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Report released on accident that claimed the life of motorcyclist earlier this summer

Following an investigation that included an accident reconstruction by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, information has been released concerning an accident in June that claimed the life of a motorcyclist in Grant County.

On the afternoon of June 19, the Grant County Sheriff's Department, Petersburg Volunteer

Fire Company and Shirk's Towing were on the scene of an accident on Rt. 42 (Lunice Creek Highway) near Patterson Creek Road.

The road was shut down as a vehicle was removed from the embankment. Then, as traffic was stopped for the removal, a second accident occurred at the scene among the stopped vehi-

cles.

The second accident was the result of a vehicle traveling north on Route 42 toward Patterson Creek Road, when the vehicle came around the turn and did not see the stopped traffic.

The vehicle, driven by Henry Kopple of Lahmansville, was not able to stop in time and col-

lided with a 2008 Subaru driven by Richard Dagey of Maysville.

Due to the impact, Dagey's vehicle spun around into the south bound lane and Kopple's vehicle continued north, at which time he struck a motorcycle driven by Ed Lyons of Maysville.

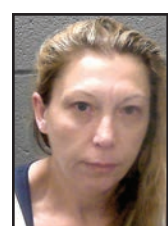
The pile-up continued as David Evans of Maysville,

came upon the scene and struck Dagey's vehicle.

Emergency personnel responded and Lyons was pronounced deceased at the scene. Dagey was transported by ambulance to Grant Memorial Hospital for injuries. Kopple

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Maysville woman sentenced to prison for burglary



A Maysville woman was sentenced to serve more than three years in prison during a revocation hearing in which she admitted to violating the terms of her probation.

In July 2019, Trisha Parker Rohrbaugh, 40, of Maysville was convicted of conspiracy, burglary and grand larceny by a Grant County judge. At the time, Rohrbaugh's sentence was suspended and she was sentenced to probation and participation in a drug rehabilitation program.

Rohrbaugh came before the court again late last month after being accused of absconding from her probation and obtaining new criminal charges.

At the time, Rohrbaugh's defense attorney, Lauren Wilson, requested she be allowed to enter drug rehabilitation as opposed to being sentenced to prison.

Grant County Prosecutor John Ours opposed this request, saying that the cause for the revocation hearing was due to Rohrbaugh already participating in rehabilitation and absconding from the program.

The judge agreed with the prosecutor and sentenced Rohrbaugh to: one to five years in prison for conspiracy; one to 15 years for burglary and one to 10 years for grand larceny. All sentences were ordered to run consecutively. This means Rohrbaugh could serve between three to 30 years in prison. She was given a 146 day credit for time served for the first sentence.

Rohrbaugh was taken into the custody of the Commission of the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The court also granted the state a judgment against Rohrbaugh for all the costs and attorney fees as incurred in the case.

The case was heard by the Judge Lynn Nelson.



VIKINGS SET SAIL - After months of uncertainty, the Petersburg High School Vikings football team was able to return to the field earlier this month. The team's summer training was interrupted by a hiatus after a spike in Covid cases throughout the county. However, as cases began to fall, the team was able to return to practice and now has a set schedule for the 2020 season.

General election precautions will ensure in-person voting is safe for all

From voting amid a global pandemic to introducing new electronic voting machines, the 2020 Primary Election was an event filled with firsts for Grant County.

However, while it may have presented a series of difficulties for officials around the country, the West Virginia Secretary of State and the Grant County Clerk's office has confirmed that it was a statewide success. The election also marked a unique change for absentee voting eligibility, with options being opened to all registered voters in the state.

As a result a total of 262,362 voters in West Virginia requested an absentee ballot (21.4% of registered voters) and, of those 210,749 (17.2% of registered voters) cast their vote through this system.

However, while the absentee voting option will remain in place for the 2020 General Election, the Grant County Clerk's Office is assuring voters that they should also feel safe voting in person if they choose.

"We are still very much offering absentee ballots, but we are also able to encourage people to come out and vote in the general," said county clerk Seymour Fisher. "Overall, the primary election was a success, not just for us, but for the state. Because of the way the county clerks handled the primary, we have a lot more confidence going into the general. There have been no reports of anyone who contracted the virus because of voting."

Fisher explained that anyone who would like to request an absentee ballot has until Oct. 28 to do so, however, he also explained that all the safety precautions that were used at the polls during the pri-

mary will remain in place for the upcoming election.

"We want the voters to vote, no matter what they feel comfortable with," Fisher said. "But we think our safety and sanitary precautions are very adequate. We learned some thing about polling locations, size of precincts and such. For example, for this election we will continue to hold early voting in the commissioner's conference room here at the courthouse because of its larger space, and we will have the Cabins voting location at Camp Echo. That ensures that there is enough space for social distancing."

For those who do attend their local precinct to vote, additional health and safety precautions will in-

clude using gloves to vote on the electronic machines, asking voters to wear masks, observing social distancing and having available hand sanitizer.

"No matter how anybody chooses to vote, we just want them to vote," Fisher said. "It is their civic right and we don't want anyone to not have that opportunity. If they have questions or concerns, please contact us. Voting is your right as a citizen."

Fisher said he does not expect any issues with absentee voting concerning recent controversy surrounding the United States Postal Service.

"Grant County is a small county," Fisher said. "We don't anticipate any mail issues. There have been some discussion about plans that ballots will not be sent through the sorting system and will instead be kept fully local. That will deal with turnaround time and similar concerns. That isn't guaranteed yet, but I think that is the direction everyone is leaning."

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poll question

Do you think cities should be allowed to refuse federal assistance in responding to rioting?



Last week's responses:

Yes: 46%

No: 54%

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BOGAL FLAVOR



still like that small town vibe.

Recently, I've come across mysteries by Karen MacInerney, who writes about an innkeeper in New England in her "Gray Whale Inn Mystery" books.

The central character runs the inn, runs into a lot of trouble and also does all the cooking and baking for her establishment.

They are a fun read, although I will never understand people who hear an intruder and decide to investigate, snoop into someone's private papers or house while hoping not to get caught, or walk at night in the woods to check something out. I guess I'm just a chicken who would prefer not to meet the antagonist face to face.

What I like about MacInerney's books is found in the last pages. Many of the recipes the characters have made throughout the story, are listed for readers to try.

They include Killer Cranberry Scones, Luscious Lemon-Berry Bundt Cake and Cranberry Streusel Cake.

I never thought reading could make a person gain weight, but I may be

wrong!

Since the whole reorganization-of-life-as-we-know-it pandemic, I've had more time to read. I'm a random author reader. Although I have my favorites, I usually head to the library and wander through the stacks, picking up titles that sound interesting, reading the jacket, and making a keep or leave decision.

This works fairly well, but not always. I've picked up a few doozies. The worst are those you get about a third of the way through and then they introduce the character that can't say a sentence without profanity. Or the introductions of so many characters I can't remember who did what without having to look back several chapters.

Some have a slow start, laying down all the preliminary info in minute, boring detail, and some have terrible endings which leave you wondering what happened to Uncle Jimmy, who was responsible for the theft of the money or even

who the killer was (supposedly giving you the option of picking someone).

Why? It's like spending an afternoon baking cookies only to find out you forgot the sugar, leaving a bad taste in your mouth.

It's the chance you take when shelf surfing at the library, so I always get at least three books in case one doesn't make the cut.

When was the last time you were at the library? You can stop by to pick up a book or sit and read the latest magazines and newspapers available.

And for all you recipe collectors, bakers and cooks, there are plenty of books with food as part of the plot just waiting for you to check out.

Since I can't reprint the recipes from the book because of copyright law, I thought I would search for some "mystery" recipes.

If they turn out to be a family favorite you can take the credit for being the cook "whodunit!"

MYSTERY PIE
 3 egg whites
 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 1 cup sugar
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 20 Ritz crackers, crushed
 1 cup chopped nuts (pecans and/or walnuts)
 Whipped topping or vanilla ice cream
 Preheat oven to 350°F

and grease a 9" pie pan.
 Beat egg whites and baking powder until stiff. Blend in sugar and vanilla quickly (don't over mix).
 Fold in crackers and nuts. Pour into greased pie pan and bake for 30 minutes.
 Cool completely and top with whipped topping or vanilla ice cream.

CHINESE MYSTERY CASSEROLE
 2 tablespoons oil
 1 pound hamburger
 1 onion, diced
 1 cup diced celery
 1 (10 3/4 ounce) can cream of chicken soup
 1 (10 3/4 ounce) can cream of mushroom soup
 1 1/2 cups water
 1/2 cup uncooked rice
 1/4 cup soy sauce
 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
 1 (14 ounce) can chop suey vegetables,
 drained
 1 (5 ounce) can chow mein noodles
 Preheat oven to 350°F.
 Brown ground beef and onion in oil.
 Combine all ingredients (except chow mein noodles) in a large bowl, transfer to a 9x13 pan.
 Bake covered for 30 minutes. Then bake uncovered for 30 minutes.
 Sprinkle the chow mein noodles on top of casserole, and bake for 15 minutes more.
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Offbeat news: Canines and kayakers

Bad boy! Dog costs Mississippi officials more than \$7,000

A curious dog got hold of a fiber optic cable that ran between county buildings in Mississippi, chewing it to pieces and costing county officials thousands of dollars in an attempt to get it fixed.

