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Robbery suspect found dead Monday

A Craigsville man who was a suspect in the robbery of a pharmacy last week in Craigsville was found dead by police on Monday evening, March 27, in Birch River.

According to the Nicholas County Sheriff's Department, Danny E. Fowler was found dead in a wooded area of rough terrain in Birch River.

Fowler had been the subject of a search by officers for four days after being a suspect in the armed robbery of Hometown Pharmacy at the intersection of Route 20 and 55 in Craigsville on Thursday, March 23, at 1:20 p.m. According to authorities, Fowler appeared to have the prescription pills that were stolen from the pharmacy in his possession when he was found.

The area had been searched by deputy sheriffs and West Virginia State Police on two prior occasions but had turned up nothing. Fowler had been last seen in a wooded area near a home in the Cory Brown Hill area of Birch River.

Fowler was suspected of entering the pharmacy dressed in camouflage with his face covered and armed with a semiautomatic rifle. He allegedly took prescription pills from the pharmacy. He is also accused of stealing an SKS rifle and 200 rounds of ammunition from a family member. Police later Thursday found the four-wheeler Fowler allegedly used in the robbery in a secluded wooded area in the Craigsville area.



photo by Lundy Bailey II

The Hometown Pharmacy, located at the Craigsville intersection, was robbed at gun-point on Thursday, March 23. The suspect, Danny E. Fowler, was found deceased four days later in a remote area of Birch River.

He is also accused of stealing an SKS rifle and 200 rounds of ammunition from a family member. Police later Thursday found the

four-wheeler Fowler allegedly used in the robbery in a secluded wooded area in the Craigsville area.

Commission approves \$5.79 million 2017-18 budget

The Nicholas County Commission on Monday afternoon, March 27, voted unanimously to approve a \$5,791,213 budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year, which begins July 1.

Present for the meeting, which was reconvened from the March 22 special meeting, were Commission President Ken Altizer, Commissioner Lyle Neal and Commissioner Dr. Lloyd Adkins.

The budget represents a decrease of nearly \$400,000 from the current 2016-17 fiscal year budget of \$6.188 million.

Prior to the approval of the budget, which had to be submitted to the State Auditor's Office in Charleston for review by Tuesday, March 28, the Commission held a follow-up meeting with Nicholas County Circuit Clerk Debbie Facemire. According to the Commission's figures, Facemire hadn't cut her current budget by 6 percent in figuring her budget for 2017-18 as all elected officials and department heads were asked to do in last Wednesday's budget meetings.

The Commission's figures showed that the circuit clerk had

received \$185,620 for the current 2016-17 fiscal year. Facemire pointed out to the Commission that after her current budget had been adjusted, she actually received \$197,620 for the current year after an additional allotment of \$12,000. She said her budget had been adjusted with additional funding primarily for the purchase of a postage meter and employee training.

With the adjusted current budget, the six percent cut for 2017-18 would be \$183,518 for the circuit clerk's office.

The largest portion of the nearly \$400,000 drop in the budget came in property tax revenues, prior year tax revenues and supplemental tax revenues, which are projected decreased by more \$300,000 in 2017-18. The ad valorem property tax revenues alone decreased from \$3,952,330 to \$3,726,850 because of a drop in total assessed valuations.

But, since the budget meeting last Wednesday, the Commission was able to adjust their projected carry-

Turn to **BUDGET** on 10-A

Couple charged with sex crimes to undergo evaluations

By Pat Hanna
The Nicholas Chronicle

Trials for a Fenwick man and his wife on sexual assault and abuse charges have been delayed while they undergo competency evaluations.

Charles Bennett and Lula S. Bennett were named in separate indictments in January.

Charles Bennett, 61, is facing one count of first-degree sexual assault, seven counts of first-degree sexual abuse, 12 counts of sexual abuse by a parent, guardian or custodian and six

counts of third-degree sexual assault. He had been scheduled to stand trial on April 4.

Lula Bennett, 60, is charged with one count of sexual abuse by a parent, guardian or custodian and one count of third-degree sexual assault.

Her trial had been set for April 6. During pre-trial hearings last week in Nicholas County Circuit Court, Judge James J. Rowe granted defense motions to have the two evaluated.

When asked the basis for his motion, Timothy Gentilozzi, the attorney

for Charles Bennett, said, "Aside from the nature of the case, my interaction with him causes me concern."

