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Commission hears good report on hospital

Bob Milvet, the chief executive officer of Grant Memorial Hospital, appeared before the Grant County Commission last week to provide a quarterly update on the hospital. Through his presentation, Milvet said the hospital was working on multiple updates, including to the facility, as well as the services provided. He also pointed to positive upturns in the hospital's financial performance.

"Overall, I believe the hospital is slowly growing out of several years of dealing with volume declines as well as lagging and sluggish financial performance," Milvet said. "There is no question we have had a bad couple of years in those two areas. When we start to have patients drive by our facility, we lose revenue."

Milvet said one of the focuses of improvement for GMH has been growing the hospital within the community and striving to keep local residents comfortable remaining in the area for treatment as opposed to traveling to other hospitals.

"We have made decisions for the sole purpose of keeping business here locally in this community," Milvet said. "That is how we will keep the hospital thriving in the future."

Milvet said that actions taken in this goal include adding a new general surgeon to increase the number of procedures the hospital is able to offer, adding tele-medicine psychiatry to the emergency room, adding a cardiology clinic through tele-medicine, converting the facility to have all-private rooms, working more closely with local provider E.A. Hawse as well as the weekly addition of an allergist and an ear, nose and throat doctor.

Milvet pointed to the incorporation of tele-medicine programs as having important roles in smaller, more rural hospitals.

"The idea of the tele-medicine psychiatry service is to give our ER physicians, who are well trained, but may not necessarily know how to deal with all the issues with patients with behavioral medicine needs," Milvet explained. "Whether it be substance abuse or other types of behavioral issues, such as anxiety, but we can connect directly to a board certified psychiatrist to work with that emergency physician and that patient to determine exactly what type of treatment is best for that patient."

Milvet said he hopes the program will reduce wait times in the emergency room, reduce the number of unnecessary ambulance runs and allow more immediate mental health intervention.

The other tele-medicine program pointed to by Milvet was the new cardiology clinic. Milvet



FORT MULLIGAN DAY - History enthusiasts and re-enactors joined multiple other community members last weekend to pay a visit to the historic Fort Mulligan site for their annual Fort Mulligan Day event. The event included multiple historic displays, such as a small re-enactment of a Civil War battle between Confederate and Union soldiers at the site. The fort was originally constructed in 1863 by Union troops and currently boasts self-interpretive signage containing historical information on the location as well as a maintained walking trail. For more photos see page 4B.

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With school in session, Grant County Sheriff's Department reminds drivers to slow down

The Grant County Sheriff's Department issued a reminder last week, cautioning drivers to slow down when driving near school zones.

"Please slow down and watch for buses," the department cautioned. "Last year in the nation was one of the worst for children being struck and near misses loading on the buses."

Beyond the danger presented to the students, drivers were warned that they

could potentially lose their licenses and receive a fine for illegally passing a school bus.

They also encouraged local parents to take action in educating their children on basic safety topics.

"Parents, talk to your kids about bus stop safety on strangers, as well as looking for cars before going to the bus," the department said. "Just because the stop sign is out, cars may still keep coming

due to not paying attention."

This is also a discussion that was echoed in this month's meeting of the Petersburg City Council, with multiple complaints being expressed to the council concerning speeding in the areas surrounding Petersburg Elementary, Petersburg High and South Branch Career and Technical Center.

School celebrates solar panel savings

According to an update given by CMTA Energy, the Grant County Board of Education is now seeing smaller electric bills due to countywide updates, including a large solar array that is now powering Petersburg Elementary School.

In the seven-month update, the board was informed that since making the changes, the county had saved approximately \$86,400 in energy to the school facilities. These savings are the result of more effective technology and a nearly \$18,000 correction in the county's electric bill that was discovered previously by the company.

The CMTA representative explained that, due to the recent updates, Grant County has moved to the top 15% of the most energy efficient schools in the state. This point was echoed by facilities director Brent Nelson, who said the county was recently mentioned at a conference he attended as having one of the most improved energy systems in West Virginia.

Superintendent Doug Lambert said he was excited about the update, pointing to the changes as having multiple benefits not only for the schools but for the county.

Also speaking during the meeting was Maysville resident, Larry Porter, who addressed the board on their school safety efforts.

"As we all heard recently, we have had shootings in California, Ohio and Texas, and I just wanted to ask what we are doing differently this year as opposed to last year when it comes to school safety," Porter asked. "I have been told the cameras are up and running, and that's great, but I know there have been talks of installing safe boxes at the schools and I think that is really important."

Porter was referencing the board's recent discussion of installing more controlled entrances at the schools that would prevent visitors from having access to the hallways until being permitted in through a monitored entranceway. Two entrances that currently are being discussed for this goal are Maysville Elementary School and Petersburg High School, with PHS being the more costly of the two.

Later in the meeting, Lambert addressed the topic of the entrances, saying it is still a goal of the board but it is dependent on available funding for when the projects can begin.

The third presentation of the meeting was given by Chris Franz of SPORT SAFE Testing Services who spoke on their work with the school district to provide drug and alcohol testing for athletes. The discussion of

Final two plead guilty in federal fentanyl and meth distribution ring case, await sentencing

The final two individuals indicted by a federal grand jury for organizing and participating in a multi-county fentanyl, heroin, and methamphetamine distribution ring pleaded guilty for their role last week.

Dennis James Miller, 44, of Moorefield, has admitted to his involvement in the operation, pleading guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute fentanyl.

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

Jared Judy, 29, of Petersburg, admitted to distributing more than 69 grams of 100% pure methamphetamine in May in Berkeley County.

Judy pleaded guilty to one count of aiding and abetting possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Miller and Judy were indicted along with three Grant County residents, Melanie Lyn Outen, 47, Ted Alexander Voss 29, Michael Dean Smith, 49.

Outen, Voss and Smith all pleaded guilty to similar charges in July, admitting to distributing pure methamphetamine and fentanyl in Grant and Berkeley counties.

Fentanyl has been identified by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) as one of the most dangerous substances in the ongoing opioid crisis currently on the streets.

The dangers of fentanyl has also been expressed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), who explain that pharmaceutical fentanyl is a synthetic opioid pain reliever, approved only for treating severe pain, typically advanced cancer pain.

Fentanyl is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine. According to the

CDC, most recent cases of fentanyl-related harm, overdose, and death in the U.S. are linked to illegally made fentanyl. It is sold through illegal drug markets for its heroin-like effect. It is often mixed with heroin and/or cocaine as a combination product—with or without the user's knowledge.

Due to the drug's low overdose threshold, the amount distributed by the five individuals indicted in this case was enough to potentially kill more than 30,000 people.

Miller faces at least five years and up to 40 years incarceration and a fine of up to \$5 million. Judy faces up to 20 years incarceration and a fine of up to \$1 million.

Under the federal sentencing guidelines, the actual sentence imposed will be

See Plea, page 7A

Last week's responses:

Yes: 9%
No: 91%



support an additional sales tax to support local law enforcement.

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BOGALUS**BIAVOR**

By Camille Howard

I received a phone call the other day and the subject of a taxi service came up. I can't ever remember riding in a taxi, like the yellow taxis you see on TV. However, I do remember riding a street car as a little kid.

The more I thought about it, I realized I had ridden in a taxi, not here, but in Guatemala.

Several years ago I traveled to San Juan la Laguna, Guatemala, on a mission trip with a group from our church. There were adults as well as teens along, to help turn a large, covered, outdoor concrete play area into a gymnasium that sat adjacent to a Christian school. On past trips, groups from our church, as well as churches from across the U.S., had built the school and now the gym.

To spare you the details, we dug holes for support piers, picked and carried out stones, tied rebar together and more. That trip is full of stories.

Transportation between villages was usually a tuk-tuk (pronounced took-took), a three-



wheeled motorcycle with a back seat big enough for two and a cover over it and the driver.

One morning a bunch of the younger set decided to head to the next village for a little sight seeing and shopping, and I said I would go with them.

When we got out on the street there wasn't a tuk-tuk in sight — too much fiesta the night before. Someone suggested we walk down to the crossroads and get a taxi.

OK with me, I wouldn't mind

riding in a taxi.

No one bothered to explain to me what a Guatemalan taxi was.

As we were standing there a small pickup truck came barreling down the hill to a screeching halt at the crossroads. The kids immediately hopped in the bed of the truck, which was already half full of people from another village, so I climbed in, too.

There is no seating in a Guatemalan taxi. There are sides on the bed and a bar attached to the cab of the truck, which runs the length of bed, and makes a 90-degree angle down to the bed floor where it is anchored.

You stand up, hold onto the bar and hang on for dear life.

We were barely on the back

GUACAMOLE

3 whole avocados

Pico de gallo

Lime juice

Salt to taste

Start with buttery-soft avocados. Halve them lengthwise and remove the pits. With a spoon scrape the "meat" out onto a large plate.

With the bottom of a clean cup (or a fork) mash the avocados, making sure to leave it fairly chunky.

Add just a couple of shakes of salt to taste.

Add a generous helping of pico de gallo and fold together.

Squeeze the juice of half of a lime over the top. Give it one last stir before serving.

lime juice to a bowl. Generously season with salt — start with 1/2 teaspoon and go from there. Set the salsa aside for 15 to 20 minutes.

Then stir, making sure to distribute the juices left at the bottom of the bowl. Taste and adjust with more salt.

Store up to 3 days in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

Makes 8 servings or about 3 cups.

Grill tomatoes whole until soft; grill corn (grilling can be one ahead of time).

Combine tomatoes, scallions and garlic in a bowl and smash or break up, tomatoes.

Add olive oil, lime juice, grilled corn kernels, cilantro, jalapeño and salt and pepper.

Serve hot or cold over steak, chicken, fish, etc.

Makes 6-8 servings.

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3 scallions

12 medium size vine-ripened tomatoes

1 cup corn kernels

2 cloves garlic, minced

3 tablespoons olive oil

1 lime, juice only

1/2 cup chopped cilantro

1/2 jalapeño, seeded and minced

Salt and pepper to taste

Grill scallions and chop.

Guatemalan Salsa

1 1/2 pounds tomatoes, chopped

1 medium onion, chopped (about 2/3 cup)

1 to 2 jalapeño peppers, finely diced (seeds and membranes removed for a milder salsa)

1/2 cup finely chopped fresh cilantro leaves

Juice of 1 lime

Salt to taste

Add the tomatoes, onion, cilantro, diced peppers and

upper left-hand corner on the back of the photo.

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A grand-prize winner will be chosen to appear on the calendar cover. Entries may be submitted via email to DEP. AAH@wv.gov or regular mail to:

WV Operation Wildflower

Roadsides in Bloom

Calendar Contest

WV DEP/REAP

601 57th Street, S.E.

Charleston, WV 25304

WVDEP opens annual "Roadsides in Bloom" photo contest

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) is now taking submissions for the 17th annual West Virginia Operation Wildflower 2020 "Roadsides in Bloom" calendar contest. The deadline for entries is Sept. 1.

The following rules for the contest apply: Photographs must be taken in West Virginia. Entries must be submitted as an 8"x10" color print and must be landscape orientation (portrait orientation will not be accepted).

A high-resolution digital copy must be submitted on a CD or flash drive at the same time. Entries that do not contain a digital copy will not be considered;

Flowers must be growing along a road and the road must be prominently visible in the photo. They may be growing naturally or in an Operation Wildflower bed planted by the



West Virginia Division of Highways. Pictures of cultivated species planted in arranged beds, such as marigolds, pansies, etc., do not qualify.