The cable connected a courthouse and a nearby Justice Court building in Amite County, Tim Wroten, the county's sheriff, told the Enterprise-Journal. The wire was mostly elevated but dipped to the ground by the front door of the Justice Court building, where the dog chewed it.

The culprit was not caught in the act, but officials saw "his running mate" through the security camera, Wroten said.

The sheriff has a suspect in mind but lacks evidence to hold up his charge. If officials knew who the troublemaker was, the county could seek damages, which amounts to more than \$7,000, from the owner, according to Wroten.

His office first spent \$4,000 to establish two

antennae that send signals to the cables, but it failed. County supervisors then voted to spend an additional \$3,600 to get a new cable.

Amite County Justice Court Judge Roger Arnold said it's his first time hearing a case like this.

"I did hear the suspect was still at large," he quipped.

Kayaker reunites author with message in a bottle from 1985

A kayaker who discovered a message in a bottle floating in a Delaware river was able to reunite the letter with the woman who wrote it 35 years ago.

Brad Wachsmuth thought the bottle bobbing in the water about 2 miles offshore of the Broadkill River was a piece of trash when he spotted it Aug. 8, just a few days after Tropical Storm Isaias swept through the area, WBOC-TV reported.

"As we usually do as kayakers, we try to pick up trash out of the water when we can," he told the station this week.

But Wachsmuth's friend noticed there was something inside, and the two fished out the letter written by Cathi Riddle and her cousin, Stacey Wells, dated 35 years ago - Aug. 1, 1985.

It described their family pets and asked potential future readers if they had any of their own, among other childhood musings.

Wachsmuth brought the letter to the Milton Historical Society and a curator reached out to family and put the two in touch, the news outlet said.

Riddle still lived just miles away in Milton, and Wachsmuth was able to return the letter to her that Thursday. He said he was surprised it ended up in the same waters after decades of storms and tides, but

Riddle suggested that maybe, it was fate.

"My cousin and I were staying at the beach and we decided to write the letter and send it out and see how far it went," Riddle told the station. "It didn't travel very far, but perhaps it traveled the world and came back."

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Answers to puzzles on page 5B

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8	-	6	×	5

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Riding to fight kids' cancer

Paul Vinoski of Moorefield, and originally from Connellsville, Pa., has signed up for the Great Cycle Challenge to raise funds for children's cancer throughout the month of September.

He has pledged to ride 400 miles, and hopes to raise at least \$500.

He currently has one major sponsor, Summit Community Bank, but it looking for other businesses wish to sponsor him. "I will gladly carry their logo," Vinoski said. He can be contacted on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/paul.vinoski.3>.



Some of the rides will be scheduled "real-world" rides and some will be home on his stationary bike. His "real-world" rides included last Saturday on the C&O Canal trail, Cumberland Md., a 30 mile ride.

Future rides (weather permitting) will be a 36-mile round trip Sept. 13, on the Great Allegheny passage, Connellsville, Pa. to Ohio, Pa.; a Sept. 20 ride of 30 miles from Summit Center (old EWVCTC college building/Moore-

field unemployment office) to Baker (Corridor H exit); and a Sept. 27 23-mile ride from Summit Community Bank, Moorefield to Summit Community Bank, Petersburg and return.

Vinoski is a 49-year-old U.S. Army veteran, IT person, amateur radio operator (callsign: KR8ZZY) and avid cyclist.

He does not receive any portion of the donations.

To find out more about this fundraiser go to www.greatcyclechallenge.com/riders/paulvinoski

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Caudill named library director at Potomac State

Will continue work on WV Newspaper Project of area publications

Seth Caudill joined West Virginia University Potomac State College as the new director of the Mary F. Shipper Library on August 1.

He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in history from West Virginia University and also completed a master's degree in library science at the University of Kentucky.

A Wayne County native and lifelong resident of the Mountain State, Caudill previously held library positions at West Virginia State University, Concord University and the West Virginia & Regional History Center in Morgantown.

He believes the central value and goal of the library is to meet the information and research needs of students, faculty, staff, and the community.

Resources at the library include electronic databases and e-books, as well as print materials which includes journals, books and newspapers. Computers are available on the first floor and laptops are available for use at the circulation desk.

The second-floor study space provides a large area for students to study alone, in small groups or in large

gatherings. In addition to the updated open floor plan, the library also provides two additional study rooms which are available for reservations.

Caudill is eager to work on the West Virginia Newspaper Project, a digital initiative available on the library's web page which preserves archival newspapers from the surrounding area.

"Increasing the digitization and accessibility of the Potomac State College Special Collections by preserving the local history of PSC, Mineral County and the Potomac Highlands Re-



Seth Caudill

gion is part of the library's responsibility," Caudill said.



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WITH FRANKLIN GRAHAM

By Franklin Graham

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On Saturday, Sept. 26, we will assemble at the Lincoln Memorial and make our way to the U.S.

Capitol. Along the route, we will stop at historic sites to pray and ask God to heal the divisions in our nation, guide our leaders, protect our religious freedoms, and pour out His Spirit on America.

This is not a protest or political event, and we are asking participants to not bring signs in support of any candidate or party.

Participants are expected to follow applicable health and safety protocols, including the use of social distancing and a face mask, while in public and to monitor government orders that may impact travel. Anyone with symptoms consistent

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The day we stood together

By Camille Howard

I can't let September 11 go by without remembering those individuals who died in the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Arlington, Va. and in the crash of Flight 93, which was hijacked that day to presumably attack the U.S. Capitol, but the passengers and crew stopped the terrorists from reaching their target by fighting the hijackers. The plane went down in a field in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, killing all on board.

It was a day that will never be forgotten by those of us who witnessed the tragedies, whether nearby or on TV. We will also never forget the immediate feeling of "us" - that someone attacked not just these three places, but America. That someone hurt our people - the ones who died because of the attacks or while trying to rescue others. First responders filled the ranks of heroes and the nation stretched out helping hands. It was a day we stood together.

I hope never to see another day like September 11, 2001. Maybe it's wishful thinking, but I do hope to see the day when we become "us" again.

WV shared editorials

The epidemic that's not going away

The Charleston Gazette-Mail

Jason Cuffee was a local hero. He was a standout athlete in high school and had a good career in front of him, working as a Charleston firefighter and medic.

He died of a drug overdose in July while on duty at the Oakwood Road fire station. He was 27.

It's a painful reminder that the drug crisis that has afflicted West Virginia disproportionately for decades can claim anyone. It's not just the poor or the down and out. It's not just the people in what is deemed the "bad part of town" or the more untamed rural hollows where the economy has gone belly up and there's seemingly nothing better to do. It's everywhere, and anyone can become a victim of addiction.

Sadly, this isn't new information. The substances change, but the problem remains the same. When heroin-related overdoses were spiking in Huntington, starting in 2014, city and community officials who banded together to address the problem began to realize that addiction didn't respect social spheres or income levels.

Jan Rader, a Huntington nurse, EMT and firefighter who is now the city's fire chief, described the phenomenon of functioning addicts - people who held high-level positions of responsibility at their jobs and were respected community members but relied on a bump of heroin to get them through the day.

While public health and government officials are more focused on COVID-19 at the moment, and rightly so, Cuffee's death tells West Virginians that the state's reigning public health crisis also is still very much an issue. And it's getting worse during the pandemic.

As Caity Coyne reported in the Gazette-Mail earlier this summer, calls to emergency services for overdoses were up almost 50% in May alone, compared to the same time in 2019. Overdoses in Kanawha County were up by about 400%. A pandemic that is treated with isolation separates those in recovery from the services they are used to, and presents a greater barrier to those who might seek help.

The solution remains elusive, as it has been long before the coronavirus struck. Community and city efforts, along with drug courts and state support, are crucial. A better economy, with more opportunities, would probably make inroads, as well, but it's no cure.

It took a long time for the drug crisis to get its tentacles within reach of every West Virginia community and home. It will take a long time to sever them - long after Covid-19 is a bitter memory.



Coronavirus update: Monongalia County bars ordered closed again

WV Press Report

Noting that West Virginia was trending in the wrong direction in many measurements related to Covid-19, Governor Jim Justice took action last week that focuses on young people gathering in Monongalia County and on WVU students.

Justice has issued an executive order once again closing all bars in Monongalia County until further notice.

The order was effective immediately on Wednesday. The countywide bar closure will remain in place until lifted by further executive order.

The new closure comes two days after bars in Monongalia County were permitted to open their doors for the first time since mid-July.

Justice said that state officials would be watching and monitoring progress closely, adding that if things "start to move in the wrong direction, we'll shut them back down."

On the following Wednesday, Justice explained this latest decision: "We all saw pictures from last night where students were congregating outside

of bars in Mon County with no masks and no social distancing ..."

The governor added that health officials in Monongalia County have now identified 29 positive Covid-19 cases within 12 fraternities and sororities on WVU's campus.

The order keeps all Monongalia County bars closed for the on-premises consumption of food or drinks or occupancy by the general public. However, customers are still permitted to pick up food or drinks to be taken away.