Lula Bennett's attorney, Eric Hensil, said he shared the same concerns. "I feel it's prudent to have a competency evaluation," he said. "There's a question about how much she understands what she's accused of."

Prosecutor Jonathan Sweeney did not object to the motions.

Gentilozzi said it usually takes about a month to have an evaluation done and to get a report.

"We hope to get it moving along as

quickly as we can," he said.

Judge Rowe said the evaluations would obviously extend beyond the scheduled trial dates. He set status hearings for May 3.

Gentilozzi asked that the state pay for the evaluations, but Sweeney objected.

Gentilozzi said the Bennetts did not have the money to pay for the evaluations. He said he was hired by a Bennett family member after

Turn to **CHARGED** on 5-A

County Commission asks for 6 percent across-the-board budget cuts for 2017-18

The Nicholas County Commission last Wednesday, March 22, asked all department heads to decrease their current budgets by six percent for the upcoming 2017-18 fiscal year which begins July 1.

The commission made the request during budget meetings individually with each department head and some outside agencies that occupy county property.

The commission received a total of \$7,052,213 in budget requests for 2017-18 fiscal year with projected revenues for the upcoming year being \$4,841,700, or more than \$2.2 million less than what was requested.

Commission President Ken Altizer explained that in order to avoid layoffs for the upcoming year, they asked each department head to go back to their current 2016-17 fiscal-year budget total that was received and make a six percent cut.

The total budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year is \$6,188,531, which is still nearly \$1.3 million more than the projected revenue of \$4.84 million for the upcoming fiscal year.

Altizer said the six-percent across-the-board cuts combined with carryover funds and cuts to some outside entities and other areas would enable the county to balance the 2017-18 budget without any employee layoffs. According to County Clerk Bobby Painter, the projected carryover funds will be \$553,000 at the end of July. The

carryover funds for the current fiscal year were \$931,750.

Not including any carryover funds combined with the loss of more than \$300,000 in property tax revenues next year account for the bulk of the nearly \$1.3 drop in budgeted revenues for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

"This is the only way I can see to avoid layoffs," said Altizer.

"We're running on a bare minimum now," said Commissioner Lyle-Neal.

"Hopefully, this will be our lean year and we'll do better after this year with our tax collections," said Commissioner Lloyd Adkins. He added that the continuing decrease in the county Regional Jail costs will help the tight budget situation.

Altizer also noted that the Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA), which provides health insurance for county employees, will increase by six percent July 1. He said the commission hopes through other savings to continue to pay 85 percent of the premiums and the employees 15 percent. The six percent increase will be an 85-15 percentage split.

Prosecuting Attorney Jonathan Sweeney submitted a budget request of \$447,585 for the upcoming fiscal year, which was an increase of slightly more than \$28,063 over his current budget of \$419,522.

Sweeney asked that the commission take into consideration the fact

Turn to **CUTS** on 5-A

Nicholas Area Forecast

MARCH 30 and APRIL 3
A mix of sun and cloud. Warm conditions.

MARCH 31
Cloudy skies. Heavy rain. Risk of thunderstorms. Above normal temperatures.

APRIL 1 + 2
Partly cloudy. Risk of showers. Normal to warm temperatures.

APRIL 4 + 5
Mainly cloudy. Showers. Above normal temperatures.

Temperatures on this map are NORMALS averaged over a thirty year period. ARROWS indicate general WIND FLOW.

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Thursday, March 30... Partly cloudy skies. Warmer than normal temperatures. Low near 46. High near 64.

Friday, March 31... Cloudy. Heavy rain at times. Risk of thunderstorms. Warm. Low near 50. High near 65.

The Weekend of April 1 and April 2... Skies will be partly cloudy with a chance of afternoon showers on Saturday, then expect a mix of sun and cloud on Sunday. Temperatures will be in the normal to warm range. Lows 41 to 46. Highs near 55 to 65.

Outlook - Monday, April 3 to Wednesday, April 5... A mix of sun and cloud is expected for Monday, then skies will be cloudier with periods of showers on Tuesday and Wednesday. Temperatures will be above normal for early April. Lows 46 to 53. Highs 64 to 68.

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Check from Medicaid program bolsters SRMC bottom line

By Pat Hanna
The Nicholas Chronicle

Summersville Regional Medical Center experienced a net financial loss in February, but a positive development was reported at the latest monthly meeting of the SRMC Board of Trustees.