Name, address, phone number, email address (if you have one) and a short description of the photo, including location and county of where the photo was taken, must appear in the

upper left-hand corner on the back of the photo.

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Weekend events at Seneca Rocks Discovery Center

Crafts and entertainment at the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center and Sites Homestead this weekend.

Friday, Aug. 23, 3-4 p.m. - AmeriCorps member Elizabeth Mekonnen will be giving a wildlife/plants interpretive program at 3 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 24, 11 a.m. - AmeriCorps member Elizabeth Mekonnen presents a KIDS program in the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center Theater.

Saturday, Aug. 24, 1-4 p.m. - Don Olson, of Mill Creek will

be performing an eclectic mix of music, including jazz, blues and bluegrass, in the SRDC exhibit hall.

Saturday, Aug. 24, 1-4 p.m. - The Sites Homestead will host making a tussie-mussie. Come make one with gardener Kaila.

Saturday, Aug. 24, 3-4 p.m. - AmeriCorps member Elizabeth Mekonnen presents a historical interpretive program in the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center Theater.

Sunday, Aug. 25 - Mixed-media artist, Sara Golden from

French Creek, will be at the Discovery Center. Her art will be available for purchase.

The Seneca Rocks Discovery Center is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 304-567-2827.

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Sunday, Aug. 25 - Mixed-media artist, Sara Golden from

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Tri-County Fair open class special award winners for home and farm product exhibits

CANNING 183 Exhibits

Best of Show: Adult Premium - Exhibitor, Twila Berg, Maysville. Award in memory of Helen Bean by Bean Settlement Friends.

Best of Show: Junior Premium - Exhibitor, Kia Ketterman, Petersburg. Award in memory of Clarise Bean by Bean Settlement Friends.

Special Sweepstakes: Five jars - Exhibitor, Twila Berg, Maysville. Award in memory of Evelyn Parsons by Durgon CEOS Club.

Canning Sweepstakes: Exhibitor, Twila Berg, Maysville. Gift certificate by Petersburg Shop-n-Save.

Best of Show Jams and Preserves: Peach jam by Twila Berg, Maysville. Award in memory of Helen Sites by Landes CEOS Club.

Best of Show Canned Vegetable: Tomatoes exhibited by Twila Berg, Maysville. Award in memory of Anna Mullenax by Landes CEOS Club.

Best of Show Meats: Pork exhibited by Bev Mathias, Old Fields.

Best Pickle Exhibit: Pickled beets exhibited by Bonnie Heavner, Petersburg. Award in memory of Juanita Mullenax by Landes CEOS.

BREADS, PIES AND CAKES 69 Exhibits

Baking Sweepstakes: Exhibitor, Judy Jenkins, Moorefield, having the most blue ribbons in the department. Award given in memory of Helen Bean by Bean Settlement Friends.

Best Sweet Bread: Exhibitor, Thelma Rohrbaugh, Maysville. Award given in memory of Glona Stump by Landes CEOS Club.

Best Dinner Rolls: Exhibitor, Judy Jenkins, Moorefield. Award given in memory of Edna Sites by the family.

Best Bread: Exhibitor, Judy Jenkins, Moorefield. Award given in memory of Juanita Mullenax by Landes CEOS.

en in honor of Dorothy Harper by Julie Shobe.

Best Overall Breads: Exhibitor, Thelma Rohrbaugh, Maysville. Award in memory of Rella Mallow by Town and Country CEOS.

Best Pie: Berry pie exhibited by Ardella Thorne, Petersburg. Award in memory of Arvela Kimble by Landes CEOS Club.

Best Overall Cookies: Cherry cheesecake brownies exhibited by Jeanie Champ, Petersburg. Award in memory of Iona Bergdall by the Bergdall children.

Junior Baking Award: Peanut butter fudge exhibited by Jamie Carr, Seneca Rocks. Award in memory of Clarise Bean by Bean Settlement Friends.

Best Red Velvet Cake: Exhibited by Kia Ketterman, Petersburg. Award in memory of Edna Sites by the family.

FLOWERS 272 Exhibits

Best of Show: "Along Country Roads" arrangement exhibited by Emily Vetter, Moorefield. Award in memory of Thelma Harper by Durgon CEOS Club.

Best Dahlia: Exhibited by Mary Nesselrodt, Petersburg. Award in memory of Imogene Brake by flower committee members.

Best Rose: Miniature rose exhibited by Pam Boggs, Seneca Rocks. Award in memory of Sally Dunkle by Jordan Run CEOS.

Best Arrangement in Show: "Exhibitors Choice" exhibited by Robin Kile, Franklin. Award in memory of Thelma Harper by Sam and Ellen Harper.

Best Gladiolus: Two color exhibited by Lindsey Funkhouser, Baker. Award given in memory of Viola Porter by Jordan Run CEOS Club.

Special Award: Potted plant exhibited by Lindsey Funkhouser, Baker. Award in memory of Evelyn Boggs by family members.

Other Special Flower Awards: Sunflower by exhibitor, Randy

Waldrone, Petersburg.

APPLIED ART 135 Exhibits

Best of Show: Chairs, exhibited by Melissa Martin, Petersburg. Award in memory of Annie Shobe given by Durgon CEOS Club.

Best of Show Quilt: Exhibited by Jo Oliver, Moorefield. Award by Highland Star Quilter's Guild.

People's Choice Quilt Award: Quilt exhibited by Barb Umling, Petersburg. Award by Bean Settlement Friends in memory of Evelyn Bean.

Best Quilting Junior Exhibitor: Calendar exhibited by Kia Ketterman, Petersburg. Award in memory of Evelyn Bean by Bean Settlement Friends.

Best Crocheting: Ladies vest exhibited by Angel Blizzard, Moorefield. Award in memory of Thelma Harper by Sam and Ellen Harper.

Best Sewing: Child's dress exhibited by Laura Long, Petersburg. Award in memory of Jean Dove by Landes CEOS Club.

Special Hand Stitched Exhibit: Crochet rug exhibit of Bonnie Heavner, Petersburg. Award given in memory of Dorothy Miller by Jordan Run CEOS Club.

Best of Show Miscellaneous Sewing: Mice in a tin, exhibitor, Jane Wellons, Moorefield. Award given in memory of Emily Smith by Landes CEOS Club.

Outstanding Youth Exhibits - Awards by Lost River Educational Foundation:

Picture, exhibited by Sophia Harper, Sugar Grove

Bow and arrows, exhibited by Nevin Good, Baker

Pencil drawing, exhibited by Megan Good, Baker

These youth outstanding exhibits are now on display at the Lost River Museum for a couple of weeks. If you missed their exhibits at the fair, stop by the museum and see their work.

Other Special Flower Awards: Sunflower by exhibitor, Randy



FARM PRODUCTS 265 Exhibits

Hay Sweepstakes: Max High, Lahmansville. Sponsored by Southern States, Moorefield.

Potato Sweepstakes: Billy Jenkins, Moorefield. Sponsored by Southern States, Petersburg.

Garden Exhibit: Jeremiah Ours, Dorcas. Sponsored by Inskeep Farm, Medley.

Slicing Tomato Sweepstakes: Isaac Martin, Petersburg. Sponsored by Creekside Greenhouse, Medley.

Cucumber Sweepstakes: Tia Heavner, Franklin. Sponsored by Doug's Woodworking, Petersburg.

Onion Sweepstakes: Tia Heavner, Franklin. In memory of Iona Bergdall by the Bergdall children - Roscoe, Frances and Judy.

Vegetable in Disguise: Amber Riggleman, Moorefield. Award in memory of Emmett and June Inskeep by Inskeep Family.

Best of Fruit in Show: Darah See, Moorefield. Award given by South Branch Animal Hospital, Moorefield.

ART & PHOTOGRAPHY 94 EXHIBITS

The home and farm classes had 67 new exhibitors this year. Thanks to all exhibitors for coming on a hot Saturday with exhibits for others to enjoy.

Thanks to the judges for their efforts and CEOS clubs, individuals and businesses for providing monies for special awards. Thanks to all committee members who volunteered several hours entering and working with the exhibits and releasing exhibits the final night of the fair.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 63 YARD SALE

Grove Street UM Church

Saturday, Aug. 31 • 9 to 5

Sunday, Sept. 1 • 2 to 6

Monday, Sept. 2 • 9 to 2

NO EARLY ENTRY. STILL ACCEPTING DONATIONS UNTIL AUG. 30 (NO CLOTHES OR TVs)

CALL 304-703-2044

Annual

LAWN PARTY

Grant Rehabilitation and Care Center

127 Early Avenue, Petersburg

Saturday, Aug. 24 • 4 - 7 p.m.

Free Entertainment: RAW COUNTRY

Car & Motorcycle Show:

Dash plaques for first 25 entries!

Hamburgers • Hot Dogs w/Chili

Ham Sandwiches • Pie • Ice Cream

Homemade Candy • Soda & Water

Flea Market - Spots \$10

For more info call 304-257-4233, ext. 225

Bring your lawn chair and enjoy

an evening of fun for all!

HELP WANTED

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKER/TRAINEE

Do you want to work with children and families? Are you good at solving problems and enabling families to get back on the path of stability? Do you have a bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university?

If the answer to these questions is yes, then you may qualify for a job at the Grant/Hardy/Pendleton County office of the WV Department of Health and Human Resources in its Child Protective Services Unit. The position is permanent, full-time, benefited position covered under the West Virginia Division of Personnel.

Resumés may be sent to:

Grant County DHHR,

53 Kiess Drive,

Petersburg, WV 26847

Attention: James Phillips

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

JOB OPENINGS

RN, full-time, emergency room, night shift (3) 12 hour shifts per week with alternating weekends. Prior ER/SCU experience preferred. Current WV RN license required. ACLS, PALS and TNCC certification recommended. Must be capable of multitasking and have critical thinking skills. BLS required. Apply by 9/2/19.

PATIENT CARE ASSISTANT, full-time, Special Care Unit, day shift (3) 12-hour shifts per week with alternating weekends. Previous patient care assistant experience preferred. BLS required. Emergency department or special care unit experience preferred. Apply by 9/2/19.

PATIENT CARE ASSISTANT, full-time, full-time, Medical Surgical Unit, day shift (3) 12-hour shifts per week with alternating weekends. Current WV CNA certification preferred. Apply by 9/2/19.

EMERGENCY ROOM TECH PATIENT CARE ASSISTANT, full-time, night shift (3) 12-hour shifts per week with alternating weekends. Job duties vary, but may include: Phlebotomy procedures, wound care and splinting, EKGs and heart rhythm monitoring, work relating to lab specimens, including collection and delivery. Prior patient care assistance experience or EMT skills preferred. BLS required. Apply by 9/2/19.

CORPORATE COMPLIANCE OFFICER, full-time, primarily day shift, Monday-Friday. Duties will include but not limited to: coordinating the planning, implementation and maintenance of hospitalwide compliance program, including the implementation and enforcement of compliance, regulatory and HIPAA policies and procedures and is responsible for all regulatory compliance matters. Minimum four-year degree in business or healthcare administration, preferred. Candidate must have at least five years progressive management experience in a healthcare organization. Master's degree and/or Juris Doctor, preferred. Must have an in-depth understanding of compliance, regulatory and legal matters in healthcare environment. Apply by 9/30/19.