The order maintains that patrons are allowed to be seated, for dining, at tables and bar tops within "bar areas" of restaurants, hotels, and other similar facilities, subject to the same limitations that are in place for restaurants.

The governor joined West Virginia health leaders and other officials Wednesday and addressed the issues as part of his press briefing regarding the state's Covid-19 response.

See "WVU students get probation for Covid-19 violations" on Page 5A for the university's response.

Legislative help needed to fund police vests



Sen. Bill Hamilton 11th District Chairman - Senate Natural Resources Committee

On Monday, Aug. 5, 2019, Trooper First Class Josh Tallman was shot by a high-caliber rifle while he was responding to a shots fired call from the Pocahontas sheriff.

Approximately one month later, Trooper Tallman and his father, Ralph Tallman visited my office to inquire about funding to purchase class 4 vests which are designed to be worn in "hot situations" — they are made with ceramic plates capable of stopping a rifle bullet. (The current vests issued to state police are designed for daily operation, protecting the trooper against pistol ammunition.)

In the meeting I advised Trooper Tallman and his father that I would offer a bill for introduction to provide the funding for class 4 vests, but with one addition. I would offer the bill to include funding for WV State Troopers and WV Natural Resource Police Officers.

Everyone agreed, on Jan. 22, SB

593 was introduced and forwarded to the Senate Government Organization committee with bipartisan support. Unfortunately, SB 593 did not make it on the committee's agenda and subsequently did not pass.

Towards the end of session, while the House of Delegates was working SB 150, (the budget bill) Delegate Cody Thompson offered an amendment to provide funding for the class 4 vests. Sadly, it was rejected by the House of Delegates (Roll Call #501).

Now is the time for our Senate and House of Delegates to step up for our police officers.

It was said by the dissenting majority (56 nays to 44 yeas) that the funding was already in the budget for the class 4 vests and that Delegate Thompson was grandstanding when he offered his amendment.

I currently serve on the Senate Finance committee and there was no funding offered or amended into the WV State Police's budget when their budget was presented to the committee. Furthermore, Ralph Tallman and Trooper First Class Josh Tallman are

constituents of Delegate Thompson and the both of them requested the amendment be made since SB593 did not make it out of the Senate Government Organization Committee.

Delegate Cody Thompson was representing the interests of his constituents. Trooper First Class Tallman is fully recovered and back to work.

I will again reintroduce the class 4 police vests when we go back in regular session in 2021, but allow me to elaborate on what is happening with the police vests.

Mr. Tallman started a funding drive to purchase vests and at present donations have been collected from private citizens, associations and corporate donors providing enough funds to purchase 156 of the much needed class 4 police vests.

On behalf of me and others who believe in this project, we wish to thank everyone in the community who helped in any way to provide valuable safety equipment for our WV State Police and our WV Natural Resource Police Officers.

We are not done as we still need funding for approximately 370+ police officers. Now, it is time for our Senate and House of Delegates to step up for our police officers.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The Fraternal Order of Police Seneca Trail Lodge #104 will be hosting the 28th annual Christmas party to assist underprivileged families and their children who might otherwise not be able to celebrate Christmas.

Our lodge will be soliciting donations from your area by sending out letters to individuals and businesses. Donations can be

tax deductible.

The donations will be used to purchase gifts for 400 children along with refreshments and clothing such as hats and gloves.

This money will also be used to maintain our lodge for the training of all police officers and so we can donate to youth activities in your area such as Little League baseball and Boy Scouts and many other youth activities.

Seneca Trail Lodge #104 has six counties that we donate to: Randolph, Tucker, Barbour, Grant, Pocahontas and Pendleton counties. The support of individuals and businesses has been instrumental in the successful continuation of the annual Christmas party and your continued support is greatly appreciated.

If you do not receive a letter from us but would

like to help us to help the children, you can mail your donation to: Fraternal Order of Police, P.O. Box 506, Elkins, WV 26241. If you have any questions you may call me at 304-704-8968.

Thanks you, Chuck Kimble FOP Christmas Committee member Petersburg

GC Airport receives federal funds for improvements

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao announced last week that the Trump Administration will award more than \$1.2 billion in airport safety and infrastructure grants through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to 405 airports in 50 states and six U.S. territories.

"This \$1.2 billion feder-

al investment will improve our nation's airport infrastructure, enhance safety, and strengthen growth in local communities, which is especially important as the economy recovers from Covid-19," said Chao.

The Department is awarding federal grants to the following airports in the State of West Virginia:

\$1,165,404 for Grant County Airport in Petersburg to construct a taxiway and a new building.

\$768,072 for Greenbrier Valley Airport in Lewisburg to purchase snow removal equipment and rehabilitate the runway.

\$874,036 for Morgantown Municipal Airport to extend the runway.

"The 434 AIP grants will fund critical airport infrastructure projects around the country," said FAA Administrator Stephen M. Dickson.

Since January 2017, the Trump Administration delivered \$13.5 billion to America's airports to improve infrastructure and safety.

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Remember When

TO OUR READERS: We are looking for photos to feature in this column, especially those that include events such as the fair or 4th of July, buildings, street scenes, farming, businesses, clubs, etc. from Grant County. We are interested in photos from the 1950s through the 1970s, but any date previous to those years is welcomed. We will scan your photo or take a picture of it while you wait, or you can email your photo(s) to news@grantcountypress.com. Any information about the photo is appreciated.

September 6, 1950
Pvt. Junior Kuykendall was stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Veach-Townsend births included: Mr. and Mrs. James Wratchford of Fort Run, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Rohrbaugh of Jordan Run, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. George Alt of Petersburg, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Whetzel of Moorefield, a son; Mr. and Mrs. William Reel of Petersburg, a son; and Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bobo of Forman, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sears Jr. announced the birth of a daughter, at Memorial Hospital, Cumberland, Md.

September 7, 1960
Dora Smith of Petersburg graduated Sept. 2, from Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Cumberland, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Sites entertained with a swimming party and wienner roast at Sites Cottages, Sept. 3, honoring their son, Bobby, on his 12th birthday.

Births at Grant Memorial Hospital included: Mr. and Mrs. Owen Alt of Petersburg, a daughter, Aug. 30; Mr. and Mrs. Olie Hartman Jr. of Petersburg, a son, Aug. 30; Atty. and Mrs. James Paul Geary of Petersburg, a daughter, Aug. 31; Mr. and Mrs. John Scott of Moorefield, a daughter, Aug. 31; Mr. and Mrs. James McGuinness, a son, Sept. 3; Mr. and Mrs. Noah Brennan of Arthur, a son, Sept. 3; Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Dahmer of Franklin, a son, Sept. 4; and Mr. and Mrs. William Moyers of Moorefield, a daughter, Sept. 4.

A birthday party was given for Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lewis, at the home of Mr.

and Mrs. Ralph Iman. The occasion was the celebration of Mr. Lewis' 89th birthday and Mrs. Lewis' 68th birthday.

PHS showed a net increase in enrollment of 628 pupils as compared with the enrollment of 610 of the past year.

September 9, 1970
Enrollment far exceeded expectations at the South Branch Vocational Center. A total of 161 students from five local high schools enrolled in the eight classes available at the center. PHS had 59 students enrolled and UEC 24.

Renee Schaeffer graduated from the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science.

Libby Lahman was honored as one of 16 4-H leaders in the state for her outstanding contribution to youth and the 4-H program.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mongold celebrated their 33rd anniversary.

The PHS Vikings opened at home with a 6-6 tie with the Stonewall Jackson Generals. This was their second tie of the season, with one two weeks prior against Kingwood, 0-0.

Births at Grant Memorial Hospital included: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Martin of Scherr, a son, Aug. 31; Mr. and Mrs. Timmie Hall of Petersburg, a son, Sept. 8; and Mr. and Mrs. Omer Hinkle of Rig, a daughter, Sept. 8.

A fire, believed to have been started by sparks from a leaking exhaust, damaged and destroyed a number of sacks of first-class mail, newspapers and parcel post on a truck enroute from Petersburg to Winchester, Va., Sept. 2.

R.H. Alt, president of Monarch Shopping an-



SEPTEMBER 1970 - The Red Cross recognized (front) Evelyn Shobe and Paul Kesner and (back) Jesse Judy, Marian Amtower and Harold Garber for their regular visits to the bloodmobile.

nounced the shopping center in south Petersburg was to begin a large expansion program which was to include supermarket expansion to a total of 11,200 square feet of sales space, a barber and beauty shop, Tastee Freeze type restaurant and expanded paved and lighted parking lot.

September 10, 1980
At least 115 miners were discharged from their jobs at the Alpine Mine near Bayard by Island Creek Coal Company, reportedly because of conditions in the coal market.

Total enrollment in the Grant County school system dropped by 43 children over the last year.

The state of West Virginia honored Herbert Leatherman, a World War II prisoner of war, with a special ceremony at the Science and Cultural Center in Charleston.

The marriage of Maria Kessel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.E. "Mike" Kessel of Williamsport and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cosner

of Martinsburg and Lysle Clark, son of Thomas Clark of Maysville and the late Opal Clark, was June 28, at Faith Assembly of God.

