

Voters say "yes" to school levy

Grant County incumbent falls in Republican commission race

For the first time in nearly two decades, Grant County voters said yes to an excess levy, which will provide additional funding for the county's schools. Voters took to the polls last Tuesday to cast their ballot on multiple items, including the Republican candidate for county commissioner and the proposed tax increase.

The levy, which was called late last year by the Grant County Board of Education, pointed to necessary repairs to the area's crumbling school facilities and the need for increased safety measures. Ultimately, the levy passed by a thin margin, with 53% of voters (1,650 votes) for and 47% (1,485 votes) against.

"We appreciate the trust the community has shown in our school system," said superintendent Doug Lambert. "By passing this levy we will now have locally generated funds to put towards our local schools. We will do everything possible to prove that trust was well placed for the future of our students, our staff and our community."

The only county position up for grabs on the ballot was that of county commissioner, with incumbent Doug Swick running against two fellow Republican competitors, Tyson Riggleman and Jill Long. Riggleman managed to edge out Swick in the race, picking up 1,691 votes while Swick grabbed 1,085 votes. Long net-

ted 317 votes. The remaining county positions on the Republican ballot were unopposed, including prosecuting attorney incumbent John Ours (2,397 votes), sheriff incumbent Brian Ours (2,610 votes), assessor incumbent

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STAYING DILIGENT - On Saturday, local medical professionals and members of the West Virginia National Guard helped to administer 117 COVID-19 tests to local residents at the Grove Street Health Center. The testing, which was available to all community members, was part of the state's COVID-19 response plan to increase the virus testing opportunities for minorities and other vulnerable populations. The results are not yet available from these tests. *press photo*

PHG works to build inclusive community

Expands program that helps give independence to those with developmental disabilities

It was after a lot of prayer that Lucy Kimble and her husband first decided to consider the Potomac Highlands Guild (PHG) and their residential service program as a living option for their two daughters. The sisters have a rare genetic disorder known as Angelman Syndrome, which causes delayed development, problems with speech and balance, intellectual disability, and sometimes, seizures. While severity of the condition can vary, it can make living alone difficult or even dangerous. This can be a frightening prospect for parents or grandparents of children with developmental disabilities, making planning for their loved one's future a daunting but very vital task.

This is where the PHG and their residential service program came into the picture. The program is aimed at those with developmental disabilities and has been in operation for more than 30 years, with residences in Petersburg, Romney, Keyser, and now, Moorefield.

The locations vary from apartments to houses and provide around the clock care while also ensuring the residents are able to live independently in the community. "This is one of the least restrictive programs many of our residents have been in," explained Teresa Mowery, who oversees the program. "They are able to be a part of the community, to visit the bowling ally, to go to the pool, to attend a play at the Landes Arts Center. This is their home."

"Every situation is different, I can't speak for what is best for any other family or any other parent, just what is best for my own. But if someone in a similar situation to my own asked, I would tell them this is an option that has been really positive for us. It wasn't easy, it is always a challenge to decide what is not only right for us as the parent but what is best for our children."

-Lucy Kimble

This was the reality for Kimble, who said one of her biggest concerns as a mother was for the future of her daughters, knowing she may not always be there to provide for them.

The PHG recently added a new home to their Petersburg program, now operating six houses for 14 individuals, ranging in age from early 20s to their late 70s.

The program's goal is to offer peace of mind to families

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Dangerous pursuit ends in arrest of two suspects

Two men were arrested after leading local officers on a high speed pursuit across the county.

On June 10, Sgt. K.R. Thorne of the Grant County Sheriff's Department was dispatched to a

reported domestic violence situation at 19 Myrtle Avenue in Petersburg.

When he arrived, Thorne was informed that two suspects, identified as Matthew Delawder, 36, of Moorefield, and Tyler Crawford, 25, of Petersburg, had just left the residence.

Thorne then located the vehicle driven by the two suspects

on Keyser Avenue and attempted to initiate a traffic stop. Upon activation of Thorne's emergency lights and siren, the suspect vehicle fled, turning off of Keyser Avenue and onto Route 42.

The vehicle then accelerated quickly, swerving across the center lane and dangerously

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WVU Extension Office plans first ever virtual 4-H Camp

While it may be unlike any before in Grant County, the West Virginia University Extension Office announced last week that they would still be hosting a virtual 4-H camp program.

In the announcement, WVU Extension Director Alexandra Coffman explained that Grant County 4-H is combining with Pendleton County for the first ever "Grant-Pendleton Virtual 4-H Camp".

"This past weekend, campers picked up "Camp-in-a-Box"

filled with sports balls, at-home STEM experiments, arts and crafts such as friendship bracelets, material for a live fabric mask-making class, sidewalk chalk for a live art class as well as a T-shirt and dozens of at-home activities including recreation," Coffman explained.

The camp will run through June 19 and be a combination of Zoom sessions, photos they submit of activities completed, and camp-in-a-box activities. The camp will still feature their traditional themed T-shirts, this

year designed by local 4-Her Rylee Adams in the "Roaring 20s" theme.

"Over the past several weeks, WVU Extension 4-H Agents around the state have been hard at work designing appropriate, fun, and educational at-home activities for virtual camps around the state," Coffman said. "The effort is titled 'Camp URL: yoU aRe Linked'. Every county is designing their

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poll question

Are you comfortable with the area reopening to out-of-state tourism?

• YES
• NO

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Last week's responses:

Yes: 93%
No: 7%

support the federal government sending in the military to handle riots?

BOGAL FLAVOR

By Camille Howard
 Father's Day will be this coming Sunday, so in honor of my Dad, who passed away last year, I'm printing one of his stories about his life as a boy at his home on the mountain above Uniontown, Pa.

His own father passed away when he was a young boy and he and his brother were raised by his mother but had relatives from both sides in the area.

As evidenced by his stories, he had many adventures and enjoyed his mountain life. This one is one of them.

The Sawdust Cave
By Don Phillips

About a fourth of a mile below Uncle Wayne's home was a very large sawdust pile. It was left by woodsmen who cut the vast tract of trees and sawed them into lumber.

The pile was about 30 feet high. We sometimes would climb to the top and ride a shovel down its side.

One day I decided to dig a small cave in the side of the pile. The pile was covered with about one foot of deep permafrost. It was the pile's armor.

So with pick and shovel,

I trudged through the woods, down a hill and across a small creek to the pile. I checked the surface of the pile - it was solid as a rock. I would have to use the pick to cut through the one foot thick outer layer.

I finally cut a three foot opening in the side of the pile - a big enough entrance for a 12-year old.

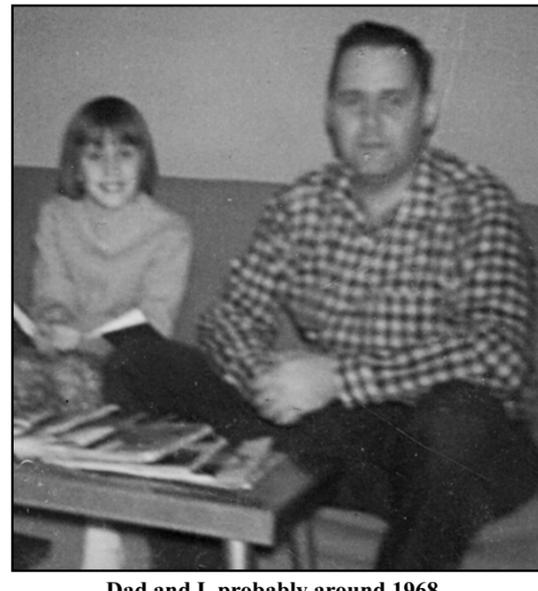
Under the frozen opening the sawdust was slightly wet, which made it easy to carve out an opening.

I dug in about three feet, enough to get in out of the weather. It was starting to get a little dark as the sun was going down, so I would have to return the next day to check out my carving work.

I had a vision of making a large room inside the pile. Maybe I could put a small stove in to keep warm - all kinds of possibilities entered my mind.

So I left the pile till the next day. That evening it rained very hard. Next morning after breakfast, I trudged off to inspect the sawdust cave.

Although there were reports of bears in the area, I had no fear as I usually carried my hunting knife on



Dad and I, probably around 1968.

my belt. Sometimes when alone in the woods, every noise seemed a threat.

I approached the pile with caution, being sure not to make any noise because of the possibility a bear had taken up residence as an out-of-the-rain shed. I was frightened stiff as I approached the sawdust cave.

Just where was it? Only a slight depression where the cave used to be was evident. The interior roof of the cave, without any support, had fallen down and all but sealed the opening.

What a thought ... what if I had been inside at the time it fell in? I would have smothered in the wet media (sawdust). All these thoughts sobered me and I thanked the good Lord for His watch care over me.

So, I returned home without a word about the incident to Mama. She would have hit the ceiling and I may have got a licking!

I'm pretty sure the only way most of us survived childhood was with the help of a guardian angel and prayers. I wonder if Dad has met up with his guardian angel yet. If so they are probably reminiscing about his many escapades and close calls. Dad always loved to tell stories. I'm glad to have a few in my possession.

Dad liked to have a garden and especially liked growing tomatoes. Here are some tomato recipes I think he may have liked.

Miss you, Dad!

MARINATED CUCUMBER, ONION, AND TOMATO SALAD

1 cup water
 1/2 cup distilled white vinegar*
 1/4 cup vegetable oil
 1/4 cup sugar
 2 teaspoons salt
 1 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper (or more to taste)
 3 cucumbers, peeled and sliced 1/4-inch thick
 3 tomatoes, cut into wedges

1 onion, sliced and separated into rings
 Whisk water, vinegar, oil, sugar, salt, and pepper together in a large bowl until smooth; add cucumbers, tomatoes and onion and stir to coat.

Cover bowl with plastic wrap; refrigerate at least 2 hours.

Serves 6.
 *Apple cider vinegar may be used for more zing!

CRUSTY BROILED TOMATOES

4 medium tomatoes
 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper
 6 tablespoons butter, melted
 1 cup soft, fresh bread-crumbs
 1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat broiler with oven rack 5-1/2 inches from heat. Cut tomatoes in half. Spread cut sides with mustard; sprinkle with salt, black pepper, and red pepper.

Place tomato halves on oven rack. Combine butter, breadcrumbs and cheese. Spoon crumb mixture on top of each tomato half.

Broil 2 minutes or until crumbs are golden brown and tomatoes are thoroughly heated.