CANDIDATES FOR ALL POSITIONS MUST HAVE EXCELLENT CUSTOMER SERVICE, COMMUNICATION & COMPUTER SKILLS

Health insurance is available to all regular full-time employees. Paid Annual Leave (PAL) for regular full-time employment is 23 days/year and increases every 5 years until at the end of 30+ years it is a maximum of 38 days/year. PAL can be used after 6 months of employment. Sick leave for regular full-time employment is accumulated at 1/2 day per month and may be accumulated up to a maximum of 68 days. Sick leave can be used after 6 months of employment.

TO APPLY go to www.grantmemorial.com, click resources, opportunities and then pick the job you want to apply for.

Human Resource Office

Grant Memorial Hospital

P.O. Box 1019, Petersburg, WV 26847

304-257-1026

EOE

HEALTHY SATURDAY - The first Saturday of the month, from 7 - 9 a.m. in the Administration Hallway.

CPR CLASSES: Every first Thursday, RHI training room, 8 a.m.

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ceive from working with the equipment will help them as they progress in their journey to becoming a wind technician."

Today, American wind power supports more than 100,000 jobs, and the field is expected to grow exponentially, as the U.S. Department of Energy outlined a strategy that will produce 20% of U.S. power from wind energy alone by 2030.

NextEra is currently developing the Mount Storm Wind project in Grant and Tucker counties. The project is expected to create an economic boost for the counties, including hundreds of construction jobs, as well as good-paying, full-time operations jobs.

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Wanted: your speed test

I received a news release from Sen. Joe Manchin's office stating he had sent letters to Ajit Pai, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), giving the results from speed tests across the state to bring attention to the incorrect coverage maps the FCC has of our state.

The purpose of the letters was to highlight different areas of the state, rural and urban, so that the chairman could have evidence in front of him, from the residents of this state, just how things stand here in regard to broadband coverage.

Earlier this year, Manchin put out the word that he was collecting speed test results and encouraged residents to send him their personal results.

The test results he mentions in each letter were from Frontier customers and every letter the senator says, "These numbers are well below your agency's definition of broadband and the advertised speed they were given by their provider."

No surprise there.

Here are the results from around the state, including Petersburg, of the mbps (megabits per second) for downloading and uploading. We rank in the bottom half.

No surprise there, either.

I did some searching on the internet to find what were the recommended broadband speeds by the FCC. As of 2018 it is 25 mbps down and 3 mbps up. Here are the results of the tests sent to Manchin:

Wheeling: 11.38 down / 0.77 up and 3.75 down / 0.46 up

Masontown: 6.88 down / 0.0 up

Bruceton Mills: 6.17 down / 0.70 up

Great Cacapon: 5.88 down / 0.62 up

Renick: 5.867 down / 0.59 up

Sandyville: 5.7 down / 0.7 up and 3.0 down / 0.7 up

Charleston: 2.75 down / 0.68 up

Petersburg: 2.2 down / 0.2 up

You can see where we rate.

I cannot tell from the letters the exact location of the person who reported the speeds. An address of Petersburg may mean downtown or at the Pendleton County line.

I checked what our speeds were here at the Press office, as a Shentel customer. We had a download speed of 22.0 and an upload speed of 6.22 Friday afternoon. At home, five miles outside of town, we did have HughesNet, a satellite internet service. Speeds with them were 0.42 down and 0.4 up. When our daughter took online college classes, we had to drive back to the Press office so she could upload a project or finish an online test in the required time.

We recently changed back to Frontier and on Friday speed was 27.7 down and 7.64 up (WiFi), however on Saturday, we had intermittent service and WiFi numbers were 1.07 down and 0.0 up most of the day, but later on a direct line 56.7 down and 6.96 up. When it's working, it's great.

Living in a rural area has its challenges and West Virginians have learned to cope with the difficulties, but what the FCC and many in urban areas of the state assume is that we're all traveling at high speed on the information highway, when really most of us here are bumping along on the information back road.

What can you do? According to the news release, "until the FCC establishes a user-friendly public feedback mechanism to allow West Virginians to help validate the FCC's coverage data, Senator Manchin will continue to send speed test results to Chairman Pai. If you would like him to send your own speed test results to the FCC, email a screenshot of your speed test (if possible) along with the following information to speedtest@manchin.senate.gov.

1. The name of the speed testing application used (i.e.: Ookla, FCC speed test application, NACo's TestIT application, WV Broadband Enhancement Council's speed test, etc.)

2. The type of device used to take a speed test (i.e.: Apple iPhone 8, Samsung Galaxy, laptop etc.)

3. Type of broadband service (fixed or mobile)

4. Name of provider

5. Address of area tested

6. Latitude and Longitude (if available)

7. A brief description of the challenges you have experienced due to your lack of broadband service

Or, if you are unable to email this information due to lack of service, please send the information above to: Senator Joe Manchin III, 306 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510."

What have you got to lose except bad or nonexistent service?

W.Va. shared editorial

Protecting vulnerable adults who are harassed

The Intelligencer and Wheeler News-Register

Had Denise Fennatt been a juvenile, police and prosecutors might have been able to do something about the people who allegedly harassed her until she jumped off the New River Gorge Bridge on Aug. 5, 2017. But bullying laws that safeguard West Virginia children do not apply to adults.

Two years after his wife committed suicide, Roy Fennatt, of Kanawha County, filed a lawsuit against six people and a motorcycle club he contends meant to bully her to the point that she would take her own life. That was done through online harassment and posting semi-nude pictures of the late Mrs. Fennatt in public places.

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The Soylent Green New Deal is three years away

By Marilyn M. Singleton, MD, JD

In an effort to cut carbon emissions from burials and cremations, the state of Washington, led by staunch environmentalist Governor Jay

Inslee, became the first U.S. state to legalize human composting.

To think, people can be criminally prosecuted for disrespecting a human corpse, a symbol of a once-living person. But the religion of Mother Earth now supersedes all cultural decency.

We've already cemented the contempt for life at the front end. I thought we had evolved since the ancient Greek elders determined that only the strong newborns survived and the weak were left to die. Virginia's Governor Ralph Northam made it clear that infants were once again throwaways at will.

In explaining the procedure of an "abortion" of a child who was born alive, he said "the infant would be resuscitated if that's what the mother and the family desired, and then a discussion would ensue between the physicians and the mother."

Now we must be acutely aware of what is happening at the other end of life's spectrum. In the U.S., elders are all too often considered expendable by society at large and sadly, by their own families. Such disregard in some 10 million cases escalates to abuse in many forms. Government-certified entities make a significant contribution to this contemptible crime.

In many states court-appointed guardians cravenly plunder their wards' assets with no repercussions. A U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) report identified hundreds of allegations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation by guardians in 45 states and the District of Columbia between 1990 and

2010.

An investigation of a small sampling of the allegations found that court-appointed guardians had stolen or otherwise improperly obtained \$5.4 million from 158 incapacitated victims, mostly older adults. Moreover, such crimes were frequently overlooked by judges.

Soon after coming into office, President Trump signed into law the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act that provided for 90 prosecutors and "elder justice coordinators" nationally to prosecute those committing elder abuse, including guardianship cases. Currently, a sleepy little bill in the wings, the Stamp Out Elder Abuse Act, will

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direct the proceeds of a new postage stamp to enforcing laws against elder abuse.

These new laws may be for naught with the advent of more physician-assisted suicide laws. New Jersey is the latest, complete with a cute acronym: MAID – Medical Aid in Dying.

All the calls for government-controlled medicine are terrifying to those of us who remember a dystopian film where in 2026, with rampant food shortages and homelessness, the only food available is a high-energy wafer purportedly made from plankton. Alas, we witness humans entering a processing center for a happy death and emerging as the main ingredient of Soylent Green.

I contend that the trend of placing older people into hospice before the ink is dry on the hospital admission papers is a new form

of elder abuse. Hospice has become the new Medicare cash cow for unscrupulous facility owners who abuse and neglect patients.

One study found that 8% of the hospices studied did not provide a single skilled visitor—from a nurse, doctor, social worker, or therapist—to any patients who were receiving routine home care in the last two days of life in 2014.

Recall that President Obama robbed Medicare of \$716 billion to fund the Affordable Care Act, including \$56 billion from hospitals serving poor people. Recall that an ethics adviser for ObamaCare, Ezekiel Emanuel, MD, advocates for the "Complete Lives System" of medical care where resources are directed to those with "future usefulness."

Dr. Emanuel proudly claims he wants to die at 75 years of age. Tell that to the countless lives Mother Teresa transformed when she was in her 80s. Tell that to John Glenn, who went back into space for 9 days at 77, and to the 20 million other over-75 dispossessables—or should I say, recyclables.

Quite coincidentally, eliminating the over-75 crowd from the insurance pool would help fund government-sponsored insurance for this country's remaining uninsured. In other words, hurry up and die before the Medicare program goes bankrupt.

My gratitude goes to those congresspersons who recognize that our elders need protection. Given that the federal trust fund that finances much of the Medicare program is projected to run out in 2026, let's hope these compassionate people realize that the first losers of Medicare for All are our elders.

Dr. Singleton is a board-certified anesthesiologist. She is president of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS). She attended UC Berkeley Law School, focusing on constitutional law and administrative law.

W.Va. Division of Highways to hire consultants for secondary-road repair projects

By Phil Kabler

HD Media

Having evidently decided it needs help dealing with the daunting task of fixing the state's crumbling secondary roads, the West Virginia Division of Highways opened bids Thursday to hire consultants to assist in the effort.

According to the request for quotes, the division is seeking an "open-end contract for consulting services to assist with coordination and oversight of the governor's secondary road maintenance initiative."

The winning bidder will have to have a minimum of two employees with at least 15 years' experience and "extensive knowledge of the Highways department management structure and operations; Highways personnel needs; budgeting and project management; governmental and legislative affairs;

knowledge of equipment used for highways maintenance activities; and private sector contractors for highways maintenance."

The contract will require extensive travel statewide "to coordinate with both district and county (Highways) offices regarding roadway maintenance, status of road projects and related equipment needs."

Extensive travel will also be required to meet with "industry representatives" regarding maintenance projects, according to the RFQ.

Additionally, the winning bidder will serve as a "liaison of the agency with the Legislature and West Virginia governor's office."

The contract also calls on the winning bidder to consult with the state transportation secretary and the commissioner of highways, as requested, on "activities, complaints, issues and ob-

servations regarding roadways."

It is not clear what prompted Highways officials to seek outside expertise on road maintenance issues, or how much the division has budgeted for the contract. Highways spokesman Brent Walker did not respond to requests for comment.

In March, shortly after he fired Transportation Secretary Tom Smith - a 37-year veteran of the Federal Highways Administration - Gov. Jim Justice announced that he was placing a new emphasis on repairing and maintaining crumbling secondary roads around the state - in light of growing public complaints about poor road conditions statewide.

Announcing the initiative, Justice commented, "I want stuff done. That's all there is to it. The bottom line is, we're not getting the maintenance done."

Later in the year, the Legisla-

ture moved \$104 million of budget surplus to Highways for secondary road maintenance, while the agency shifted about \$140 million of pay-go bond funding to that end.

However, that's still far below the additional \$1 billion that the Blue Ribbon Commission on Highways concluded the state needed to be spending each year to adequately maintain its roughly 36,000 miles of public highways.

