

ALSO HAPPENING THIS WEEK

- **“Grandpa’s Christmas Adventure”** stage production by WVTE is Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8, 9 & 10 at the Landes Arts Center. Tickets are available at the door. For more information see West Virginia Theater East’s Facebook page.
- **PVFC bingo**, Saturday, Dec. 9. See page 4B
- **Christmas bazaar**, Saturday, Dec. 9, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Gary Michael building. See Page 3A
- **Santa will visit** Builders Center Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. See page 3A
- **PHS Calendar of events**. See page 3A
- **Christmas plays and programs** list for local churches. See page 6A
- **Red Cross blood drive**, Thursday, Dec. 7, 12:45 - 5:45 p.m. at Petersburg Church of God annex. See page 6A

County says ‘yes’ to proposed skate park in Petersburg

The Petersburg City Park may soon have a new attraction, one aimed at encouraging young people in the community to enjoy the outdoors and stay physically active.

JoAnna Kuhn of the Eastern Regional Family Resource Network (ERFRN) appeared before the Grant County Commission

last week to request funding assistance for a small skate park that will be constructed in the city park.

Kuhn, who had first appeared before the commission in May to discuss the project, returned to the commission during the regularly scheduled Nov. 28 meeting to request \$2,500. She explained she had recently met with the Petersburg City Council, who also supported the project.

During her visit in October, the city council told Kuhn they would permit the skate park to

be built on an existing concrete pad located in the park.

“This particular layout is 35x50,” Kuhn told the commission. “The concrete pad is the one in the back of the park, near the circle and behind the Little League Baseball field, so it is attached to another pavilion there. The goal would be that if the park is popular, it can be expanded and there is certainly enough space for that.”

During that meeting, the council approved \$2,500 of Kuhn’s \$5,000 request, urging her to appear before the com-

mission and request the other half of the balance.

Kuhn presented a proposed layout for the skate park, featuring six small ramps and additional rails. She said the intention was for the park to be usable for everything from skateboards and bicycles to roller skates and wheelchairs.

Kuhn also told the commission that the project would feature multiple pieces of artwork done by muralist Kelson Thorne. She said that the art-

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Deadly Cabins blaze under inquiry

An investigation is ongoing into a deadly structure fire in Cabins that claimed the life of a Grant County man.

According to information shared by the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Company (PVFC), the department was alerted to a residential structure fire in Cabins at 3:04 a.m. on the morning of Nov. 30.

Once on the scene, the firefighters confirmed a working structure fire with a possible entrapment. The responders then began an initial offensive attack on the blaze. However, the scene was soon deemed unsafe and the firefighters withdrew and a more defensive response began.

Once the fire was under control a search was started and a fatality was confirmed.

The West Virginia State Fire Marshal’s office was contacted and their investigation into the fire and the resulting death began.

“Maysville Volunteer Fire Company, Moorefield Volunteer Fire Department, Seneca Rocks VFD, and Grant County Ambu-

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THE SEASON OF GIVING - Kameron and Kaia Rose Oates made a special stop at Petersburg Electronics last weekend to drop off their toy donation for the Toys for Happiness program. For more information on this event, see page 4A.



READ THE LEGAL ADS

Obituaries

Frankie Alt
Kenneth Boucher
Sue Harold
Phyllis Hawk
Joan Judy
Terry Lively
Antoinette Ours
JoAnn Simmons
Johnny Sites



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poll question

How early (or late) into the holiday season does your family put up the Christmas tree?



Let us know on our Facebook page

Maysville woman flees on foot from police down Virginia Avenue, charged with trespassing

A Maysville woman is facing charges after allegedly attempting to flee from officers on foot down Virginia Avenue in Petersburg.

The incident began on Nov. 8, when officers with the Grant County Sheriff’s Department received a call to a home located along Virginia Avenue.

When they arrived, they met with the resident of the home who explained that Elizabeth K. Lafollette, 29, of 186 Dusty Apple Ln., Maysville, was tres-

passing on the property despite being asked to leave multiple times.

The caller told officers that Lafollette had showed up at the home and appeared to be under the influence of an illicit substance.

When the caller asked her to leave, Lafollette refused. The caller said Lafollette had returned to the home multiple times, despite being told to leave, leading them to call 911.

According to a police report

filed on the incident, as the officers began to speak with Lafollette, she began to move away from them until she started walking away down the street.

The officers noted that Lafollette appeared to be under the influence of methamphetamine, based on their training and experience in drug interdiction and detection.

The officer advised Lafollette to stop walking, however, she did not comply and eventually began to run. The officers pur-

sued. During her attempt to flee, Lafollette crossed South Grove Street but was soon caught and arrested near the old Alt’s Furniture Store.

She was then taken to the Grant County Magistrates Court Annex and later transported to the Potomac Highlands Regional Jail.

Lafollette was ultimately charged with obstructing an officer, fleeing from an officer and trespassing.

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BOGAL FLAVOR

By Camille Howard
Some of you will be traveling during the holidays, and if the trip is long it can also be boring. But ... sometimes there are odd things to see along the way. On our recent trip to Ohio, while traveling a good many miles on a two-lane, I spotted the The Mystery Machine parked in front of a house. If you're not familiar with The Mystery Machine, it was a van, painted in "groovy" fashion and is a major feature in all the "Scooby Doo" cartoons and films.

There have been a lot of cartoon characters over the years but Scooby Doo seems to be a favorite. Since he's been around since 1969, he's enjoyed over 50 years of popularity. This was evidenced by the year our church decided to have someone in a Scooby costume accompany our Bible school float, and we had to stop so many times for photos (mostly with adults) that it held up the parade.

I think someone else has taken over the Scooby parade responsibilities now. How can you not love a cartoon dog? Also on our way through Ohio, this time on the interstate near Columbus, there was a digital sign over both lanes saying "Don't Get Murky Before the Turkey ... Drive Sober." Someone at the Ohio DOT was having a little fun while getting their message across. Good for them!

may already know that Goodwill has an online store where you can bid on and buy items that were donated, from all over the U.S. This partially explains why some Goodwill stores don't have the "finds" they used to. But, following tradition, there are some pretty odd things available, just like in their stores.

Sometimes they sell things in lots, like watches, costume jewelry, etc. One listing I found was a "3-piece assorted bundle of Christmas Holiday Chocolate Candy Goodies." This struck me as funny because Goodwill is a major purveyor of used goods. So, used chocolate? If not, how long has it been sitting around? I'll pass.

Next, under their heading of Christmas, was a combined sale of three decks of tarot card. No thanks. Then I moved on to the "Hand Painted Nativity Owl Folk Art Ceramic Holiday Christmas Owl Pottery" listing. This is hard to describe so I've included a picture. It's painted in bright oranges, blues and blacks and has a four-piece nativity scene in its belly. If this has some significant meaning I can't fathom what that might be. Next was a dirty, worn out pair of men's basketball

shoes described as "Adidas D.O.N. Issue #2 basketball sneakers Christmas Cloud White." The \$4.99 price tag indicates exactly what condition they are in. Trying to catch unsuspecting shoppers were the green and red, stick-on, curly ribbons going for \$7.99 and at an equally ridiculous price was the plastic "unbranded" green tray with Santa printed in the middle, both available new for much less at a dollar store.

If you're into holiday music they are offering the Rosie O'Donnell Christmas CD from 1999. Pass. Last, but not least, you can own your own purple dinosaur from 1992,



Christmas Barney. Santa hat and scarf included. We used to have a talking Barney at our house and he could usually be found in an upstairs bedroom. Every now and again, in the middle of the night, he would start talking. I'd wake up and hear "Hello again to all my friends" drifting through the air. It was a little creepy. Barney didn't have the longterm fame of Scooby Doo, but I wasn't a kid in the '90s, so I have no fond memories of the giant purple tyrannosaurus rex.

I think our Barney ended up at Goodwill ... or maybe he's still in the attic. I don't want to know.

Deer season is ongoing and if you have the meat available you may be looking for recipes. The one here for pot roast and gravy has a five-star rating. Have a good week!

VENISON POT ROAST AND GRAVY

1 pound boneless venison roast, thinly sliced across the grain

1 tablespoon minced garlic

1 tablespoon grill seasoning

1 teaspoon chili powder

2 cups beef broth

1/4 cup butter

1/4 cup flour

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Season venison with garlic, grill seasoning, and chili powder. Place into a casserole dish, and pour in the beef broth.

Cover the dish with a lid, and bake in preheated oven until the venison is tender, about 1 hour.

Meanwhile, melt the butter in a saucepan over medium heat. Once the butter begins to bubble, whisk in the flour. Cook while whisking constantly until the flour turns a golden yellow, and the bubbling slows, about 10 minutes.

When the venison has finished cooking, whisk 1 1/2 cups of the broth from the venison roast into the flour roux, and simmer for 15 minutes, whisking frequently.

Add the venison to the gravy and serve.

Yield: 4 servings.

Community Meetings & Events

The Grant County Board of Health will meet Tuesday, Dec. 5, 6 p.m. at the Grant County Health Department, Petersburg.

Convention of States meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Petersburg American Legion. Come join the group that will save our country. <https://conventionofstates.com>.

Grant County Adult Education enrolls students for their High School Equivalency and does TABE testing for the DHHR every Friday from 8:30 am-12 noon. Call 304-257-1277 to schedule or request information.

Grant County Board of Education meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the board office on Jefferson Avenue.

Grant County Commission meets every month on the second Tuesday at 9 a.m. and the fourth Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the lower level conference room. For the agenda check grant-county-wv.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 Community Outreach, Thursday, 6-9 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

Potomac Highlands Cancer Support Group for cancer patients and caregivers, meets the first Monday of every month, 5 p.m. at Living Hope Baptist Church, 1 Veach St., Petersburg. Refreshments.

Petersburg City Council meets the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at City Hall on Mt. View St.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at 6 p.m. every Tuesday

at Living Hope Baptist Church, South Main Street in Petersburg. Call Wendy DeiCas at 304-257-2349. for more information.

Attorney General's mobile office in Petersburg December 15

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

"These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with our consumer representatives," Morrissey said.

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

Dec. 6: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Hardy County Senior Center, 409 Spring St., Moorefield

Dec. 15: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Grant County Senior Center, 111 Virginia Ave., Petersburg

Dec. 19: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Pendleton Senior and Family Services, 231 Mill Road, Franklin

For more information, attendees are encouraged to contact Dennis at 304-539-6999.

Thank You

I want to thank everyone who came to my surprise birthday party. Also, thanks for all the cards, gifts, phone calls and visits. May God bless each of you.

Bette Weatherholt

FARMLAND CONSERVATION EASEMENTS APPLICATIONS

The Grant County Farmland Board is currently taking applications for farmland conservation easements through the end of calendar year 2023.

The application form and ranking criteria can be found on the Grant County Farmland Protection website wvfp.org/grant under the "Documents" tab.

To receive a paper copy of the application form or for any other questions, please contact Executive Director Matt Monroe at 304-257-5652 or contact Matt by email: grant@wvfp.org

Dear Charlie,

Hey brother dear, December 10 is your birthday.

Can't believe you'll soon catch up with me For on this day 75 you will be.

Oh me, oh my You are such a special guy.

Always volunteering to help those in need, A wonderful friend to all indeed.

Love you beyond words seems so little to say, For you have blessed me and others in so many ways.

So happy, happy birthday dear brother to you, Here's wishing all your dreams come true.

P.S. I'm glad when I was 2 That on my birthday I didn't get my tricycle

But I got you!

Love,
Your "Older" Sis

WEST VIRGINIA Press FOUNDATION

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Interested in being a journalist or working in the media industry?

The West Virginia Press Association Foundation is accepting student applications for 2024 Summer Internships and 2024 Scholarships

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Application deadline is Dec. 31, 2023.

Applications available on wvpress.org

For information or to have the applications mailed, contact Executive Director **Betsy Miles** at bmiles@wvpress.org, at 304-342-1011 or write to: WV Press Association Foundation, 3422 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, WV, 25302.

Newspapers with a candidate for an internship or interested in having an intern should contact Betsy Miles.

ANSWERS FROM PUZZLES ON PAGE 5B

Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, it's at the end of your arm. — Sam Levenson

Cryptquote

Solution time: 26 mins.

King Crossword

Answers

6. Right, Light
7. Twine, Twice
8. Breach, Breath
9. Saber, Sober
10. Lively, Lovely

Snowflakes

Solution

Even Exchange

Answers

1. Reveal, Repeal
2. Peach, Poach
3. Fasten, Faster
4. Devote, Denote
5. Quick, Quirk

Go Figure!