KENTUCKY HOT BROWN SANDWICHES

6 tablespoons butter
 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/8 teaspoon ground white pepper
 1 1/2 cups chicken broth
 1 1/2 cups milk
 3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 6 bread slices, toasted
 Thinly sliced cooked turkey or chicken (about 1 pound)
 3/4 teaspoon paprika
 2 small tomatoes, each cut into 6 slices
 12 bacon slices, cooked
 Garnish: fresh arugula (optional)
 Preheat oven to 400°. Melt butter over low heat in a medium saucepan; add flour, and cook

over low heat, whisking constantly, 1 minute or until smooth. Whisk in salt and pepper.

Gradually add broth and milk; cook over medium-low heat, whisking constantly, until thickened and smooth. Add cheese; cook, whisking constantly, 3 minutes or until cheese is melted. (Sauce will be thick.)

Place 1 toast slice on each of 6 ovenproof plates. Place turkey or chicken on each toast slice; cover each with about 1/2 cup sauce, and sprinkle with paprika. Top each with 2 tomato slices and 2 bacon slices. Bake at 400°F for 10 minutes or until sauce is bubbly. Garnish, if desired. 6 servings.

MES student, Abigail Nettles, is regional winner in Attorney General's "Kids Kick Opioids" design contest

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced five students from the Eastern Panhandle as regional winners of the office's fourth Kids Kick Opioids contest, a competition designed to spur creativity and raise awareness of prescription painkiller abuse.

Regional winners are Abigail Nettles of Maysville Elementary School; Anna Bowen of Moorefield Middle School; Kaylee Arbogast of Moorefield Middle School; Kelsey Rodgers of Moorefield Middle School and Shelby Henderson of Charles Town Middle School.

"These entries demonstrate the immense creativity and talent of our students," Morrisey said. "In some instances, their designs also reveal the heartbreaking situations that some students experience at home. Drug abuse continues to needlessly claim too many lives and our hope is the entries from these talented students will bring greater awareness and change."

The attorney general received a total of 3,366 entries from 3,521 students at 91 middle and elementary schools across West Virginia - the highest participation since Kids Kick Opioids began. The submissions included a mix of drawings, poems and other

designs aimed at promoting awareness.

Judges recognized winning entries from 41 students overall. Those designs will be displayed in the state Capitol in the fall.

The statewide winner and runners up will be announced soon. The statewide winning entry will appear in newspapers across West Virginia as the attorney general's next public service announcement.

Kids Kick Opioids represents one of many initiatives through which the attorney general has sought to combat West Virginia's drug overdose death rate, including a lawsuit against the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration that achieved sweeping reforms to the nation's drug quota system.

The attorney general also has combated the opioid crisis with civil

litigation, multistate initiatives, funding to target opioid abuse, criminal prosecutions, new technology, engagement with the faith-based community and education.

The West Virginia State Medical Association, West Virginia Association of School Nurses and the Capitol Police assisted the attorney general in judging the public service announcement contest.



Grant County Schools Employment Opportunities

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Grant County Schools is currently looking to fill two full-time custodian positions as well as a LPN/Aide position for the 2020-2021 school year. Also, we will be looking for professional and service substitutes for the 2020-2021 school year. Currently we are looking for teaching substitutes and service substitute positions; which include cooks, custodians, aides, bus operators, LPNs and secretaries.

You may access an application on our website <https://www.grantcountyschools.org/>. Just select the department tab, human resources tab and select paper applications or Searchsoft, which is our online application process that allows you to apply for jobs. If you have any calls or concerns, you can contact the Human Resources Department at 304-257-1011, Ext. 124.

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4th of July Parade and Fireworks is on for this year!

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the parade,
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Parks &
Recreation
office at
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**Grant County Health Department
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- Requires frequent travel to providers in Grant, Hardy, Pendleton, Mineral, Hampshire, Morgan, Berkeley and Jefferson counties.
- Emphasis on increasing participation in RFTS program.

Hiring will be from WV Division of Personnel Register as a Nurse III. Applicant must have a valid WV Driver's and an RN license with at least three years of community nursing experience. Must have supervision and administrative experience. Salary will be dependent on experience.

For more information and how to apply contact
**Sandria Glasscock, RN, Nurse Director-
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Directions: From Petersburg, take 55 W towards Seneca Rocks, 2.5 miles.
Sale will be beside Cheetah B's. Signs will be placed.

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ANTIQUES: 25th Anniversary Elvis whiskey bottle, blue jars, crock, brass jugs, iron tea kettle, 3 old iron pots, 2-gal. crock, 2 brass spillover, old cabinet w/6 pane doors, iron kettle w/stand, 2 crosscut saws, kerosene lantern;

HOUSEHOLD: Sofa, guitar, oak dining set/6 chairs, oak hutch, tea kettle, George Foreman grill, electric iron, sleeve iron board, old dishes, computer printer, copier, old dresser w/mirror, 2 box fans, sofa and matching chair, table/6 chairs, typewriter, electric lamps, rocker, coffee table, 2 end tables, humidifier, 2 drawer file cabinet, exercise bike, smoke stand, lamps, new set dishes, aluminum roaster, Kenmore vacuum, drop leaf table/2 benches, electric skillet, cedar spice rack, school desk, 2 chimney brushes, electric weed eater, cordless weed eater/charger, canning jars, bug zapper, shop vac.

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Fourth nine-weeks honor roll for Petersburg middle and high school

Principal Paula Weese has released the honor roll for Petersburg Middle School and Petersburg High School for the fourth nine weeks. An asterisk denotes a 4.0 GPA or higher.

A HONOR ROLL

Seventh grade: Luke Adkins, Caden Arbaugh*, Kailee Armentrout*, Payton Berg*, Jordan Black*, Olivia Carle, Sophia Carr, Marissa Champ*, Kelsey Clark*, Anna Cook*, Marlie Cook, Rylan Crites*, Brooklyn Day, Ian Dunkirk, Byron Goldizen II*, Riley Goldizen, Jeremiah Humphrey, Achilles Judy, Brianna Keplinger, Marley Kesner*, Millie Kimble*, Addison Kitzmiller*, Alaska Kitzmiller, Molly Kuykendall*, Brycen Lambdin, Jonathan Landis, Emma Ludwig*, Michaela Mallow*, Grace Martin*, Colin Mauzy, Khloe McAvoy*, Alyssa McGrath, Ryan Miller*, John Minnich, Audrey Mongold*, Joshua Monroe, Alex Moreland, Jazlynn Mowery*, Jylee Nelson*, Macee Ours, Bricen Pletcher*, Spencer Rochette*, Ashley Rohrbaugh*, Laurysa Rohrbaugh, Aaron Roth II*, Bryce See, David Shreve*, Kerri Shreve, Clifton Stewart, Riley Swick*, Camryn Tawney, Peyton Tingler, Rylan VanMeter*, Anna Waskey*, Delana Whetzel, Madison Whetzel, Bode White*, Liam White, Gage Wilson*, and Allee Yakubow*.

Eighth grade: Autumn Allen, Abigail Alt, Jackson Alt*, Cameron Ault, Natalie Ayers*, Serena Bava*, Katelyn Bobo, Riley Bobo, William Boddy*, Matthew Clark, Samantha Colaw, Trevor Dodd, Madelyn Evans, Lelund Feaster, Breanna Funk, Carissa Heavener, Blake Heavner, Lillian Hinkle, Elizabeth Keplinger, Hunter Kisamore*, Callie Kitzmiller*, Klarissa Kuhn*, Elijah Kuykendall*, Grace Malloy*, Landon McGinnis, Madison McKay, Wyatt Nuzum*, Dakota Propst, Skylar Raredon*, Riley Rhea*, Bryson Riggleman, Ryan Rummer*, Makyah Shir*, Ava Simon*, Elizabeth Sites, Ryen Sites*, Marcus Smith, Quayla Smith, Sophia Smith*, Dakota Thompson, Kadin Tinney*, Austin Vance, Colton Vance, Sara Vance*, Tiffany Waugh, Bethany Western*, Karmen Whetzel, Anna Wimer*, Jacob Wratchford*, and Jackson Yeager*.

Ninth grade: John Alexander, Daphne Ayers*, Bryce Berg, Emma Berg*, Leah Carr*, Ernesto Carvajal Perez, Allison Champ*, Drew Chearning*, Jaily Cook*, Caitlyn Cooper*, Braylee Corbin*, Madison Crites, Keirah Cullers*, Peyton Day*, Kierra Dent, Skyler Donaldson*, Amelia Donovan*, Megan Duncan*, Nathan Fisher, Xavier Frye, Caleb George, Hannah Goldizen, Katelynn Green*, Kayden Hartman, Isaiah Hawk, Tatum Humphrey*, Kennedy Kaposy*, Alexis Keplinger*, Jimmy Keplinger, Madison Kirby, Jonathan Kite*, Kylie Lahman*, Logan Leshuk, Hamiley Lewis, Blayton Lofton, Kodie Lofton, Chloe Meadows*, Joseph Monroe, Eric Moreland, McKinley Moreland*, Chase Moyers*, Jordan Mullen*, McKenzie Oates, Haylee Ours*, Kassy Park, Jaden Poore*, John Redman*, Ryan Rig-

gleman*, Noel Rochette*, Christian Rodriguez*, Skylar Rohrbaugh*, Jacob Saville*, Harmony Schell*, Jaslyn Shook*, Patrick Shreve, Anthony Simmons*, Preslea Smith*, Logan Thorne, Noah Travis*, Blake Turner*, Kynadal Vance, William VanMeter*, Cody Vetter, Kaitlyn Vetter*, Morgan Whetzel, and Maximus White.

Tenth grade: *Ashlee M. Beach, *Zander M. Bennett, *Kaitlyn G. Berg, *Kyle A. Branham, *Ethan M. Brown, *Kathleen N. Brown, *Bryson C. Coblenz, Gage L. Colpitts, *Sadie J. Dayton, *Talyssa C. Dodd, *Carina R. Easton, *Kody L. Eckard, *Chloe G. Evans, *Emma D. Franz, Danielle B. Fridley, *Anna G. Goldizen, *Shanna M. Halterman, Cole M. Harper, *Kensy M. Harper, *Jadyn Hartman, *Madison Hawk, *Morgan Hawk, *Paisley W. Hawk, *Raphael H. Hott, Ella M. Huffman, Skyler Huffman, *Jacob J. Jones, *Hunter M. Keplinger, *Hailey M. Kimble, *Paige M. Kisamore, *MacKenzie Kitzmiller, *Khristian Kuykendall, *Shelby L. Landis, Haylee A. Lonas, *Jasmine B. Long, Johnathan W. Mallow, *Kelsey R. Miller, *Cody G. Mitchell, *Shalea M. Moreland, *Aiden M. Moyers, *Cody B. Nuzum, *Joshua K. Pennington, *Logan S. Riggleman, *Ashlee N. Rohrbaugh, Brooklynn P. Rohrbaugh, *Slade A. Saville, *Hannah R. Shockey, *Austin N. Shoemaker, Sadie E. Smith, *Shelby R. Southerly, *Alexis Summers, *Mickala M. Taylor, Garrett S. VanMeter, Ian A. VanMeter, *Kelsie D. VanMeter, *Courtney N. Whetzel, *Emilee White and *Kelsie G. Wilson-Hott.