Also in March, Justice named longtime friend and business associate Byrd White as the new transportation secretary and promoted veteran Highways official Jimmy Wriston to the position of commissioner of highways.

Although the contract is open-ended, the bid sheet requires bidders to quote a daily rate of compensation for a total of 150 days, or 30 workweeks.

Highlands Bankshares issued YTD report

Highlands Bankshares, Inc., the parent company of The Grant County Bank and Capon Valley Bank, posted year to date 2019 earnings of \$1,495,000 or \$1.12 per share of common stock outstanding (EPS), compared to \$1,910,000 or \$1.436 EPS for the same period of 2018.

On July 9, the board of directors declared a quarterly dividend to shareholders of \$0.45 per share. The dividend was payable to all shareholders of record as of July 26, and was paid on or about Aug. 2. Based upon the current market price and annualizing the dividends paid to shareholders this quarter, Highlands' current dividend yield is 4.41%.

Return on average assets (ROAA) decreased in 2019 to 0.72%, as compared to 0.94% in the same period of 2018. The return on average equity (ROAE) decreased to 5.65% at June 30, as compared to 7.42% at June 30, 2018.

Total assets, as of June 30, increased \$4,615,000 to \$417,808,000 compared to Dec. 31, 2018. Total liabilities increased \$3,916,000 as of June 30, to \$363,829,000 compared to Dec. 31, 2018 as a result of deposit growth.

Shareholders' equity at June 30, was \$53,979,000 or \$40.38 per outstanding share, compared to Dec. 31, 2018 of \$53,280,000 or \$39.85 per outstanding share.

John Van Meter, chairman and chief executive officer of the holding company, stated, "While the current interest rate environment across the industry has resulted in compression of net interest margins, we have been able to maintain a strong margin and adhere to consistent loan underwriting. Year over year our non-interest expenses have grown at a faster pace than our non-interest income resulting in lower net income for 2019. We are optimistic for the remainder of the year as we have worked through some difficult credit issues requiring us to book additional provision for loan loss expense."

"Our strong capital position has allowed us to maintain the same dividend level we paid during the previous five quarters maintaining a strong dividend yield. We continue to focus on customer service and work hard at deepening existing relationships and identifying potential new relationships."

Small businesses asked to voice opinions in survey

What do small businesses need to succeed and grow West Virginia? The state's small-business owners have an opportunity to answer that question in an online survey from the West Virginia Small Business Development Center (WV SBDC). Business owners can take the survey at wvsbdc.com/survey.html.

The survey remains open until midnight, Saturday, Aug. 31.

"The survey is an opportunity for business owners to tell the state what's going on with their business and what they need to step up to the next level of success," said WV SBDC State Director Debra Martin. "The survey gives businesses a voice to speak up about their challenges and priorities. It affects what the state sees as the needs of business and how we plan to help them meet their goals."

The survey will provide an overview on subjects such as: Business support, workforce, regulations, operations, market conditions, taxes and fees.

Survey respondents will not be identified unless a participant chooses to provide information in the comments section at the end of the survey.

For more information about WV SBDC services or the survey, contact the WV SBDC at 304-558-2960, the Ask Me line at 888-WVA-SBDC or email askme@wv.gov.

No joking matter: Former student found not guilty of threatening mass shooting

A former West Virginia University student accused of threatening to commit a mass shooting was acquitted by jurors after four hours of deliberation.

The Dominion Post reports Zachary Ryan Johnson was found not guilty Friday of making terroristic threats and threatening communication by use of an electronic device.

Johnson was accused of sending a Snapchat message last year in which he said he felt "like doing a mass shooting." Johnson admitting sending the message, but said it was an ill-advised joke.

Johnson was accused by two former classmates of making a similar statement at the WVU Health Sciences Center, where he was in the dental hygiene program. He denied those allegations.

Two other witnesses testified on Johnson's behalf during the three-day trial.

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Kanawha County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Maryclaire Akers told the Charleston Gazette-Mail she had reviewed the case - but decided that what happened to Mrs. Fernatt was "horrible," state law provided no grounds on which to prosecute the harassers. Officers at a local police department also looked for ways to file charges, but in vain.

Hearing of the case, state Sen. Patricia Rucker, R-Jefferson, decided something had to be done. She told the Gazette-Mail she wants to amend the state Computer Crime and Abuse Act - which covers juveniles to include adult behavior.

"When you're talking about adults, it's going to be more controversial and a little more difficult," Rucker said of her proposal.

She is probably correct. Many people view bullying as a problem that affects children, not adults. Theoretically, men and women are better able to cope with harassment and to do something about it.

But as Fernatt's lawsuit pointed out, his late wife was vulnerable. She suffered from depression and had attempted to (kill herself) previously.

It will not be easy for Rucker and other lawmakers to write a statute that will pass constitutional muster. The First Amendment will be an obstacle, protecting as it does virtually all types of expression.

But the U.S. Supreme Court has held that there can be exceptions. One of them is "crying fire in a crowded theater" behavior - that is, speech meant to incite panic and/or violence. If Fernatt is correct, that is precisely what his late wife's tormenters intended to do.

Good for Rucker. We hope she and others in the Legislature do not allow the difficulty of crafting constitutional legislation to deter them. Those who would bully others, of whatever age, into killing themselves should face consequences for their actions.



August 17, 1949

Pfc. William G. Ayers, 19, Petersburg soldier, was held in jail, for the death of Etta A. Shreve, 16, who was fatally injured near Petersburg. An unidentified witness was also being sought.

4-H camp awards included: Maynard Muntzing - spirit of the camp; June Parks - Head H; Sonny Sechrist - Heart H; Betty Rexrode - Hand H; and Jenny Shaffer - Health H.

The fish hatchery, which was damaged in the flood, was to be repaired and by fall work would progress on the new hatchery at Spring Run.

Johnny Landes of Petersburg was to complete his summer field training at Camp Wood, near White Sulphur Springs.

A commendation for outstanding performance of duty as an instructor in the Naval Air Basic Training Command was presented to Lt. R.E. Roby for having flown over 1,000 "accident free" hours of flight instruction.

Parking meters were placed in operation, Aug. 18.

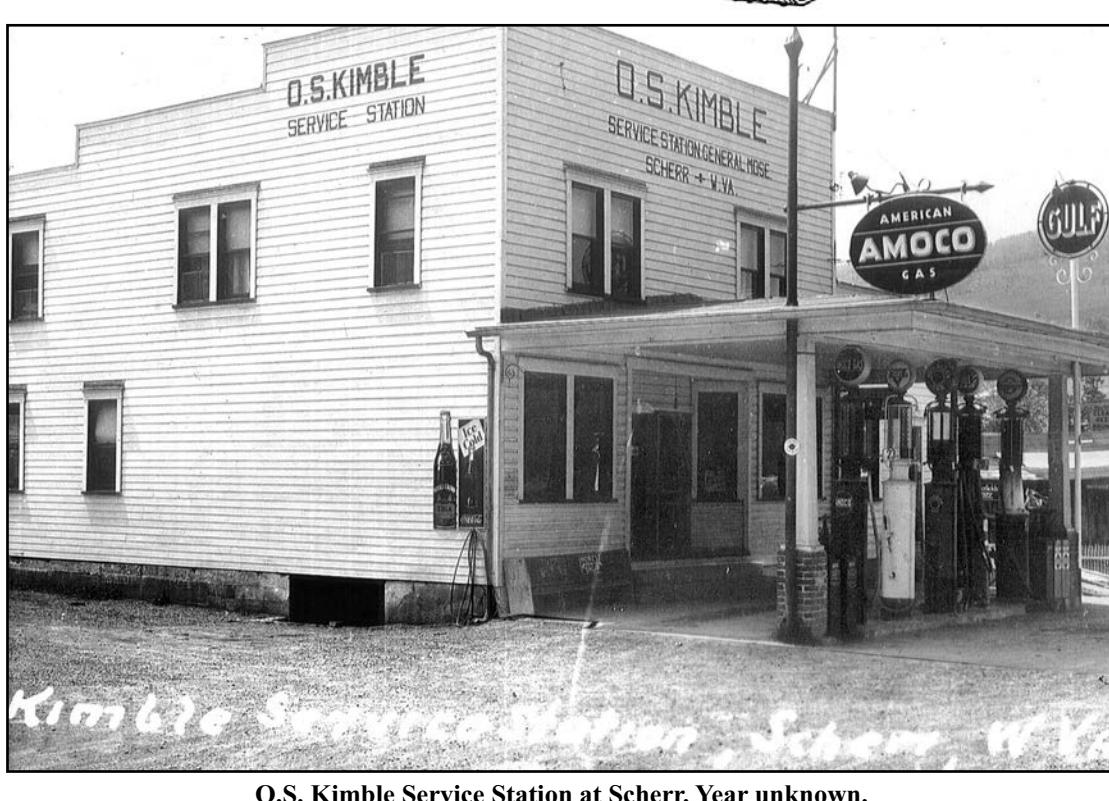
August 19, 1959

Archie Veach of Arthur was in training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

A new traffic light was installed at the intersection of Grove Street and Highland Avenue, as the result of an effort on the part of the local Parent-Teacher Association and Petersburg Women's Club.

A new speed-checking device called the Speed-o-meter, was placed into operation on county roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivan Mowry announced the marriage of their daughter, Barbara, to Carroll Harman Smith, son of Mrs. Tra-



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cy Smith and the late Mr. Smith, Aug. 1, at Mountain Lake Park, Md.

Carrol Smith and Junior Parks attended the state leadership camp at Ripley, Aug. 3-7.

Grant Memorial Hospital births included: Mr. and Mrs. Bensen Nesselrod of Moorefield, a son, Aug. 11; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Fox of Petersburg, a son, Aug. 12; Mr. and Mrs. Otha Turner of Petersburg, a son, Aug. 12; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riggelman of Fisher, a daughter, Aug. 13; Mr. and Mrs. Willis Vance of Dorcas, a son, Aug. 14; and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Redman of Petersburg, a son, Aug. 12.

August 20, 1969

Karen Davidson of Moorefield was named Tri-County Fair queen, with Elizabeth Hevener of Franklin as first runner-up and Penny Everline of Peters-

burg as second runner-up.

As of Aug. 18, the month of August had 4.38 inches of rain.

Robert Harman of Lahmansville was selected to appear in the 1969 edition of Personalities of the South.

Linda Sue Waldron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Waldron of Cabins and Virgil Keplinger Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil F. Keplinger of Maysville, wed Aug. 2, at Corner United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Earle announced the birth of a daughter, Tonya, Aug. 6, at Memorial Hospital.

Births at Grant Memorial Hospital included: Mr. and Mrs. Delmas See of Moorefield, a son, Aug. 13; and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Long of Cabins, a daughter, Aug. 14.

August 22, 1979

The new Grant County Health Department building was

delayed again, when the county commission opened bids on construction work and found the lowest bidder on the project was \$210,000 over their preliminary estimate. The preliminary estimate was \$239,000, two years prior.

Pvt. Gerald Keplinger Jr. completed training at U.S. Army Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Va., graduating third in his class.

The old Alt's Furniture building was to be demolished at the end of August. It was the old Parker, Smith and Ours store built in 1906.