Barbara Rumer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rumer of Petersburg and Mark Geary, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Paul Geary of Petersburg, were wed July 26, at Petersburg Presbyterian Church.

Births at Memorial Hospital, Cumberland, Md., included Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sisk of Petersburg, a son; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Detinburn of Petersburg, a son, Robert Vance, Aug. 25.

Grant Memorial Hospital births included: Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kile of Petersburg, a daughter, Angela Marie, Sept. 5; Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Vetter of Moorefield, a son, Bradley Howard Vetter II, Sept. 4; and Mr. and Mrs. John Paugh of Fisher, a daughter, Tracy Marie, Sept. 4.

The PHS gridders beat the Franklin Panthers, 23-0.

Notices sent to W.Va. families of babies born exposed to drugs

More than 3,800 notices have been sent to the West Virginia families of babies born exposed to drugs as part of the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy case.

The names were sought by a group of attorneys in order to send their families a notice of pending litigation and that they may be eligible to seek compensation, The Herald-Dispatch reported.

A Kanawha County judge signed an order allowing the state Department of Health and Human Resources to release the addresses where the children are believed to be living, and the notice was sent out the end of August.

The deadline for individuals and entities to file a claim against Purdue Pharma in the federal bankruptcy case was July 30, according to Charleston attorney Booth Goodwin.

Attorneys were concerned that many did not know they qualify for compensation because the bankruptcy court was not allowed access to their information. That included families with babies that were born diagnosed with neonatal abstinence syndrome, Goodwin said.

Two attorneys were appointed by the court on the children's behalf to receive the addresses from a registry that identifies babies born with the syndrome.

WVU students get probation for Covid-19 violations

West Virginia University has scheduled hearings that could result in suspension or expulsion for three students who have a history of repeated violations as part of ongoing investigations related to Covid-19 and violations of the Student Code of Conduct.

Additionally, the Office of Student Conduct has placed 47 students on probation for Covid-19-related violations as of Sept. 3.

Student Conduct is also processing charges for 20 additional students who will face probation if found responsible.

"So far, we have also been able to identify at least 17 more individuals from recent social media posts and tips," said Carrie Showalter, executive director of the Office of Student Conduct.

"These individuals, and others identified as we continue our review, may face sanctions if found responsible. We want to thank those who are sharing tips to our office and we encourage people to continue to report potential violations."

To report individuals not following Covid-19 guidelines, visit go.wvu.edu/reportcovidviolations. Reports may also be made by calling University Police at 304-293-COPS or submitted anonymously through the Live-Safe app.

President Gordon Gee admonished those students not following safety protocols in off-campus gatherings in a Sept. 2 letter to the campus and Morgantown communities.

It came after previous sanctions were announced in WVU's ongoing efforts to ensure health and safety protocols are being followed.

Florida man indicted in W.Va. in \$5 million fraud scheme

A Florida man has been indicted on federal charges in West Virginia that he defrauded 18 people out of about \$5 million, a prosecutor said.

Phillip W. Conley, 38, of Jacksonville, Florida, was indicted on six counts of mail fraud and one count of securities fraud, U.S. Attorney Bill Powell said in a statement Tuesday.

Conley portrayed himself as an investment adviser working out of offices in West Virginia and elsewhere. He allegedly convinced victims to give him and his companies money to invest from 2014 to 2019.

The statement said Conley mailed false dividend statements to the victims, which included church members and his adoptive mother and stepfather.

Conley spent much of the money on himself, including private flights, expensive meals, clothes, jewelry and housing. The statement said about \$210,000 was returned to the victims.

Magistrates court report

The following cases were heard in the Grant County Magistrate Court between July 20 - Aug. 27:

Jimmy Dean Keenan, 52, of 33 Mowery Ln., Petersburg, pleaded not guilty to charges of littering, brandishing a deadly weapon, battery, three counts of assault, disorderly conduct, obstructing an officer and public intoxication. His bond was set at \$2,250.

Cindy Lou Evick, 56, of 695 Evick Rd., Franklin, was fined and assessed \$181 after pleading no contest to charges of speeding.

Zachary Logan Armstrong, 24, of 121 Main St., Bretz was fined and assessed \$221 after pleading guilty to charges of operating a personal watercraft between sunset and sunrise.

Rebecca Strauss, 36, of 1300 Massachusetts Ave., North West 202, Washington, D.C. was fined and assessed \$175.25 after pleading guilty to charges of speeding.

Steve Allen Kisamore, 56, of P.O. Box 25, Churchville, Va., was fined and assessed \$175.25 after pleading no contest to charges of

speeding.

Christian Conner Lower, 25, of 132 Adams Ln., Mount Storm, pleaded not guilty to charges of obtaining money or property and services by false pretenses and petit larceny. Lower's bond was set at \$5,000.

Kaleb Austin Keplinger, 22, of 4974 Rig Rd., Moorefield, was fined and assessed \$181 after pleading guilty to charges of speeding.

Ashley Nicole Rohrbaugh, 33, of 100 J.C. Markwood Rd., Purgitsville, was fined and as-

essed \$175.25 after pleading no contest to charges of speeding.

Hannah Marie Kisamore, 24, of 519 Arthur Rd., Petersburg, was fined and assessed \$181 after pleading guilty to charges of violating general speed limitations.

Tyler Sites, 23, of 458 Bear Food Rd., Seneca Rocks, was fined and assessed \$25 after pleading guilty to charges of operating a vehicle without a seat belt.

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by Mike Marland

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Sign-up for West Virginia Forest Stewardship Program in progress for all counties

The West Virginia Division of Forestry (WVDOF) is announcing a sign-up period for the Forest Stewardship Program in the State of West Virginia. The sign-up has started and will be for all counties in West Virginia.

The Forest Stewardship Program assists landowners with the management of the forest on their properties. The landowner will hire a consulting forester

from an approved list provided by the WVDOF.

After filling out some required tax forms, the landowner will submit the forms along with a stewardship application to the local WVDOF field office. The forms will then be processed through the WVDOF Charleston office. That starts the process for the landowner to proceed.

Once the landowner has been approved, he or she

will receive an approval letter from the WVDOF to allow the consulting forester to proceed with working on the stewardship plan.

When the consultant has finished the plan, it will be submitted to the local service forester for approval. Then, the landowner will sign the statement of intent and send it along with all invoices to be processed for payment.

Landowners will receive

a reimbursement of 75% of the cost of the plan based on the set price of \$600 for the plan and \$6.50/acre.

Further information can be found at wvforestry.com/management-assistance/stewardship-program, by contacting your local county service forester via wvforestry.com/contact-us, or by calling the Charleston office at 304-558-2788.

Gov. Justice says change to state's broadband loan program will bring high-speed internet to underserved/rural areas; Sen. Manchin disagrees

State Senate and House of Delegates leaders commended Gov. Jim Justice for his announcement of an executive order that will usher in a major expansion of broadband internet

service to rural and underserved areas of West Virginia.

Legislative leadership asked the governor to eliminate the current regulatory caps on the West Virginia

Broadband Infrastructure Loan Insurance program and to eliminate the regulatory caps per provider. The loan program is facilitated through the Board of Treasury Investments. In 2017, the amount of funds that BTI could make available to broadband providers was capped at \$50 million, with no more than \$10 million for any single enterprise.

Through the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) program, West Virginia is eligible for as much as \$760 million, which would help make high-speed broadband available to more than 120,000 West Virginia households.

U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) released a statement saying, "West Virginia is not getting \$766 million in federal funds through the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund just because the governor signed an executive order saying he wants it to happen."

"Unfortunately, as of the most recent FCC report on Sept. 1, there isn't even a single internet service provider in the state that's eligible to bid on this funding right now."

He claims the governor is making hollow promises but will continue himself to work "to secure federal funding for rural broadband and ensure West Virginia doesn't get left behind."

U.S. Sen. Shelly Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) says, "The governor's executive order is great news for West Virginia and will help ensure that local internet

service providers are able to compete in the upcoming RDOF auction this fall."

According to a report on wvmetronews.com by Jeff Jenkins, "the FCC will receive bids this fall from providers interested in expanding broadband with federal money over a 10-year period. The winning bidder guarantees a certain amount of the funding. In former programs that has been a hurdle in getting companies interested. Justice's executive order will allow the state to step in and provide insurance for those bids without the current caps on the program."

Internet access has been an issue within the state for years, but was pushed to the forefront when changes in business and education practices during the pandemic deemed it a necessity.

"We all know that our state is deficient on broadband," Justice said. "The caps must be removed because they are preventing the state from responding to the emergency that we have on-hand with the pandemic. Whether it be remote learning, telehealth, and so many other things, if we had broadband now, we would be able to be serving our citizens in a better way."

Obituary

DAVID E. REDFERN

David E. Redfern, 50, of Burlington, W.Va., died Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020, at West Virginia University Medical Center, Morgantown, W.Va.

Born Aug. 28, 1969, in Decatur, Ill., he was a son of Theron E. and Cheri K. (Davis) Redfern of Lovington, Ill.

He was a 1987 graduate of Lovington High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from Lakeland College, Mattoon, Ill.

For the last 21 years, David, along with Kristine, operated the Spade Land and Live Stock LLC and Spade Angus Beef of Burlington. They were breeders and raised quality Angus cattle and were awarded champion honors throughout the United States.