Eleventh grade: *Rylee C. Adams, Kaleb J. Alexander, *Lauren G. Alt, *Ariahna P. Aronhalt, *Austin T. Berg, *Chance T. Berg, *Grant R. Brill, Chevy L. Brown, *Jenna N. Burgess, Selenia L. Campbell, *Jessica L. Canoy, Maddison E. Champ, Jacob A. Cruz-Perez, *Seth M. Cullers, McCoy W. Fitzwater, *Skye A. Friel, *Aaliyah E. Goldizen, Brittany N. Goldizen, Autumn N. Harrison, Jacob W. Hawk, *Deanna D. Helmick, *Destiny F. Helmick, Kyle T. Jolley, *Cayleigh F. Ketterman, *Owen S. Kitzmiller, Cody D. Kline, *Katie A. Kuykendall, *Hannah M. Lafferre, *Jacob E. Landis, *Kayla M. Lantz, *Blake A. Loy, Jesslyn A. McCaslin, *Emilee M. McDonald, *Alyssa M. Miller, Tristen N. Miller, *Kymberly G. Minnich, *Charlie C. Moomau, Eli W. Nazelrodt, *Isaac L. Nazelrodt, *Adam L. Nesselrodt, Kathrine E. Ours, *Nathan R. Park, Dakota Parsons, Sadie D. Porter, Isaih D. Proffitt, Jacob N. Rohrbaugh, Rodney C. Rohrbaugh, *Shania L. Rohrbaugh, Tyler A. Saville, *Ariel K. Simmons, Hunter R. Simmons, Montana L. Sindledecker, *Elizabeth Smith, Sierra N. Swick, *Carley B. Turner, Quentin A. Turner, *Ethan B. Vanis, Blayton Lofton, Kodie Lofton, Chloe Meadows*, Joseph Monroe, Eric Moreland, McKinley Moreland*, Chase Moyers*, Jordan Mullen*, McKenzie Oates, Haylee Ours*, Kassy Park, Jaden Poore*, John Redman*, Ryan Rig-

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Eighth grade: Ean Brown, Kyler Cook, Andrew Fleming, Isaac Kimble, Ashley Kisner, Braxton Lahman, Brooklynn Mullins, Kyla Riggleman, Devin Taylor, Ethan Taylor, John Vandenberg, Cassandra Wilson, and Jacob Wimer.

Ninth grade: Javier Barger, Alyssa Berry, Olivia Bible, Samuel Boggs, Ariana Coakley, Jacob Crites, David Fulk, Alexis Herron, Christopher Hill, Nathan Hudgins, Ty Kesner, Trevor Knight, Sidney Lahman, Emma Parker, Levi Rose, McKale Schultz, and Maddoux Wimer.

Tenth grade: Levi Alexander, Sarah Augustine, Chloe E. Barr, Trevon E. Crites, William Elswick, Noah Judy, Hannah R. Ketterman, Michael G. Ours, Thomas M. Ours, Baylee J. Smith, Hannah R. Stump,

Nathaniel K. Travis and Nicholas B. Wimer.

Eleventh grade: Devren L. Alt, Wyatt L. Arbaugh, Gage L. Bachman, Connor W. Black, Tizah J. Boggs, Alex D. Bosley, Ariel M. Clark, Kayla B. Eskridge, Hunter R. Hartman, Luke L. Keplinger, Jacob S. Kimble, Paxton K. Kyle, Aedan R. Lott, Christopher J. Lough, Karrie A. Metheny, Asia R. Rexroad, Chassitty J. Stump and Brandon A. Waldron.

Twelfth grade: Jennie L. Alexander, Isaac W. Armentrout, Micah D. Bergdoll, Jacob T. Bivens, Breanna M. Funkhouser, Levi W. Huffman, Destiny N. Johnston, Zachary I. Kile, James W. May, Trevor J. Miller, Nathan A. Moreland, Kacie S. Valkos, Tori R. Weasenforth and Samantha M. Wimer.

Heavner on EMU dean's list

Kathie Heavner, of Petersburg, and a leadership and organizational management major at Eastern Mennonite University, has been named to the spring 2020 dean's list.

The dean's list, compiled at the end of each term, includes degree-seeking students who achieve a semester GPA of at least 3.75 with no withdrawn, incomplete, or failing grades for 12 semester hours of standard grades.

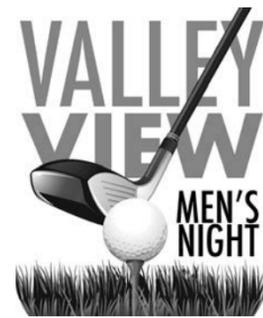
A leader among faith-based, liberal arts universities since 1917, Eastern Mennonite University has its main campus in Harrisonburg, Va.

Grant County students named to GSC honor list

Glennville State College has announced the names of Grant County students who have been named to the provost's honor list for the Spring 2020 semester.

They include Colton Watts of Maysville and Colton Allanson of Petersburg.

To be named to the provost's honor list, students must earn a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.9 on a minimum of 12 semester hours.



Thursday, June 11

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 I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens who participated in the primary election and exercised their right to vote. I want to express my sincere appreciation for supporting me. I will always stand by my Christian values and ask God for guidance. I promise to work hard for you and always stay humble. It is important to me that we see more opportunities for the citizens and the future generations to come. I'm looking forward to what the future brings and working for you as county commissioner. May God bless you and our county!
Sincerely,
Tyson Riggleman

School levy: a positive look to the future

By Camille Howard

This year's election held several surprises, both local and statewide. Locally, the passage of the school levy was a welcome change from the many years of "no" votes. Earlier this spring, when the coronavirus reared its ugly head, passage of the levy seemed doomed since opportunities to get out and promote it were squashed by social distancing and the fact that most people were focusing on the reports of the spread and changes to life in general.

But all those changes brought about opportunities for school personnel to shine. Their determination to keep our students on track in the face of some enormous obstacles, as well as their willing spirit to assemble and deliver meals to students across the county, was not lost on the voters.

Also to be commended are all those who promoted the levy through this newspaper in the form of letters to the editor, advertising and articles explaining every facet of the levy and where the dollars were going; had personal talks and promotions through social media; and placed signs along roadways.

Maybe all of that, plus the stay-at-home orders, worked in favor of the levy passage by helping voters make a more informed decision. Whatever the reason, the voters have spoken and we look forward to positive things for and from our students as well as for and from those who have them in their care throughout every school day.

WV shared editorials

The future of funding for spring sports in colleges

Huntington Herald-Dispatch

There was much excitement in Huntington a few months ago when Marshall University announced it was ready to build a long-awaited baseball stadium.

Site preparation has begun, but other than that, the project has stalled.

While that project is stalled, it's a good time to consider the future of spring sports in college athletics. And, too, the status of minor league baseball in West Virginia. The two are related in a way.

Colleges and universities are facing a financial crunch. Costs go up while pressure builds to hold down tuition and fee increases. Few sports programs break even financially. Those usually are at the larger universities with huge fan followings and lucrative television contracts. West Virginia University is one of those schools thanks to its membership in the Big XII. Marshall is in a lower-tier conference. Athletic departments at those schools must be subsidized from student fees and other sources.

Which brings us to baseball and non-revenue sports the ones that don't benefit from ticket sales or selling broadcast rights. Financial pressures from the coronavirus pandemic and other sources are forcing schools to consider these programs' futures.

Some schools have made cuts. According to Sports Illustrated, Furman has cut baseball, Old Dominion has cut wrestling and Cincinnati has cut men's soccer. Brown cut 11 spring sports.

Last month, Bowling Green State University in Ohio dropped baseball. According to the Toledo Blade, half the athletics budget at Bowling Green comes from student fees. The department was told to cut \$2 million in cuts as part of the university's plan to prevent an overall \$29 million deficit for the 2020-21 academic year. The baseball program was saved when alumni secured commitments to raise \$1.5 million over the next three years.

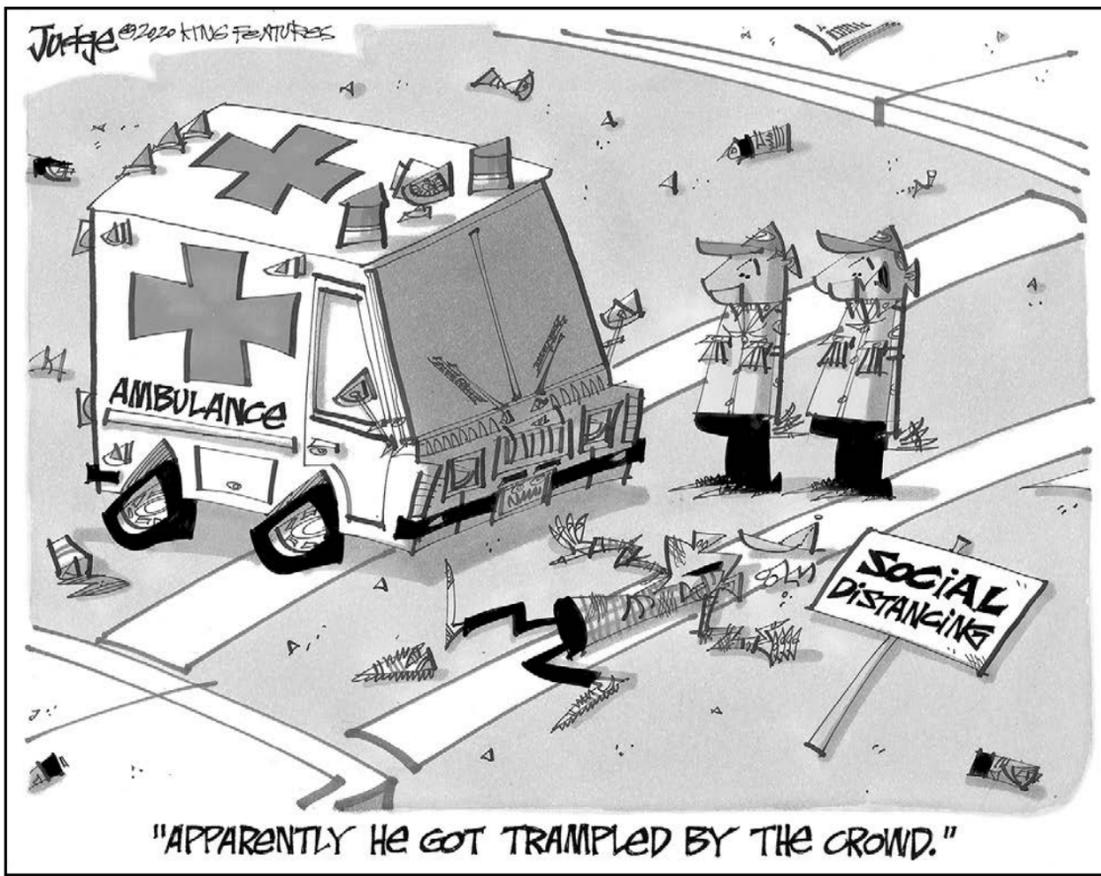
Here's where professional baseball enters the picture at Marshall. Some fans' dreams for the Marshall baseball stadium was securing a minor league team to play there after Marshall's season ended. That plan could have faced opposition from the West Virginia Power in Charleston, but the Power's own future is in question as Minor League Baseball is reducing the number of teams it has. Major League Baseball no longer wants to support so many minor league teams, and most of West Virginia's minor league teams could be contracted out of existence.