Answers

8	15	6
15	3	9
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÷	×	×
1	6	7
÷	-	÷
×	-	-
6	4	8
÷	+	÷

TIGER

by **BUD BLAKE**

Panel 1: Dog on bed. Tiger: "OFF THE BED, STRIKE!"

Panel 2: Dog on bed. Tiger: "NO. MOM DOESN'T WANT YOU UPON MY BED"

Panel 3: Dog on bed. Tiger: "BEGGING WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD"

Panel 4: Dog on bed. Tiger: "LIE DOWN. YOU'RE NOT GETTING UP HERE"

Panel 5: Dog on bed. Tiger: "STOP WHINING"

Panel 6: Dog on bed. Tiger: "STOP WHINING"

Panel 7: Dog on bed. Tiger: "STOP WHINING"

Panel 8: Dog on bed. Tiger: "STOP WHINING"

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Slack retiring from Region 8 SWA

Jeffrey Slack, retiring executive director of the Region 8 Solid Waste Authority, was recently recognized by Mark Holstine, executive director of the West Virginia Solid Waste Management Board for his 15 years of service at the recent state association meeting.

Jeff started his tenure in 2008 and has led the Region 8 SWA through stabilization of its financial condition and developed inter-agency relationships with DNR, DEP and local governments.

He instituted multiple changes on the operations side of the authority's two transfer stations to allow for no increases of the dis-

posal rates for the last 10 years, all the while modernizing the handling of solid

waste at both facilities with equipment upgrades and changes to the secondary

transport of solid waste to the Tucker County Landfill.



Jeff Slack and Mark Holstine

PHS honor roll for first nine weeks

Petersburg High School has released the names of those students attaining honor roll status for the first nine weeks of the 2023-24 school year.

11th grade: Caden Arbaugh, Jordon Black, Cameron Branham, Kelsey Clark, Rylan Crites, Avery Feaster, Marley Kesner, Evan Kimble, Addison Kitzmiller, David Ludwig, David Shreve, Clifton Stewart, Johnathan Tavenner, Rylan VanMeter, William Waddy V, and Liam White.

12th grade: Serena Bava, Riley Bobo, William Boddy, Samuel Boggs, Lelund Feaster, Breanna Funk, Hannah Hamric, Sophia Hardy, Blake Heavner, Destiney Hockensmith, Corey Kisamore, Elizah Keplinger, Hunter Kisamore, Callie Kitzmiller, Ashlyn Lambert, Wyatt Nuzum, Bryson Rigglesman, Anthony Simmons, Ryan Sites, Sara Vance, Bethany Western, and Jackson Yeager.

8th grade: Andrew Adkins, Jesslyn Berg, Natalea Brennan, Elizabeth Clark, Quaylen Cole, Quenlynn Cole, Kinsley Crites, Hayden Cullers, Addison Day, Karlie DiBenedetto, Micah Ertel, Marley Evans, Lucy Groves, Jayden Hall, Ryleigh Hall, Cheyenne Hartman, Maddison Hedrick, Adalynn Hevener, Madilyn Jimmerson, Kason Ketterman, Amithyst Kimble, Benjamin Kuhn, Ella Markwell, Caitlin Mongold, Ruby Mongold, Belanna Moyers, Abigail Nettles, Joanna Poore, Charolette Rexrode, Katie Rohrbaugh, Adalyn Rumer, Whitney Stewart, Carter Swick, Annamarie Teter, Lexi Thorne, Teila Thorne, Kloe Tilley, Anna Vance, Taylan VanMeter, Landen Wratchford, and Samuel Yeager.

9th grade: Sarah Berg, Joelle Boddy, Cayden Branham, Ryan Clark, Wyatt Chandler, Ayden Gosard, Ava Gray, Ireland Gray, Garrett Hamric, Khloe Haslacker, Annah Helmick, Christopher Hott, Claire Kaposy, Tara Kimble, Kailea Kisamore, Isaac Kitzmiller, Kayden Kuh, Joshua Lahman, Blair Loy, Preston Mayfield, Lydia McGinnis, Riley Mowery, Roslyn Mongold, Lacey Moyers, Jim Ours, Jayden Ritchie, Zenna Roth, Madeline Shreve, Reece Sites, Shyane Tawney, Miley Tingler, Hannah Trichel, Mekyinalea Walker, Angela Willis, Clara Weese, Gracie Wratchford, and Sydnee Zirk

10th grade: Kourtney Alexander, Jake Alt, Paislee Alt, Hunter Ayers, Colson Bobo, Jackson Boddy, Kinley Champ, Ella Chew, Dustin Fridley, Gavin Friel, Alexander Halterman, Carter Hardy, Payten Huffman, Kaleb Kuhn, Ezekial Landis, Tyler Martin, Ayden Mayfield, Dennis Miller II, McKinley Mongold, Owen Moyers, Garrett Nuzum, Jesse Ocker-

man, Ashley Pennington, Mariah Phares, Isaiah Reel, Owen Reel, Simon Vandenberg, Bryan Waldron, and Lukas Wolford.

11th grade: Andrew Adkins, Jesslyn Berg, Natalea Brennan, Elizabeth Clark, Quaylen Cole, Quenlynn Cole, Kinsley Crites, Hayden Cullers, Addison Day, Karlie DiBenedetto, Micah Ertel, Marley Evans, Lucy Groves, Jayden Hall, Ryleigh Hall, Cheyenne Hartman, Maddison Hedrick, Adalynn Hevener, Madilyn Jimmerson, Kason Ketterman, Amithyst Kimble, Benjamin Kuhn, Ella Markwell, Caitlin Mongold, Ruby Mongold, Belanna Moyers, Abigail Nettles, Joanna Poore, Charolette Rexrode, Katie Rohrbaugh, Adalyn Rumer, Whitney Stewart, Carter Swick, Annamarie Teter, Lexi Thorne, Teila Thorne, Kloe Tilley, Anna Vance, Taylan VanMeter, Landen Wratchford, and Samuel Yeager.

12th grade: Eybrien Alvarado-Santia, Selena Arbogast, Sarah Crews, Trevor Dodd, Nicholas Funkhouser, Mia Hamel, Lillian Hinkle, Ashley Kisner, Skylar Raredon, Makyiah Shirk, Connor Southerly, Dakota Thompson, Kadin Tinney, John Vandenberg, Tiffany Waugh, and Seth Whetzel.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4	5 Boys B-bal (A) 7:30 Pocahontas Girls B-ball (H) 7:30 Moorefield MS Boys B-ball (H) 6:00 Old Gym, Elkins	6 MS Boys B-ball (H) 6:00 East Hardy MS Girls B-ball (A) Elkins	7 MS Girls B-ball (H) 6:00 and Boys B-ball 7:15 Harman Both 7th grade only Science Fair Old Gym 8:00 - 9:00	8 Boys B-ball (A) 7:30 East Hardy Girls B-ball (A) 6:00 Williamstown	9 MS Boys B-ball (H) 12:00 Warm Springs Girls B-ball (A) 2:00 Parkersburg Catholic Wrestling (A) 9:00 Keyser MS Wrestling (A) TBD
11 MS Girls B-ball (H) 6:00 Capon Bridge	12 LSIC Presentation to BOE 5:30-6:00	13 Girls B-ball (A) 7:30 Martinsburg Varsity Wrestling (H) 6:00 Tri MS Boys B-ball (A) 6:00 Capon Bridge	14 MS Girls B-ball (H) 6:00 Moorefield	15 GIRLS TIP OFF TOURNAMENT (H) 6:00 & 7:30 Boys B-ball (A) 6:00 Moorefield (JV/V) Mixer	16 Girls B-ball (H) 6:00 TIP OFF TOURNAMENT Boys B-ball (H) 1:00 Moorefield (JV/V) Mixer
18 MS Girls B-ball (H) 6:00 and MS Boys B-ball (H) 7:30 Union Both 8th grade only	19 Boys B-ball (A) 7:30 Frankfort Girls B-ball (H) 7:30 Tucker County	20 MS Boys B-ball (A) 6:00 Romney MS Girls B-ball (H) 6:00 Romney	21 Boys B-ball (A) 7:30 Northern Garrett Last Day 1st Semester Early Release 12:45	22 Wrestling (A) 1:00 Berkeley Sp. Max Horst Tourney	23 Wrestling (A) 9:00 Berkeley Sp. Max Horst Tourney
25	26	27	28	29 Boys B-ball (H) 6:00 HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT Wrestling (A) 9:00 Grafton MS Wrestling (A) 9:30 Central Preston	30 Boys B-ball (H) 6:00 HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

Christmas Break ... through January 2nd

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Home Town Christmas
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- Petersburg Lions Club will be serving hot dogs
- There will be cookies, s'more making, hot chocolate, tree decorating, caroling, and Santa and Mrs. Claus!

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Christmas is off to a good start in Grant County

Grant County has started off the Christmas season in the best way possible, which hopefully leads to a happy holiday for everyone.

This year the folks from Living Hope Baptist Church reported 900 more Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes donated than last year. What a jump! In our tri-county area there were more than 6,900 boxes shipped to the distribution center. This doesn't include all those shoeboxes that were purchased/filled online. What a display of generosity.

To continue the giving, the 26th annual Toys for Happiness campaign garnered 680 toys for Grant County children through toys and cash donations, with more coming.

A big thanks to head elf Denver Riggelman for continuing the tradition and climbing up to his perch and staying there until the goal was met. Helping out was Petersburg Electronics' Adam Peters, who always donates the store's front parking area, WELD's Chip Combs for keeping things updated on the air, Bob Smith who faithfully helps every year with the collection, and our own Tara Pratt and Erin Camp. Buddy Alt, a longtime supporter of Toys for Happiness, was unable to attend but he promises to be back to help next year. And ... a big thanks is extended to all who donated!

Also adding to the Christmas spirit was the Community Chorus concert at the Landes Arts Center Friday night, which was very well attended. Santa showed up to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and refreshments were served by Grant Memorial Hospital afterwards. Then the chorus took their show on the road and performed in Moorefield Saturday evening at Duffy Memorial UM Church to a very welcoming crowd.

Coming up this weekend is Petersburg's Hometown Christmas event at the City Park on Saturday from 4-7 p.m. There will be lots of fun for the whole family and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there, too.

More events are planned throughout the county, including Christmas plays and programs at many local churches, so check the Press, listen to WELD and tap into Facebook.

What can you do? If possible, make a donation. If not, then support our local organizations and communities by attending their events, adding to your Merry Christmas!

W.Va.'s highly effective immunization laws protect our children, communities

By Ellen Allen - West Virginia Watch

I remember my mother — who just celebrated her 91st birthday earlier this month — recalling her three children all having the measles at the same time. As the youngest of three, I have no recollection, but even at the ripe old age of 91 my mother remembers the anguish and exhaustion of caring for all three of us.

She recalls the fear: there were childhood deaths from the measles only a generation before in her own family.

I not only had the measles. I had mumps. I had chicken pox.

My own daughter is 29 years old. Sarah avoided all these childhood diseases thanks to the advances in science and medicine that created life-saving vaccines. And because her father and I followed the recommendations for immunizations.

Childhood immunizations and regular seasonal vaccinations save lives.

Vaccines are some of the safest and most effective medicines we have, and they have made many dangerous childhood diseases rare today. In fact, vaccination has made an enormous contribution to global health. Two major infections, smallpox and rinderpest, have been eradicated.

Polio has almost been eradicated and success in controlling measles makes this infection another potential target for eradication. Despite these successes, approximately 6.6 million children still die each year and about one-half of these deaths are caused by infections, including pneumonia and diarrhea, which could be prevented by vaccination.

Immunization - Continued on Page 7A



Shared Editorial: Walgreens' closings are part of a larger trend that needs addressed

The Herald-Dispatch
Huntington

Gov. Jim Justice is asking Walgreens to reconsider its decision to close its store in the Tucker County town of Parsons. It's a logical request, considering what losing the store means to that community of about 1,322 people.

Tucker County's population is about 6,672. Neither the town of Parsons nor Tucker County registers as important to the nation's second-largest pharmacy chain, but the store's presence is important to the people of the town and the county.

Walgreens' parent company, Walgreen Boots Alliance, is changing its business model to make its stores into what it calls "neighborhood health destinations, working with our strategic partners such

as VillageMD to provide an integrated primary care and pharmacy model that aims to drive better health outcomes, reduce costs and provide a differentiated patient experience."

It could be that the company doesn't see Parsons, Hamlin, Milton or Huntington's West End as

locations in the United States and 300 in the United Kingdom by this time next year. The closures are part of the company's cost-saving strategy, aiming to save \$3.3 billion by the end of the year and projecting to save "at least" \$800 million in 2024.