Chief Financial Officer Joe Barnes told the board on March 23 that SRMC had just received another \$1.5 million from a Medicaid special payment program for a total of \$3 million that will go toward the bottom line.

Barnes said the money came from a 2015 settlement.

"The payments are so erratic that we don't know till we get the check," he said.

Frank Swinehart of Quorum Health Resources, which is managing hospital operations, echoed those comments.

"It's really difficult for small hospitals to anticipate these kinds of things," he said. "It would be

Turn to **SRMC** on 5-A

Summersville Council hears grant request

The first item of business at the March 27 meeting of Summersville City Council was the approval of the minutes from the Mar. 13 meeting. Mayor Shafer then asked Mrs. Sally Haynes and Mrs. Lois Lawson to the podium to address issues regarding the future of Ivy and Stone. Mrs. Haynes spoke first, indicating that despite their best efforts, attendance at various programs put on by the organization has dwindled, and that interest, over all, has waned.

This has resulted, she said in a Proclamation, in the dissolution of Ivy and Stone, with the remaining funds being transferred to a scholarship to benefit a graduating senior in Nicholas County. Mrs. Haynes then introduced Lois Lawson, who in turn thanked the mayor and council and everyone else who had supported the organization. Mayor Shafer then addressed council, remarking that it was a sad time to see Ivy and Stone go, and praised the many good

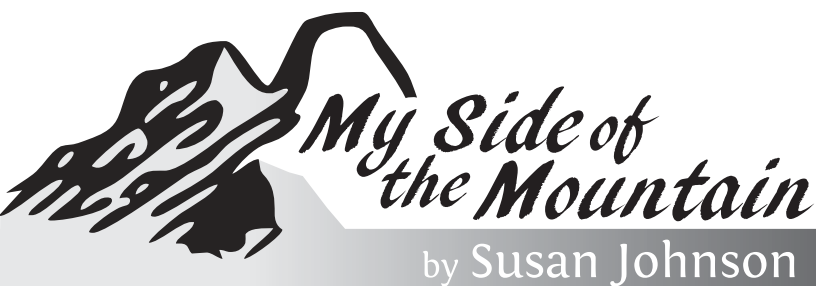
things the organization had accomplished, and commended the ladies for their faithful work.

Next on the agenda were the various grant applicants, and the following who this evening addressed council: Representing the Greater Nicholas County Long-Term Flood Recovery Committee was Ms. Melissa Adkins, who said the goal of the committee is to assist individuals who had suffered significant loss due to the recent flood, with the

maximum allowable figure awarded being \$33,000. Ms. Adkins asked \$10,000 in funds to file a 503 C grant and to pay their case management supervisor.

The next applicant to the podium was Nicholas County Special Olympics, represented by Dave Hanna and Mr. Leslie Dodrill, who presented pictures of the basketball team,

Turn to **COUNCIL** on 10-A



Why band matters

We hear a lot about curriculum from school administrators. The money West Virginia has spent on developing, adopting, and implementing curricula—only to scrap them after five years and start the whole thing over—would build the dome in Charleston three times over. And for all that, we are still the caboose of the national academic achievement choo-choo.

Maybe we've been doing it wrong. Think back to your high school years. Jot down your top five most memorable and rewarding experiences. I'll bet you a dollar to a doughnut that not one of them is related to curriculum. I bet you didn't write, "I loved that advanced algebra unit we did in 9th grade," or "I remember fondly those sentences we diagrammed in English 10."

I'll wager you wrote down the time you played in the state basketball tournament or marched in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. Maybe you remember decorating for prom or building a Homecoming float. Or playing the lead in the school play or singing a duet for the choir concert.

Now, I taught English for 25 years, and I was on numerous curriculum

teams. I'm not minimizing the importance of curriculum: children must learn basic skills and information. But it is extracurricular activities and special events that get kids to come to school. They get excited about dressing up for Spirit Week or making a speech for class officer elections. That's what gets them out of bed in the morning. And study after study links participation in extracurricular events with attendance, graduation rates and academic achievement. Google "extracurricular participation and student achievement" if you don't believe me. One study done in 1995 by the National Center for Education Statistics found the following: "Students who participated were three times as likely to perform in the top quartile on a composite math and reading assessment compared with nonparticipants. Participants were also more likely than nonparticipants to aspire to higher education: two-thirds of participants expected to complete at least a bachelor's degree while about half of nonparticipants expected to do so."