Not having the possibility of a minor league team could spell trouble for the financial justification for the Marshall baseball field.

Marshall supporters have waited decades for a ballpark near campus. It would be a severe disappointment if one is not built, but economic realities could work against it.

Meanwhile, universities must be ready to talk about the true cost of athletics. When state-supported schools ask legislators to maintain or increase their subsidies, they need to be up front about how and why they subsidize money-losing sports. Students graduate with loan debt, part of which goes to support sports they do not attend and, honestly, don't care about.

Are non-revenue sports sustainable? COVID-19 and economic realities will soon force schools to answer that question.



Marilyn M. Singleton, MD, JD

Covid-19 and the universal health scare

Politicians are a strange lot. Not content with merely being Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi is moonlighting as Surgeon General, opining on what medications the President should be taking. Service to the public is a distant memory. The new charge is to invent catchy phrases, like the "new normal," to quietly coax us into obeying dictates, while ignoring facts and science.

It is not normal to base lifting the lockdowns on the trend in positive novel coronavirus (aka SARS-CoV-2) tests. Predictably, positive tests (with many folks never becoming symptomatic) will continue to increase as more tests are done. Given that the stated goal of lockdowns was to lessen the strain on hospital resources, using hospitalization trends makes more sense.

It is not normal for New York and Minnesota governors to insist that COVID-19 patients be admitted to nursing homes, even after it became clear that nursing homes were a hotspot for infections and up to 81% of COVID-19 deaths.

It is not normal for healthy people to walk around wearing masks—particularly when it is not recommended by the sainted World Health Organization.

It is not normal to never see your parents, children, or grandparents. Older folks suffer from loneliness in the best of times.

It is not normal for children to stay home from school indefinitely. When children do go back to school, it is not normal to tell them they have to wear masks and might not be able to play or eat with one another. Meanwhile, the CDC's latest report tells us that the infection fatality rate for those aged 0-49 years is 0.05%. The CDC's latest numbers are what Stanford researchers predicted in April.

It is not normal to have cellphone apps that track your movements. I

suppose helicopter parents and stalkers would make good use of them.

It is not normal to propose "immunity passes" enabling the holders to move about society unimpeded. Immunity passes make no scientific sense given that the serology tests are unreliable, the length of immunity to SARS-CoV-2 is unknown, and invites social stigmatization.

The real "new normal" is politicians being blatant with their old games. It is normal for California's Governor Newsom to make a secret \$1 billion deal with BYD, a Chinese-based electric bus maker, to manufacture N95 masks at \$3.30 a piece. Kudos to his fellow Democrat legislators for seeking transparency about his pandemic spending spree.

COVID-19 is a handy justification for Congress to promote a political ideology rather than propose targeted measures to assist those struggling with the consequences of the virus.

To his credit, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti purchased 24 million "Made in America" masks from Honeywell at 79 cents a mask.

COVID-19 is a handy justification for Congress to promote a political ideology rather than propose targeted measures to assist those struggling with the consequences of the virus. The HEROES Act, the fourth stimulus bill, presents a path to universal basic income by paying some workers more to stay home than they would receive by returning to work. The CARES Act suspended student loan payments, but the HEROES Act paves the way for free college tuition for all by forgiving up to \$10,000 of student loans for every borrower.

Moreover, the HEROES Act contains a multitude of other agenda-driven programs like access to financial services and the marketplace for minority-owned cannabis-related businesses, diversity in banking, a Post Office bail-out, \$50 million to the Environmental Protection Agency

for environmental justice grants, economic impact payments to illegal immigrants, permanent voting by mail, and the clearly relevant requirement that the President inform Congress of the reasons for not filling a vacancy for an Inspector General position.

The proposed Medicare Crisis Program Act of 2020 would provide health insurance for those who lost their health insurance due to the COVID-19 lockdown and its consequences. We want to help those who lost their jobs, but why use a newly-minted premium-free Medicare program as the vehicle? Is it to get people accustomed to Medicare covering all age groups?

The CONTACT initiative requires the CDC to work with states to implement a national system for testing, contact tracing, surveillance, containment and mitigation of COVID-19. (Have we done this for the infectious and deadly flu?). The CDC regulations, instruct authorities to use the "least restrictive means" in implementing public health measures. However, "when an individual is identified as a threat to the health and welfare of others, such as refusing medical treatment at a healthcare facility and refusing to self-quarantine, the government may take the individual into custody."

The government has been known to abuse its power—whether through cultivating fear, regulatory force, or by individual miscreants. Frederick Douglass warned, "Find out just what any people will quietly submit to and you have the exact measure of the injustice and wrong which will be imposed on them." We cannot let a declaration of a public health emergency become the new gauge of what it takes to break our spirit of liberty.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

During these challenging times and in the midst of a global health crisis, who are our frontline heroes?

You might be surprised to learn that radiologic technologists play an important role in the diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19.

Chest X-rays and CT scans are critical diagnostic tools in identifying the pneumonia-like complications of coronavirus. When patients are placed on ventilators for breathing assistance, radiologic technologists perform imaging procedures so appropriate placement can be verified.

Each of these imaging procedures is performed by a professional known as a radiologic technologist. Radiation therapists are also essential workers on the

frontlines in the fight against cancer. Their work with oncology patients is crucial, and it continues every day, even during a pandemic.

So let's give a big salute to the doctors, nurses and other hardworking health care professionals. But here's a special tip of the hat to the more than 3,000 registered and certified radiologic technologists making a difference for patients every day in the state of West Virginia.

To us, they're unsung heroes, and we offer our heartfelt thanks for everything they do.

Jeffery Jobe, president West Virginia Society of Radiologic Technologists; Member, American Society of Radiologic Technologists

West Virginia receives over 35,000 fraudulent jobless claims this month

By Anthony Izaguirre Associated Press

West Virginia has received more than 35,000 fraudulent pandemic unemployment claims this month, officials said Friday.

Scott Adkins, acting commissioner of Workforce West Virginia, which handles the unemployment applications, said many claims have been filed using stolen personal data or were sent in with knowingly incorrect information. He said the fraudulent claims are slowing the process of getting unemployment benefits out to West Virginians who have already been waiting weeks.

"It's going to take a little longer, unfortunately, to process those claims which

can cause a delay for folks who need those benefits and have been waiting for several weeks," Adkins said, vowing criminal prosecutions for the false claims.

States from Washington to Maine have reported increases in fraudulent unemployment claims.

Federal figures released last Thursday said more than 4,200 West Virginians filed for jobless aid last week. State officials have said they received 250,000 claims in about the last two-and-a-half months.

The filings come as Republican Gov. Jim Justice pushes forward with an aggressive plan to lift virus restrictions across the state.

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Remember When

June 14, 1950
Joan Miley Harman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Harman, became the bride of Jack Ruhl Ours, son of Mr. and Mrs. G.R. Ours, at the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kuykendall announced the marriage of their daughter, Esther Lorine, to Carl Junior Hipp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernice Hipp of Maysville, June 4, at the Brethren Church in Cumberland, Md.

Clarene Michael was chosen to attend Girls' State.

E.F. Nine was elected mayor over incumbent Cecil Layton by a margin of one vote, 64-63.

Veach-Townsend Clinic births included: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Geiser of Upper Tract, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Brison Sponaule of Circleville, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd V. Kimble of Upper Tract, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Willis Rohrbaugh of Cabins, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Goldizen of Cabins, a son; and Mr. and Mrs. Gail Helman of Purgitsville, a daughter.

Mrs. Marion Judy entertained with an 11th birthday party for Linda King.

Mrs. O.H. Riggleman had a 13th birthday party for her daughter, Fannie, at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Cowherd entertained with a seventh birthday party for their daughter, Jo, at the Hermitage Hotel.

\$58,000 had been raised in the fund drive to purchase the local tannery.

Plans were under way by the council of the town of Petersburg for a celebration of its golden anniversary in July.

Gladys Cathern Thorn of Burlington became the bride of James A. Dodds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dodds of New Creek, April 16, at Sunnyside Church of the Brethren.

Births at Grant Memorial Hospital included: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fisher of Moorefield, a son, June 6; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lohr of Petersburg, a son, June 8; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Van Meter of Maysville, a daughter, June 10; and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Snyder of Kessel, a son, June 12.



Enoch Alt navigates the flood waters after the June 17-18, 1949 flood that ravaged the South Branch Valley. Damages were estimated at over \$4 million and hundreds were left homeless. Photo submitted by Jack Yokum

June 17, 1970
Speakers of the Grant County 100th dam dedication were Gus Douglass, Sen. Robert C. Byrd and Kenneth Grant.

The marriage of Cynthia Vickie VanMeter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence VanMeter of Petersburg, to David Paul Stump of Petersburg was May 16, at Petersburg UM Church.

Leonard Mallow of Cabins, who was stationed with the Armed Services in Vietnam, was promoted to sergeant.

Mrs. Demby Berg was honored June 7, on her 50th birthday by her children at Sites Park, Seneca.