Last week Justice said

This is what happens when megachains and online shopping take over retailing and force small, independent businesses out.

places where that model is profitable. Walgreens must do what it can to make money, and if the old way of business doesn't meet investor expectations, it must change its strategy, even if that means leaving some communities behind.

As noted by HD Media reporter Roger Adkins, Walgreens is closing 150

he sent a letter asking the company to reconsider the planned closure of its location in Parsons, expressing concern about the effect of the closure on the community's access to essential products and services, including pharmaceuticals.

Beyond appealing to the company to reconsider, Justice said he's not sure

how to fill the void that will be created by the closure.

"I really don't know how we fill the void from a private entity closing. I don't know how we do that," he said.

And that's the big problem. What's happening with Walgreens in Parsons and elsewhere is not isolated to one community or one company. This is what happens when megachains and online shopping take over retailing and force small, independent businesses out.

Corner drug stores that are owned and operated by your local pharmacist are about gone now. It's the same with the corner grocery store and locally owned clothing stores downtown. Banks, too,

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This tariff scheme would squash American businesses

By Rick Huether

My family's can company, Independent Can, has survived the Great Depression, the Great Recession, two world wars, and 16 presidential administrations. But now, an Ohio steel conglomerate could threaten that legacy of success.

If it gets its way, we won't be the only ones in trouble. Their plan threatens tens of thousands of U.S. manufacturing jobs.

How did we get here? Ohio-based steel giant Cleveland-Cliffs recently petitioned the U.S. International Trade Commission to impose tariffs of up to nearly 300% on imported tinsplate steel.

The Department of Commerce, fortunately, doesn't seem to be on board. Its preliminary decision on the tariffs, released in August, rejects these extreme duties. But a final decision isn't expected until early next year -- so American jobs and manufacturers are still at risk.

Tinsplate is used to make cans for a huge range of goods, from soup to paint cans to bug spray. My company specializes in custom and decorative products -- from the popcorn and cookie tins popular at Christmastime to cans full of coffee beans at cafes.

Cleveland-Cliffs claims that eight countries are flooding the U.S. market

with low-cost tinsplate steel. The eight countries on that list are Canada, China, Germany, the Netherlands, South Korea, Taiwan, Turkey, and the United Kingdom. Seven of those are U.S. allies. The eighth, China, accounts for around 10% of all U.S. tinsplate steel imports.

At Independent Can, we buy U.S.-made tinsplate when we can. But domestic steel manufacturers only have the capacity to produce about half of the tinsplate that U.S. can makers need. So we rely on imports from Canada and Europe to be able to make the affordable, high-quality decorative tins our customers need at a price they're

able to pay.

Cleveland-Cliffs is essentially asking for federal protection from foreign competition at the expense of smaller manufacturing businesses like mine. Facing higher prices for our own inputs, we'll have to raise the price of our products. Demand for cheaper cans and decorative tins made overseas will increase, as my customers turn to companies from China, Mexico, and other countries -- all because of these tariffs.

It's not as though Cleveland-Cliffs is seeking an assist from the federal gov-

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Veterinary hospitals in North Central area of the state talk about new illness affecting dogs

By Noah Jeffries
WV News

A new respiratory illness is affecting dogs across the country. In West Virginia, veterinarians are informing pet owners about the illness and the symptoms they should look out for.

At the moment, very little is known about the illness, but it is being monitored by professionals.

"What's known thus far is being highly monitored and investigated by the Colorado State University Veterinary Diagnostic Lab, since the majority of cases that have been reported are in western states like Oregon and Colorado," said Dr. Scott Moore with Fairmont Veterinary Hos-

pital. "There is some other loose case reporting in other states, but none so far in any of our surrounding states. It's very much a developing story because there's not a lot known just yet."

"At this point, we still haven't fully fleshed out what is causing it. The other states where they're seeing the disease are trying to run genetic testing, DNA markers and stuff like that to try to figure out what it is and if it's a virus or a bacteria," said Dr. Adam Evans with Upshur Veterinary Hospital.

So far, it appears the illness starts out similar to kennel cough before sometimes progressing into

something more deadly.

"What's been observed is an abnormally rapidly progressing pneumonia in the severe cases. In the mild cases, it's a chronic pneumonia that's non-responsive to antibiotic therapy," Moore said.

Fortunately, the illness has not reached West Virginia, and veterinarians in the area haven't noticed an increase in dogs with respiratory symptoms.

"The symptoms would probably start similar to a kennel cough and then rapidly progress to a more progressive cough. I haven't observed that myself, and I haven't talked with other veterinarians who have observed that either in our

area," Moore said.

"I got an email from the state veterinarian that said there haven't been any cases yet and that they are monitoring the situation," Evans said.

At this point in the research, it is unknown how many dogs have died from the illness, but it appears that most of the reported cases are mild.

"It's so far been reported that a few patients have passed away from it, but we don't have percentages. Based on reports I'm getting, it sounds like a majority are more of a chronic pneumonia. These severe

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Remember When



December 2, 1953

Grant County's deer kill continued to mount upward when district game protector Harrison Shobe reported that the kill for the first two days of the 1953 season had reached a total of 1,019.

Two Bayard men, was among a group of railroad workers who was honored at a ceremony by the Western Maryland Railway. A 50-year pin was presented to Harry Fulk and L.W. Simmons was honored for 25 years.

Veach-Townsend Clinic births included: Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Swick of Petersburg, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Ned Lantz of Ruddle, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Dolan Bennett of Riverton, a daughter; and Mr. and Mrs. Walton Orndorff of Moorefield, a son.

Memorial Field House was officially dedicated with approximately 750 people present for the dedicatory program and the college basketball game. Alderson-Broadus beat Potomac State 87-64.

Clarene Michael, junior home ec major of Scherr, was crowned Queen Ceres IV at the annual Berea College Agricultural Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Harman Hartman entertained at their home with an eighth birthday party in honor of their daughter Julia.

December 4, 1963

Wintry weather with icy temperatures and snow ushered in the West Virginia deer hunting season. The turnout of hunters was surprisingly large in spite of weather conditions.

Airman Gale Moreland of Mount Storm was being reassigned to Moun-



FIRE! - (December 4, 1963) - The blaze spread from the Wilson H. Smith Sales Company building to the frame building next door, owned by Halterman's Hardware, and completely gutted it before it was brought under control. The above photo does not show the side of the building into which the fire spread. The restored building now houses South Side Depot on South Main Street.

tain Home AFB, Idaho, for training and duty as a communications wiring specialist.

The giant Christmas tree to be placed on the White House lawn was to come from the farm of Mary Winkler near Pickens, Randolph County.

The Royal Glen Dam on the South Branch of the Potomac River at Petersburg was approved by the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors as being among those eight impoundments adopted as part of the Comprehensive plan for the Potomac River Basin. Mount Storm was among the seven recommended for site investigation and land acquisition.

Births at Grant Memorial Hospital included: Mr. and Mrs. Galen Rohrbaugh of Gorman, a son, Nov. 28; Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Kline of Paw Paw, a son, Nov. 29; and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mallow of Petersburg, a son, Nov. 30.

December 5, 1973

A Mount Storm surveying consultant, Larry Kitzmiller, was named by the Board of Education to replace the late Glenn Kitzmiller.

The Viking Band's Mardi Gras Fund was nearing the halfway point. Since the band received the notification of the acceptance, \$4,000 had been raised, with the transportation and lodging for the trip at \$8,066.

The total reported for the first week of deer season in Grant County was 1,066, with the second week coming forth with 120 deer.

The Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Flory of Harrisonburg, Va., announced the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Marie, to Abraham John Evans, son of Mrs. Tracy Evans of New Creek and the late Mr. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Whetzel of Petersburg

announced the birth of a daughter, Beth Ann, Nov. 29, at Rockingham Memorial Hospital, Harrisonburg.

Grant Memorial Hospital births included: Mr. and Mrs. Gibert Nelson of Petersburg, a son, Nov. 30; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vandevander of Cherry Grove, a daughter, Dec. 1; and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Rohrbaugh of Maysville, a daughter, Dec. 1.

December 7, 1983

The Grant County Board of Education named assistant superintendent Dave Adkins as the temporary replacement for superintendent Dr. Allen Davis.

The Petersburg City Council once again tabled action on whether or not to ask the Grant County Commission to finance a new municipal building. The decision followed a lengthy discussion concerning the merits of constructing a city building at the municipal parking lot or asking the county to purchase the old Riggleman, Smythe and Associates building on Pine Street.

An estimated 1,000 people watched the first Santa's parade in Petersburg. The parade was sponsored by the Petersburg Business Association and featured over 30 entries.

William Moore, a 1981 graduate of PHS, was promoted to Corporal E4, Nov. 1.

Births at Winchester Memorial Hospital included: Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hartman of Petersburg, a daughter, Samantha Desiree, Nov. 16; and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Kesner of Petersburg, a son, Shawn Anthony, Nov. 20.

OmniTRAX named operator of South Branch Valley Railroad

OmniTRAX Inc., a comprehensive supply-chain and logistics solutions provider, and the transportation affiliate of The Broe Group, has entered into a definitive agreement with the West Virginia Department of Transportation to operate and grow the South Branch Valley Railroad.

OmniTRAX assumed operational management on December 1.

The 52.4-mile line operating between Petersburg and Green Spring, W.Va. provides freight service and scenic tours in the Eastern Panhandle region.

"OmniTRAX delivers industry-leading safety and reliability, and we're honored to have been selected to operate this important railroad for the Eastern

Panhandle Region and the State of West Virginia," said OmniTRAX CEO Dean Piacente.

"OmniTRAX has a proven track record of being committed community partners that bring new jobs to the areas we serve. We are excited to bring that spirit of service to the Potomac Highlands communities and operate with the Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad to make the SBVR thrive."

SBVR becomes the 26th railroad in the OmniTRAX rail network and joins the economic powerhouse Winchester and Western Railroad (WW) among existing West Virginia rail service provided by OmniTRAX.

"We believe in West

Virginia. The WW has attracted \$2.6 billion of direct investment along the line, creating 6,000 direct and indirect jobs, and we look forward to bringing new growth to the SBVR and the Eastern Panhandle region," said Sergio Sabatini, OmniTRAX's president and chief operating officer.

"OmniTRAX brings strong market knowledge, a national network of partners, and a best-in-class safety record," said West

Virginia Division of Multimodal Transportation Facilities Commissioner Cindy Butler.

"After careful consideration, it became clear that OmniTRAX is the ideal logistics partner to grow the SBVR."

The SBVR provides service to the Grant County Industrial Park, Petersburg; Moorefield Industrial Park; and Hampshire County Industrial Park, Romney.

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have consolidated. Huntington once had several locally owned and operated banks; now it has one.

While state and national politicians court Fortune 500 companies, small businesses that have been the anchor of local economies for years are losing out to larger ones with huge sup-

ply chains and access to capital and politicians' ears.

If Justice and others want pharmacies, food stores and similar businesses in smaller communities, they must create the business, legal and regulatory environments to support them. Otherwise all the letters in the world won't make up for chain stores from closing in places such as Parsons and Milton.

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onset cases seem to be fewer than most, but we don't have a mortality rate at this point," Moore said.

For the time being, pet owners should keep a close eye on their dogs and watch for respiratory signs. They should also take proper precautions when visiting the vet since the illness could be infectious.

"Right now, the biggest thing is to monitor them. If they have respiratory signs, contact your veterinarian. If they have those signs, they will probably need to wait in the car until a staff member can direct them to the proper place in case it is infectious," Moore said. "Precautions would be

maybe avoiding things like dog parks, dog shows and things like that where there are going to be a lot of pets together, because if it's a highly contagious disease it might spread," Evans said.

As more information is gathered, veterinarians will be sure to keep people posted on any breakthroughs that are made.

"As of now, we know that pets do die from it, but it's not a super high percentage. So, I just want to make sure people understand that if their pet is sick, they should be seen but it's not necessarily going to kill their pet," Evans said.

Miller helps introduce bill to protect faith-based child welfare organizations

Congresswoman Carol Miller (R-W.Va.) joined Congressman Mike Kelly (R-Pa.), Senator Tim Scott (R-SC), and 24 of their colleagues Nov. 29, in introducing the Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act.

This legislation will protect faith-based child welfare providers from being discriminated against for acting in accordance with their religious beliefs.

It will also prohibit federal, state, and local government agencies that receive federal adoption assistance funding from holding child welfare service providers religious beliefs against them.

"Faith-based welfare providers are a glimpse of hope for many families who are seeking care and resources in their time of need," said Congresswoman Miller.

"The Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act will safeguard faith-based organizations from the Biden administration's discriminatory policies and ensure providers receive the federal support they need to help families in our community. I look forward to the swift passage of this bill in Congress as we protect the right to religious freedom in the United States."