David was an avid team roper, having been very competitive in the United States. In his past times he enjoyed golfing, competitive archery and forging and fining his hand crafted knives. He enjoyed his social time spent in communication with his vast amount of friends.

Left to cherish his memory are the love of his life of 21 years, Kristine E. Whipp; his special children, Boomer, Gabrielle Elizabeth and Crash; his



sisters, Trisha VanLanken and husband Mark of Broken Arrow, Okla. and Kelly Redfern Bolt of Decatur; and one brother, TG Redfern and wife Dawn of Lovington. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews.

A celebration of David's life was held at the Brookdale Farm, George Run Road in Fort Ashby, W.Va. on Wednesday afternoon.

David received his blood donations from the American Red Cross and would be honored to have memorial donations made in his memory to American Red Cross, c/o Blood Donors Program, P.O. Box 37839, Boone, IA 50037.

Condolences may be left for the family after David's obituary at www.markwoodfuneralhome.com. (9-8-20)

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We want to thank those that gave food, monetary donations, flowers, cards, visits and gifts. We send our thanks to Grant County Ambulance, Dr. Leslie & staff, Schaeffer Funeral Home and Cabins Assembly of God for the meal after the service, and Pastor Vivan Watts for officiating the service. Your acts of kindness did not go unnoticed and we give our deepest appreciation.

God bless.
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We would like to thank each of you for your calls, texts, cards, donations, food & supplies, neighborly deeds, but most of all your love and prayers. Your kindness and support during this difficult time means more than words can possibly express. Michael made an impact on more lives than he could ever have imagined, the outpouring from the community has been humbling and much appreciated. A special thank you to Schaeffer Funeral Home for coordinating the arrangements.

May God Bless Each of You,
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Pendleton County man indicted on federal methamphetamine and firearms charges

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Cody Alan Grapes, of Riverton, is facing drug and firearms charges.

Grapes, 31, was indicted on one count of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, one count of unlawful possession of a firearm and one count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug crime.

Grapes, who was previ-

ously convicted of a felony and prohibited from having a gun, is accused of having methamphetamine and a 5.56 mm rifle in November 2019 in Grant County.

Grapes faces up to 20 years of incarceration and a fine of up to \$1 million for the drug charge. He faces up to 10 years of incarceration and a fine of up to \$250,000 for the unlawful possession charge.

Grapes faces at least five years of incarceration and a fine of up to \$250,000 for the possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug crime charge. Under the federal sentencing guidelines, the actual sentence imposed will be based upon the seriousness of the offenses and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen D. Warner is pros-

ecuting the case on behalf of the government. The Potomac Highlands Drug and Violent Crimes Task Force, a HIDTA-funded initiative, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives investigated.

An indictment is merely an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Sheriff's Dept. responds to over 400 calls in August

The Grant County Sheriff's Department responded to the following calls from Grant Com only, during the month of August. This does not include calls from the magistrates office, sheriff's department or directly to a deputy via cell phone:

6 animal neglect; 2 animal bites; 1 assault; 1 breaking and entering in progress; 1 brush fire; 4 burglar alarms; 1 controlled burn; 1 child neglect; 3 vandalism; 3 disabled motorists; 3 disorderly conduct; 8 domestic; 1 fraud; 18 9-1-1 hangups; 2 harassment; 1 hit and run; 2 runaway juveniles; 3 mental hygiene; and 1 missing person.

Also, 14 motor vehicle accidents; 9 noise complaints; 4 shots fired calls; 1 overdose; 44 civil process; 1 pursuit; 21 road hazards; 5 reckless driving; 1 sex offense; 2 illegal hunting; 37 suspicious activity; 6 stolen vehicle/weapons; 3 threats; 3 trespassing; 107 traffic stops; 3 unwanted guests; 3 unconscious/unresponsive; 2 wanted persons; 5 welfare checks; 108 miscellaneous calls for a total of 435 calls.

Vote

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The office also received a matching grant to add four additional electronic voting machines (two voting and two counting systems) and plans to add the machines to heavily populated precincts.

"The new machines were very popular," Fisher said. "They are easy to use and people seemed to really like the new system. They are really intuitive and, since they print out a paper ballot, everyone is able to look over their vote

before they submit it into the tabulator."

The early voting period runs from Oct. 21-31 and Election Day is Nov. 3.

Absentee ballots will start going in the mail to voters on Sept. 18.

Registered voters who wish to submit a paper application may print the form from GoVoteWV.com, then mail, fax, or email the completed application to his or her county clerk.

A voter may also contact their county clerk for assistance in obtaining the application. The last day to register to vote is Oct. 13.

Absentee ballots can be obtained by visiting the Grant County Clerk's office in Petersburg, contacting the office at 304-257-4550 or by going to the West Virginia Secretary of State website at GoVoteWV.com.

"If you feel uncomfortable voting, request an absentee ballot," Fisher said. "But I also want the community to feel confident that we will be maintaining our safety precautions from the primary, so if you would prefer to vote in person, that is great.

Deputy B. Ours, Deputy J.E. Rohrbaugh assisting. Also responding were Hedrick Towing, Maysville Volunteer Fire Company and Grant County Ambulance Service.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Department was in charge of reconstruction of the accident, which was completed at a later date. Deputy K. Thorne was in charge of the investigation with Sheriff B. Ours and

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was cited for failure to maintain control of his vehicle.

Sgt. R.S. Seal of the

speeding.

Tyler Adam Crawford, 26, of 19 Myrtle Ave., Petersburg, pleaded not guilty to charges of obstructing an officer. His bond was set at \$1,500.

Yvette Lynn Whetzel, 50, of 10697 Jordan Run Rd., Maysville, was fined and assessed \$371 after pleading no contest to driving with a suspended or revoked license.

Christopher William Greise, 39, of 395 Crestwood Loop., Ridgeley, pleaded not guilty to

charges of driving with a suspended or revoked license, operating a vehicle without a certified inspection or failure to produce certificate. His bond was set at \$350.



Magistrate

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Jonathan Jerome Judy, 45, of 230 Pierce Rd., Maysville, pleaded not guilty to charges of driving with a suspended or revoked license, expiration of registration and certificates of title. His bond was set at \$2,000.

Michael Mussi, 57, of 1198 Evans Run Rd., Elkins, was fined and assessed \$181 after pleading no contest to charges of

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Total Tested	448,720
Positive Cases	11,037
Recovered	8,693

County Name	Positive Cases	Active Cases	Deaths	County Name	Positive Cases	Active Cases	Deaths
Barbour	34	6	1	Mineral	142	10	4
Berkeley	781	101	11	Mingo	262	65	7
Boone	145	24	0	Monongalia	1,240	222	5
Braxton	9	0	0	Monroe	126	71	5
Brooke	96	13	1	Morgan	37	1	0
Cabell	551	214	8	Nicholas	52	13	3
Calhoun	10	2	0	Ohio	287	6	6
Clay	27	8	2	Pendleton	43	2	1
Doddridge	7	1	0	Pleasants	14	3	2
Fayette	368	198	9	Pocahontas	41	1	0
Gilmer	20	5	0	Preston	119	8	4
Grant	141	5	6	Putnam	306	59	0
Greenbrier	106	9	3	Raleigh	366	56	4
Hampshire	91	1	1	Randolph	222	7	1
Hancock	119	10	0	Ritchie	6	3	0
Hardy	74	8	0	Roane	33	12	1
Harrison	279	33	2	Summers	19	6	0
Jackson	205	18	20	Taylor	107	37	6
Jefferson	364	62	4	Tucker	11	0	0
Kanawha	1,536	430	40	Tyler	15	0	0
Lewis	33	3	2	Upshur	43	4	0
Lincoln	122	13	2	Wayne	266	33	10
Logan	503	143	30	Webster	7	0	0
Marion	214	26	2	Wetzel	44	2	0
Marshall	128	4	1	Wirt	7	0	0
Mason	120	45	1	Wood	295	50	5
McDowell	72	9	0	Wyoming	67	23	3
Mercer	321	181	24				

Cumulative Percent Positive:
2.46%

Current Active Cases:
2,344

Data taken from the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources on Friday, September 4, 2020



Senior Scramble Winners September 2

First place team: Johnny Garza, Larr Taylor, John Swick and Harold Tongen (-10), one hole cardoff.

Second place team: Trad Harman, B.J. Harman, Delmas See and Vernon Webster (-10).

Third place team: Don Baker, Rob Toothman, Garry White and Steve Wilson (-8).

Pin winners: #3 - Mike McDowell, #6 - Delmas See, #13 - Richard Bissell, #15 Jerry Brill and #17 - Phil Vance.