Rebecca Plauger graduated from Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Cumberland, Md.

Junior Carr was stationed in Vietnam.

Births at Grant Memorial Hospital included: Mr. and Mrs. Luther Heavener of Petersburg, a son, June 11; Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Barr of Petersburg, a son, June 11; and Mr. and Mrs. John Hitt of Petersburg, a daughter, June 13.

Those retiring from Petersburg Elementary School included: Mae King, cafeteria supervisor; Grace Foley, cafeteria cook; and teachers Thelma Stallings – first grade; Genevera Alt, special education; and Clement Stump – fourth grade.

June 18, 1980
Carl Van Meter, operator of the Van Meter Ambulance Service in Petersburg, filed a \$150,000 civil suit against the Grant County Commission, the Grant County Ambulance Authority and the Grant Memorial Hospital trustees.

Another of Petersburg's landmarks, the Shoestring building, was torn down.

PHS students inducted into the National Honor Society were Andrea Snell, Bradley Franz, Scott Townshend, Mike Peters, Perry Barr, Brad Humphreys, Loretta Weatherholtz, Susan Hardy, Beth Calhoun, Charles VanMeter, Mary Crites, Jenny VanMeter, Tamara Flinn, Danny Sturgill, Tina Poston, Matt Alt, J.M. Snell, Suzanne Park and Beth Wells.

Crowned Little Miss Toddler were: queen – Brandee Harman; first runner-up – Stephanie Bible; and second runner-up – Nicole Champ.

Crowned Little Miss Petersburg were: queen – Darby Thorne; first runner-up – Nicole Dettinburn; and second runner-up – Denise Hinkle.

Mr. and Mrs. Loney Keplinger of Maysville announced the birth of a son, Nathan Melvin, June 11, at Rockingham Memorial Hospital, Harrisonburg, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Keplinger of Petersburg announced the birth of a daughter, Kimberly Ann, at Memorial Hospital, Cumberland, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry DeHaven of Petersburg announced the birth of a son, Grant Douglas, June 8, at Winchester Memorial Hospital.

June 15, 1960
J.L. Boor retired from railroad service, May 7, after 46 years of service.

PHS FFA's David Helmick, Bobby Bible and David Stump attended the 18th W.Va. Conservation Camp.

Haven Reed of Martin attended the third annual camping session for blind children at Camp Galahad.

The Petersburg Industrial Development Council announced the total of

Poultry Festival canceled, golf tournament still on

The West Virginia Poultry Association Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to not hold this year's West Virginia Poultry Association Convention and Festival.

Many factors were taken into consideration including current CDC guidelines for gatherings, WVU Extension's inability to participate in many summer activities as well as the current financial hardships that many individuals and businesses are facing.

The board did, however, approve a possible golf tournament at Valley View Golf Course after it was determined the tournament could meet the guidelines presented by the Hardy County Health Department. Contingent upon sufficient participation and monetary support, the tournament is set for Thursday, July 16.

Last year's poultry queen, Carmen Ketterman, and teen queen, Maddy Clayton, have agreed to continue their reign during 2020. As with previous cancellations of the convention, current officers will continue to serve another year.

Since the State Fair of West Virginia will be held as scheduled, the WVPA board is encouraging association members and integrators to participate in the poultry industry display at the fair. For more information on participating contact WVPA executive secretary Cindy Shreve at 304-530-2725.

W.Va. Department of Education releases scenarios for school re-entry and recovery

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) released initial scenarios for the re-entry and recovery of schools for the 2020-21 school year and beyond during the June meeting of the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE).

The information, housed on the WVDE's website, represents the work of the state's School Re-entry Advisory Council which is a partnership between the office of Governor Jim Justice, WVDE, the WVBE, public health officials, local and national agencies and organizations and county superintendents.

The information considers three re-entry scenarios: Safer at School/Safer at Home; Blending Learning Delivery Models; or Full Remote Delivery. Counties may use the scenarios or hybrid models to best meet the needs of their students.

"The outbreak of COVID-19 and the subsequent national and state emergencies have shed a glaring light on critical issues facing children and families," said West Virginia Superintendent of Schools W. Clayton Burch.

"Child well-being, equity and access to technology, and the achievement gap will be the main focus of our work because they are an important part of everything we do. Our efforts will continue as we work with our partners to further develop the framework that will assist counties making local decisions."

More than 40 partner organizations vetted, reviewed and provided insight around the focus areas that include: instruction and learning; physical, social-emotional and mental wellness; career technical education (CTE); child nutrition; special education; safe schools and transportation; finance; extracurricular activities/extended activities; and technology.

The WVDE recognizes that the response to the COVID-19 pandemic is fluid, and guidance will continuously be updated to ensure it aligns with Governor Justice's and public health officials' best practices. At utmost importance for all considerations of re-entry is the safety of West Virginia's students, teachers and extended education community.

To view the re-entry scenarios, visit wvde.us/reentry, and for more information and updates on the coronavirus in West Virginia, please visit coronavirus.wv.gov.

Manchin bill requires governor to give COVID-19 pandemic funding to local governments

Yesterday, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) introduced the Local Government Relief Act which directs states governments to provide local governments with the funding received through the CARES Act, per the U.S. Department of Treasury's recent guidance.

The Local Government Relief Act would require all states to provide 45% of the funds they received through the Coronavirus Relief Fund to local governments under 500,000 by June 30th. If states are not able to do so, they would be required to provide a detailed report on why, which would be published in the Federal Register.

"Nearly three months ago, Congress passed the CARES Act, establishing the \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund to serve as a lifeline for state and local governments who are on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. But the local governments in West Virginia haven't seen a penny of that money de-

spite repeated requests by Congress to get the money out the door and repeated clarifications from the Treasury Department on how these funds should be used," Manchin said.

"That's why I introduced the Local Government Relief Act to direct state governments to provide local governments with a portion of the funding they desperately need right now. Congress always intended the swift allocation of these funds so the relief could reach those who needed it the most. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to quickly pass this commonsense legislation. Our local governments can't wait any longer."

"We appreciate our West Virginia leaders keeping local governments involved as we move forward during this unprecedented period. CARES Act funding is imperative for local government service delivery and we value the conversations taking place that can help

identify the best way to help our counties and cities," said Jennifer Piercy, executive director of the County Commissioners Association West Virginia, Travis Blosser, Executive Director of the West Virginia Municipal League, and Jonathan Adler, Executive Director of the West Virginia Association of Counties.

"West Virginia's Local Health departments are fighting the COVID-19 fight every day without reimbursement for many of the expenses being incurred," said Boyd Vanhorn, President of the West Virginia Association of Local Health Departments.

"Absent some type of immediate assistance, it will become increasingly difficult for our members to sustain efforts to protect the public from the Coronavirus. Our staffs are working seven-day weeks and we need to build our infrastructure and bring on additional staff which allows us to meet the demands of this fight and meet our other public health duties. Absent help, our departments will have to make tough decisions moving forward."

The CARES Act included \$150 billion for states to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, with a minimum of \$1.25 billion per state. Recent guidance released by the Treasury Department made it clear that States should transfer funds they received through the Coronavirus Relief Fund to local governments under 500,000 in population. Chronically underfunded local health departments have been on the frontlines of this crisis and are eligible for payroll relief through these funds.

Of the 48 local health departments in West Virginia, 13% have less than 30 days cash on hand. Fire and EMS – which are facing \$1.4 billion in budget losses – are also eligible. However, the National League of Cities recently released a report indicating that 32 states had not spent any of the funds received.

Region 8 PDC recipient of economic development investment funds

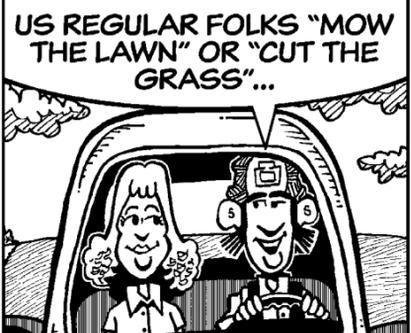
U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) and Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.), members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$420,000 from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for economic development district planning in six different locations in West Virginia. These investments will help identify specific economic factors and help planning councils create individual plans to further development in each of the designated areas.

Individual awards included Region 8 Planning and Development Council, Petersburg/Grant County, \$70,000.

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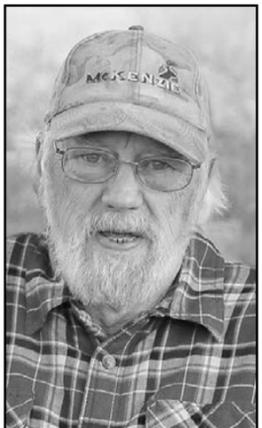
GREGORY ALLEN MASEMER

Gregory Allen Mase-mer, 69, of Lahmansville, W.Va., went to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 6, 2020 at his home. Greg had battled cancer for the past 10 months.

Born in York Springs, Pa. on October 26, 1950, Greg was oldest of seven children born to Frank and Marian Masemer of York Springs, Pa. He was preceded in death by both parents.

He is survived by his partner of 30 years, Mary Salmon of Lahmansville; four sisters, Deborah Kern and husband Glen of York Springs, Linda Hiendel and husband Don of York Springs, Martha Grimm and husband Paul of East Berlin, Pa. and Mycala Stelter and husband Brad of New Cumberland, Pa.; two brothers, Steven Mase-mer and wife Sue of Minneso-ta and J. Douglas Mase-mer and wife Lesa of Thomas-ville, Pa.; three daughters, Kimberly Mase-mer-Kuhn and husband Kelly of New Oxford, Pa., Tamany Mase-mer-Silvestri and husband Sebastian of Bever-ly Hills, Calif. and Stacia Ratcliff and husband Jeff of Maysville, W.Va.; eight grandchildren, McKensie, Skylar, Amelie, Angelique, Khloe and Kindall; and two stepgrandchildren.

Greg was a renowned self-taught taxidermist with 50 years of experi-ence. With his love of the



outdoors and wildlife it allowed him to capture the most realistic look as possi-ble for his profession. Greg was an avid trapper and fur trader. He also enjoyed hunting and collecting arti-facts. Greg liked to spend time going to auctions to socialize with friends and look for antiques. He made many friends throughout his life and travels and will always be remembered, loved and missed deeply.

Greg's wishes were to be cremated. Presently, me-morial plans for the family are incomplete. Memorials can be made to the fami-ly c/o Schaeffer Funeral Home, 11 N. Main Street, Petersburg, WV 26847 to help with expenses. Any additional donations col-lected will be donated to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Greg's memory.