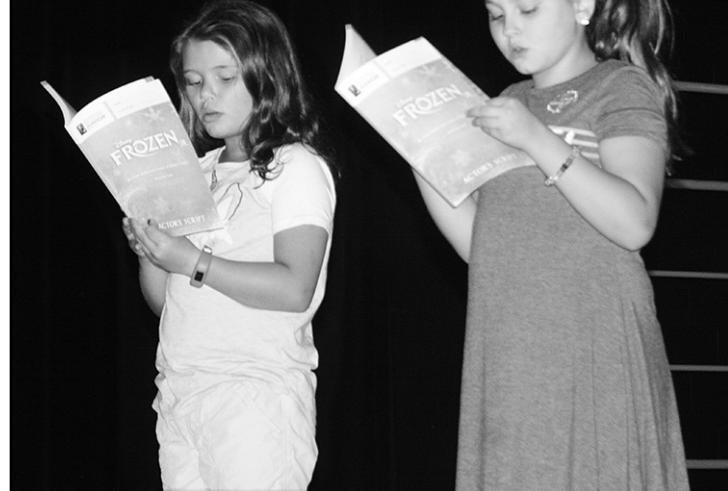
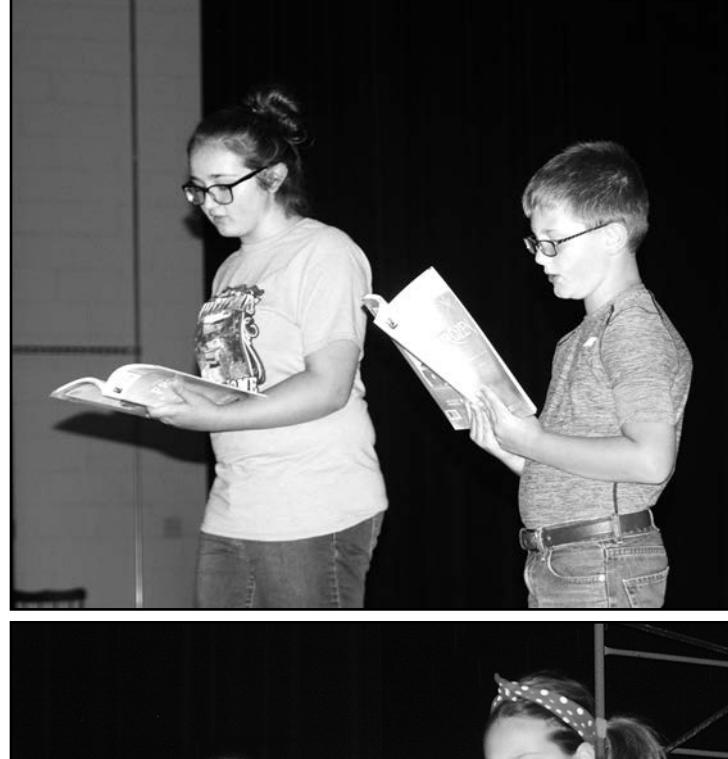
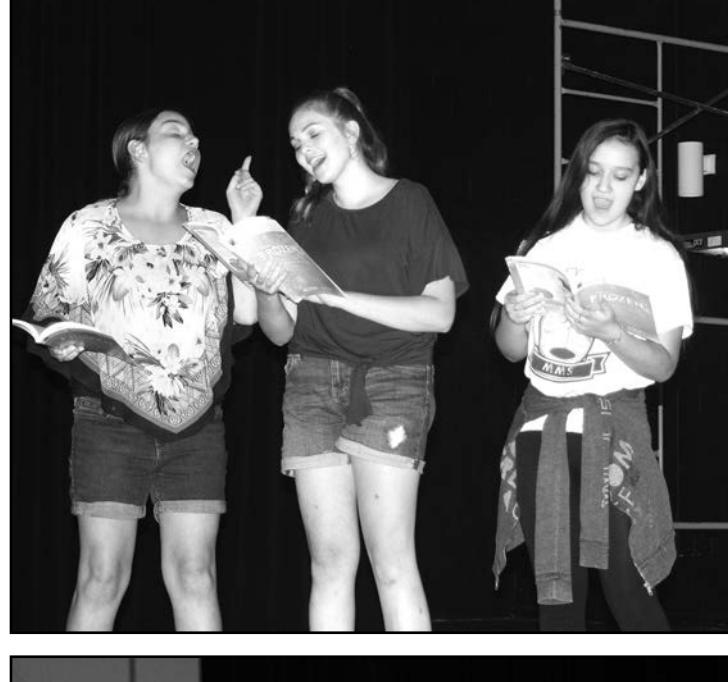
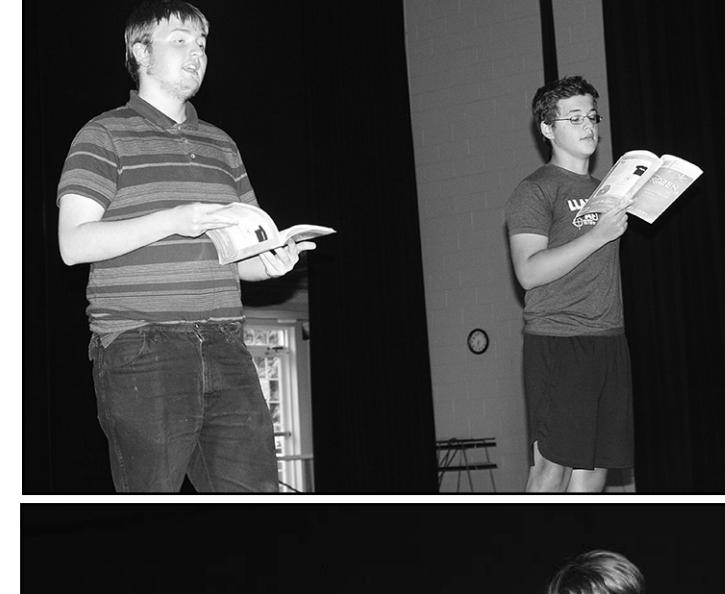
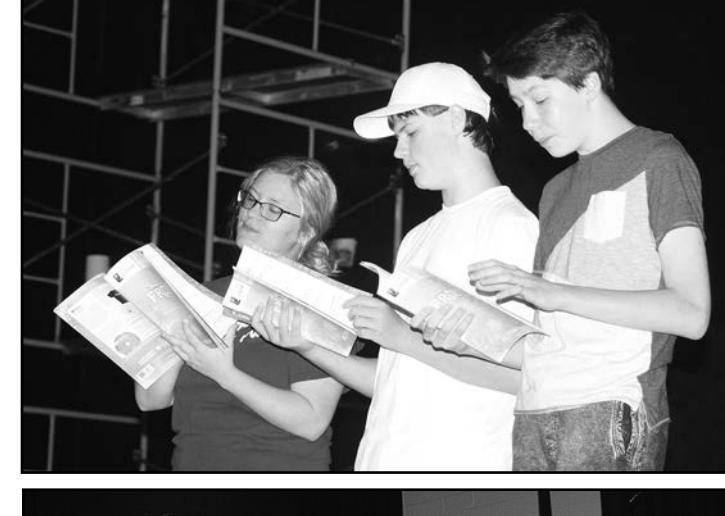
Mr. and Mrs. David Hughes of Petersburg announced the birth of a daughter, Aug. 14, at Grant Memorial Hospital.

WVTE has callbacks for its upcoming production of Disney's "Frozen"

The Landes Arts Center recently hosted callbacks for their upcoming show, Frozen Junior.

The play, which is being directed by Tom Hencke, is a musical based around the Disney film "Frozen" and is designed to feature young performers. All the performers in the play are 18 or younger.

Hencke said the play had



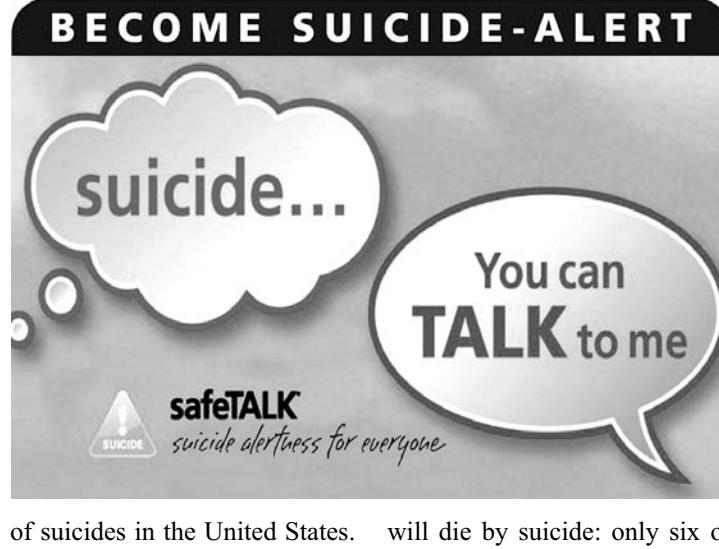
Suicide prevention workshop at Grace Lutheran to focus on recognizing signs; free registration

Grace Lutheran Church, in partnership with Community Lutheran Partners and the National Alliance for Mental Illness, is offering a free workshop to the public titled: "safeTALK Suicide Prevention Workshop" on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 9 a.m. - noon. The church is located at 5 Pine Street in Petersburg.

This year, National Suicide Prevention Week is Sept. 8 - 14. The workshop is free to the public, thanks to a grant presented by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Division of Disabilities Ministries to Community Lutheran Partners.

The presenter for the workshop is Amy Gamble. She is the executive director of the Greater Wheeling chapter of the National Alliance for Mental Illness, and will be talking about the warning signs of people who are thinking about suicide and how to recognize these signs. Once it is determined that a person may be at risk for suicidal behavior, what are the resources that a family member or friend can use to get professional help before the suicide is attempted.

Some facts from the Center for Disease Control reveal the growing concerns about the rise



of suicides in the United States. Every day, 123 Americans die by suicide: that is one every 12 minutes.

For teens and young adults, both male and female, suicide is the second leading cause of death in the age 10 - 34 years age group. High risk groups include white middle-aged males, Native Americans and Alaskan natives.

At any given moment, one out of every 20 persons is actively thinking about committing or planning how to commit suicide.

For military veterans in our country, the news isn't better. On an average day, 20 veterans

will die by suicide: only six of those twenty were enrolled in a VA mental health program.

The key aspect for diagnosing and finding help for those who are "at risk" for suicidal behavior is to have better access to mental health care professionals and in rural areas such as West Virginia, or the Upper Midwest,

the severe lack of available mental health care professionals is causing an increase in the number of attempted suicides and rise in people diagnosed with severe depression.

Because of this lack of health care, the National Alliance of Mental Illness is sponsoring more of these suicide prevention workshops to better equip families, teachers, employers and anyone else to learn some skills and to see signs of a potential suicide threat in someone or a loved one.

The workshop is free to the public and space is limited to the first 30 persons. You are asked to register for the event by Sept. 1. Registration forms may be requested by calling Grace Lutheran Church at 304-257-1265 or by contacting Pastor Daniel Warntz, pastor of Grace Lutheran at 814-360-4602.

Obituary

FORREST G. RODGERS SR.

Forrest Gary Rodgers Sr., 69, of Franklin, died Tuesday, Aug. 13, at his residence.

Born Feb. 20, 1950, in Petersburg, he was the son of the late Edwin Nowely and Ethel Virginia (Pratt) Rodgers. He was also preceded in death by one brother, Samuel H. Rodgers; one sister, Laura J. Kemp; and two step brothers.