State could lose hundreds of millions in Medicaid funding

Nadia Ramlagan - WV News Service

Since West Virginia's Medicaid eligibility review began this spring, around 100,000 residents have been kicked off the rolls.

Experts have said many likely remain eligible, but perhaps did not respond to a paperwork request or have a new address. With Medicaid numbers shrinking, the state could lose hundreds of millions of dollars in federal matching funds for the program.

Renate Pore, health care policy consultant for West Virginians for Affordable Healthcare, said fewer dollars mean fewer resources for low-income families, people with disabilities, pregnant women, and others who rely on Medicaid for health coverage.

"The 100,000 people who no longer have Medicaid coverage," Pore explained, "may not even know they no longer have Medicaid coverage until they go to a doctor's office and find out that, indeed, their coverage has dropped."

Last December, more than 656,000 people were enrolled in West Virginia's Medicaid program, according to state data. A 2022 KFF survey found nationwide, more than half of adults report they have gone into debt because of medical or dental bills.

Census data show 23 million people are saddled with significant medical debt and collectively, Americans owe at least \$195 billion.

The state came under recent federal scrutiny for mistakenly dropping thousands of children from its rolls. Pore added with a shrinking Medicaid population comes a 5% loss in federal funding for the program's operation and reimbursements, which she called significant.

"It's very concerning," Pore stressed. "The state's going to lose funding for all those people who have been dropped. In addition, the 80% federal support goes back down to about 75%."

People can start the Medicaid renewal process online through the state's PATH portal, by phone at 877-716-1212 or in person at local DHHR field offices.

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ernment because it's in financial trouble. Its revenue has skyrocketed in recent years, and it expects 2023 to be its best shipment year ever.

A study by Trade Partnership Worldwide forecasts that three years after the tariffs kick in, if they are applied to their fullest extent, U.S. can production would decline by nearly 20%. That would force canning companies to cut manufacturing jobs by nearly 30%. Further downstream, the decline in domestic can production would pressure U.S. food manufacturers to cut nearly 40,000 union and non-union jobs.

Ronald Reagan once warned, "We should beware of the demagogues who are ready to declare a trade war against our friends -- weakening our economy, our national security, and the entire free world -- all while cynically waving the American flag."

Yet that's exactly what Cleveland-Cliffs wants to do. I urge the Department of Commerce and the International Trade Commission to consider the full burden on American businesses, jobs and consumers of the proposed tariffs before it makes a decision.

Rick Huether is president and CEO of Independent Can Company in Belcamp, Md. This op-ed first appeared in Fox Business Opinion on www.FoxBusiness.com.



"Now get back out there and fight for your honor, your school and my job!"

Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps



Local and area obituaries

SUE ANN HAROLD

Sue Ann Harold, 81, of Sharpsburg, Md. and a resident in the community of Dorcas, W.Va. since 1969, passed away Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023, at her daughter's home surrounded by her family and close friends.

Born Sept. 4, 1942, in Hundred, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Forrest Edwin and Gladys Leona (Cosgray) Hudson.

Sue attended East Fairmont High School in Fairmont, W.Va.

She was employed as a nurse's aide with several nursing homes in Washington County. She was a contract bus owner for the Washington County Public Schools and most recently was shift leader at several Pizza Huts in Hagerstown, Md.

She was a member of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bakersville, Md.

Sue enjoyed her arts and crafts and spending time with her family and her dog B.J.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Samuel Duane Harold; daughter Debbie Giffin and her husband Lewis of Boonsboro, Md.; daughter Connie Tritapoe of Sharpsburg, Md.; son Duane "Boomer" Harold and his wife Lori



of Funkstown, Md.; grandchildren Lewis "Bud" Giffin (Krista), Krislyn Tritapoe, Edwin "Tator" Harold Jr., Amanda Giffin, Tiffany Harold, Thurman Harold, Logan Harold, Christian Bowders, Madelynn Harold, Caleb Bowders, Gabriel Bowders and Abigail Bowders; 13 great-grandchildren; and all the others that had adopted her by "Mom," "Mama Sue," "Nan," "Nanny," "Nana Sue" and "Grandma."

Services were held on Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at the Osborne Funeral Home, P.A., Williamsport, Md.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Washington County, 1710 Underpass Way, Suite 300 Hagerstown, MD 21740

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.osbornefuneralhome.net (12-5-23)

JOANN SIMMONS

JoAnn Simmons, 82, of Petersburg, W.Va., passed away Sunday, Nov. 26, 2023, at the home of her daughter, Terri and Denny Woods

Born March 26, 1941, in Rough Run, W.Va., she was a daughter of the late Curtis J. Harman and Violet (Kimble) Harman.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Norman "Bud" Simmons in 2007; one brother, Richard Harman; sister and brother-in-law, Paul and Doris Jean Parsons; and brother-in-law, Phillip Snider.

JoAnn is survived by one son, Norman R. "Buddy" Simmons Jr. and wife Sandy of Petersburg; two daughters, Tersha "Terri" Woods and husband Denny of Petersburg and Lisa J. Harman and husband Kent of Petersburg; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one sister, Donna Snider of Martinsburg, W.Va.; one brother, Curtis J. Harman of Petersburg; and several nieces and nephews.

JoAnn was a 1959 graduate of Petersburg High School. She was a cashier at the former Monarch Mills for 23 years, was a caregiver for Potomac Highlands Guild and a substitute cook for Petersburg



Elementary School and Petersburg High School. She was a member of the Landes Ruritan Club and Grove Street Hospitality Committee. JoAnn was a former member of Grove Street United Methodist Church and attended Petersburg Church of God.

Funeral services were Thursday afternoon in the chapel of Schaeffer Funeral Home, Petersburg, with Bishop Stephen Noel and Pastor James Tompkins officiating.

Interment was in Kline Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Promise Foundation, c/o Grant Memorial Hospice, 100 Hospital Drive, Suite 2, Petersburg, WV 26847.

Condolences to the family may be left at www.schaefferfuneralhome.com. (12-5-23)

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JOHNNY M. SITES

Johnny Marlin Sites, 83, of Petersburg, died Monday, Nov. 27, at Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Va.

Born May 15, 1940, in Dorcas, he was the son of the late Marvin Edgar and Elsie Virginia (Vance) Sites. He was also preceded in death by one son, Johnny Sites Jr.; five brothers, Jesse, Chester, Lysle, Leearl and Norman; and one sister, Rosetta Smith.

Mr. Sites attended school in Dorcas and was a faithful member of the North Mill Creek Baptist Church where he served as an honorary deacon, trustee and Sunday school teacher. Johnny was a life-long painter, farmer, and co-owner of S&S Decorators.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Janie Lee (Cox) Sites of Petersburg; two daughters, Rosa Crites of Durgon and Teresa Thorn of Mercersburg, Pa.; two sons, Kevin Sites of Halethorpe, Md. and Chris Sites of Moorefield; three sisters, Carol Skiles and Helen Smith, both of Petersburg and Joyce Ketterman of Warren, Ohio;



15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were Friday afternoon at the Basagic Funeral Home chapel, Petersburg with Pastor Steve Davis officiating. Interment was at the North Mill Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family, c/o the Basagic Funeral Home, P.O. Box 400, Petersburg, WV 26847.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home. (12-5-23)

TERRY LIVELY

November 16, 2023, after a long fight with multiple health problems, Terry Lively, 62, of Petersburg W.Va., peacefully passed out of this world and into a perfect one. He is now free of chronic pain and the cares of this world.

In spite of his health struggles he earned two bachelor's degrees from WVIT. He enjoyed a long and successful career at West Virginia Region Eight Planning and Development Council where he proudly served the people of Grant, Hardy, Hampshire, Mineral and Pendleton counties.

His greatest accomplishment was the many friends he made over the years. He loved the people of the region he served and his hometown, Handley W.Va. His family will miss him immensely until we meet again in heaven.

ANTOINETTE R. OURS

Antoinette Rose Ours, 87, of Petersburg, died Monday, Nov. 27, at her home.

Born Oct. 7, 1936, in West Hartford, Conn., she was the daughter of the late Philip Joseph and Seraphine (Crudele) Rioux. She was also preceded in death by one brother, Paul Rioux.

Mrs. Ours worked for the U.S. government in Washington D.C., as a secretary for many years. Upon retirement, she continued to stay busy volunteering for the American Red Cross, teaching piano, and was actively involved in her church, both in Virginia and Petersburg.

She is survived by her husband, Richard J. Ours of Petersburg; two daughters, Margaret Lynn of Bowling Green, Va. and Kathryn Connett of Petersburg, Va.; one sister, Pamela Camara of Massachusetts; three brothers, Philip Rioux of Arizona, Jeffery Rioux of Massachusetts and William Rioux of Georgia; three grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; and many cousins, nieces and



nephews.

Funeral services were Thursday afternoon at the Basagic Funeral Home chapel, Petersburg, with Father Dan Pisano officiating.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home. (12-5-23)

Christmas Worship

Falls Assembly of God Church
 The play "Meeting at the Manger" will be presented Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m. with children's recitations. The church is located on Knobley Road, Maysville.

Cornerstone Family Fellowship
 The Christmas play "Hold the Christmas Presses," by Rev. Craig Howard, will be presented Saturday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m. The church is located at 1516 Lunice Creek Highway, Petersburg.

Brake Covenant Brethren Church
 Christmas Eve at 6:30 p.m. service will include a children's program and the play "First Christmas Chaos." The church is located

at the twin bridges, North Mill Creek Road, Dorcas.
Mt. Carmel Church
 Saturday, Dec. 16, 6 p.m. - Old fashioned cocoa, cookies and carols by the campfire. Sunday, Dec. 24, 10 a.m. - "A Simply Sweet Christmas." The church is located at 2354 Patterson Creek Rd., Arthur.

South Branch Baptist Church
 Christmas choir cantata, Dec. 10 at 10:30 a.m. and youth Christmas play Dec. 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Petersburg Presbyterian Church
 The choir will present a Christmas cantata Sunday, dec. 17, at 11 a.m. during the morning worship. A Christmas Eve candlelight communion service will be at 8 p.m. The church is on North Main St.

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JOAN E. JUDY

Joan Elizabeth Judy, 93, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023, at Hawthorne Center for Rehabilitation and Healing of Brandon, Fla.

Born Oct. 7, 1930, in Huntington, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Ruby and Olen Caudle.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Steven C. Judy (Joyce-deceased) and P. Kevin Judy (Cindy) and her childhood sweetheart and loving husband of 72 years, Francis L. (Doc) Judy.

Joan is survived by her three sons, Gregory A. (Louise) Judy, David M. (Tammy) Judy and Darryl K. (Sandy) Judy; 10 grandchildren, Darin Judy, Emily Judy, Amanda Judy, Mary Beth Cook, Megan McKenzie, Benjamin Judy, Kendra Mayle, Melissa Wimer, Jeremy Ross and Ashley Vuclilik; and 13 beautiful great-grandchildren.

Joan dedicated her life to raising her five boys and supporting her husband during his career as a pharmacist. She was a book-



keeper for their privately owned pharmacy, Judy's Drug Store, and she played the piano at the Lutheran Church in Petersburg for many years. She never turned down the opportunity to enjoy a Coca-Cola, jelly beans or a piece of chocolate.

At Joan and Doc's request, she will be cremated and their remains will be mixed together and buried at a later date.

For condolences or to share a memory with the family, please visit www.HopewellFuneral.com.

(12-5-23)



PHYLLIS L. HAWK

Phyllis Loraine Hawk, 87, of Petersburg, W.Va., passed away Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at her home.

Born Aug. 15, 1936, in Morgantown, W.Va., she was a daughter of the late Stewart Hayward Mills and Elsie Elizabeth (Schiffbauer) Mills.

In addition to her parents, Phyllis was preceded in death by her husband, Olin T. Hawk in 2019 and one brother, Robert Mills.

She is survived by three sons, Terry L. Hawk (Tina) of Petersburg, Kevin S. Hawk (Madelyn) of Germantown, Md. and Rodney E. Hawk of Petersburg; one daughter, Rhonda K. Sites (Lysle Jr.) of Petersburg; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Shirley Herstine (Richard) of Morgantown; one brother, Raymond Mills (Linda) of Morgantown; and several nieces and nephews.

Phyllis spent her childhood in the rolling hills of Morgantown and was a 1955 graduate of Morgantown High School. After graduation she worked for the Coombs Flower Shop in Morgantown. Phyllis and Olin were married on Dec. 28, 1960. She was a member of Grove Street United Methodist Church in Petersburg. She was also a member of Petersburg American Legion Post 78 Ladies Auxiliary and Petersburg Garden Club. Phyllis's creativity was evident in everything she did.