Condolences may be left at www.schaefferfuneralhome.com. (6-16-20)

DORIS J. ALT

Doris Jean (Kimble) Alt, 84, of Middle River, Md., and formerly of Grant and Pendleton counties, died Friday, June 5, 2020 at Franklin Square Hospital in Rosedale, Md.

Born Feb. 27, 1936, in Landes, she was the daugh-ter of the late Stanley Cecil Kimble and Mary Alice "Molly" (Ratcliff) Kimble. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Burley H. Alt; one daugh-ter, Marsha Mitchell; two brothers, Bruce Mowery and Kermit Mowery; and one sister, Pearl Kimble.

Ms. Alt attended Frank-lin High School and she was a member of the Up- per Tract United Method-ist Church, Upper Tract and the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Middle River. She retired as an inspector from Northrop Grumman, Linthicum, Md.

She is survived by one daughter, Kelly Braun of Middle River; two brothers, Paul Kimble of Rough Run and Douglas W. Kimble of Moorefield; three grand-children; three great-grand-



children; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday after-noon, at the Basagic Funer- al Home chapel, Petersburg with Pastor Craig Howard officiating.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung As- sociation at the American Cancer Fund, P.O. Box 7262, Hillsborough, NJ 08844.

Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funer- al Home. (6-16-20)

GEORGE W. VANCE

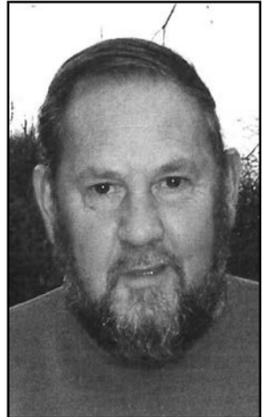
George William Vance, 69, of Petersburg, died Sunday, June 7, at his resi- dence.

Born Feb. 21, 1951, at Onego, he was the son of the late Burl Vance and Bertie (Long) Heavener. He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Wilda Jane Vance and Anna Lee Vance.

Mr. Vance attended school in Onego and Seneca Rocks. He was a mem-ber of the South Branch Baptist Church, Petersburg. He was a self-employed farmer.

He is survived by nine sisters, Johnnie Sue Vance Kimble, Anna Mae Wimer, Cynthia Borrer, Mary Elizabeth Blair and Cindy Heavener, all of Petersburg, Mary Ellen Thompson of Moorefield, Jurlene Wimer and Kathy Arbaugh, both of Cherry Grove, and Ruth- lene VanMeter of Upper Tract; and seven brothers, Larry John Vance, Douglas Morral, Joseph L. Heavener and Sidney E. Morral, all of Petersburg, Glenn Dale Vance of Mill Creek, Richard Morral of Landes and David A. Heavener of Cabins.

A graveside service was conducted Thursday morn-



ing at South Branch Valley Memorial Gardens, Peters- burg with Pastor Matt Per- rine officiating.

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DeWAYNE HAWK

DeWayne "Jake" Hawk, 85, beloved husband, father and grandfather, was called to his eternal resting place Friday, June 5, 2020.

Born March 18, 1935, he was the son of the late Dewey and Nellie (Cos- ner) Hawk. Jake was also preceded in death by his first wife, Rebecca in 1996; a son, Carl DeWayne in 2004; a brother, Eugene Hawk; and two sisters, Ruth Janoski and Dorothy Hoeck.

He is survived by his wife, Irene (Cosner) Hawk; a son, Gary Hawk (Jack- ie) of Oakland, Md.; two daughters, Evelyn Hawk and Diane Junkins (Den- ny) both of Mount Storm, W.Va.; grandchildren, Bri- an Hawk (Rebecca), Kev- in Junkins (Emily), Ran- dy Junkins, Caleb Hawk, Brianna Hawk, Rebecca Hawkinberry (Nick), Jo- seph Hawk, Benjamin Hawk, Christopher Spar- bell, Lance Sparbell and Patrick Sparbell (Alycia); five great-grandchildren; brothers, Loren, Larry and Jerry Hawk; sisters, Sylvia Fulayter and Sandy Way- bright; along with several



nieces and nephews.

Jake was an avid hunter and fisherman and loved spending time with his family. He was a member of the Mount Storm Pres- byterian Church.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 virus, all services will be private with only immediate family in atten- dance.

In lieu of flowers, me- morials can be made to the Mount Storm Presbyteri- an Church, P.O. Box 226, Mount Storm, WV 26739.

The C & S Fredlock Fu- neral Home, P.A., Oakland, is honored to serve the Hawk family at this time. (6-16-20)

ROSEMARY HARVEY

Rosemary "Rosie" (Cos- ner) Harvey, 76, of Oak- land, Md., passed away Thursday, June 11, 2020, at Oakland Nursing and Re- habilitation Center, Oak- land.

Born May 7, 1944, in Bayard, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Harold Ramsey and Mary Cath- erine (Gay) Cosner. She was also preceded in death by her son, Michael Sims Har- vey; and her sister, Cath- erine (Cosner) Reall.

Rosie was a homemaker. She was a member of White Church United Methodist, and Past Worthy Matron of Oakland, Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star. Rosie enjoyed cooking and canning the vegetables she grew, and working on the farm mowing grass and running a brush hog. She liked her flower gardens and watching humming- birds. Rosie was a WVU basketball and football fan and enjoyed being "Meme" and watching her grandkids and great-grandkids.

She is survived by her husband, John Sims Har- vey; two daughters, Rhon- da Lynn Sweitzer and hus- band, Steven "Mike", of Swanton, Md. and Johnna Renee Wotring of Oak- land; four brothers, Ronald Cosner of Mount Storm, W.Va., Lee Cosner of Ba- yard, Larry Cosner of Ba- yard and James Cosner of Ohio; two sisters, Rita



Kersonic of Aurora, W.Va. and Della Robinson of Bayard; 10 grandchildren, Zachory, Mathew, Joshua, Cody, Cheyenne, Han- nah, Grant, Ryelynn, Ste- ven and Michael; and four great-grandchildren, Noah, Cole, Makenna and Alaina.

At Rosie's request, she will be cremated. A me- morial service will be held at a later date.

Newman Funer- al Homes, P.A., 1100 Mem- orial Drive, Oakland, is in charge of the arrangements.

Expressions of sym- pathy may be directed to Order of the Eastern Star, Oakland, Chapter 67, c/o Charlene Bennett PM, 365 Dennett Road, Oakland, MD 21550.

Condolences may be sent to her family at www.newmanfuneralhomes.com. (6-16-20)

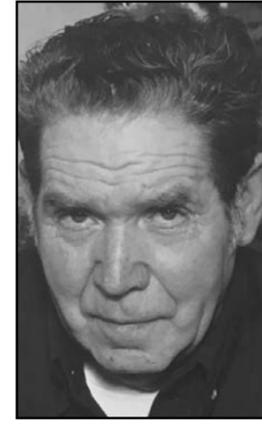
ALONZO E. SHREVE

Alonzo Elwood Shreve, 87, of the Smoke Hole community, Upper Tract, W.Va., passed away Thurs- day, June 11, 2020, at Hampshire Memorial Hos- pital, Romney, W.Va.

Born Oct. 2, 1932, at Smoke Hole, he was the son of the late George Ver- non Shreve and Minnie Rebecca (Judy) Shreve. He was also preceded in death by a brother, David Shreve, and a sister, Ruth Mowery.

He was a farmer and owned and operated Shreve Lumber Company and Shreve Store.

On January 23, 1953, he married Loris Kimble Shreve, who survives. Also surviving are two daugh- ters, Carolyn Ritter of Yu- lee, Fla. and Amy Shreve of Upper Tract; one son, Roy A. Shreve and Nancy of Upper Tract; five grand- children, Samuel Wood, Sharon Michael, Barbara



Feaster, Garry Simmons and Doug Simmons; six great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Saturday afternoon, at the Shreve Family Cem- etery with Pastor Glenn Sites officiating.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.kimblefuneralhome.com. (6-16-20)

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Election

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Ralph G. Layton (2,715 votes) and surveyor incumbent Mark Geary (2,432 votes). There were no Democratic competitors to these positions.

Two nonpartisan county board of education seats were also on the ballot, with incumbents Kelly Roby (2,444 votes) and Jared Amtower (2,051 votes) both running unopposed.

The most widely supported candidate on the ballot was current President Donald Trump, who picked up 2,910 votes, with 92.6% of Republican voters favoring Trump over other presidential candidates.

Voter turnout for the election was moderately high compared to past primary elections (47.66%). A total of 3,541 citizens made their way to the polls, 3,144 of which were Republican, 351 were Democrat and 46 were nonpartisan. There are 7,429 registered voters in the county, of those 4,958 are Republican, 829 are Democrat and 1,642 are nonpartisan.

Overall Grant County results include:

Republican Ballot

Presidential candidates:

Donald Trump (2,910 votes) beat out competitors Matthew John Matern (12 votes), Bob Ely (11 votes), Roque "Rocky" De La Fuentea (14 votes), Bill

Weld (45 votes) and Joe Walsh (41 votes).

Statewide: Trump won the West Virginian Republican nomination with 94.5% of the vote.

U.S. Senator:

Incumbent Shelley Moore Capito (2,244 votes) retained overwhelming support in the county over competitors Larry Butcher (273 votes) and Allen Whitt (265 votes).

Statewide: Capito won the West Virginian Republican nomination with 83.4% of the vote.

Governor

Incumbent Jim Justice (1,753 votes) grabbed a majority of the county's vote against opposition Woody Thrasher (649 votes), Michael "Mike" Folk (402 votes), Shelby Jean Fitzhugh (57 votes), Doug Six (56 votes), Charles Sheedy Sr. (33 votes) and Brooke Lunsford (26 votes).

Statewide: Justice won the West Virginian Republican nomination with 63% of the vote.

Commissioner of Agriculture

Incumbent Kent Leonhardt (1,722 votes) maintained support against rival Roy Ramey (627 votes).

Statewide: Leonhardt won the West Virginian Republican nomination with 63% of the vote.

Doug Lambert, Grant County Superintendent

"We appreciate the trust the community has shown in our school system. By passing this levy we will now have locally generated funds to put towards our local schools. We will do everything possible to prove that trust was well placed for the future of our students, our staff and our community."

State senator 11th Senatorial District
Opponent Robert Lee Karnes (1,175 votes) beat out incumbent John "J.R." Pitsenbarger (672 votes).