That study went on to point out the income gap among students in extracurricular activities nationwide: "Despite wide availability of activities, low SES students participated less than did their high SES classmates. This participation gap is a cause for concern, especially if extracurricular activities can be a means of bringing at-risk students more fully into the school community, thereby increasing their chances of school success."

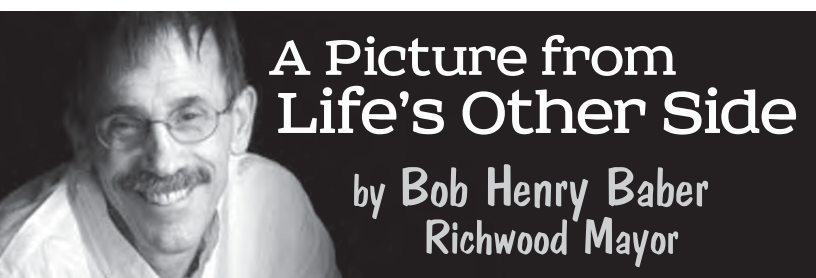
Which brings me to my point: Richwood High School has one of the highest populations of low SES students in the country. But we also have one of the highest participation rates in extracurricular activities. My last year teaching, 8 out of 10 kids participated in some sort of sport or activity. In

a school of fewer than 400, 130 are in the marching band. The fact that RHS has been repeatedly recognized for its success in academic achievement, graduation rates, attendance, and college readiness validates the studies mentioned above.

That's why I shake my head in disbelief when the so-called professionals running Nicholas County Schools keep insisting a consolidated high school will be good for our kids. RHS students are richly engaged in school because of band and football and choir and other activities. Our poor kids will be swallowed alive at this big consolidated complex they are proposing. Their chances to play sports or be leaders will be instantly cut in half. And if the studies are correct, low SES kids will fall through the cracks. The more economically advantaged students will win roles in plays or spots on teams over those bused from the far reaches of the county. Delegate Barbara Fleischauer of Monongalia County made that very point on the House floor last week. She introduced a bill that will impose a moratorium on school consolidation in West Virginia for five years while we study its effects on student achievement and wellbeing.

I hope and pray both county and state education leaders come to their senses and realize that small community-based schools afford our children the best opportunity to engage, learn and succeed.

What was your favorite high school memory? Contact Susan Johnson at myside@nicholaschronicle.com.



A Picture from Life's Other Side

by Bob Henry Baber
Richwood Mayor

AN OPEN LETTER TO FEMA

Background: Last Thursday there was yet another bogus meeting to decide yet another piece of Richwood's recovery puzzle. This one was to decide what tokens will be offered for the demolition of our two schools, which are being stolen. That's not going to happen. Neither are we going to accept \$24 in beads and bangles in lieu of our schools. We learned from what happened to the native Americans in Manhattan. We want the schools back, as promised by the BOE and Superintendent who, by the way, acted totally unprofessional when her desire to demolish was thwarted yet again. In fact, the State Troopers sent to guard her came running in to see what happened she threw such a loud fit. Shameful! She should have been escorted from the room. But the double standard persists—one for her, and one for all the rest of us. Thus, this letter:

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Amanda E. Ciampolillo:

In regard to the Invitation to Participate in the Development of a Memorandum of Agreement under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the Demolition of Richwood High School, 1 Valley Ave, Richwood, WV, a representative from the City of Richwood, WV will regretfully not be able to attend the initial meeting. Due to prior commitments and not being available to attend, the City of Richwood, WV is submitting this letter to be included in its entirety in the public record of this meeting.

The City of Richwood, WV adamantly opposes the demolition of Richwood High School for numerous reasons listed below and furthermore requests any further action on the demolition be stopped until all conditions are resolved.

- We are proceeding with taking steps to have the site further reviewed by Department of Interior for possible inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, and with FEMA and State Historians agreeing to historic criteria being met we feel it is only due diligence to have it further evaluated
- After review of recent findings and recent activities and considering the potential school board member conflicts of interest with the relocation of the schools, the City believes possible unethical actions or decisions may exist and that due diligence of the entire school closure process has not been followed and therefore any discussion to demolish this building is premature

- The City has rescinded the notice of substantial damage, and after reviewing damage assessment reports, we do not agree with the figures presented on valuation of repair vs replacement cost, and the findings of cost effectiveness/cost prohibitive
- There is no federal requirement that the building has to be demolished in the Stafford Act or FEMA Public Assistance Guides
- There have been possible conflicts of interest identified from elected state officials, and possible misrepresentation from FEMA field employees as to the relocation and consolidation plans and funding sources and amounts
- City of Richwood has grave concerns regarding the impartiality of Superintendent Donna Burge-Tetrick, as she owns a for-profit consulting business providing services for Vocational and Technical Education and Related programs; the creation of a large vocational and technical center has been a hallmark of the large consolidation efforts championed by her. The City questions the ethics and legality of this matter. The plans of which call for the demolition of the Richwood High School and relocation and consolidation into a comprehensive educational and vocational/technical high school facility.