Throughout her life, Phyllis faced challenges with grace and fortitude, never losing her gentle spirit. Her kindness extended beyond her immediate family to touch the lives of many, leaving a legacy of love that will endure through generations.

Funeral services were Monday afternoon in the chapel of the Schaeffer Funeral Home, Petersburg, with the Rev. Robert Baer Jr. and Larry W. Hedrick officiating.

Interment was in Maysville Cemetery, Maysville, W.Va.

Memorials may be made to Petersburg Auxiliary Post 78, 2099 N. Fork Hwy, Petersburg, WV 26847, Petersburg Interfaith Pantry, P.O. Box 41, Petersburg, WV 26847 or Hospice Promise Foundation, c/o Grant Memorial Hospice, 100 Hospital Drive, Petersburg, WV 26847.

Condolences to the family may be left at www.schaefferfuneralhome.com.

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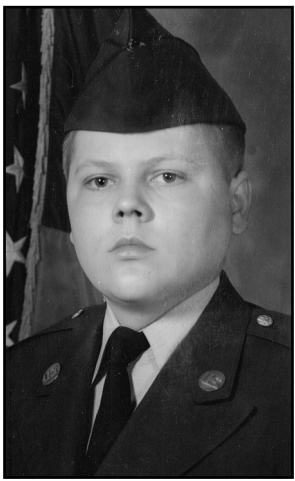
KENNETH N. BOUCHER

Kenneth Nelson Boucher, 59, of Cabins, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, at his home.

Born July 14, 1964, in Fort Riley, Kans., he was the son of Thelma "Jean" (Wratchford) Boucher of Cabins and the late Kenneth Nelson Boucher Sr. He was also preceded in death by one brother, Nelson Joseph Boucher Sr.

Mr. Boucher went to school in New Jersey and formerly attended Riverside Baptist Church in Cabins. He joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany before starting his career as a truck driver.

He is also survived by three sisters, Betty Jean Warner and Jaclyn Rose Kesner, both of Cabins and Catherine Laura Nesselrodt of Petersburg; two



brothers, Leon F. Phares II of Petersburg and Brian Keith Boucher of Wardensville.

At the family's request, his body will be cremated. Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home. (12-5-23)

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lance operated on scene and we are thankful for their help," the PVFC stated in the release.

Also operating on scene were the Grant County Medical Examiner, Potomac Edison and the Grant County Public Service District.

"Thank you also to Grant County OEM [office of emergency services]

and 911 and our social members for the help on the call," the PVFC said. "Thank you to Sheetz and 7-11 for their donations as well. Our prayers are with the family."

At this time, an unofficial source has confirmed that the death was Grant County resident Ken Boucher, who also lived at the residence. The fire is currently under investigation by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Immunization

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CDC vaccine information statements (VIS) explain both the benefits and risks of a vaccine. Your health care provider can give you the VIS for any vaccine.

West Virginia leads the nation among the best and safest from vaccine-preventable illness and disease, thanks to our current vaccination and immunization laws. According to state epidemiologist Shannon McBee, the Mountain State has long had an exemplary immunization model.

West Virginia is one of only a handful of states that doesn't allow immunization exemptions based on religious or philosophical beliefs. Children attending public school in the state are exempt from vaccinations only if there is a medical reason, such as an allergy to the vaccine. As such, the state also has one of the highest child immunization rates in the country. Bravo, West Virginia.

A strong public health

policy has allowed West Virginia to remain a leader in the nation regarding school-age vaccination rates. Having those high immunization rates have allowed us to better protect our communities.

However, some West Virginia lawmakers are trying to change, and even rollback, our immunization laws — and that's a dangerous road to head down.

Moreover, according to information from the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, 68 students requested a medical exemption from a vaccine requirement in 2022, up from 27 in 2021 and 29 in 2020. Of those, 14 were granted a permanent medical exemption and 34 got a temporary exemption. Seventeen requests for an exemption were denied.

Overall, immunization rates remain high and haven't changed much at the national level. But a pair of reports from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about immunizations for preschoolers and kindergartners highlights

a growing concern among health officials and clinicians about children who aren't getting the necessary protection against vaccine-preventable diseases, such as measles, whooping cough and other pediatric infectious diseases.

A small but increasing number of children in the United States are not getting some or all their recommended vaccinations. The percentage of children under 2 years old who haven't received any vaccinations has quadrupled in the last 17 years, according to federal health officials.

The World Health Organization identifies vaccine hesitancy as one of the top 10 threats to global health.

Vaccinations not only protect your child from deadly diseases, such as polio, tetanus, and diphtheria, but they also keep other children safe by eliminating or greatly decreasing dangerous diseases that used to spread from child to child.

For more than 30 years, Mississippi and West Virginia were the only two states that did not offer

nonmedical exemptions to school vaccination laws.

But other states seem to be moving in this direction, such as California, which in 2015 eliminated nonmedical exemptions following the Disneyland measles outbreak. Maine did away with nonmedical exemptions in 2019, after a whooping cough outbreak. That same year, New York did away with nonmedical exemptions after the state found itself at the center of a measles outbreak that pushed the number of cases past 1,000 — the highest in U.S. history since the disease was declared eradicated. Connecticut joined the list in 2021, after it became clear the number of unvaccinated children in schools was on a steady upswing.

There are a lot of things not going our way in West Virginia; however, public health policy regarding immunization laws is not one of them. We urge lawmakers to follow the science. Follow the medicine. Follow best practices. West Virginia is leading the way in immunization policy.

FRANKIE A. ALT

Frankie Allen Alt, 54, of New Creek, W.Va., died Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023, at his residence.

Born July 30, 1969, in Petersburg, W.Va., he was a son of the late Harlen A. and Mary Frances (Hoover) Alt. He also was preceded in death by his son, Samuel Colton Alt; and a nephew, Bobby Peterson Jr.

Mr. Alt was a 1987 graduate of Keyser High School and was employed for 34 years with both Keyser Stainless and Pro Stainless. He was a social member of Nancy Hanks Post #3518 VFW, Keyser and enjoyed camping, floating on the river and wood burning as a hobby. He smoked all kinds of food, from ribs to chicken and pizza. He also was avid WVU Mountaineers sports fan and Pittsburgh Steelers fan.

Surviving is his daughter, Autumn M. Ferguson and husband Che of Keyser; three grandchildren, Breyden Leyh, Samirah White and Adelei Ferguson; his significant other, Jennifer Harman of Keyser; three brothers, Samuel Lee Kuh of Seneca Rocks, W.Va., Fred Kuh and wife Nellie of Burlington, W.Va. and Rory Kuh and wife Wanda of Scherr, W.Va.; three sisters, Karen Peterson and husband Bob of Keyser, Connie Kuh of



Swanton, Md. and Robert Kuh of Petersburg; several nieces and nephews; and his canine companion "Banjo."

At the request of the family, there will be no visitation. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Dec. 16, beginning at 2 p.m. at the Keyser VFW, Armstrong Street, Keyser.

Private interment will be in the Pancake Cemetery, New Creek, W.Va.

The Smith Funeral Home and Crematory, Keyser, is in charge of the arrangements.

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

(12-5-23)

U.S. reveals date of first moon return in 51 years — with one key difference

By Brady Knox
The Washington Examiner

The United States is returning to the moon on Jan. 25 after 51 years away from the lunar body.

The mission will come nearly 55 years after the famous Apollo 11 mission resulted in the U.S. putting the first human on an extraterrestrial body — a key point of national pride.

However, January's mission will differ from the Apollo missions that landed on the moon several times.

This time, the craft won't be made by NASA but rather by a private company, the Pittsburgh-based Astrobotic. The landing will also be entirely autonomous, and no astronauts will be on board.

The date for the return to the moon was revealed at a press conference on last Wednesday by Astrobotic CEO John Thornton. He laid out the difficult task before them.

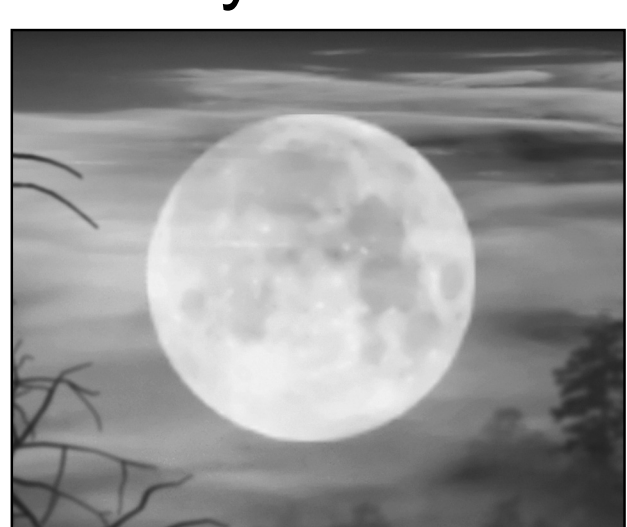
"One of the big challenges of what we're attempting here is attempting a launch and landing on the surface moon for a fraction of what it would otherwise cost," he said. "Only about half of the missions that have gone to the surface of the moon have been successful."

"So it's certainly a daunting challenge," he added. "I'm going to be terrified and thrilled all at once at every stage of this."

The rocket, Vulcan Centaur, is scheduled to take off from Florida on Christmas Eve. The craft will orbit the moon for an extended period until conditions are favorable and then dispatch the lander to descend autonomously.

The Washington Examiner reached out to Astrobotic.

On Oct. 31, the Peregrine lunar lander arrived in Florida for preparation for the mission, and the NASA logo was embla-



zoned on it.

"It's incredible to realize that we are just a short time away from our Peregrine spacecraft beginning its journey to the moon," Thornton said at the time. "After years of dedication and hard work, we are so close to having our moonshot. We invite you to follow along as Peregrine, with seven countries represented aboard, launches to the moon and attempts one of the first successful land-

ings of an American spacecraft since Apollo."

The government commissioned the company to send scientific experiments and technologies to the moon as part of the CLPS program.

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work would feature prevention-based themes, encouraging kids to stay in school, avoid drugs and not to use vapes.

"The whole project, including the artwork, is estimated to cost around \$15,000," Kuhn said. "And we will be able to pick up the balance through two different grants."

Kuhn said that the \$5,000 promised by the city council and the county commission would make up most the remaining cost of the project.

"The first time you came in I really liked the idea," said commissioner Kevin Hagerty. "I wasn't in high school too terribly long ago

and I remember things like this is what the kids really wanted. It gives them something to do outside, which is really positive for both physical exercise but also their mental health. My opinion is, I support it, it adds something positive to the community."

Commissioner Scotty Miley also voiced support for the project, pointing to other recent efforts by the commission to expand park activities, especially for youth.

"I like the fact that this is something that gets kids outdoors," said commissioner Tyson Rigglesman. "Giving them something active to do."

Kuhn said the goal is for the equipment to be in place by the 2024 Spring Mountain Festival.



E.A. Hawse Health Center to assume management of Love Memorial Clinic; no changes in service

The boards of Love Memorial Clinic and E.A. Hawse Health Center, Inc. announce the joining of these two historic and highly decorated health care centers through a mutual agreement whereby E.A. Hawse Health Center will assume the management of Love Memorial Clinic on January 2, 2024.

Operations with the Love Memorial staff will continue at their current location.

Patients should see little change with no disruption to their care since all of the current providers including Dr. Michael Riggelman and staff will continue to provide the top quality health care patients are accustomed to.

The only thing chang-

ing is they will now be employees of E.A. Hawse Health Center.

"We are stronger together than separate," says Melissa Thompson, CEO of E.A. Hawse. "In the ever changing, competitive and challenging climate of the healthcare business, we must constantly remain vigilant for ways to improve the quality and delivery of healthcare."

"Through E.A. Hawse, Love Memorial patients will now have access to a sliding fee program for all those services we provide from dental, behavioral health, medical, pharmacy, nutritional counseling with our registered dietician, diabetic education and chiropractic. It is truly a win-win for all involved."

Andrew Funk, administrator for Love Memorial says, "Our clinic has been committed to providing quality, affordable health care to our community for over 48 years. With this new partnership, our civic organizations and representatives, clinic staff and medical providers look forward to the continued delivery of these quality services."

"Our board diligently researched and interviewed both local and national level healthcare systems to ensure our patients were given the standard of care and service they have become accustomed to. E.A. Hawse Health Center was selected due to their similar core values and commitment to our communi-

ty members' health. This partnership will ensure a strong, united, and dependable local health system."

The board of directors for Love Memorial will remain in place and act as landlords for the clinic in addition to assisting with health initiatives.