Other unopposed positions on the Republican ballot included: West Virginia House of Delegates 54th District incumbent John Paul Hott II (2,268 votes); state senator 14th senatorial district incumbent Randy Smith (488 votes); secretary of state incumbent Mac Warner (2,292 votes); Attorney General incumbent Patrick Morrissey (2,330); treasurer Riley Moore (2,135 votes); U.S. House of Representatives 1st Congressional District, incumbent David McKinley (2,101 votes) and auditor John "JB" McCusky (2,159 votes).

Democratic Ballot

Presidential candidates:

Joseph Biden (208 votes) picked up the most support in the county, over Bernie Sanders (40 votes), David Lee Rice (14 votes),

Elizabeth Warren (11 votes), Michael Bloomberg (seven votes), Tulsi Gabbard and Michael Bennet (five votes), Amy Klobuchar (four votes), Pete Buttigieg (three votes), Andrew Yang (one vote) and Tom Steyer and Deval Patrick (no votes).

Statewide: Biden won the West Virginian Democratic nomination with 65.3% of the vote.

U.S. Senator

Paula Jean Swearengin (132 votes) won the majority support against Richard Ojeda II (82 votes) and Richie Robb (67 votes).

Statewide: Swearengin won the West Virginian Democratic nomination with 38% of the vote.

U.S. House of Representatives 1st Congressional District

Tom Payne (192 votes) won county support against Natalie Cline (94).

Statewide: Cline won the West Virginian Democratic nomination with

73.6% of the vote.

Governor

Stephen Smith (101 votes) picked up the county win against Ben Salango (81 votes), Douglas Hughes (41 votes), Jody Murphy (37 votes) and Ron Stollings (32 votes).

Statewide: Salango won the West Virginian Democratic nomination with 38.9% of the vote.

Commissioner of Agriculture

J.R. Keplinger (216 votes) picked up the county against Bob Beach and Dave Miller (39 votes each).

Statewide: Beach won the West Virginian Democratic nomination with 48% of the vote.

Attorney General

Isaac Sponaugle (258 votes) pulled in local support against Sam Brown Petsonik (44 votes).

Statewide: Sponaugle won the West Virginian Democratic nomination with 50% of the vote.

Unopposed positions on the Democratic ballot included: secretary of state, Natalie Tennant (268 votes); auditor, Mary Ann Roebeck Claytor, (241 votes); treasurer, John Perdue (261 votes); state senator 11th senatorial district, Denise Campbell (189 votes) and state sena-

tor 14th senatorial district, David Childers (72 votes).

Nonpartisan Positions

Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals (One):

Incumbent Tim Armstead (1,021 votes) beat out David Hummel Jr., (737 votes) and Richard Neely (734 votes).

Statewide: Armstead won the seat with 41% of the vote.

Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals (Two)

Jim Douglas (884 votes) picked up the county against William "Bill" Wooton (648 votes), Kristina "Kris" Raynes (634 votes) and Joanna Tabit (260 votes).

Statewide: Wooton won the seat with 31% of the vote.

Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals (Unexpired term)

Lora Dyer (941 votes) overcame competitors John Hutchinson (894 votes) and Bill Schwartz (501 votes).

Statewide: Hutchinson won the seat with 39% of the vote.

Unopposed nonpartisan positions on the ballot included: magistrate (division one), Willard "Boog" Earle II (2,857 votes) and magistrate (division two), Emory "Bill" Feaster Jr. (2,880 votes).

PHG

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who may be concerned for their loved one's future, while also working in tandem with the PHG's Day Program, which offers education in life skills, community efforts, social programs as well as crafting and taking local trips.

"The girls do get to go out a do a lot more then they did when they were living at home with us, mostly because we just didn't have the energy to keep up," Kimble said. "Now they go out, they ride the bus, they go on trips. I do go get them every weekend and they come home to visit, and they are always excited to be back here, but I can say by Monday, they are ready to go back to their own house."

Mowery explained that each home is staffed with caretakers who help to oversee the home and provide for the needs of the residents while also maintaining the resident's sense of independence and home.

"When we have a new resident, our goal is for them to be with us long-term," Mowery said. "This is their home, this is where they live, where they feel safe - it isn't just a house or living situation - it is a home."

For other residents, the program is a jumping off point that they can use to plan their future. One such resident, a young woman named Sam, in Petersburg, works through the PHG in the community as part of her program.

"I've been in the program for 10 years," Sam said. "I can go to them about anything, they are very helpful. Living here, we really want to be able to go out into the community as much as possible. We have so much more room at the house."

This sense of community is shared throughout the program, with Mowery saying the need to feel accepted is a cornerstone of many.

"Our residents want to be accepted, to be part of the community," Mowery said. "They want to work in the area, to go out and be social, to really be a community member. That is so important. They want to go everywhere and do ev-

erything that everyone else does."

Mowery explained that the program not only offers a more independent home environment for the residents, but also ensures they remain connected to their family, providing local care that many parents or grandparents fear would require relocating either their family or their child.

"When we receive a referral and sit down with a family to discuss options, we always assure them that we are there to work with them," Mowery said. "We ask them to tell us what they need, what will make their life better, what we can do to be there for them. That is our goal."

This closeness was a necessity for the Kimble family, who pick up their daughters every weekend and holiday for family visits.

"I did have a bit - well, maybe a lot - of empty nest syndrome when the girls first moved into the house," Kimble said. "It was really difficult to think of someone else being in charge of their day-to-day wellbeing. Any parent just wants to know their children are safe and cared for. But I have seen a positive change in them. When they are home, my instinct is to do everything for them, but living there they have picked up all this new independence and confidence. When they are home now, I see them doing things that I would not have ever thought to ask them to do."

Now, having been in the program for four years, Kimble said her experience has been overwhelmingly positive, with both the PHG and the staff.

"Every situation is different, I can't speak for what is best for any other family or any other parent, just what is best for my own. But if someone in a similar situation to my own asked, I would tell them this is an option that has been really positive for us. It wasn't easy, it is always a challenge to decide what is not only right for us as the parent but what is best for our children."

For more information on the program or any other service offered by the Potomac Highlands Guild, contact their Petersburg Clinic at 304-257-1155.

Grove Street Health Center COVID-19 testing crew



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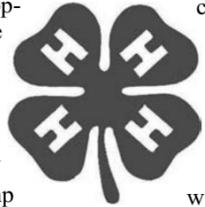
own boxes, activity offerings, and schedule but they will have a common thread in hoping to still have a summer educational piece while helping ease some of the feelings of missing camp and friends."

Coffman explained that the Camp URL experience is designed to make sure children without reliable internet ac-

cess could still participate while having some live sessions for all to catch up on activities.

Currently, the Grant-Pendleton Camp is scheduled to include an All-Star led reflections event and a dance party.

For more information about the statewide effort, visit their website at <https://extension.wvu.edu> or, for local information, contact the WVU Extension office in Petersburg at 304-257-4688.



4-H Camp-in-a-Box preparation

Pursuit

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passing another vehicle.

The suspects then entered a construction zone on Route 42 in the area of the Bensenhaver Farm and crossed onto the closed lane, continuing at a high rate of speed.

While exiting the work zone, the vehicle swerved dangerously, forcing road workers to run to safety.

The pursuit then turned onto Patterson Creek Road, almost striking another vehicle and passing yet another vehicle in a no passing zone in a blind

turn.

Prior to the intersection of Morgantown Road, the vehicle again passed another vehicle in a blind hill crest.

Sgt. Thorne managed to stop the vehicle at the Morgantown Road intersection.

During the pursuit, officers noted that not only were the pair driving recklessly, they also witnessed multiple near-misses, that endangered the lives of pedestrians, as well as posed a substantial risk to other drivers.

Crawford was identified as the driver of the vehicle and Delawder as the

passenger.

Thorne noted that Delawder was aggressive and appeared to be under the influence of drugs. Both men were detained until senior deputy D.R. Lambert of the Grant County Sheriff's Department arrived on the scene. Crawford was taken into custody without incident.

Delawder was placed under arrest for obstructing, assault on a police officer, assault on an emergency medical service member and possession of methamphetamine.

Crawford was placed under arrest for felony fleeing with reckless indif-

ference, reckless driving, failure to yield to construction workers, passing in a no passing zone, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and other charges.

Both Crawford and Delawder were transported to the Potomac Highlands Regional Jail.

Senior Deputy D.R. Lambert and Chief Deputy S. Wratchford of the Grant County Sheriff's Department and Cpl. S. Nazelrod and Sgt. Roden of the West Virginia State Police assisted in the arrests.

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- Grant Brill
- Blake Loy
- Isaih Profit
- Logan Thorne

Volleyball:

- Shayla Whiteman
- Klowie Schultz
- Jenna Biggs
- Hannah Lafferre
- Kymerly Minnich
- Aaliyah Goldizen
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- Emma Berg

Soccer

(Boys):

- Caleb Fabbri
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- Cole Harper
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- Destiny Helmick
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- Nick Fleming
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- Allie Champ
- Anna Goldizen
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Started in 1973, the Golden Lanes Bowling Alley is a landmark in Petersburg. Originally opened by Carl Thorne, the business was later passed down to his children, daughter Sue Earle and two sons, Randy and Delmas Thorne.

Since its early start, the business has served as not only a place for families to spend time together and enjoy some exercise but also one of the best restaurants in the town.

"When we first started we had a little snack bar, maybe the size of a closet," Sue said. "But we just started to build on that and now we have a full menu."

And while it may be a little nontraditional for a bowling alley to be famed for their food, the creative business played a massive



role in the alley's financial wellbeing during the recent COVID pandemic.

"The closures have been bad for the bowling alley but the kitchen has really held its own," Sue said. "We still aren't able to open up all the lanes and the fall and winter leagues were not able to finish. But fortunately the community has been supportive and we do a lot of take-out meals."

Sue and her brothers all left for college after their father opened the lanes; however, both Randy and Sue found their way home afterward. And while Delmas does not live locally, he also helps to run the business.

Golden Lanes has survived two major floods, one in 1985 and another in 1996.

"The flood of 1985 was bad ... really bad," Sue said. "The water took out an entire wall and was up to the light switches. I remember thinking that we should just sell it and walk away. So we talked about it but honestly, the lanes were all underwater, who would even consider buying it. Instead we rebuilt, we had some great community members come out and help up clean up. We are still here."

From its very beginning, Golden Lanes has strived to be a safe haven for families, with a focus on providing something for the youth of the county to enjoy.