Mr. Rodgers attended Grant County Schools and graduated from Free Gospel Bible Institute in Export, Pa. He owned and operated his own construction business, where he was instrumental in building/reconstructing Clinton Hedrick Community Center, Living Faith Church, Franklin Great Valu, Franklin Library, Rite Aid, Family Dollar, and the Potomac Valley Rec Center. He was a member of the Church of God and attended Living Faith Church in Franklin.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia F. (Borror) Rodgers of Upper Tract; two sons, Tim C. Rodgers of Upper Tract and Forrest G. "Fred" Rodgers Jr. of Franklin; three sisters, Patricia A. Slifer of Spavinaw, Okla., Mary Hedrick of Maysville and Martha Alt of Upper Tract; six brothers, Dallas E. Rodgers of Washington, D.C., Clayton D. Rodgers and Richard Rodgers, both of Petersburg, Robert W.



Rodgers of Baltimore, Md., Dawn G. Rodgers of Moorefield and Douglas B. Rodgers of Augusta; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Following Mr. Rodgers' wishes, his body has been cremated. Family will receive friends on Saturday, Sept. 14, 1-2 p.m. at the Landes Ruritan building in Petersburg. A celebration of life will follow at 2 p.m., with Pastor Brad Mitchell officiating.

Memorials may be made to Grant Memorial Hospice. Memories and words of comfort may be left at www.basagic.com or on Facebook at Basagic Funeral Home.

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Community calendar of meetings and events

American Legion Post 78 meets every second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Legion home.

Celebrate Recovery meets every Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Petersburg. New friends, new experiences, new life. www.wearefbc.com

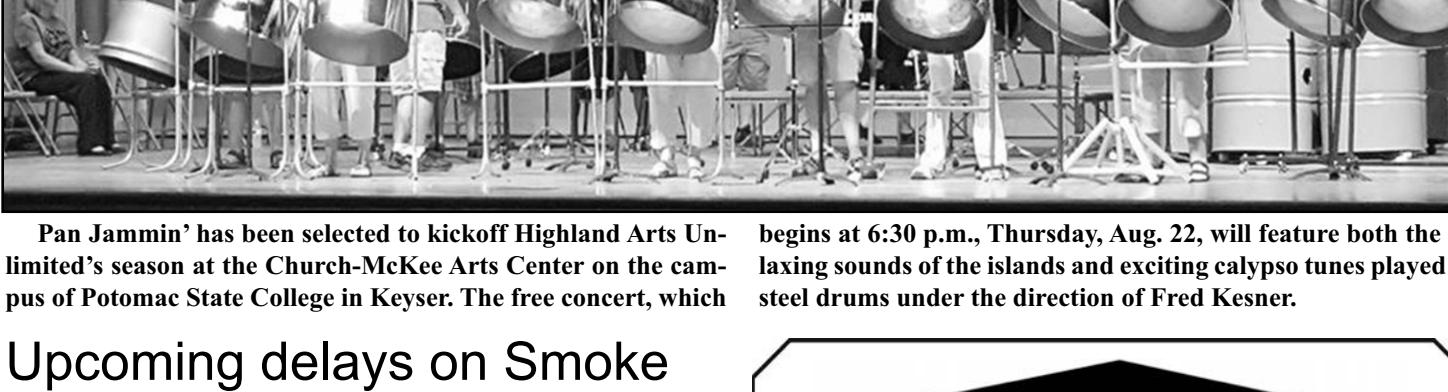
C.H.A.D. Caring Heats Alzheimer's/Demential Caregiver support group meets the second and fourth Wednesdays, 1 p.m. in the RHI building by Grant Memorial Hospital. For more information contact Cindy Hubschmitt at 304-257-5157.

Family Violence Support Group meets every Wednesday, 10 a.m. at the Family Crisis Center outreach office. 304-257-4606.

Grant County Commission meets the second Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m. and the fourth Tuesday of every month at 3:30 p.m.

Grant County Historical Society meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Free steel drum concert offered at Potomac State College



Pan Jammin' has been selected to kickoff Highland Arts Unlimited's season at the Church-McKee Arts Center on the campus of Potomac State College in Keyser. The free concert, which

begins at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 22, will feature both the relaxing sounds of the islands and exciting calypso tunes played on steel drums under the direction of Fred Kesner.

Upcoming delays on Smoke Hole Road in Grant County

The West Virginia Division of Highways advises motorists of a delay on Smoke Hole Road (CR 28/11) in Grant County.

Delays can be expected between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Work is expected to be completed

Davis Medical offers no cost clinic next Tuesday

Patients who are uninsured or underinsured (high deductible) are encouraged to register for a No Cost Clinic offered at Davis Medical Center, Tuesday, Aug. 27, beginning at 1 p.m.

The clinic is held in the outpatient family practice center. Appointments are required and can be scheduled by calling 304-378-3949.

The visit includes a comprehensive adult physical including

ed in approximately one month. This is necessary for a soil nail project.

Motorists should expect significant delays as traffic will be reduced to one lane in the work zone under the direction of flaggers.

primary care, health education and counseling, and is free and confidential.

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said the program allows patients to do follow-up visits locally, with medical assistance and supervision, as opposed to driving back to facilities much farther away.

"The goal here is, for example, if someone presents to my emergency room with a heart attack and we stabilize them and send them to Winchester, Harrisonburg or Morgantown," Melvet explained. "They may end up having some form of intervention or surgery, such as an open heart surgery or a cardiac cath. What happens after that procedure or intervention, they then have to follow up with a cardiologist. That cardiologist may order for them cardiac rehab or lab services. This is where we can intervene and have for them a doctor on that computer screen and have those orders done

right here at our hospital and they do not have to drive hours to get that simple visit."

During their conversation with Melvet, the commission also approved the hospital to borrow \$541,537 to purchase a new CT scanner. The purchase included the approval for a loan from Pendleton Community Bank for the new equipment.

Melvet said the new scanner will be much faster and produce more accurate images than the older models. The scanner drops the time required to complete a scan from approximately 15 minutes to less than five.

"I think everything is moving in the right direction," said commissioner Doug Swick. "Like you said earlier, for the last several years we haven't done very well, financially or otherwise. It is important for the citizens to know that it is turning around and I think that is the result of a lot of hard

work, from you, from your staff, and all the people who dedicate so much time to the hospital. It always has been a great hospital for patient care, but a lot of times, the people providing that care just didn't have the correct tools to do their job. And I think that is changing as well and there is a lot of good things to come. The number one goal has always been to keep this hospital in Grant County, it is a big heartbeat for this community and I know we appreciate knowing it is back on the right path."

Melvet agreed with Swick and said he was excited about the future of GMH.

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Swick also said he was also glad to see the advancements that would reduce driving for community members on follow-up visits, saying it can be a burden for some people to travel regularly to other facilities.

Milvet also introduced the commission to GMH's new chief financial officer, David Applewood.

Also speaking during the meeting was Donna Alexander, who provided the Grant County Convention and Visitors Bureau's annual financial report.

Alexander explained that the bureau was currently seek-

ing a new executive director after the resignation of Kim Byard.

Funding for the bureau comes from a mixture of advertising revenue and a city/county tax enforced on hotels and motels. The goal of the agency is to promote tourism in the area, with a heavy focus on out-of-area advertising. Overall, CVB operates with a budget of \$89,528.

She explained they planned to cut back on some advertising, pointing to an expensive advertisement that ran in New York, and instead focus on South Side Depot.

The depot is a local agency and store that houses the CVB and the Grant County Chamber of Commerce. It is also a tourist destination tied to the nearby railroad and offers train ride opportunities for visitors.

Overall, both the CVB and the depot operated at a loss last year. However, Alexander centered her presentation on

upcoming changes she and the agencies would be working to implement.

She also presented information on the update of some paperwork filed by hotels and motels in the county when they submit their tax information. Alexander said the changes were the result of a discussion with many local owners and were aimed at making the system easier to understand.

Also during the meeting, the commission heard a presentation from Anne Jessop of Advantage Technology on their information technology (IT) services, approved multiple exonerations and estate contracts, and paid the county's bills.

The next meeting of the Grant County Commission is scheduled for Aug. 27 at 3:30 p.m. at the Grant County Courthouse.

BOE

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drug testing in Grant County was addressed addressed heavily earlier this year, when the board was presented a potential policy that would require random drug testing for athletes. The policy received overall positive feedback with the board but has been a primary topic for debate among the board, focusing on student privacy and testing fairness.

In a previous meeting, board member Janie Berg expressed concern with the fact students would be drug tested but school personnel were not.

"As a mother and a grandparent I know that you lead by example," Berg said following the meeting. "I think we are sending a mixed message that all school staff, me included, are not also required to participate in drug testing. I want our schools to be a truly drug-free learning environment, and for that to be the case they must first be truly drug-free workplaces. It is our place, as school employees, to set an example for these students."

Berg said she fully supports drug testing students but wants the testing to also apply to all school employees. She pointed to her own business, Grant County Mulch, as holding drug-free policies, saying that when testing comes around, she is also tested.

In his presentation during last week's meeting, Franz explained the system in place to ensure student privacy. He said that when the samples are taken, they are assigned a student identification number with no name listed in the lab. Then, if a test returns positive, they immediately contact the parents to check for approved prescription medication and rule out false positives. Franz said that false positives are possi-

ble, pointing to poppy seeds as potentially testing positive for opioids. He said that once a test is confirmed as either a real positive or a false positive, the results are sent via email to a specified school employee in Grant County. That employee is then responsible for beginning intervention. Franz also clarified that, after testing, parents are only notified in the case of positive results.

Franz said the SPORT SAFE company currently works with Mineral and Hampshire counties and charges \$30 per test administered. He also spoke on some company policy topics, including that students take the test in private (no one in the stall with them) and the authenticity of the sample is determined by temperature.

Franz said the disciplinary action taken by the school was dependent on their policy.

"Our goal is not to kick kids out of sports, it is to keep them in their sport, while also giving them the help they need." Franz said.

Berg questioned Franz on

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BOE member Kelly Roby

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the details the tests could provide, such as the amount of drug used and the last time they used. He said that while the test could show the amount of drugs in a person's system, due to a large variation in an individual's biology, including weight and metabolism, testing was unable to provide that level of detail.

Lambert said the board would continue to work on the policy and hoped to see some form of final implementation next semester.

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Also approved during the meeting was multiple personnel requests, including the hiring of Todd Heare as a social studies teacher at PHS, Stephen Sell as a countywide technology assistant, Tom Hencke as a volunteer assistant soccer coach and Philip Landis as a bus driver.

Resignations, leave requests and retirements accepted by the board were: Stephanie Chapman as the girls middle school basketball coach, Rabeka White for a leave of absence from MES and a leave of absence for Michelle Sites as a PES aide. Other requests approved during the meeting pending further certification or background check were: Jacob Henry as a PHS long-term substitute, Elisabeth Thorne as long-term sub at Union Educational Complex, Kevin Black as PHS middle school volleyball assistant coach and Reggie Clauze, Brittany Ours, Brittanii Bible, Colleen Smith, Ashley Kisamore, Frank Ketterman and Lola Reel as substitute teachers or substitute personnel.

The next meeting of the Grant County Board of Education is scheduled for August 27 at 5:30 p.m.

West Virginia recently helped reach a multistate settlement shutting down a for-profit company that allegedly misled consumers about its support for military service members.

Hearts 2 Heroes Inc., doing business as Active Duty Support Services Inc., made door-to-door sales of "care packages," which they would ostensibly send on behalf of patriotic Americans to service members overseas.