Men's Night September 4

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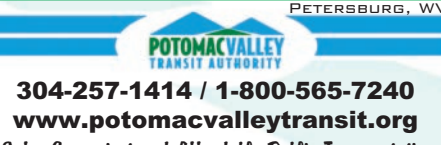
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Paden Dolly	9
Joshua Biggs	9
Jake Alt	9
Ethan Taylor	9
Andrew Fleming	9
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Sept. 18	7 p.m.	Away	Pocahontas County High School
Sept. 25	7 p.m.	Away	Moorefield High School
Oct. 2	7 p.m.	Home	Philip Barbour High School
Oct. 9	7 p.m.	Away	Hampshire High School
Oct. 16	7 p.m.	Away	Frankfort High School
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WDB is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 8/25-9/15 TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated June 29, 2016, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Grant County, West Virginia, in Book No. 270, at Page 370, Joshua P Snyder and Dora E Snyder did convey unto James Paul Geary II, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee dated June 9, 2020 and recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by PennyMac Loan Services, LLC to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Grant County Courthouse in Petersburg, West Virginia, on September 17, 2020 at 1:15 PM the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 05 - Union District, Grant County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows: All of those certain tracts or parcels of real estate together with rights of ways, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and situate on Spruce Ridge in Union District, Grant County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows: "TRACT 1: 'LOT NO. 41 BEGINNING at a 4" x 4" x 24" concrete monument in the edge intersection of two 20 ft. roadways, from which a 10" red maple is S. 45 E. 28 ft 7 inches and a 20" red maple is S. 89 E. 17 feet 10 inches, thence with the edge of one of the said roadways, S. 16 E. 104.5 feet to a 9/16" steel pin, northwest corner to Lot 43, then leaving the edge of said roadway and with a line of Lot 43, N. 70 E. 104.5 feet to a 9/16" steel pin by a 10" black locust, from which an 11" red maple is N. 3 W. 15 feet 4 inches and a 4 1/2 inch & 7 inch double beech is N. 35 W. 15 feet 2 inches, a corner to Lots 42, 43 and 44; thence with a line of Lot 42, N. 16 W. 104.5 feet to a 9/16" steel pin in the edge of one of the said roadways, northwest corner of Lot 42, thence with

edge of said roadway, S. 70 W. 104.5 feet to the beginning, containing 10,900 sq. feet or .25 acres more or less..." TRACT NO. 2: "LOT 42 - Beginning at a 9/16" steel pin in the edge of a 20 ft. roadway, northeast corner to lot 41, thence with a line of lot 41, S 16 E 104.5 ft. to a 9/16" steel pin by a 10" black locust, from which an 11" red maple is N 3 W 15 ft 4" and a 4 1/2" & 7" double beech is N 35 W 15 ft 2", a corner to lots 41, 43 and 44, then with a line of lot 44, N 70 E 172.1 ft. to a 1" iron pipe in an original line of the 34 acre tract, a corner to lot 44, thence with said original and old wire fence (now a line of Ezra Rinker), N 26 3/4 W 104.0 ft. to a 4" x 4" x 24" concrete monument in the edge of said roadway, from which a 16" chestnut oak is S 55 W 7 ft. 10" and a 14" black locust is S 20 E 13 ft., thence leaving said E. Rinker, and with said edge of roadway, S 70 W 150.4 ft. to the beginning, containing 16,700 sq. ft. or 0.38 acres, more or less" TRACT NO. 3: "LOT NO. 43 - BEGINNING at a 9/16" steel pin in the edge of a 20 foot roadway, southwest corner of Lot No. 41, thence with said edge of roadway, S. 16 E. 115.2 feet to a 9/16" steel pin at the edge of intersection of said roadway with the edge of another 20 foot roadway, thence with the edge of said lotter roadway, N. 70 E. 104.5 feet to a 9/16" steel pin, southwest corner to Lot No. 44; thence leaving said edge of roadway and with a line of Lot No. 44, N. 16 W. 115.2 feet to a 9/16" steel pin by a 10" black locust, from which a 11" red maple is N. 3 W. 15 feet 4" and 4 1/2" & 7" double beech is N. 35 W. 15 feet 2", a corner to Lots No. 41, 42 and 44, thence with a line of Lot No. 41, S. 70 W. 104.5 feet to the beginning, containing 12,000 square feet or .28 of an acre more or less..." "LOT NO. 44 BEGINNING at a 9/16" steel pin by a 10" black locust, from which an 11" red maple is N. 3 W. 15 feet 4" and a 4 1/2" & 7" double beech is N. 35 W. 15 feet 2", a corner to Lots No. 41, 42 and 43, thence with a line of Lot No. 43 S. 16 E. 115.2 feet to a 9/16" steel pin in the edge of a 20 foot roadway, thence with edge of said roadway, N. 70 E. 88.3 feet to a 1" iron pipe in a line of Bama Hott's lots (now owned by William Alt, Loraine Sites and others), thence leaving said edge of roadway and with said B. Hott and an old wire fence, No. 20 1/2 E. 145.3 feet to an iron pin by a fence post in fence corner, from which a 19" chestnut oak is S. 20 W. 16 feet and 23" chestnut

oak is N. 44 W. 30 feet, a corner to Ezra Rinker and said Hott, thence with a line of said E. Rinker and an old wire fence N 26 3/4 W 3 feet to a 1" iron pipe, southeast corner to Lot No. 42, thence leaving said E. Rinker and fence line and with a line of Lot No. 42 S. 70 W. 172.1 feet to the beginning, containing 15,100 square feet or .35 of an acre more or less." These being the same tracts or parcels of real estate conveyed Joshua P. Snyder and Dora E. Snyder by deed dated June 29, 2016 from Janice M. Hicks and Robert M. Hicks and which said deed will be recorded immediately prior to the recordation of this deed of trust. Reference is hereby made to all instruments in the chain of title for any and all pertinent purposes. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 229 Norway Spruce Rdg, Mount Storm, WV 26739. The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes. The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property. TERMS: \$9000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale. FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer. Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in

the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale. SENECA TRUSTEES, INC. 5000 Coombs Farm Drive, Suite 104 Morgantown, WV 26508 (304) 413-0044 (304) 292-2918 Toll free: (888) 534-3132 Reference File No. 76095 9/1-9/8 SEEKING PROPOSALS Grant Memorial Hospital (GMH) is seeking proposals from qualified contractors to perform renovation to pharmacy, infusion, and special care unit areas. If interested in submitting a bid, The Request for Proposal (RFP) can be obtained by contacting Kari Evans at (304) 257-5816. All RFPs must be picked up in person at Grant Memorial Hospital located at 117 Hospital Drive, Petersburg, WV no later than September 11, 2020 at 3:00 PM. The RFP establishes requirements a bidder must meet in order to be eligible for consideration as well as information to be included in the Contractor's bid response. The selection of the successful Contractor will be made on GMH's evaluation and determination of the relative ability of each Bidder to deliver quality service in a cost-effective manner. GMH reserves the right to reject any and all bids or amend the scope of the project. All bidders must be duly licensed. 9/8 IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF GRANT COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: William Richard Gigax DOD: January 2, 2019 The undersigned Clerk of the County Commission of Grant County does hereby give NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code §41-5-13(b), there has been filed and there is pending before me and the said County Commission an Affidavit for ancillary administration of West Virginia real estate without the appointment of any personal representative and does state as follows: 1. The name of the decedent is William Richard Gigax. The decedent died testate on the 2nd day of January, 2019, a resident of Montgomery County, Maryland, with said will of the decedent, which is dated 18th day of March, 2002, having been probated by the Court of the County of Mineral, State of West Virginia, on the 4th day of February, 2019. The decedent died owning real estate situate in the State

of West Virginia. 2. The County Commission before whom the affidavit has been filed is the County Commission of Grant County, with the mailing address of 5 Highland Avenue, Petersburg West Virginia. 3. The name and address of the person filing the affidavit is: Richard S. Gigax 426 Johnson Street, Apt. B Sausalito CA 94965 Such person is related to the decedent as acting domiciliary personal representative. The affidavit is dated the 18th day of August, 2020, and was filed with the County Clerk on the 18th day of August, 2020. 4. This Notice has been first published on the 8th day of September, 2020. 5. Any interest person objecting to the filing of this foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this State must file a written objection with the County Commission within sixty (60) days after the date of first publication or thirty (30) days of service of this Notice upon such interested person by the person filing the Notice, whichever is later. NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT IF AN OBJECTION IS NOT TIMELY FILED, THE OBJECTION IS FOREVER BARRED AND THAT THE ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATION OF THE WEST VIRGINIA REAL ESTATE OF THE ABOVE DECEDENT SHALL BE DEEMED FINAL AND COMPLETE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF LAW. Enter this 3rd day of September, 2020. Seymour V. Fisher/Clerk of the County Commission 9/8-9/15 ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE FAMILY COURT OF GRANT COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA IN THE MATTER OF: Daryan J. A. Civil Action No. 20-FI-6 THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN It appearing by affidavit

in this action that after diligence to determine the addresses of Kelsey Morgan Ault and Joshua Richards, whose residency is unknown, it is hereby ordered that Kelsey Morgan Ault and Joshua Richards serve upon Dustin Todd Ault, c/o Grant County Circuit Clerk, whose address is 5 Highland Avenue, Petersburg, WV, 26847, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition for Appointment of Guardian filed in this action, on or before the hearing on this Petition that is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on September 29, 2020, in the Family Court of Grant County, WV, at the Courthouse therefore in the City of Petersburg. If you fail to do so, thereafter judgment, upon proper hearing, may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. A copy of said Petition may be obtained from the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court at her office. Given under my hand this the 25th day of August, 2020. Angela B. VanMeter Circuit Clerk 9/1-9/8 FIDUCIARY NOTICE The following account is before me for settlement: Report of Debts and Demands against the Estate of William B. Lingo and First and Final Accounting of James Paul Geary, Executor of the Estate of William B. Lingo, deceased. Given under my hand this the 26th day of August, 2020 DUKE A. MCDANIEL FIDUCIARY COMMISSIONER GRANT COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA 9/1-9/8