At this time, we respectfully request a Stay on any further meetings until these issues have been addressed, pending litigation has been seen through the courts and further evaluations have been completed.

Respectfully,
City of Richwood, WV
Bob Henry Baber, Mayor

Letter to the editor:

Federal cuts to Regional Planning and Development Councils could devastate West Virginia

March 23, 2017
Dear Editor:
There is an effort to cut off funding to basically all the Federal programs that support Regional Planning and Development Councils and the many infrastructure projects they facilitate. Regional Councils provide sig-

nificant services to all counties and municipalities within West Virginia. No water or sewer project would get done if not for the Regional Councils and the federal dollars they leverage. At the moment, 640 million dollars of infrastructure projects in West Virginia are being built with the assistance of the State's eleven regional planning councils. I would strongly encourage you to contact Senators Manchin and Capito and Congressman Jenkins and ask them to oppose the current move to eliminate the funding sources that are the

lifeblood of the Regional Planning Councils and the projects they administer. Getting rid of the federal support for economic development entities like regional councils and the many millions of dollars they manage is very short sighted and will bring infrastructure projects in our state to a standstill.

Sincerely,
Mayor John Manchester
City of Lewisburg
Chairman, Region 4 Planning and Development Council



Rose to the winners of the 2017 Nicholas County Young Writers Contest. The first-place winners were: Savannah Bailey (Cherry River Elementary); Selena Rosalie Woods (Birch River Elementary); and Sara Hendricks (Mount Nebo Elementary). They will have the opportunity to attend Writers Day in Charleston later this month where they will participate in writing workshops with authors.

Rose to Nicholas County students (grades 4 to 9) who placed in the recent Regional Math Field Day competitions. Students included: Tyler Broyles (Panther Creek Elementary

School); Diego King (Summersville Elementary School); Brandon Johnson (SMS); Adam Perrine (SMS); Jake Holcomb (NCHS); and Macy Ward (NCHS). The top three winners in grades 4-9 qualified for State Math Field Day to be held Saturday, April 22, at West Virginia University.

Rose to Senior High Math Field Day winners (grades 10-12): Richard Dorsey (NCHS); and Lindsey Comer (NCHS). The top 10 winners in grades 10-12 qualified for State Math Field Day to be held Saturday, April 22, at West Virginia University.

Summersville Tree City USA

Summersville was named a 2016 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Summersville achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. This is the ninth consecutive year for the city to receive this award.

"Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand," said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Additionally, recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education."

Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

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Lions Club pancake feed set for March 30

The Richwood Lions Club's annual pancake feed has been set for Thursday, March 30. It will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Richwood Volunteer Fire Department. The cost will be \$6 for adults, \$4 for students. Proceeds will benefit the club's sight conservation and scholarship programs.

Magistrate Court Cases

Sherry Hall pleaded no contest to making and issuing worthless checks. She was fined \$1 plus \$235.64 court costs.

Stephen Lee Russell pleaded guilty to domestic assault. He was sentenced to six months in jail with credit given for time already served and ordered to pay \$165.25 court costs.

Kaitlynn Brockman pleaded no contest to littering less than 100 pounds. She was fined \$100 plus

\$365.25 court costs.

Bryan McKinney pleaded no contest to shoplifting. He was fined \$50 plus \$190.25 court costs and ordered to pay \$50 restitution to Go-Mart.

Richard E. Spinks pleaded guilty to one count of shoplifting and one count of domestic battery. For the shoplifting charge, he was ordered to pay \$165.25 court costs and ordered to pay \$50 restitution to Family Dollar. For the domestic battery charge, he was sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit given for time already served and ordered to pay \$165.25 court costs.

Nikara R. Johnson pleaded no contest to one count of driving with suspended or revoked license and one count of defective equipment. For

the driving with suspended or revoked license charge, Johnson was fined \$100 plus \$165.25 court costs. For the defective equipment charge, Johnson was fined \$5 plus \$165.25 court costs.