Attorney General Patrick Morrisey alleged the company violated state consumer protection and charitable solicitation laws by misrepresenting the nature of the business, misrepresenting the delivery of care packages purchased and misusing donated funds.

"No company should prey upon the generosity of patriotic West Virginians who want to support our military servicemen and women," Morrisey said. "We stopped this unlawful practice to ensure no

consumer is taken advantage of."

In West Virginia, at least 514 residents gave checks to company representatives.

At least 56 checks written to

the business had the words "charity," "contribution" or "donation" noted in the memo section, indicating consumers clearly believed they were donating to a legitimate charity.

The case alleged the care packages were delivered to military bases in the United States and not overseas as represented, if they were delivered at all.

Hearts 2 Heroes' staff al-

Clarification:

The August 6, edition of the Grant County Press contained an article concerning the indictment of Jason Thompson, 28, of 4888 Welton Orchard Rd., Petersburg.

The children identified in the article were incorrectly labeled as the children of the unnamed victim in the case. The toddler mentioned in the article is the child of Thompson and the two older children involved are not the children of either Thompson or the victim. The victim in the case was babysitting the children at the time of the incident.

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based upon the seriousness of the offenses and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

These charges are the result of investigations supported by the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) under the attorney general.

al-led Synthetic Opioid Surge (SOS)/Special Operations Division (SOD) Project Clean Sweep. This initiative seeks to reduce the supply of synthetic opioids in "hot spot" areas previously identified by the attorney general of the United States, thereby reducing drug overdoses and drug overdose deaths, and identify wholesale distribution networks and sources of

supply operating nationally and internationally.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy D. Helman is prosecuting the case on behalf of the government. The Potomac Highlands Drug and Violent Crimes Task Force, a HIDTA-funded initiative, West Virginia State Police, and the Charles Town Police Department investigated.

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PREVIEW

After the team's strong season last year, all eyes are on the Petersburg High School Viking football team as they prepare for the upcoming season under the guidance of a new coach.

The 2019-2020 team is far younger than they were last year after saying goodbye to nearly a dozen seniors in the 2019 graduating class. This year welcomed back two veteran players, seniors Dawson Tingler and Dakota Rohrbaugh with the starting line likely to feature a majority of juniors.

However, with a wealth of experience under his belt, head coach Winston Redman is up to the task of building the team.

"The team last year set the bar high," Redman said. "But I already told the boys our goal now is to meet that bar and push it even higher."

The Quarterback Position

One of the most heavily watched position for the upcoming season is for quarterback, a role left open following the graduation of former starter, Jacob Hartman.

Redman said he is considering a few key players for the position, including junior Logan Beach, sophomore Cody Nuzum or Tingler.

Team Strengths

Redman also pointed to several strengths within the team, including the

team's defensive play as well as their ability to communicate while on the field.

"The players are here to compete and you can see that in their practices," Redman said. "At our size, one or two kids can make a big difference but we need to focus on what we can do as a team. I want the headlines to be on how good of a football team we are, not just on how good one player is. I think that teamwork makes or breaks your performance on the field."

Areas of Focus

One focus Redman pointed to for the team was passing and receiving. Since many players on the team have seen only limited varsity play time on the field, the ability to throw longer passes without fear of interception may be a struggle the team faces.

However, Redman said that since the beginning of the season, he has seen a great deal of effort from the players in improving their performance on the offensive side of the ball.

"I would really encourage the community to come out and support us," Redman said. "But I would also ask the fans be patient through the transition and as the team settles into place. They are young this year and we will probably see that as a disadvantage against some of the more experienced teams. However, remember they are still learning."

Meet the coach

This year, fans will see a new coach at the helm for the Petersburg High School football team. However, while he may be new to the position, he is not new to the sport or the area.

Overall, head coach Winston Redman brings more than 30 years of experience with him to the Vikings. A Petersburg native and 1982 graduate of PHS, Redman was a varsity quarterback for the Vikings who played alongside Johnny Koontz for a strong three-year winning run.

He continued his sports career through college, playing football at Norfolk State University until an injury pushed him temporarily off the field.

Redman then enlisted in the military serving 22 years before retiring.

Overall, Redman has coached at 12 high schools, including teams in Kentucky, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Texas and Europe.

Redman said part of his joy in coaching comes from the massive role sports have played in his life.

"My father died when I was young," Redman said. "The Hudgins family, Kent and Joyce, they raised me. All my coaches, Coach Dorn, Coach Mohr, Estel Sites, they were my role models growing up. I played every sport in school. I ran track, baseball, football, basketball. Without those sports I probably would have ended up in trouble."

PHS Football Roster

#	Position	Player	Grade
4	QB/DB	Cody Nuzum	10
7	QB/LB	Dawson Tingler	12
8	WR/DB	Ethan VanMeter	11
12	WR/DB	Jacob Landis	11
13	WR/DB	McCoy Fitzwater	11
18	WR/LB	Austin Berg	11
26	RB/DL	Jacob Perez	11
30	WR/LB	Montana Sindledecker	11
44	WR/DB	Kason Rogers	11
52	OL/LB	Owen Kitzmiller	11
54	OL/DL	Zane Watts	11
56	OL/DL	Aedan Lott	11
65	OL/DL	Grant Brill	11
66	OL/DL	Chevy Brown	11
70	OL/DL	Levi Alexander	10
79	OL/DL	Blake Loy	11
88	WR/DB	Joseph Redman	11
		Charlie Moomau	11
		Isaih Profit	11
		Wyatt Arbaugh	11
		Chasyn Harman	11
		Logan Beach	11
		Peyton Day	9
		Ryan Riggelman	9
		McKale Schultz	9
		Logan Thorne	9
		Blake Turner	9
		William VanMeter	9
		Dakota Rohrbaugh	12

PHS Football Schedule

1	08/30	7 p.m.	A	Berkeley Springs
2	09/06	7 p.m.	A	Pendleton County
3	09/13	7 p.m.	H	Keyser
4	09/20	7 p.m.	H	Hampshire
5	09/28	4 p.m.	A	Weir
6	10/04	7 p.m.	A	Philip Barbour
7	10/18	7 p.m.	H	Frankfort
8	10/25	7 p.m.	H	Moorefield
9	11/01	7 p.m.	A	Tucker County
10	11/08	7 p.m.	H	East Hardy



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Brunelle, Saville honored as team members of the month at Pilgrim's



Chris Sherman, supervisor, and David Brunelle



Henry Cook, operational excellence manager and Vickie Saville

David Brunelle has been honored as the June Team Member of the Month for the Pilgrim's Moorefield fresh plant. Brunelle works in the Dapec 3 department on day shift and has worked for the company since August 2018.

"David is willing to jump in and help where ever needed," said Chris Sherman, his supervisor. He demonstrated the availability value, which is to be receptive and open, always be prepared and motivated to take on new challenges.

Vickie Saville has been honored as the July Team Member of the Month. Saville works in the production office department on day shift and has worked for the company since March 2017.

Operational Excellence Manager, Henry Cook commented, "Vickie has been helping with the SOP change-overs and updates. She is always available to help out when ever needed." She demonstrated the ownership value, which is to be committed to results, focus on details and take responsibility.

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.

PGA event in W.Va. giving free admission, fan prizes



The PGA Tour's West Virginia stop in September is offering free admission and prize giveaways to fans throughout the tournament.

The Greenbrier resort says in a news release that 30,000 tickets are being given away to A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier.

The cost of the tickets is being paid for by mining company Bluestone Resources, which is owned by the family of West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice. Justice also owns the resort.

The statement says that starting Friday, fans can register online for complimentary tickets to the tournament, which is being held Sept. 12-15 on the Old White TPC in White Sulphur Springs.

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PSC says free 811 call could save your life – and it's the law

The Public Service Commission of West Virginia urges everyone to "Call Before You Dig." By law, you are required to call West Virginia 811 at least 48 hours before you break ground on any job that involves digging. That law applies to individuals tackling home projects as well as contractors working on public or private property.

"Everyone needs to be aware of the importance of calling 811 before they dig," said PSC Chairman Charlotte R. Lane. "Whether you are a homeowner or a professional contractor, always call 811 before you begin to dig. The 811 call is free, and it helps to protect you, your property and our underground

utility infrastructure."

"Every time you dig, you run the risk of hitting an underground utility, even if you only dig a few inches," Lane said. "Striking a natural gas pipeline, a wire or a cable can result in utility service outages, which can leave you liable for costly repairs or significant legal fines. Even worse, a line strike can cause serious personal injury or death."

Lane pointed out that the depth and location of utility lines can move over time as the ground freezes and thaws, as tree roots grow or after a large amount of rain. "So, even if you have had an area marked previously, you still need to call 811

before you dig."

Lane added, "After you call, the 811 team will notify the utility companies at no cost to the customer. Within 48 hours, each company will send locators to your project site to mark the locations of underground facilities with flags, stakes or paint. Once the buried facilities have been accurately marked, you or your

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Manchin, Capito announce \$910k for health centers in W.Va.

U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), members of the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$7,547,379 from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for airport improvement and construction throughout West Virginia. This funding will help remove obstructions, construct buildings, improve runways and enhance airport quality.

"Investing in West Virginia airports not only keeps passengers and personnel safe, but it also fuels growth and boosts our economy. From runway rehabilitation to new buildings, these grants will help our airports better serve the needs of our state, ensuring West Virginia remains a competitive destination to fly," said Senator Capito.

Awards were granted to 10 airports, including Grant County Airport for \$85,000.

Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue to fight for more funding for West Virginia to help continue to grow our economy by expanding and maintaining our airports," said Senator Manchin.

"Access to healthcare is essential to the well-being of all West Virginians and Americans. By improving our health centers, patients will receive quality, accessible healthcare across our great state. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue to fight for

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funding for West Virginia health centers so that West Virginians can live healthy, safe lives," said Senator Manchin.

"In rural states like West Virginia, community health centers remain a primary health care source for many," Senator Capito said. "By investing in these clinics, we're investing in the health of our communities and working toward a stronger West Virginia. I applaud HHS for recognizing the need for these resources across our state," said Senator Capito.

Included in the health centers receiving funds is E.A. Hawse Health Center, Inc. in Baker.

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Mark 8:36, 37

Live Dangerously

The advice to live dangerously is not meant to suggest that we should stop wearing seat belts or taking our prescribed medicine, but rather that we should take some risks which might transform our lives for the better. "Nothing ventured, nothing gained" is as true in the stock market as it is in our everyday lives, and especially in our spiritual lives. The patriarchs and prophets of the Bible never lived lives of comfort and security. They were sojourners in strange lands, warriors for the Lord, and men and women who took great risks precisely because of their devotion and obedience to God. Consider Jesus' instructions to the 12 disciples when he sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of God: "Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt." (Luke 9:3 NIV) Definitely not advice for a safe and well-planned trip, but it is exactly what one would expect if one has totally surrendered him- or herself to God. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus frequently sounds like he is trying to dissuade people from following him, saying, for example, "You must take up your cross and bear it." What Jesus appears to be saying here, and in countless other places, is that devotion to God comes at a cost, and often a very high cost. Life was never meant to be easy, and even less so for those who choose to devote themselves to God. — Christopher Simon

"In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples."
Luke 14:33 NIV

Join Us for Worship

Antioch Church of God
Rev. Johnny Goldizen; 12 miles on Knobley Rd. from Maysville; Sunday school 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6 p.m., Wed. Bible study 7 p.m.