With the partnership, services included will be onsite X-ray, medical care and laboratory services at Love Memorial Clinic.

Love Memorial Clinic first opened in 1975 in its current location. E.A. Hawse Health Center Inc. was founded in 1981 at Baker, and has since established primary care clinics in Mathias, Wardensville, Moorefield, Petersburg and Romney.

CAP Potomac Highlands Composite Squadron receives Aerospace Education Achievement Award

Cadet Senior Airman Madisyn Porter, a member of Petersburg's local squadron, accepted an award on behalf of the entire squadron at this year's fifth annual Aerospace Education Weekend held at the Robert C. Byrd National Aerospace Education

Center in Bridgeport.

PHCS received this award by attending multiple aerospace education events throughout the year.

Many cadets and senior members from all of the state of West Virginia attended the annual event, as well as a few members

from the Pennsylvania Wing. Members from both wings spent the weekend participating in STEM activities, AE lessons and more.

All members had the opportunity to tour Pratt & Whitney Engine Services and MHI RJ Aviation

Group. During these tours, Civil Air Patrol members had the chance to learn more about career opportunities that are close to home.

Throughout the weekend, cadets learned together, met new people, made new friends and accomplished new goals.

Civil Air Patrol holds high the award-winning aerospace education program which promotes aerospace, aviation, and STEM-related careers.

To learn more about all that Civil Air Patrol has to offer, you can visit the website at www.Go-CivilAirPatrol.com or you can connect closer to home with your home squadron's contact information at www.wv114.cap.gov.



Cadet Senior Airman Madisyn Porter (right), accepts an award on behalf of the Potomac Highlands Composite Squadron.

Local Farm Bureau delegates attend statewide annual meeting

Grant County Farm Bureau recently sent two delegates/representatives to Charleston, to attend the 104th annual meeting of the West Virginia Farm Bureau. Those in attendance included Hollis Ours and Tomasenia Ours.

During the three-day event, attendees voted on important socio-political policy issues as well as attended information fairs and youth competitions. Special guests included former Miss West Virginia Elizabeth Lynch, country music artist Wyatt Turner from Pocahontas County, Carrie Walker from the American Farm Bureau Federation and Mark Haney from Farm Bureau Insurance West Virginia.

After the Saturday evening banquet, Becky Shackelford of Preston County and Bruce Loyd of Barbour County both received Distinguished Ser-



Hollis and Tomasenia Ours

vice Awards.

This award is one of the highest honors bestowed upon a member in recognition of their contribution to the establishment, development, advancement or improvement of agriculture through their service to WVFB.

Representing more than 9,000 members, the 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. For more information visit www.wv-farm.org.

Introducing students to engineering careers: WVDOH Bridge Design and Build Contest open to any middle or high school students

The qualifying round for the 23rd annual West Virginia Bridge Design & Build Contest is underway.

The contest challenges middle and high school students to see who can design the lowest cost bridge using bridge design software developed for students. Finalists will also build a balsa bridge to see how much force the model will stand before collapsing.

The contest is FREE and open to every middle school and high school student who attends any public, private or home school in West Virginia.

Finalists will be invited to compete for cash prizes at WVU Tech in Beckley in the spring.

WVDOH has Windows and MAC builds of the contest software so more students across the state will have the necessary computers to participate in the contest.

Students can win cash prizes and every student who participates in the contest gets a free BridgeWalk tour for themselves and their families.

Students have until Wednesday, March 1, 2024, to register, download their

bridge design software and submit their bridge design. All materials for the competition, including a YouTube tutorial by Secretary of Transportation, Jimmy Wriston, are available on the website.

To register, download bridge design software, or find out more about the contest, visit <https://wvbridgedesignandbuildcontest.com>.



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Vikings grab early season wins in Hedgesville wrestling opener

By: Clay Fritz

On November 13th, after the final bell rang at Petersburg High School, the Viking wrestling team gathered for the first time of the 2023-2024 season.

The new season was met with much anticipation and excitement. Returning for the Vikings are Senior Landon McGinnis and a trio of State-Qualifier Sophomores, Zeke Landis, Lukas Wolford, and Alex Halterman.

Joining them this year are Junior Trey Cooper, Sophomores Jaxon Kile, Ashton Evans and McKinley Mongold, and Fresh-

men Solomon Rohrbaugh, Ryan Kessel, Anthony Rodgers, and Josh Lahman.

The Vikings are led by Head Coach Tony Weatherholt, Assistants Chad Vance and Clay Fritz.

After three weeks sharpening their skills with repetitive drills, grueling conditioning, and scrappy live wrestling, the young men were ready to put their skills to the test.

On December 1, the team traveled north to Hedgesville for a 2-day duals tournament with teams from around West Virginia and Virginia.

During the two days, the Vikings would compete

against Lightridge (VA), Frankfort, Hedgesville, Langley (VA), Keyser, Moorefield, Loudoun Valley (VA), Preston, Jefferson, and Linsly.

The young team battled through adversities, injuries, and the highs and lows only experienced by those who toe the line.

Final records for the Vikings competing and their weights were Ryan Kessel (132) 2-3, Ashton Evans (138) 4-6, Lukas Wolford (144) 6-4, Zeke Landis (150) 9-1, Alex Halterman (157) 8-2, McKinley Mongold (165) 1-2, Landon McGinnis (215) 3-7.

Both Kessel and Mon-

gold had their weekends cut short due to injuries sustained during matches but neither were season ending.

Landis and Halterman looked like they were shot out of a rocket last weekend and will look to build upon a great start to the season.

Overall, the team had a solid weekend with much to improve on.

The Vikings will be back in action December 9th at Keyser. Be sure to mark your calendars for December 13th as Northern Garrett, Mountain Ridge, and Keyser will come to town for a match at 6 p.m.



PHS team joins one of Santa's elves in helping to provide toys for children this Christmas



The Petersburg High School boys basketball team joined forces with one of Santa's elves (Elf Denver) and collected and donated more than 50 toys that will go to families who are struggling this holiday season. The team's donation was part of the annual Toys for Happiness event, held at Petersburg Electronics. For more information on this program and the 2023 collection results, see page 4A.

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Lady Vikings start their season undefeated with back-to-back wins against East Hardy, Berkeley Springs

The Petersburg High School Lady Vikings basketball team started their season late last month, beating out both the East Hardy High School Cou-

gars and the Berkeley Springs High School Indians.

On Nov. 28, the Lady Vikings opened their season with a home win, beat-

ing the Indians 64-27.

Scorers during the game were: Nellie Whetzel with 12 points (five 2-pointers and two free throws); Sam Colaw with two points (one

2-pointer), Abby Alt with 11 points (four 2-pointers and three free throws); Addie Kitzmiller with three points (one 2-pointer and one free throw); Mi-

ley Tingle with 10 points (five 2-pointers); Kourtney Alexander with six points (one 2-pointer, four free throws); Shyane Tawney with one point; Makenah

Shriver with eight points (two 2-pointers and four free throws); Ayden Mayfield with nine points (three

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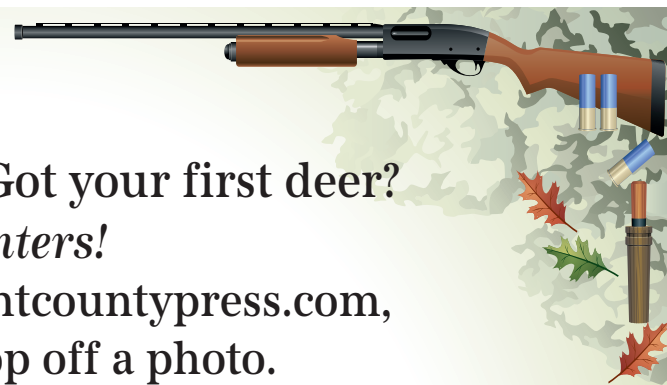


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Deer muzzleloader season opens Dec. 11

Hunters reminded to purchase RM/RRM stamp before the season starts

Hunters who want a chance to harvest an additional deer during West Virginia's muzzleloader deer season must purchase an RM/RRM stamp before the season starts on Dec. 11.

Stamps may be purchased online at WVdnr.gov or at authorized license agents around the state.

"The muzzleloader deer season is an excellent opportunity for hunters to be out when there are fewer hunters in the woods and provides an opportunity to be afield with more traditional equipment," said West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Director

Brett McMillion. During the muzzleloader season, antlered deer are legal in all counties that have a buck firearms season and deer of either sex are legal in all counties or parts thereof that have a Class N or NN antlerless season. Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming counties are closed to all firearms deer hunting, including the muzzleloader deer season.

There are nine counties or parts thereof that require hunters to take an antlerless deer within the county, during any regular deer season open to antlerless deer hunting and before harvest-

ing a second antlered deer within the county.

No more than three antlered bucks may be harvested during the regular deer seasons and the 2024 Mountaineer Heritage Season combined.

All hunters afield during this week are required to wear a minimum of 400 square inches of blaze orange.

During the muzzleloader deer season, hunters may use a singleshot muzzleloading pistol or singleshot muzzleloading rifle that has a bore diameter of .38 caliber or larger, provided that the encapsulated propel-

lant charge loads from the breech and the projectile is loaded from the muzzle.

These firearms, however, may not be used during the Mountaineer Heritage Season in January.

For more information about the muzzleloader deer season and other hunting opportunities in West Virginia, hunters should consult the 2023-24 West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary at WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations.

To purchase a hunting license, visit WVdnr.gov.



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Vikings

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2-pointers and three free throws) and Kinley Walker with two points (two free throws).

On Nov. 30, the Vikings returned to their home court to face down the Cougars, beating the Hardy County team 68-31.

Scorers during the game were: Whetzel with seven points (three 2-pointers and one free throw); Colaw with 10 points (five 2-pointers), Addie Abby Alt with 10 points (one 2-pointer, one 3-pointer and five free throws); Addie Kitzmiller with five points (two 2-pointers and one free throw); Alexander with four points (two 2-pointers); Tawney with four points (two 2-point-

ers); Shriver with 10 points (two 2-pointers and

three free throws) and Ryan Crites with nine points

(three 2-pointers and three free throws).



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JOB POSITION: COMMUNITY PROJECTS MANAGER

SENECA ROCKS
 Regional Development Authority

Job Summary:
 To perform a variety of administrative duties in support of the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority (SRRDA). The position will monitor project progress across SRRDA under the direction of the Executive Director while supporting the staff administrative and clerical duties at the SRRDA offices. The community projects manager works as an essential part of the SRRDA team to further organization objectives and goals. This position may be used to fill a full time or part time position.

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Oversee day-to-day operations of the Petersburg SRRDA office.
- Carry out day-to-day organizational tasks and facilitating efficient communication.
- Assist in tracking grants and submitting applicable reporting to funder.
- Work with other agencies and community organizations to further SRRDA.
- Provide support to businesses that seek SRRDA assistance by connecting them with applicable programs.
- Assist in planning and coordination of company events.
- Manage commercial property listings for the SRRDA internal and external listings as well as property management.
- Answer phones and general email inquiries with relevant information.
- Secure bids for equipment and vendors for identified building projects and working with the executive director and/or operations manager in required administrative paperwork.
- Maintain office supplies inventory in Grant County.
- Prepares SRRDA Board meeting agenda, board minutes, maintenance records, documentation and files meetings paperwork with the Grant and Pendleton courthouse offices.
- Continuing education/training.
- Must be willing and able to travel. Less than 5% overall weekly time.
- Professional dress.
- Must keep office open as times designated by the SRRDA.
- Performs other related duties as assigned by the SRRDA.

Skills/Core Competencies:
 Self starter.
 Excellent written skills and verbal communication skills.
 Project management and organizational skills.
 Good understanding of technology, including proficiency in Microsoft Office.
 Ability to learn new software.
 Multitasking capability.
 Problem solving.
 Excellent attention to detail.
 Capacity to prioritize tasks.

Education and Experience:
 In addition to the above, the candidate should have an enthusiastic personality and willingness to take on more duties as the organization grows. Business administration work or a related field of 5+ years of experience is preferred. Residency in one of the counties represented by the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority (Grant or Pendleton) is required.

Physical Requirements:
 Prolonged periods sitting at a desk and working on a computer.
 Must be able to lift and carry up to 15 lb.
 Must be able to use steps.

The Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority will be accepting resumes for the position of 'Community Projects Manager' for the Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority. Resumes along with a cover letter must be received or hand delivered, mailed or emailed to: Grant County Commission, Attention Michelle Sites, 5 Highland Avenue, Petersburg, WV 26847, administrator@grantcountywv.org. Any questions may be addressed to Michelle Sites at 304-257-4422. Seneca Rocks Regional Development Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Grant County Schools will conduct mandatory public hearings for community comment on the 2024-2025 public school calendar. The first hearing will be held December 12, 2023 at the board meeting located at Petersburg High School beginning at 5:30 p.m. The second hearing will be held on January 9, 2024 at the Grant County Schools Board Office beginning at 5:30 p.m.

12/5-12/15

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE, DWELLING HOUSE & PERSONAL PROPERTY

By virtue of the authority in the undersigned Special Commissioner by virtue of that certain Initial Hearing Order Appointing Special Commissioner & Approving Petition to Sell Real Estate, entered within Hardy County, West Virginia Civil Action No. 23-P-40 by the Honorable Charles E. Parsons, Hardy County Circuit Court Judge, and styled as Loretta C. Hibbard, Petitioner V. Loretta C. Hibbard, et als. Your undersigned Special Commissioner will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder(s) at the physical address associated with the real estate, the subject of this Sale, located at 1580 Darlington School Road, Fisher, West Virginia 26818, on:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023, AT NOON - 12:00 P.M.

(WITH PERSONAL PROPERTY TO SOLD AT 11:30 A.M.)

The following described tract or parcel of real estate:

All that certain tract or parcel of real estate 4.75 acres; more or less, lying and being situate on Oak Grove Road in South Fork District, Har-

dy County, West Virginia, together with any and all rights, rights-of-way, structures, easements, improvements, minerals and appurtenances thereunto belonging and being designated in the Office of the Assessor of Hardy County, West Virginia, as Parcel 14, on Tax Map 263, of South Fork District, Hardy County, West Virginia Assessment records:

The aforesaid 4.75 acres tract is described as follows:

"BEGINNING at a white oak at the road, thence S. 19 E. 31-1/4 poles to a fence post and stone in Floyd Kessel's line fence, (said post is 4 feet West of cedar in Floyd Kessel's field) thence S. 57 W. 7-1/3 poles to a slight turn in the line fence, thence following the meanders of the road to the BEGINNING. This is a part of the Jobe White tract and contains 4-3/4 acres, more or less."

Said tract or parcel of real estate will be conveyed subject to any and all restrictions, reservations, covenants, conditions, easements, or rights-of-way granted, reserved or provided for in any and all prior instruments in the chain of title.

The real estate taxes associated with the aforementioned tract or parcel of real estate will be prorated, as of the closing date and will be thereafter paid by the purchaser(s) of the above referenced tract or parcel of real estate. The highest bidder(s) shall also be responsible for the excise tax on the transfer of the subject real estate and for the cost of the preparation of the Deed conveying the aforementioned real

estate to the highest bidder(s). The high bidder(s) will also be responsible for any ambulance fees associated with aforementioned tract or parcel of real estate. The sale of the real estate is subject to the confirmation of the Circuit Court of Hardy County, West Virginia.

The above tract or parcel of real estate offered for sale herein will be conveyed unto the highest bidder(s) by Special Warranty Deed from your undersigned Special Commissioner.

TERMS: A ten thousand dollar (\$10,000.00) deposit in cash, cashier's check, or certified check on the above referenced day of sale will be required with regard to the tract or parcel of real estate offered for sale herein, with the balance there of to be paid in full upon the delivery of the Special Warranty Deed, which said delivery shall take place not more than thirty (30) days subsequent to confirmation of the sale by the Circuit Court of Hardy County, West Virginia. Failure to close within the applicable time frame will cause a forfeiture of the deposit paid.

Prospective bidders are invited to contact Loretta Hibbard (304) 434-2410 or your undersigned Special Commissioner, Nathan H. Walters, at (304) 530-6618 to view and inspect the real estate and the following items of personal property 1996 H-S Utility Trailer, 1980 GMC Ton Truck, 2018 Utility Trailer, 2000 Chevy Tracker, 1996 Cattle Trailer, 1979 Jeep, 1976 International Truck, 2003 Trailer, International B Tractor, and 2012 Kawasaki side-by-side. Prospective bidders are also invited to contact your undersigned Special Commissioner with any pertinent questions regarding the sale herein.

Nathan H. Walters, Esq. Special Commissioner Walters & Heishman, PLLC

PO Box 119
Moorefield, WV 26836
(304) 530-6618

I, Kelly Shockey, do hereby certify that bond with approved surety, as provided by said Court, has been executed before me by the said Special Commissioner.

Kelly J. Shockey Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hardy County, West Virginia

11/21-12/5

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF GRANT COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF: TINA MCCURDY, PETITIONER AND JEFFERY MCCURDY, RESPONDENT CIVIL ACTION NO.

AIR QUALITY PERMIT NOTICE NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is given that Basagic Funeral Home has applied to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, for a (Construction Permit, Modification Permit, Relocation, Temporary Permit, Class II Administrative Update, General Permit Registration) for a Crematory located on 501 North Fork Highway, Petersburg, WV, in Grant County, West Virginia. The latitude and longitude coordinates are Latitude 38.997440, Longitude 79.125771

The applicant estimates the new unit to have a potential to discharge the following Regulated Air Pollutants:

- Sulfur Dioxide: 0.3047 (TPY)
- Nitrogen Oxide: 0.4998 (TPY)
- PM: 0.6557 (TPY)
- PM10: 0.6557 (TPY)
- Carbon Monoxide: 0.4142 (TPY)
- CO2e: 1586.39 (TPY) of CO2e

Start-up of operation is planned to begin on or about the 1st day of January 2024. Written comments will be received by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, WV 25304, for at least 30 calendar days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any questions regarding this permit application should be directed to the DAQ at (304) 926-0499, during normal business hours.

Dated this the 29th day of November, 2023.

Basagic Funeral Home
David J. Basagic
President/Director
POB 400
Petersburg, WV 26847

12/5-12/12

23-D-61 ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE.

THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT. To the Above-Named Respondent:

It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Jeffery McCurdy is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Jeffery McCurdy serve upon Tina McCurdy, Circuit Clerk's Office, whose address is 5 Highland Ave., Petersburg, WV 26847, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition For Divorce filed in this action on or before December 25, 2023. If you fail to Answer

the Petition for Divorce, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition

can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office. Entered by the Clerk of said Court November 27, 2023.

Melanie R. Biggs Clerk of the Court

12/5-12/12p

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON CASE NO. 23-0460-E-42T

MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY Rule 42T tariff filing to increase rates and charges.

NOTICE OF HEARING

On May 31, 2023, Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company filed revised tariff sheets reflecting increased base rates and charges of \$207,452,687 or 13 percent in total revenues, including the proposed Infrastructure Investment Program and the Energy Assistance Outreach Program for low-income customers detailed in the filing on a combined company basis. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

Base Rate Increase	(\$)	INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential	\$ 18.07		15.0%
Commercial	\$ 55.16		12.5%
Industrial	\$478.70		9.4%
Street Lighting	\$155.13		17.2%

The effective date of the proposed increased rates and charges has been suspended through March 26, 2024 unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission. The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or lesser than the average shown. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission.

This matter is scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on January 24-26, 2023. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission may cancel the evidentiary hearing for good cause shown. Interested persons intending to attend the hearing should monitor the Commission web docket.

The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public Comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY 12/5

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Callie Jo Roberts, 11, brought down an eight-point while hunting during the Thanksgiving break. She is the daughter of Scott and Christa Jo Roberts of Jordan Run.

SBV WOMEN

November 20th

HIGH GAME (SCRATCH): Dee Anna McDonald 226, Denise McGreevy 189, Kathy Vance 184. (HANDICAP): Dee Anna McDonald 250, Stacey Heavner 236, Kelley Green 233.

HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Dee Anna McDonald 573, Kathy Vance 501, Denise McGreevy 476. (HANDICAP): Dee Anna McDonald 645, Helen Bell 632, Kathy Vance 621.

November 27th

HIGH GAME (SCRATCH): Tina Bible 191, Dee Anna McDonald 187, Linda Helmick 176. (HANDICAP): Tina Bible 235, Linda Kenyon 227, Linda Helmick 226.

HIGH SERIES (SCRATCH): Dee Anna McDonald 540, Tina Bible 480, Marsha "Kay" Leslie 462. (HANDICAP): Tina Bible 615, Linda Kenyon 611, Dee Anna McDonald 606.

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Wayne Lee of Petersburg harvested this 8-point buck opening day on Middle Mountain at 7:05 a.m. while it was chasing a doe.



Maverick VanMeter, 6, got his first buck with his crossbow while hunting in Pendleton County with his dad. He is the son of Danny and Kayisha VanMeter of Morgantown.



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ful, and houstraining has been OK. But yesterday, he pooped in the hallway while we were out. My boyfriend says I need to push his nose into the mess and punish him. I don't think that's the right way to train a puppy. What do you think?
-- Daria in St. Louis, Missouri

be afraid. Young puppies are learning machines, picking up habits quickly -- both good and bad. They need to be constantly supervised to keep them safe and to correct them (not punish them) on the spot so they learn what they can and can't do in the household. When they're not supervised, I recommend placing them in a properly sized kennel crate. Think of it as a den for your puppy, a safe spot. Again, not a place to punish him. Furthermore, puppies

need to pee and poo more frequently than adult dogs -- about four times daily at Star's age, but sometimes more. It's up to you to make sure their elimination schedule is adequate and that you are there to supervise them. Star couldn't wait for you to get home, so he went in the hallway. That's on you, not on Star.

Clean up the mess (spray with an odor eliminator) and continue your training schedule with Star. And keep following your instincts about the best way to train and correct him.

by Jeff Pickering

Readers, how would you respond to the boyfriend's advice? Tell us at ask@pawscorner.com.
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DAD JOKES

I got an email explaining how to read maps backwards. It was spam.
* * * * *
What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa? A rebel without a Claus.
* * * * *
Christmas has me feeling extra Santa-mental.



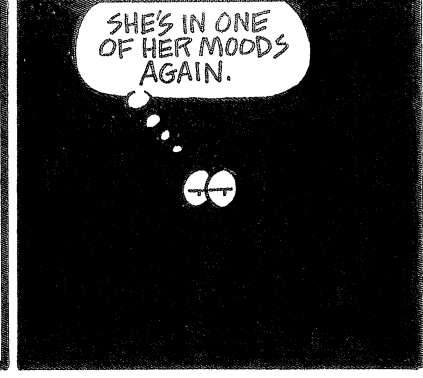
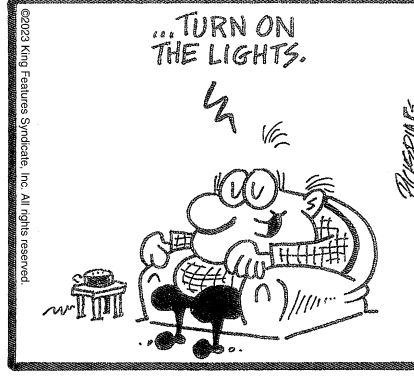
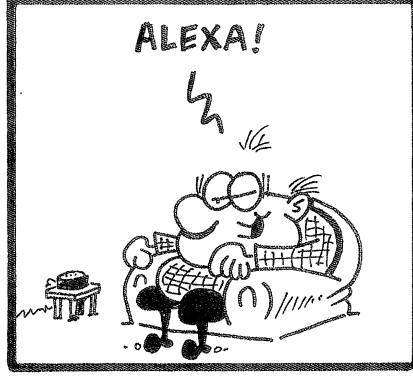
Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



Should Owner Punish a Puppy After Accident?

DEAR PAWS: I bought a puppy a few weeks ago who was between 2 to 3 months old. Star is wonder-

The Spats



King Crossword

ACROSS

1 "Kapow!"
4 British ref. work
7 Holler
12 Director Spike
13 Chemical suffix
14 Fall sign
15 Nest egg acronym
16 Large, luxurious car
18 Brooch
19 Range
20 Collections
22 -- tear (ragging)
23 First lady of scat
27 Earth Day mo.
29 Transparent
31 Dolphins' home
34 Traces of smoke
35 Agile
37 Obtained
38 Bygone Peruvian
39 Flamenco cheer
41 Vacillate
45 Quick trip
47 Shoe width
48 Pungent cheese
52 Aachen article

DOWN

1 Radar dots
2 High nest
3 Signified
4 Fixes a squeak
5 Newspaper chief
6 Fiend
7 Pivot
8 That guy's
9 Kimono sash
10 Samovar
11 -- kwon do
17 Ellipse
21 Ballroom dance
23 Radiates
24 Vinyl records
25 Back talk
26 Billboards
28 Picnic dessert
30 -- Jima
31 Roman 1051
32 "There's no -- team!"
33 "Better Call Saul!" network
36 Bellow
37 Swiss metropolis
40 Sledged in the Winter Olympics
42 Like a neglected garden
43 Vowel group
44 Streisand title role
45 Equitable
46 Streetcar
48 Leary's drug
49 Jurist Lance
50 Fortify
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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!