Hawse Health E.A. HAWSE HEALTH CENTER is a dynamic, growing community health center that focuses on providing medical, dental, behavioral health and pharmacy services for all members of the community. We are seeking a FULL TIME MID-LEVEL PROVIDER (CFNP OR PA-C) for our Moorefield, WV office. The hours are 3:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. Generous Benefit package, paid malpractice insurance, salary of \$90,000 - \$140,000 based on experience. Student loan repayment is available through National Health Service Corp. Interested persons should forward a letter of interest and C.V. to the Administrative Assistant. Fax 304-897-6216, email: bthompson@hawsehealth.com, PO Box 97, Baker, WV 26801. PART TIME HOUSEKEEPER for our Moorefield, WV location. The hours are 3:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. (second shift). Hawse Health Center is a federally supported Community Health Center providing access to care for all. We provide a competitive salary structure, benefits package and standard working hours. Interested applicants should submit their resume to the attention of Brenda Thompson at PO Box 97, Baker, WV 26801. E.A. Hawse Health Center is an EOE and provides medical, dental, behavioral health and pharmacy services to the

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NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

On July 31, 2020, Mountaineer Gas Company (Mountaineer) filed its annual Application for approval of an Infrastructure Replacement and Expansion Program for 2021 (2021 IREP) with revised IREP rates for 2021, pursuant to W.Va. Code §24-2-1k, which authorizes the Public Service Commission of West Virginia to approve cost recovery of projects to replace, upgrade and expand natural gas utility infrastructure that are deemed to be just and reasonable and in the public interest.

In its Application, Mountaineer forecasts capital investment for calendar year 2021 of \$47.5 million as part of its multi-year plan. The 2021 IREP covers several categories of plant asset replacements and improvements, including mains, service lines, measurement and regulator stations, and house regulators. These plant investments are proposed to be made in Mountaineer service territories throughout the State. These investments are identified in the Application, which is on file and available for public inspection at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia and which may be viewed on the Commission's website, www.psc.state.wv.us.

Mountaineer proposes to recover costs associated with these investments through an additional increment within the fixed or volumetric base rate component of its rates, depending on the applicable rate schedule under which service is rendered, to be effective on January 1, 2021. Mountaineer projects that if the program and rate increase are approved as requested, the average monthly bill for its various classes of customers will be changed on January 1, 2021 as follows:

MOUNTAINEER GAS PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE	% INCREASE
Residential	\$1.94	3.16 %
Commercial	\$6.33	2.56 %
Large Commercial*	\$592.18	1.14 %
Industrial*	\$467.60	1.18 %
Resale	\$68.04	2.08 %

* Increases for Large Commercial and Industrial customers assume transport customers purchase their natural gas at the same price as the Company's Purchases Gas Adjustment rate.

The increases shown above are compared to the rates currently in place and are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive an increase greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission.

The Commission set a procedural schedule, including a hearing date on the Application, if necessary, that will begin at 9:30 a.m. on November 12, 2020 and continue into November 13, 2020 if necessary, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. If no opposition to the Application is received by the Commission within one week of the hearing date, the hearing may be waived and the Commission may issue a final order within 150 days, of the Application filing date.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene within 20 days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. All requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene and comply with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Connie Graley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTEEES AND LEGATEES

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

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

First Publication Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Claim Deadline Date: Saturday, November 7, 2020

ESTATE NAME: MAXINE CHADOCK HENDERSON
EXECUTOR: Gerald Chadock
 P.O. Box 1
 Petersburg, WV 26847
ATTORNEY: Duke A. McDaniel
 P.O. Box 417
 Petersburg, WV 26847-0417

ESTATE NAME: MARGARET ELIZABETH KILE
EXECUTRIX: Catharine Lynn Weaver
 424 Locust Street
 Hanover, PA 17331-2711

ESTATE NAME: THELMA E. ROHRBAUGH
EXECUTRIX: Melody A. Nesselrodt
 241 Military Way
 Petersburg, WV 26847-5429
ATTORNEY: James Paul Geary II
 P.O. Box 218
 Petersburg, WV 26847-0218

ESTATE NAME: MAXINE REED
ADMINISTRATRIX: Nancy Miller
 122 Walnut Bottom Road
 Upper Tract, WV 26866-8611
Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 3rd day of September, 2020
Seymour V. Fisher,
Clerk of the Grant County Commission

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GRANT COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

Assets	
Current Assets:	
Cash	\$7,878,254.89
Taxes Receivable	87,695.51
Restricted Assets:	
Bond Retirement	52,915.52
Due From Other Funds	31,095.13
Other Receivables	320,540.69
Total Current Assets	\$8,370,501.74
Non-Current Assets:	
Land	\$6,083,321.54
Buildings & Net of Depreciation	1,770,369.65
Other Improvements & Construction in Progress & Net of Depreciation	4,172,349.00
Equipment & Net of Depreciation	1,293,747.38
Total Non-Current Assets	\$13,319,787.57
Total Assets	\$21,690,289.31
Deferred Outflows	
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$761,181.57
Changes in Proportion & Differences Between Employer Contribution and Proportionate Share of Contributions	-
Total Deferred Outflows	\$761,181.57
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows	\$22,451,470.88
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$233,995.92
Payroll Withholdings & Miscellaneous Deductions	\$1,056.19
General Obligation Debt	-
General Obligation Debt (Current)	-
Contracts Payable - RHBT OPEB	-
Compensated Absences	212,352.88
Total Liabilities	\$447,404.99
Deferred Inflows	
Net Pension Liability	\$1,075,045.27
Deferred Inflow of Resources	982,609.00
Total Deferred Inflows	\$2,057,654.27
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows	\$2,505,059.26
Net Assets	
Investments In Noncurrent Assets	\$13,319,787.57
Unrestricted	6,626,624.05
Total Net Position	\$19,946,411.62
Total Net Position & Liabilities	\$22,451,470.88

GRANT COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

Functions/Program	Expenses	Current Year Depreciation	Governmental Activities
Primary Government:			
General Government	\$3,385,612.04	401,533.71	3,787,145.75
Public Safety	3,901,270.64	213,407.80	4,114,678.44
Health & Sanitation	122,870.66	79,695.55	202,566.21
Culture & Recreation	496,363.98	56,839.29	553,203.27
Social Services	117,583.72		117,583.72
Debt Service Principal	-		-
Pension Expense OPEB Plug	6,206.00		6,206.00
Pension Expense	(83,716.54)		(83,716.54)
Pension Expense Amortization	12,324.00		12,324.00
Total Primary Government	7,958,514.50	751,476.35	8,709,990.85

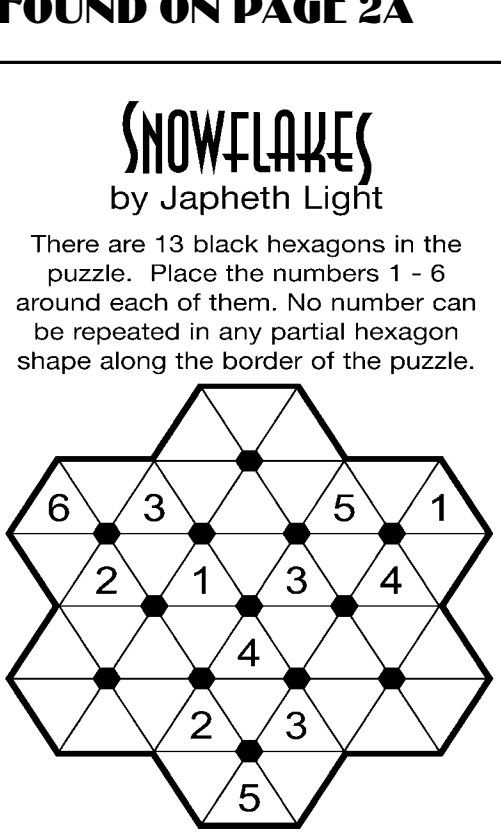
General Revenue:			
Ad Valorem Taxes	5,604,021.53		
Prior Year Taxes	48,276.49		
Supplemental Taxes	9,080.64		
Penalties & Interest	47,545.30		
Property Transfer Tax	71,827.80		
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	21,814.77		
Wine & Liquor Tax	194.99		
Building Permits	950.00		
Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes	58,745.36		
Charges for Services	1,549,453.03		
Sheriff's Service of Process	7,676.00		
Sheriff's Earnings	1,735.75		
County Clerk's Earnings	40,021.55		
Circuit Clerk's Earnings	12,145.31		
Sale of Materials	5,364.00		
Sale of Fixed Assets	-		
Motor Vehicle License Fees	2,411.00		
Rents & Concessions	1,210.00		
Franchise Agreements	217.72		
IRP Fees	29,472.05		
Miscellaneous	364,127.39		
Sheriff's Commission	9,064.36		
Commissions	1,280.73		
Refunds/Reimbursements	51,511.72		
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	-		
Miscellaneous Permits	21,128.00		
Video Lottery	5,382.83		
Cont./Trans Other Entities	475,362.43		
Coalbed Methane	-		
Special Patrols	7,619.28		
Gaming Income	35,082.02		
Confiscated Property	-		
Filing Fees	4,433.29		
Magistrate Court Fees	-		
Regional Jail Operation	20,080.22		
Hotel Occupancy Tax	153,191.77		
Payroll Reimbursements	52,522.23		
State Government Grants	181,461.56		
Federal Government Grants	72,616.00		
Interest	35,302.08		
Other	-		
Total Revenue	9,002,329.20		
Change in Net Position/Income	292,338.35		
Net Position/Fund Balance Beginning (Restated)	19,654,073.27		
Net Position/Fund Balance Ending	19,946,411.62		