Bayard Church of God
Rev. Phillip Marcum; Spruce St., Bayard; Sunday school 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m., evening worship 6:30 p.m., Wednesday family training hour, 7 p.m.

Bayard United Methodist
Rev. Rebecca L. Bennett; Rt. 90, Bayard; Sunday school 10 a.m., worship 11:15 a.m., Tuesday Bible study 7 p.m.

Believers Mennonite Fellowship
Pastor Robert Weaver; Marvins Chapel, Fish Hatchery Rd. Sunday school 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m., Wed. prayer and Bible study 7:30 p.m. Fourth Sunday evening 7 p.m., third Wed. service at Grant County Nursing Home 6:15 p.m.

Bethel Church
Pastor Greg Rotruck; Rt. 220 south of Petersburg. Sunday morning worship 9:30 a.m., Sunday school 11 a.m., Wednesday 7 p.m.

Bethel Pentecostal Church
Three miles south of Petersburg on Rt. 220; Sunday school 10:30 a.m., worship 6:30 p.m., Thursday worship 7:30 p.m.

Brake Church of the Brethren
Pastor Craig A. Howard; North Mill Creek Rd. at twin bridges, Dorcas; Sunday school 9:30 a.m. and worship and children's church 10:30 a.m. Thursday Bible study 7 p.m., Truth Trackers, senior and junior youth. www.brakecob.com

Brick Church of the Brethren
Pastor Carroll Junkins; Rt. 42 north, Maysville; Sunday school 9:30 a.m., worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m.

Brushy Run Church of God
Rev. Bruce Cosner; Rt. 220 15 mi. south of Petersburg; Sunday school 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible study and prayer meeting 7 p.m.

Cabins Assembly of God
Rev. Coleman Clark, Rts. 28/55, Cabins; Sunday school 10:30 a.m., worship 6 p.m., Wed. Bible study 7 p.m.

Calvary Temple
Pastors Eric & Gloria Georg, Rt. 50 west, Mt. Storm, Sunday school 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m., evening worship 7 p.m., Monday choir practice 7 p.m., Wednesday service 7 p.m.

**Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints**
Bishop Richard Whetzel; Valley View St., Petersburg; sacrament meeting 9-10 a.m.; children's primary 10:10-11 a.m.; Sunday school 1st and 3rd Sundays; priesthood quorums 2nd and 4th Sundays; relief society and young women 5th Sundays - combined meetings; Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. youth activities.

Church of the Lord Jesus Christ
Pastor Calvin Redman; Keyser Ave., Petersburg; Sunday worship 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., Wed. prayer 11 - noon, children's Bible study 7 p.m., Friday worship 7:30 p.m.

Corner United Methodist
Rev. Joseph Gerstell; Rts. 28/55, Cabins; Sunday school 10 a.m. Worship at 11:15 a.m. Bible study Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Cornerstone Family Fellowship
Pastor "PJ" Landis; 1 mile north of Petersburg on Rt. 42. Sunday school 10 a.m. followed with worship at 11 a.m.

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**Crossroads
Community Church**

Pastor Charles Lomasney; 8013 Lunice Creek Hwy/Rt. 42 S., Maysville. Sunday worship 10 a.m.

Davis Baptist Church

Rev. Paul Donaldson; Jordan Run Rd., Maysville; worship first and third Sundays 6 p.m.

Dorcas Baptist Church

Pastor Steve Davis, South Mill Ck. Rd., Dorcas; Sunday worship 9 a.m., Sunday school 10 a.m.; Wed. Bible study 7 p.m.

**Emoryville
United Methodist**

Hartmansville Road; Sunday worship 10 a.m., Sunday school 11 a.m.

Faith Assembly of God

Pastor Shawn Bittinger; Rts. 28/55, Petersburg; Sunday school 10 a.m., worship 10:45 a.m., evening worship 6:30, Wed. Bible study 7 p.m.

Falls Assembly of God

Pastor Vivian Watts; 5 miles off Rt. 42 on Knobley Road; Sunday morning 10 a.m., evening worship 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Pastor Rick Bergdoll, youth pastor Shan Earle. Virginia Ave., Petersburg; Early worship 9 a.m. Sunday school 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m., Sunday youth 6 p.m., Wednesday senior high youth 6 p.m. and Bible study 6:30 p.m. Thursday Celebrate Recovery 6:30 p.m. and Saturday men's Bible study 7 a.m. and Bible study 6:30 p.m.

**Gordon Chapel
United Methodist Church**

Pastor Dave Webb; off Rt. 220, Landes; Sunday school first & third Sundays 10 a.m., other Sundays 9:30 a.m.; worship first & third Sundays 9 a.m.

**Gormania
United Methodist**

Rev. Shelba Sisler; Rt. 50, Gormania; Sunday school 9 a.m., worship 10 a.m.

Grace Lutheran Church

Rev. Daniel Warntz; 5 Pine St., Petersburg; Sunday school 9:30 a.m., worship 10:30 a.m.

**Grove Street United
Methodist**

Pastor Larry Hakes; Grove St., Petersburg; Sunday worship 9:45 a.m., Sunday school 11 a.m., Wednesday prayer and share group 6 p.m.

**Hedrick Chapel
United Methodist**

Pastor Larry Hakes; S. Mill Creek Rd., Rough Run; Sunday school 10:15 a.m. and worship 11:15 a.m.

Harmony Baptist Church

Pastor Gary Crislip; 713 Country Road, Maysville; Sunday school 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m., Wednesday Bible study 7:30 p.m.

**Hartmansville
United Methodist**

Rt. 50 at Hartmansville; Sunday worship 9 a.m. and Sunday school 10 a.m.

Hillside Chapel

Pastor Bobby Brown; One mile south of Petersburg on Rt. 220; Sunday school 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m., Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Jordan Run Union Church

Pastor Chaz Stoner; Jordan Run Rd., Maysville; Sunday school 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m.

**Mount Storm
United Methodist**

Pastor Rebecca L. Bennett; Rt. 50 east, Mt. Storm; Sunday school 9 a.m., Sunday worship 10 a.m.

North Fork Mennonite

David Miller, Pastor; Sunrise Drive, 2/10 mile on right, Petersburg. Sunday school 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m., fourth Sunday evening 6 p.m., prayer meeting and Bible study first & third Wednesday at 7 p.m.

**St. John's
United Methodist**

Pastor David Webb; Rt. 220 south, Petersburg; Sunday school first and third Sundays 11 a.m., second, fourth and fifth Sundays 10 a.m. Worship first and third Sundays 10 a.m. & second Sunday 11:15 a.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Fr. Josh Stevens; Grant St., Petersburg; Sun. mass 11 a.m., Daily mass Wednesday at noon.

St. Paul United Methodist

Rev. Ann. W. Harrison; Patterson Creek Rd., Burlington; worship 9:30 a.m. every Sunday.

Sulphur United Methodist

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Thorne earns Ph.D. in counseling psychology



Kendra Thorne

Moss graduates from WVU

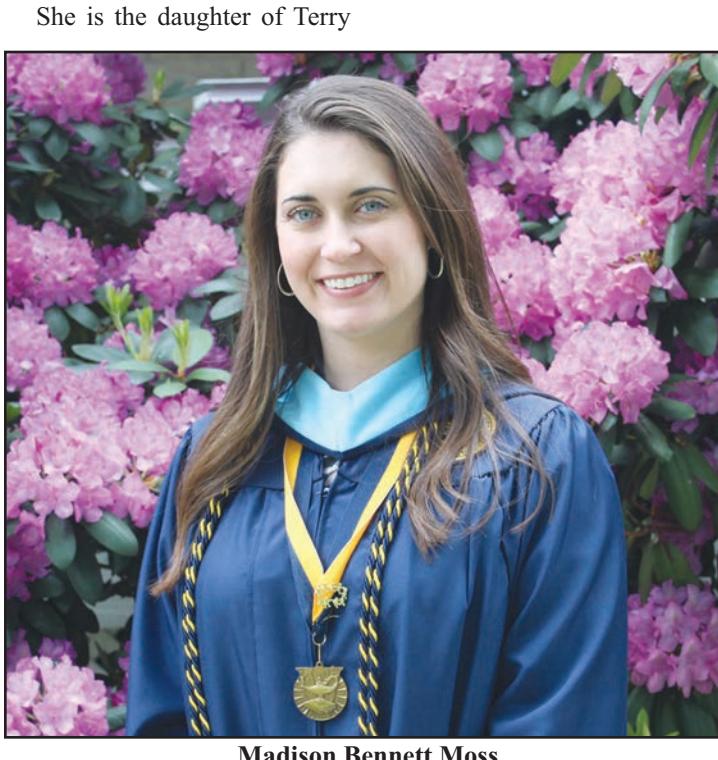
Madison Bennett Moss graduated summa cum laude from West Virginia University at commencement exercises on May 11, at the WVU Coliseum, Morgantown.

Madi earned a Master of Arts degree in elementary education with specializations in science and special education.

She is the daughter of Terry

and Lora Bennett of Petersburg, and the granddaughter of Ron and Carol Pennington of Onego and George Wayne and Rebecca Bennett of Seneca Rocks. She and her husband, Nick Moss, reside in Petersburg.

She has accepted a fourth grade position with Hardy County Schools.



Madison Bennett Moss

Kendra Lee Thorne, formerly of Petersburg, recently earned her Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Florida State University.

While a graduate student she was awarded the West Virginia Rural Health Association Student Scholarship and authored seven published scientific journal articles on topics such as rural help-seeking and stigma, service dogs for PTSD and the interaction between rural residence and trauma.

After obtaining her doctorate, Kendra accepted a position

as a staff psychologist in the Post-traumatic Stress Program at James H. Quillen Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Johnson City, Tenn.

Prior to her tenure at Florida State University, she obtained her Master of Science degree in rehabilitation counseling and Bachelor of Science degree in psychology, both from West Virginia University.

She is the daughter of Tonya Nesslerodt of Petersburg and Eddie Thorne of Dorcas and the granddaughter of the Rev. Bruce Cosner, Petersburg.

Watts receives BSN degree, accepts position at Ruby



Kendra Watts

Kendra Watts was among the students who recently received their degrees from the WVU School of Nursing in Morgantown.

A pinning ceremony was held at the Okey Patteson Auditorium where she graduated magna cum laude from the BS/BA to BSN program, on Aug. 1.

Kendra has accepted a job in the Maternal Infant Care Center at Ruby Memorial Hospital.

She is the daughter of Greg and Nancy Rotruck of Petersburg and resides in Morgantown with her husband, Casey, and their four daughters. She is the daughter-in-law of Donald and Ruthie Watts of Cabins.



Bus Safety 101



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Students are back in school. Please be aware of buses on the road in the morning and afternoon. It is illegal to pass a school bus when its lights are flashing. Violators face a minimum of a \$500 fine, jail time, six points and suspension of their driver's license. Speeding in a school zone also carries a fine and six points on the offender's license.

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Teasing • Using put downs, even as jokes • Harming a child's self-esteem • Manipulation • Ridicule • Not listening to a child • Engaging a child in criminal acts

SEXUAL ABUSE IS CHILD ABUSE

Touching a child's private parts • Exposing a child to pornography or sex organs • Forcing a child to touch someone's private parts • Using inappropriate sexual talk when speaking to a child • Child prostitution

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