	÷		+		6
-		-		x	
	÷		-		1
x		x		÷	
	x		÷		15
9		15		8	

1 3 4 4 5 6 7 8 9

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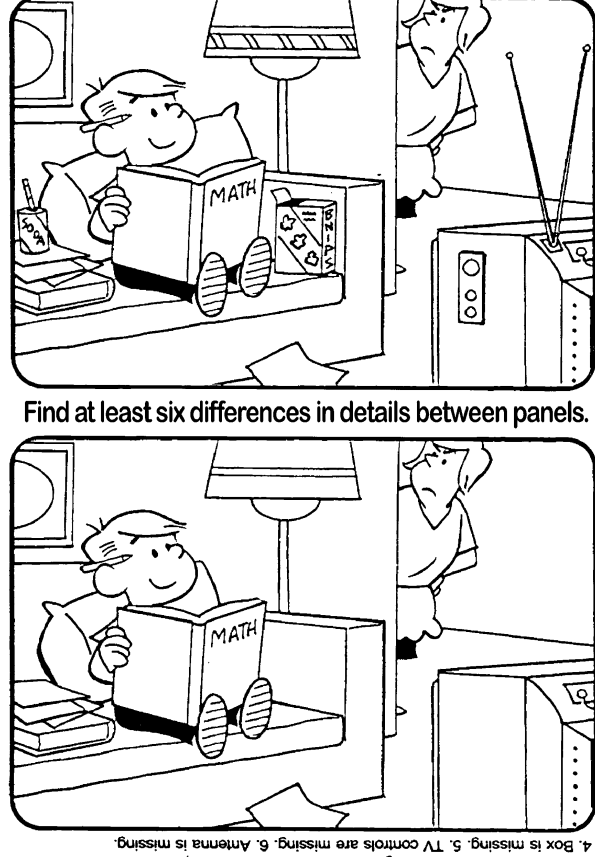
AXYDLBAAXR is **LONGFELLOW**

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.

GSQSQHSG, NM WRF SYSG
ZSSK D JSCANZO JDZK, NL'B
DL LJS SZK RM WFRG DGQ.
-- BDQ CSYSZBRZ

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Can is missing. 2. Pillow is missing. 3. Lamp shade is different. 4. Box is missing. 5. TV controls are missing. 6. Antenna is missing.

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. Uncover	___ V ___	Revoke	___ P ___
2. Georgia fruit	___ E ___	Steam cook an egg	___ O ___
3. Join together	___ ___ N	More rapidly	___ R
4. Dedicate	___ V ___	Designate	___ N ___
5. Really speedy	___ C ___	Idiosyncrasy	___ R ___
6. Correct	R ___	No longer dark	L ___
7. Twisted cord	___ N	More than once	___ C
8. Fissure	___ C	Gulp of air	___ T
9. Calvary sword	___ A	Clear-headed	___ O
10. Energetic and perky	___ I	Beautiful	___ O

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

top ten

Highest-Earning Entertainers OF 2023

1. Genesis	\$230 million
2. Sting	\$210 million
3. Tyler Perry	\$175 million
4. Trey Parker & Matt Stone	\$160 million
5. James L. Brooks & Matt Groening	\$105 million
6. Brad Pitt	\$100 million
7. Rolling Stones	\$98 million
8. James Cameron	\$95 million
9. Taylor Swift	\$92 million
10. Bad Bunny	\$88 million

Source: Forbes

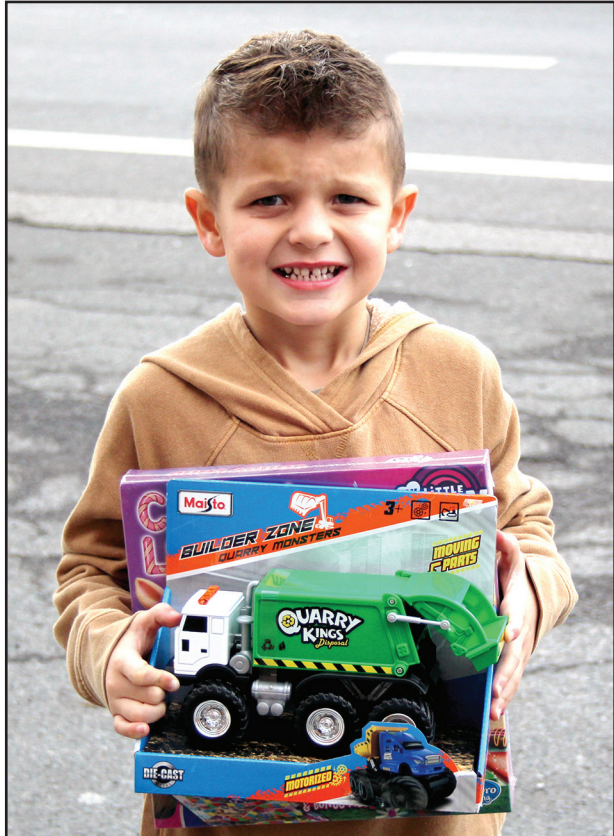
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MEN'S HEALTH WORD SEARCH

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ANXIETY
BALDING
BENIGN
CANCER
COLONOSCOPY
DEPRESSION
DIABETES
DOCTOR
DYSFUNCTION
EXAM
GENETIC
HEALTH
HEART DISEASE
INFERTILITY
KIDNEYS
MOVEMBER
OBESITY
OVERWEIGHT
PROSTATE
STRENGTH
STROKE
TESTICULAR
TESTOSTERONE

More Toys For Happiness snapshots



Ryker Parrish, son of Blake Parrish and Brianna Bell, with the toys he donated to Toys for Happiness.



Santa stopped by to say hello to Denver the Elf and check on the collection progress at Toys For Happiness.

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Magistrates court report

The following cases were heard in the Grant County Magistrate Court between Nov. 1 and Dec. 1:

Leslie Beth Hatfield, 45, was charged with extradition at persons charged with a crime in another state or imprisoned or awaiting trial in another state. Hatfield's bond was set at \$150,000.

Michael Delmer Mallow, 42, was indicted on one count of strangulation, suffocation or asphyxiation. Mallow's bond was set at \$6,500.

Brent A Funkhouser, 27, was fined and assessed \$327 after pleading guilty to one count of possession of a controlled substance without a valid prescription.

Elizabeth Lafollette, 29, pleaded not guilty to charges of obstructing law enforcement, fleeing from law officer to evade arrest by means other than

a vehicle and trespassing on property other than a structure or conveyance. Lafollette's bond was set at \$750.

Theresa V. Reel, 36, was charged with overtaking and passing a school bus (no injury). Reel's bond was set at \$500.

Dasean Lavelle Tyus, 38, was fined and assessed \$327 after pleading guilty to charges of possession of a controlled substance without a valid prescription.

Brigitte Jeten Minney, 54, was fined and assessed \$187 after pleading guilty to charges of speeding on an open county highway.

Tyler Wayne Swick, 19, was fined and assessed \$454 after pleading no contest to charges of hunting from a waterway, auto or plane and hunting, catching, taking or killing a wild animal not during open season.

Jacob N. Rohrbaugh, 20, was fined and assessed \$197 after being charged with conspiracy to hunt deer (chapter 20).

Alexandra M. Danas, 27, was fined and assessed \$185 after pleading guilty to charges of speeding (10 mph or less).

Michael Bradley VanMeter, 34, was fined and assessed \$252 after pleading no contest to charges of traffic violations (striking fixtures on highway).

Jacinto Y. Armenteros More, 26, was fined and assessed \$191 after pleading guilty to charges of speeding on an open county highway.

Lucas Tyler Berg, 23, was fined and assessed \$191 after pleading guilty to charges speeding on an open county highway.

Jamir R. Boyd, 21, was fined and assessed \$186 after pleading guilty to charges of violating gener-

al speed limitations.

Justin S. Sullivan, 22, was fined and assessed \$181 after pleading no contest to speeding.

Riley S. Thorpe, 19, was fined and assessed \$181 after pleading no contest to charges of speeding.

Julio Vasquez, 21, was fined and assessed \$413 after pleading guilty to charges of violating general speed limitations and driving without a valid license.

Randy Wayne Cook, 56, was fined and assessed \$1,373 after pleading no contest to charges of hunting from a motor vehicle, shooting or discharging a firearm across or on a public road, required attire for deer hunters and possession of wildlife.

Court report continued next week

Donnie Welch named Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center Resident of the Week

By Revenna Redman
Director of Social Services

The employees of Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center have chosen Donald "Donnie" Welch as their GRCC Resident of the Week.

Donnie was born Sept. 25, 1938, in Oakland, Md., to Paul William and Anna (Alexander) Welch. He had an older brother, William Welch, and is the last remaining member of his immediate family.

Paul Welch ran a 250-acre dairy farm. He also operated a school bus in Garrett County and was employed by Stone-Webster Inc. which worked on the Stoney River Dam project. His mother was a stay-at-home mom.

His childhood was spent working on the farm, harvesting, and milking cows (they did have a machine to help with milking the cows.) "I would have rather been out playing," Donnie replied. "I would have been playing football or baseball."

His father, Paul gave Donnie a love of the outdoors and hunting. He taught him how to hunt on the wooded area of their farm.

When asked about his mother, a large grin expands on Donnie's face. "I remember her Christian ways, and her cooking. Her fried chicken was my favorite."

Donnie attended elementary school in Oakland on Center Street. He then went to Southern Garrett County Junior/Senior High School, which is now Southern Garrett High

School. While there, he played multiple sports, but especially enjoyed baseball.

Out of high school, Donnie began working for B&O Railroad, which eventually became CSX. Donnie was a telegraph operator and a freight agent. During the late 1960s early 1970s he was a freight agent in the Petersburg area. He worked over 40 years, retiring in 2000. "I was ready to retire," Donnie remarked.

Donnie has been married twice during his life. His first marriage was to Janice Whetzel. They were married for over 30 years, and they had one daughter together, Kimberly R. Shirer. The marriage ended, but they are on good terms. In fact, Donnie reports that he met his second wife, Joan Sites through his first wife. Donnie and Joan have been happily married since Sept. 5, 1993.

Even after high school, Donnie continued to pursue baseball. He coached Little League baseball, and also participated in a slow pitch softball league with the old timers. Donnie also enjoys a round of golf.

He continued to love the outdoors. "I love all type of hunting, elk, bear, rabbit and deer." At one point Donnie hunted pheasant and had English pointer dogs. "I raised them." Donnie also enjoyed fishing.

Donnie enjoyed traveling. He has visited Israel, Dominican Republic, San Antonio, Texas, California, Oklahoma and Tulum.

Donnie has lived in various places, including Oakland and Mountain Lake

Park, Md. Richmond and Ashland, Va., Mount Storm, Martinsburg and Morgantown and Orlando, Fla. He did not care for the heat in Orlando.

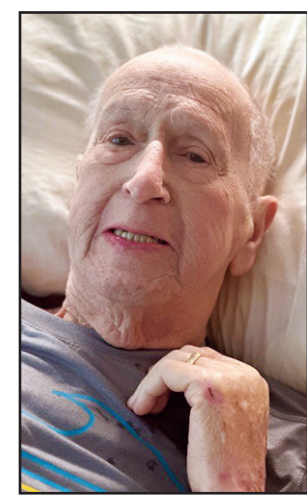
He is currently a member of the Goshen Baptist Church, but due to health issues, he is not able to be active. He was able to attend a weekly Bible study. However, when they lived in Oakland, they attended Oak Park Church of the Brethren. Donnie served as a greeter and was part of the visitation team.

When asked what his greatest achievement in his life was, Donnie replied, "My daughter, Kimberly. She was my entire world." Unfortunately, Kimberly passed away on Feb. 1, 2015, due to a brain tumor. Donnie continues to grieve. "It is hard to understand. We (parents) are supposed to go first, not the child." He proudly shows the picture of them together on her wedding day. Kimberly had a daughter, Hannah. Hannah has a son, Donnie's great-grandson, Elliott.

Donnie is close to his stepchildren as well, especially his stepson, Jason Bowen. He enjoys visiting with him, and his step-granddaughters, Trisha and Bobbie.

Donnie's health began to decline, and he was admitted to the GRCC facility on Oct. 9. He has been a welcome addition to our family. Donnie enjoys watching television and visiting with staff and family in his room.

Congratulations Donnie on being GRCC's Resident of the week!



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