James A. Deel pleaded guilty to driving without an interlock. He received a 30-day suspended jail sentence and was placed on one year unsupervised probation. He was also fined \$100 plus \$165.25 court costs.

Christian Kyle Thomas pleaded no contest to illegal possession of wildlife. He was fined \$20 plus \$265.25 court costs.

Lyle Lee Neff pleaded guilty to aggravated driving under the influence-second offense. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail with 9 days suspended

and placed on six months unsupervised probation. He was fined \$275 plus \$275.25 court costs.

John R. Johnson pleaded no contest to battery on an officer. He received a six month suspended jail sentence and was placed on six months home confinement. He was ordered to pay \$165.25 court costs.

Jamie Lynette Postalwait pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of a controlled substance. She was fined \$275 plus \$275.25 court costs.

Susan E. Greene pleaded no contest to one count of driving without a seatbelt and one count of driving without insurance. For the driving without a seatbelt charge, she was fined \$25. For the driving without insurance charge, she was fined \$200

plus \$165.25 court costs.

Joshua David Morris pleaded guilty to child abuse. He was sentenced to six months home confinement and ordered to pay \$165.25 court costs.

Sondra Gay Wayne pleaded no contest to shoplifting-second offense. She was fined \$5 plus \$25 court costs.

Adam Joe Dancy pleaded no contest to obstructing an officer. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail and ordered to pay \$165.25 court costs.

Camilla Ramsey of Richwood pleaded guilty to driving with a suspended or revoked license for driving under the influence. She was sentenced to six months in the Nicholas County Community Corrections Day Reporting Center and placed on one year unsupervised probation. She was

fined \$100 plus \$165.25 court costs.

Betty Jean Carpenter pleaded no contest to not wearing a seatbelt. She was fined \$25.

Michael Gale Bush pleaded no contest to not wearing a seatbelt. He was fined \$25.

Steven Roland Jacques pleaded guilty to false pretenses. He received a one-year suspended jail sentence and was placed on one year unsupervised probation. He was also ordered to pay \$11,190 restitution to Cecil Butcher.

Thevasenan Balasubramaniam pleaded guilty to not wearing a seatbelt. Balasubramaniam was fined \$25.

Robbery suspect search leads to meth lab bust

Three Craigsville residents were arrested on Friday, March 25, on felony drug charges stemming from the search for a robbery suspect.

Police were looking for Danny E. Fowler of Tioga, who was a suspect in the Thursday afternoon robbery of Hometown Pharmacy at the intersection of Route 20 and 55 in Craigsville. According to the criminal report filed in Nicholas County Magistrate Court, officers searched the residence of David Wayne Given in Milam Addition, Craigsville, and found a meth lab, scales and a large quantity of prescription



David Wayne Given



Lester Taylor Barnhouse

pill bottles believed to be hydrocodone and Xanax. Police believe the pills were from the pharmacy that was robbed.

Police arrested Given, 53, and charged him with two felony counts of possession with the intent to deliver and one felony count of operating a clandestine drug lab.

Lester Taylor Barnhouse, 38, was arrested and charged with two felony counts of possession with the intent to deliver, one felony count of operating a clandestine drug lab and one felony count of accessory after the fact. According to the criminal complaint, Barnhouse had assisted Fowler in finding a place to stay after the robbery of the pharmacy. Christine White, 44, was arrested

and charged with two felony counts of possession with the intent to deliver and one felony count of operating a clandestine drug lab.

All three were arraigned by Nicholas County Magistrate Wayne Plummer and taken to the Central Regional Jail. Bond was set at \$77,000

for Barnhouse and \$50,000 each for White and Given.

Preliminary hearings will be set at a later date.

Judge conditionally accepts plea pending pre-sentence report

By Pat Hanna
The Nicholas Chronicle

A man with a history of domestic incidents will have to wait before he learns whether his latest plea is finalized.

During a hearing last week in Nicholas County Circuit Court, Nathaniel Chad Martin, 29, entered a guilty plea to one count of third-offense domestic battery, a felony.

Martin was indicted in January on two counts of third-offense domestic battery and one count of strangulation. In exchange for his plea, the other counts were dismissed.

The court was told that Martin previously pleaded guilty to first-offense and second-offense domestic battery, both misdemeanors. The first incident occurred in North Carolina.

The court was also told the previous two convictions were against another woman.