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PUZZLE ANSWERS ARE FOUND ON PAGE 2A

SNOWFLAKES
 by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



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JOB OPENINGS

- **SCRIBE**, full-time, emergency department, evening shift (4 p.m.- 12 a.m.) rotating weekends, (5) 8-hour shifts per week. Preference will be given to those who have completed college level courses and/or scribe experience. Knowledge of medical terminology preferred. Ability to read and interpret the English language. Computer and typing skills required. Ability to write and take notes preferred. Professional and responsible with great work ethic. Apply by 9/11/20.
- **COURIER**, part-time, various shifts including weekends. Transport labs, mail and supplies. Must provide own reliable vehicle to transport specimens from physicians clinics to the laboratory. Also transport specimens to referenced facilities as needed. Apply by 9/11/20.
- **PATIENT CARE ASSISTANT**, part-time, special care unit, primarily nights, with alternating shifts. Occasional weekends and holidays required. Current West Virginia CNA certification preferred. BLS required. Monitor vital signs, ability to handle high stress situations, assist patients with their ADLS and work with RN to provide one on one care. Ability to read telemetry and other duties as assigned. Apply by 9/11/20.
- **DESK CLERK**, full-time, emergency department, day shift (11 a.m.-11 p.m.), (3) 12-hour shifts per week with alternating weekends and holidays. Previous CNA experience preferred. Monitor vital signs, ability to handle high stress situations. Requisitions supply, equipment, maintenance and repair services. Prepares related forms, answers telephone, takes messages, direct calls, communicates appropriately and clearly to charge nurse, co-workers and physician. Basic CPR preferred. Apply 9/11/20.
- **PATIENT ACCOUNTING CLERK**, full-time, day shift, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Position requires general knowledge and experience on medical billing and follow up procedures. Must possess the ability to calculate figures and amounts. Must be able to work effectively and productively under stress, have good decision making skills, be well organized, able to work independently and as a part of a team. Prior billing experience preferred. Must have keen attention to detail and excellent verbal communication skills. Apply by 9/11/20.
- **RN**, full-time, special care unit, night shift (3) 12-hour shifts per week (7 p.m.- 7 a.m.) with alternating weekends, alternating holiday rotation schedule. Current West Virginia RN license required. ACLS, PALS and TNCC certification recommended SCU/ER experience preferred. Apply by 9/25/20.
- **RN**, (2) positions available, full-time, emergency room, night shift (3) 12-hour shifts per week (7 p.m. - 7 a.m.) with alternating weekends, alternating holiday rotation schedule. Prior ER/SCU experience preferred. Current WV RN license required. ACLS, PALS and TNCC certification recommended. Excellent assessment and documentation skills required. BLS required. Apply by 9/25/20.
- **RN**, full-time, ER/SCU (float), various shifts, but mainly 7 p.m.-7 a.m. Occasional weekends and holidays required. Prior ER/SCU experience preferred. Current WV RN license required. ACLS, PALS, and TNCC certification recommended. Apply by 9/25/20.
- **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**, full-time position. Dynamic, 25-bed Critical Access Hospital located in West Virginia's Potomac Highlands seeking a progressive Chief Financial Officer. Candidate will report directly to the Chief Executive Officer. Position oversees a stable and long-standing facility providing high quality, multi-service lines of rural healthcare to a five-county region. Oversight of accounting, budgeting, billing, materials management, cost reporting, wholly owned physician offices, and capital asset management functions. Comprehensive healthcare-focused background required, including 5 years minimum progressive finance and operational leadership experience. Experience with advanced data systems and financial software applications required. Successful candidate must be detail oriented and results driven. Experience in Critical Access Hospital financial management highly recommended. CPA or MBA preferred. Salary commensurate with experience. Apply by 9/21/2020.
- **PRN RESPIRATORY THERAPIST**, (3 positions) part-time, shifts as needed, some weekends may be required. Job duties include: set-up, operate and maintain various oxygen and therapeutic gas equipment, administer various respiratory treatments; postural drainage with percussion and positioning perform arterial sticks and run arterial blood gas analysis; must be able to read and understand physician orders and respond accordingly; perform various pulmonary function tests. Current West Virginia RT license required. ACLS and PALS certification recommended. Must be capable of multi-tasking and critical thinking skills. Apply by 10/2/20.

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:
 Call to make an appointment at 304-257-5806.
CPR CLASSES:
 Call 304-257-5806 to register.
GMH Gift Shop: CLOSED
GMH BOARD MEETINGS are the fourth Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the board room at GMH.

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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National Preparedness Month encourages preparedness for all Types of Emergencies

September is National Preparedness Month (NPM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency is encouraging communities across the nation to prepare for all types of emergencies and disasters which can occur, often with little notice.

FEMA continues to respond to Covid-19 and hurricanes in the mid-Atlantic, but disasters don't wait and being prepared makes the difference in how they respond. This year's theme is "Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today." During NPM, take time to prepare for the emergencies you may experience, from the unexpected to the unavoidable.

The following advice can help individuals, businesses, communities, and others to prepare for emergencies:

Make a plan: Know how to prepare for disasters that include how you will communicate with family and friends during disasters, reviewing insurance



2020 Disasters Don't Wait. **MAKE YOUR PLAN TODAY.**

papers, and much more.

Build a kit: You'll need items to survive during a disaster that includes supplies you may need at home as well as a go kit of items you may need if you must evacuate quickly to a safer location.

Prepare for disasters: Find out the best way to limit the impacts a disaster may have, like having the right insurance coverage or what can you do to your home to make it stronger and more resilient.

Teach youth about preparedness: Take the time now and talk with your children to reassure them. Teach them lessons on preparedness. Make family preparedness a fun annual event.

NPM provides an opportunity to talk with your family, co-workers and employees, and community at large about preparing for emergencies.

"Preparedness starts with everyone, and National Preparedness Month is a great opportunity to talk about the risks your community faces and how you can prepare for them before a disaster occurs," said

MaryAnn Tierney, regional administrator, FEMA Region 3.

"Save early, make a plan, involve youth, and get involved to help make your communities more resilient. This month, take these steps to help make your family and community stronger before the next disaster strikes."

Learn more at www.ready.gov/september




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Family Crisis Center receives funds from STOP Violence Against Women Act program

Gov. Jim Justice recently announced the awarding of \$1,129,924 in STOP Violence Against Women grant program funds to 27 projects across West Virginia.

The purpose of these funds is to establish or enhance teams whose core members include victim service providers, law enforcement, and prosecution to improve the criminal justice system's response to violence against women.

"The people who perpetuate these terrible crimes against women absolutely need to be brought to justice every time," Gov. Justice said. "The trauma they cause is profound and we need to do everything we can to stop these incidents of violence from occurring. That's why I take pride in this grant program. It's truly going to make a difference that matters."

Grants provide personnel, equipment, training, technical assistance, and information systems for the establishment or enhancement of these teams.

Additionally, statewide projects are funded to provide training and educational opportunities for all victim service providers, law enforcement, prosecution, and court personnel

throughout the state.


These funds are provided by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, and are administered by the Division of Administrative Services, Justice and Community Services.

Among those awarded funds was the Family Crisis Center, Inc. in the amount of \$5,173.


These funds provide for the enhancement and the continuation of the Grant County STOP Team to improve the criminal justice system's response to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence.

The core team includes the Grant County Prosecutor's Office, the Family Crisis Center, and the Grant County Sheriff's Department.





Suicide Prevention Awareness Month



Suicide takes tens of thousands of lives each year, and affects thousands more who are left behind. Oftentimes, the stigma surrounding suicide prevents people from talking about it and seeking the help they need to survive and recover. That's why suicide prevention starts with each of us. Participating in awareness activities, volunteering or reaching out to somebody who you think may be depressed are all ways you can help during Suicide Prevention Month and every day.

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COVID-19 SWABBING

GMH has implemented a new time schedule for COVID-19 swabbing, effective Friday, July 24, 2020.

Monday - Friday: 6:00 am - 9:00 am and 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sunday: No Swabbing

Please call **(304) 257-1026** and **Press 5** to speak with an ER nurse to obtain a time frame for swabbing.

