduct and campaign of misrepresentations led to opioids becoming a common treatment for chronic pain in West Virginia, a reality that fueled substance abuse and the state’s skyrocketing rate of overdose deaths.

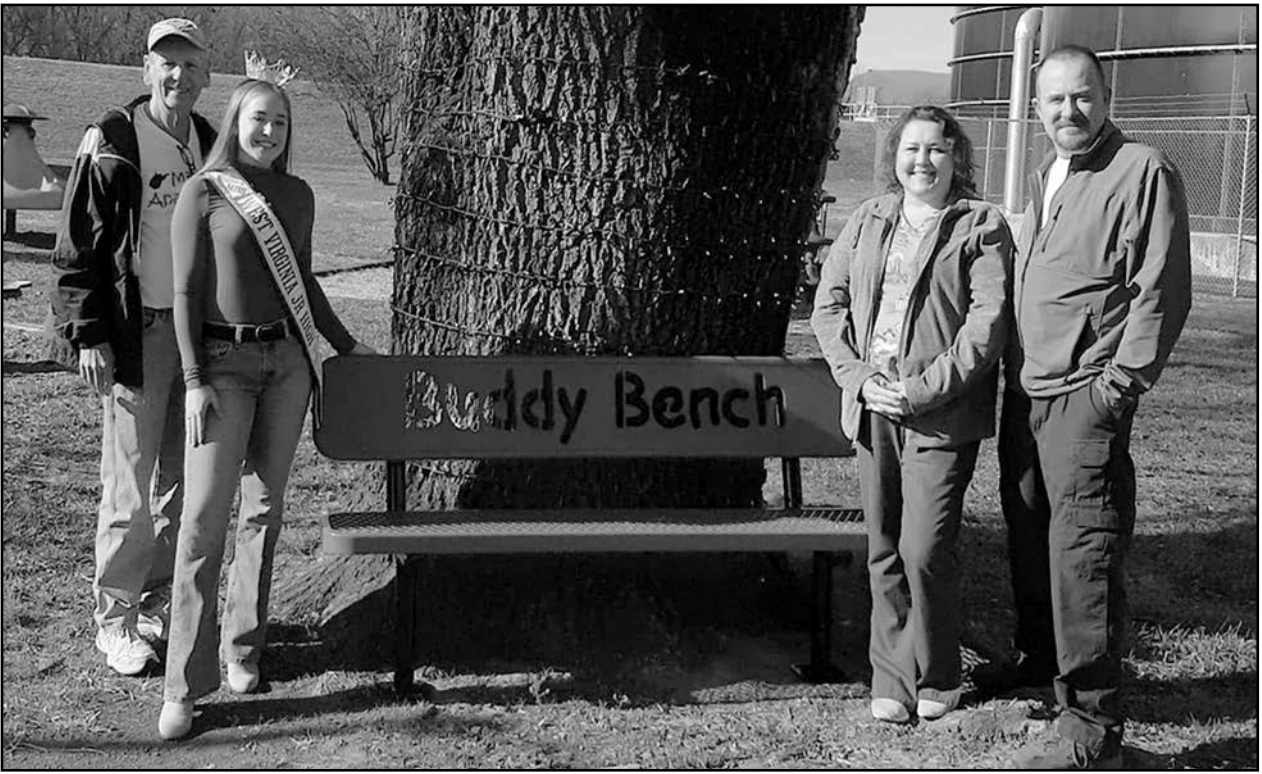
The state alleges their conduct violated the state’s Consumer Credit and Protection Act and caused a public nuisance. Both lawsuits seek injunctive and equitable relief.

The civil complaints follow lawsuits filed earlier this year against opioid manufacturers Purdue Pharma, Johnson & Johnson and Teva Pharmaceuticals.

Endo is joined by co-defendant subsidiaries Endo Pharmaceuticals Inc. and Par Pharmaceuticals Inc., while the Mallinckrodt lawsuit lists subsidiary SpecGx LLC as an additional defendant.



Petersburg McDonald’s employees stepped up production early Thursday morning and prepared breakfast sandwiches to take to firefighters on the line. Making the pickup of the donation were a Petersburg Volunteer Fire Company auxiliary member and chaplain. Also making donations were Petersburg Shop ‘n Save Express, 7-11, Brake Church of the Brethren and First Baptist Church.



Petersburg Mayor Gary Michael, Molly Kuykendall and her parents, Suenette and Joshua Kuykendall in front of the new Buddy Bench in the Petersburg City Park.

press photo

Bench

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Buddy Bench, the Kuykendall family is also donating a children’s book to the local libraries and plan to

host a speaker to come and read the book to the students.

The goal is to teach children who are feeling lonely or left out to sit on the bench and for others who see their classmates

sitting on the Buddy Bench to play and make a new friend in the process.

M. Kuykendall’s goal to reduce bullying is shared by the Miss Junior High America pageant’s National Platform, which focuses

on valuing and respecting everyone

M. Kuykendall will be competing for the title of Miss Junior High America 2020 in June.

High winds damage Woodland Terrace apartments



High winds in the early hours of Thanksgiving Day knocked down trees which damaged roofs and siding and broke windows at the Woodland Terrace apartment complex in Petersburg. Other area homes also sustained damage.
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Recognizing local hunters



Adelyn Hinkle, 11, shot her first deer, a 4 point while hunting with her dad. She is the daughter of Whitney and Brittany Hinkle of Maysville and the granddaughter of Randy and Donna Warner of Maysville, Freddie and Doris Hinkle of Petersburg and Marcella and Denny Hartman Sr. of Cabins.



Jayden Hall, 9, shot this 8 point while hunting with his dad. He is the son of Jerod and Jessica Hall of Maysville and the grandson of Mike and Bev Hall of Petersburg and Linda and Lannie Phares of Maysville.



Jonathan Lahman, 7, shot this three point on Tuesday while hunting with his dad. He is the son of Tara and Jeremy Pratt of New Creek and Adam and Desiree Lahman of Lahmansville. He is the grandson of Randy and Donna Warner of Maysville and Terry Lahman of Lahmansville and the late Marsha Lahman.



Ethan Lyon, 8, shot this 8 point buck Tuesday morning. He is the son of Michael and Holly Lyon of Petersburg and the grandson of Scotty and Martha Ours of Petersburg and Michael and Alma Lyon of Lahmansville.



Nathan Cooper bagged a three point while hunting in Grant County with his stepfather, David VanMeter, who shot an eight point of his own.

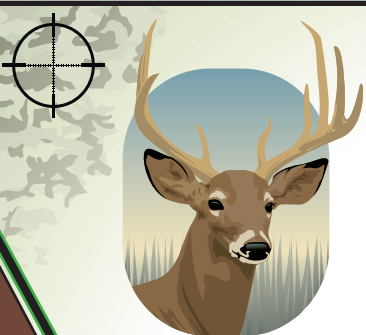


Karen Kay Hedrick shot an eight point buck with over a 17 inch spread while hunting in Medley, in Grant County.



Buck firearm season runs until Dec. 7

Rylan Tilley, 10, shot this 2 point while hunting with his dad. He is the son of Acie and Ashley Tilley of Upper Tract and the grandson of Dennis Smith and Christine Kile, both of Upper Tract and Acie and Linda Tilley of Petersburg.



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8.8 million shoeboxes in 2018 from U.S. donors. Along with other partnering countries, the ministry is now sending more than 11 million shoebox gifts to children suffering from poverty, natural disasters, war, disease and famine.



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