Judge James J. Rowe conditionally accepted the plea pending the receipt of a pre-sentence investigation report. He said the strangulation charge "causes me concern."

Sentencing was tentatively set for June 13. If the judge formally accepts the plea, Martin would face 1 to 5 years in prison.

Three other defendants entered guilty pleas in circuit court last week. James Willard Louk, 30, pleaded guilty to one count of nighttime burglary and one count of being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm.

In exchange for his plea, a third count contained in a January indictment, grand larceny, was dismissed.

Louk faces 1 to 15 years in prison on the burglary plea and up to 5 years on the firearm plea when he's sentenced on May 3 following the completion of a pre-sentence investigation report.

The court was told that Louk broke into a home in Craigsville in January 2016 with the intent to commit a crime.

The firearm count involved a .30-30 rifle. Louk was prohibited from possessing a firearm because of a prior felony drug conviction.

As part of the plea agreement, Louk will also be required to pay any restitution to be determined.

Bart A. Legg pleaded guilty to one count of delivery of a Schedule II controlled substance (oxycodone).

He was indicted in September on three delivery counts. In exchange for his plea, the other two counts were dismissed and Legg agreed to pay \$160 in restitution to the Central West Virginia Drug Task Force.

Legg could face 1 to 15 years in prison when he's sentenced on June 15 following the completion of a pre-sentence investigation report.

The court was told that Legg delivered oxycodone to a confidential informant in February 2015.

The court was further told that Legg had no previous felony convictions.

Legg will remain free on bond pending sentencing.

Defense attorney Christopher Moorehead said Legg is a truck driver and had received permission from former Judge Gary Johnson to go out-of-state as part of his job.

"He has cooperated fully and has come back for every hearing," Moorehead said.

Assistant Prosecutor Paul Williams said the task force had no objection to the plea agreement.

Williams also said he did not object to the continuation of bond since Legg was maintaining employment.

Todd Adam Robinson pleaded guilty to one count of receiving or disposing of property stolen in another state.

Robinson faces 1 to 10 years in prison when he's sentenced on June 15 following the completion of a pre-sentence investigation report.

As part of the plea agreement, one count of forgery and one count of uttering, which were also contained in

a September indictment, were dismissed.

The court was told that in September 2015 Robinson brought a stolen Ford truck into the state when he knew or had reason to know the vehicle had been stolen.

Prosecutor Jonathan Sweeney said the truck, valued at \$15,000, was stolen in Mecklenburg County, N.C.

There was some question concerning Robinson's prior criminal history. He told the court he had three felony convictions and was on probation in North Carolina.

Sweeney said he knew of only one prior felony conviction. On the others, he said, Robinson was charged with felonies, but pleaded to misdemeanors.

Assistant Public Defender Sarah Campbell said Robinson "knows of at least two."

Regardless, Sweeney said the state had agreed not to pursue recidivist charges against the defendant.

In the September indictment, Robinson was also accused of forging the name of a North Carolina resident on the signature pad of a West Virginia State Police computer device.

Meanwhile, a January indictment against Steven Roland Jacques, 50, was dismissed.

Jacques had been charged with one count of obtaining money, property or services by false or fraudulent pretenses.

The court was told that Jacques would plead guilty to a misdemeanor charge in magistrate court.



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Questions or Concerns about the program or about sensitive areas near the power lines, such as springs, wells, streams, lakes, ponds, orchards, crop areas, gardens, pastures, meadows, year-round dwellings, public recreation areas and Christmas tree plantations may be directed to the Company by calling 1-800-955-0179. Please leave a detailed message on our Aerial Application Inquiry line and one of our company representatives will return your call during regular business hours.

Information about sensitive areas also can be mailed to the local Mon Power office listed below. When calling or writing, please be specific about the location by giving the number of the utility pole or tower nearest to the sensitive area. The number is posted on the pole or the legs of towers.

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Mon Power Forestry, 5001 NASA Blvd., Fairmont, WV 26554.



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Friday, March 31, 2017

• **Bingo, Initials Inc., 31, Richwood Appar-** el. \$20 for 20 games (halftime games extra). Early bird ticket purchases get entered in a drawing. Wear Richwood colors to get entered in a drawing. Sponsored by RHS football parents. Proceeds go to the RHS football program. Friday, March 31 at 6 p.m. Doors open at 4:30 at Alumni Hall, Richwood. 50/50 drawing, silent auction. Concessions start at 4:30. Please contact Lena Johnson at 651-8139, Rachel Wilson at 651-6379 or any football parent.