"When Dad started the business, he always wanted it to be a family place, somewhere families could come and have fun. We never sold alcohol or anything like that, and we have some arcade games for kids. He wanted it to be a family thing, that's what he built on and that's what we are still built on."

One unique opportunity the alley provides is their bowling leagues.

Golden Lanes currently runs three leagues: the Women's League on Monday nights; an Odd Couples League on Tuesday nights and a Men's League on Thursday nights. They are also working to begin a new "Red Pin League" for the summer months, which offers bowlers the opportunity to not only get out of the house, but also earn a little extra prize money by grabbing a strike on the red pin. Sue explained that the leagues are very inclusive and are great for new or amateur bowlers and require no outside equipment.

"The leagues we run

here are called handicap competitive. This handicap is a percentage of the difference between the



or skill to compete," Sue explained. "You don't need any equipment and it's really good exercise. Plus, there is always good food."

For more information on the Red Pin league, check out their advertisement on page 8B.

A bowling handicap allows players to compete against other bowlers with a wide variety of skill and ability while remaining

player's average and a basis average.

"We are always looking for more people to join our leagues," Sue said. "None of them are full right now. A lot of people like it because they get to meet new people in the community. We welcome everyone."

For more information on joining a league, contact Golden Lanes Bowling Alley at 304-257-1770.



Summer practices to return - WVSSAC releases guidelines for COVID safety while training

Last week, the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission (WVSSAC) released a set of guidelines to help high school athletes return to practice while still remaining diligent of COVID-19 guidelines.

The guidelines were created to "restart" extracurricular activities in West Virginia schools. The recommendations and guidelines were developed with input from the National Federation of High Schools, the Centers for Disease Control, the White House, the Office of the Governor, the West Virginia Department of Education, and the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources.

All recommendations set forth by the WVSSAC have been developed with the health, safety, and well-being of the student being of paramount importance. The guidelines apply to all middle and high school athletic and band programs that are governed by the

WVSSAC. The organization also cautioned coaches to remember that most athletes have not been able to maintain their standard athletic routines.

"The WVSSAC understands that many student athletes have had limited to no access to athletic facilities and organized activities for several months," the release said. "When considering plans for a 'restart' of extracurricular activities, consideration must be given to the student athlete's level of conditioning."

These guidelines apply to low-to-moderate risk sports while high-risk sports such as football, competitive cheer and wrestling will be allowed to operate with additional guidelines in place. However, football teams will not be permitted to practice drills with body to body contact, and no helmets or shoulder pads will be allowed.

The following recommendations and guidelines

contain a "phase in" approach that includes:

- A period of nonsport specific strength and conditioning (Phases 1 and 2); and
- A three week summer period that allows for sport specific activities (Phase 3).

Information for fall sports practices, seasons, and band will be provided at a later date.

Each school administrator shall have a written sanitation plan during the time students are on the school campus. The plan shall include procedures for disinfecting high touch surfaces and restrooms. High touch surfaces and restrooms are to be cleaned frequently with approved disinfectants.

Appropriate staff must be designated for the daily sanitation. The final decision to open up school facilities will be up to each county board of education. All activities are voluntary.

During the four weeks

student athletes will have the opportunity to participate in "non-sport specific" activities in order to improve conditioning and strength, and agility.

The four week period is to be broken down into two parts, with specific guidelines and recommendations implemented for each part. School and county administrators will need to determine if this will be an option on their school campuses.

If so, school administrators will need to ensure that adequate staff are present during this time so that all safety precautions are met.

Phase I, two weeks, strength and conditioning training, recommended to last from June 8-19.

During this phase, athletes can train in small groups (up to 10 people) in outdoor facilities only. At this time, training sessions will be limited to one hour a day.

Participants (both students and coaches) must remain socially distanced

and wear masks, unless taking part in "highly aerobic activity." No sport-specific equipment will be allowed.

Phase II, two weeks, strength and conditioning training, recommended to last from June 22 - July 3.

During this phase, groups will be permitted to use not only outdoor facilities but also indoor facilities. Groups must remain at 10 people or less but up to 25 people can be allowed in a designated area. Training can last up to two hours per day.

Phase III, begins in the traditional three week summer period, the dates of which will be decided on a county-by-county basis.

This phase allows sport-specific equipment to be used and permits intrasquad scrimmages. However, these scrimmages are permitted only within teams and activities between two schools are not permitted. Training is permitted for up to three hours per day.

Grant County Board of Education



Superintendent Doug Lambert, VicePresident Janie Berg, Pandora Barr
President Jared Amtower, Carla Kaposey, Kelly Roby

"On behalf of our school board, staff, and students, we give a HUGE thank-you to every Grant County resident that voted YES!" enthused Superintendent Doug Lambert after confirmation of passage of the Excess School Levy election night. "It is not lost on us that you voted YES! on a levy for the first time in almost two decades, we will be good stewards of this levy and intend to keep the public updated on the progress we make along the way."

More than 1600 voters cast their ballots in favor of a 5-year levy which will raise \$11 million for expansive improvement plans the Board proposed almost two years ago for the four Grant County schools.

Board of Education President Jared Amtower said, "We have a large gap in upkeep and operational funding created by normal aging of facilities and equipment. State funding does not cover the actual costs to operate a school district, and for years Grant County Schools has been operating at the bare minimum. The levy money will be used to bridge the gap."

Jaine Berg, Vice-President of the Board has been passionate about safety improvements the levy will bring. "We will have vaping sensors installed in critical areas of our schools, they resemble smoke or carbon monoxide detectors and can detect vaping in places where kids are hiding to smoke. We are going to put aides on every bus to help better manage students, we will be working to better secure our schools and make sure our students feel safe and parents know their children are protected."

Some of the critical needs that will be addressed: asbestos abatement in all schools, intercom and emergency notification measured in all schools, HVAC upgrades, PRO Officers in schools, security window tinting or replacing windows, speed zone replacement lights and key-less entry upgrades.

"The passage of this levy also sends a great message to our staff and students that the important work they do each day is noticed and residents of the county understand the significances of maintaining our building in a safe, updated condition. We are thankful for this support," stated BOE member Carla Kaposey.

Until June 9th, Grant County was one of only 12 West Virginia counties that did not have an excess levy, it is also the 6th least funded county in the state. However, it is ranked #17 based on school year test scores according to schooldigger.com.

Pandy Barr shared her appreciation, "Thank you to the voters of Grant County for showing your faith in our schools. We promise to be good stewards and provide full accountability for all money spent. You have shown us your support and belief in our students, our schools and the future of our communities."

Kelly Roby, re-elected to another term on the Board the same evening the levy passed said, "A community's economic growth and strength is linked to the quality of the local schools. This vote is a great indicator of our community's passion and commitment to providing for the youth in Grant County. Thank you!"



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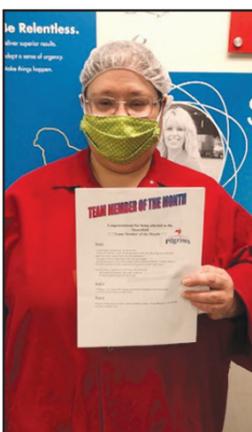
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Piraino and Morral honored as Pilgrim's fresh plant's team members of the month



Angela Piraino

Angela Piraino has been honored as the May "Team Member of the Month" for the Pilgrim's Moorefield fresh plant. Piraino works in the quality assurance department on night shift and has worked for the company since June 18, 1995.

"Angela is dependable and always a team player. She helps her coworkers every night. I appreciate her so much," said Barb Ganoe, her supervisor. "Angela demonstrated the Availability value, which is to be receptive and open, always be prepared and motivated to take on new challenges."

Jessica Morral has been honored as the June "Team Member of the Month." Morral works in the evisceration department on day shift and has worked for the company since July 6, 2015.

Her supervisor, Crystal Crider, commented, "Jessica does a great job every day and she displays great teamwork. She is very determined to get orders completed and stay ahead."

Jessica demonstrated the determination value, which is to be relentless, deliver superior results, adopt a sense of urgency and make things happen.

The "Team Member of the Month" is a program that has been implemented to recognize employees for their outstanding merit and work ethic.

Employees in the program have exhibited outstanding work characteristics in the categories of the company values: determination, simplicity, availability, humility, sincerity, discipline and ownership.



Jessica Morral

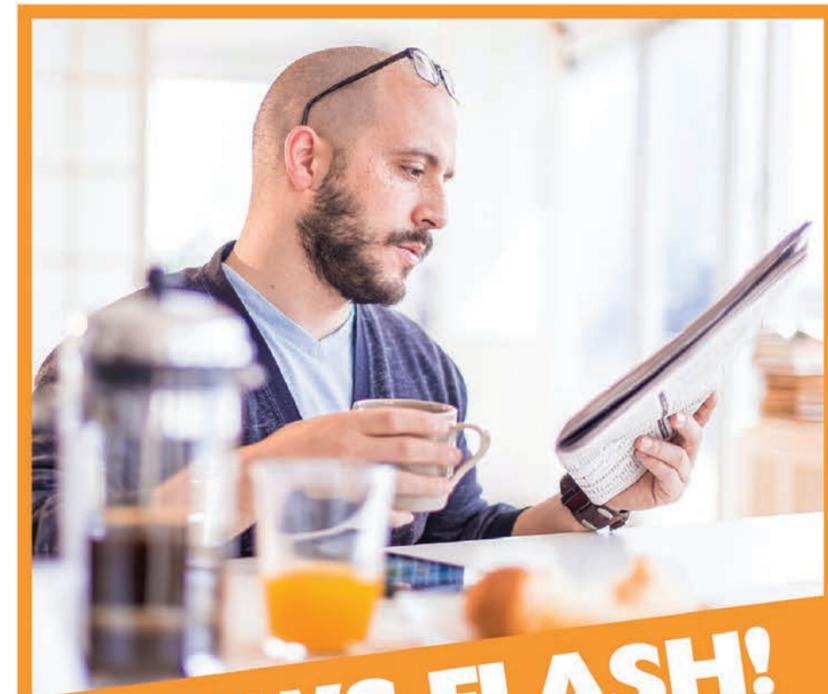
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Change in Access				✓
Visitation – Inpatient (10 am – 8 pm) – 1 person		✓		
Visitation – All other areas with no time restriction or end of life care -1 person	✓	✓	✓	✓
Masks – Bring your own mask (provided if emergency)	✓	✓	✓	✓
C-Section Delivery in the operating room – 1 person			✓	
No Visitation – Negative Pressure Rooms	✓	✓		

Changes do not apply to outpatient services (Laboratory, Physical Therapy, Rehabilitation, Radiology, etc.)