VENDORS WANTED

Sell your products at the **Spring Spectacular**, Saturday, April 8, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Nicholas County Veterans Memorial Park. Proceeds to benefit the Kathleen & John Faltis Child Shelter. \$20 per table (provided) plus 1 item donated for the raffle. *There are tables still available!* Contact Samantha Files at **304-872-8190**

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**Saturday, April 8
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Erbacon Community Building

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Questions?
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Ward Road Free Will Baptist Church Annual Ramp Dinner

Place:
Old Canvas Grade School

Date:
April 1, 2017

Time:
10 a.m. till 4 p.m.

Menu:

**Ramps (fried in bacon grease)
Potatoes, Scrambled Eggs, Brown
Beans, Corn Bread, Bacon or Ham,
Drink and Dessert.**

Price:
**Adults - \$10 per plate
Children under 12 - \$6 per plate**

Proceeds go to Build Fund.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Saturday, April 1, 2017

• **Mission Trip Thirty One Bingo** for Abby McCarty! Abby wants to make a difference in other people's lives. Summersville City Hall at 1 p.m. Contact Puff at 304-993-4245, Lena at 304-651-8139 or Mary at 304-880-0982 to get your early bird ticket! Hot Dogs and BBQ's will be sold along with home baked goods.
• **CAMDEN ON GAULEY TOWN CLEAN-UP DAY**, 10 a.m. - ? Rain date: April 9.
Meet at the Town Park and help us clean our park, playground and streets. Gloves, bags and tools will be provided. Bring a picnic lunch and join us to share thoughts and ideas for improvements to our Town. Mayor Cutlip, Neldene, Nancy 304-226-5078

Monday, April 3, 2017

• **The Nicholas County Board of Education will hold a regular meeting** at the Glade Creek Elementary School, 7950 Webster Road, Summersville, WV 26651, beginning at 7 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to conduct routine business.
• **Bingo Benefitting Crichton Elementary Kindergarten Class** at 6 p.m. at Crichton Cottage in Quinwood. Great prizes, food/bake sale! Questions? Contact Cari Harper at 304-646-9546.

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

• **Bonnie's Bus** will be at Summersville Elementary School. Call Camden Family at 304-872-1663 or 304-226-5725. No one will be turned away due to insurance. This could save your life.

Friday, April 7, 2017

• **Nicholas County Starting Points will be selling Chocolate Easter Eggs.** Orders need to be placed before Friday April 7, 2017. Eggs will be delivered April 12, 2017 and April 13, 2017. The flavor options are Coconut, Cherry Nut and Peanut Butter. Eggs will cost \$3 each. If you would like to order you can talk with any Nicholas County Starting Points or Parents as Teachers Staff. All proceeds go to Nicholas County Starting Points. For questions or to order call (304) 846-4479 or (304) 651-2582.

Saturday, April 8, 2017

• **Benefit for Tim and Jennifer Kincaid** from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Summersville Senior Center. Please help Tim & Jennifer in their fight against their devastating medical diagnoses. Tim has a brain tumor and Jenn has MS. ALL proceeds will aid in their medical costs, lost income, and help make their home handicap accessible. Lunch is by donation and will consist of hot-dogs (all fixings) chips, dessert and drink. Raffle items, silent auction, live entertainment, family friendly, whole desserts for sale and fellowship. We have multiple items that have been graciously donated by local businesses. You do NOT want to miss this. Come out and support this young local couple.
• **Bingo at Zela Elementary School.** Everyone come and enjoy on April 8 at 2 p.m. Proceeds for field trips.

Monday, April 10, 2017

• **Bonnie's Bus** will be at Cherry River Elementary School parked

in the former Watergate Inn parking lot, Richwood, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call to schedule your mammogram at 304-846-2608 or 304-226-5725. A doctor's order is required for screening. Medicare, Medicaid, WVBCSP and all private insurances accepted. Funds are available so that no woman 40 or over will be turned away. Bonnie's Bus Program supported in part by WVU Cancer Institute, NBCF and Susan Komen for the Cure WV. 3/23, 3/30

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

• **The Buckle Cemetery**, located in Crupperneck, will be having a meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Craigsville Library. All Officers and anyone that has interest in the cemetery needs to attend. If anyone has any questions please contact Kevin Cox at 301-268-5523.

Thursday, April 13, 2017

• **Nicholas County Republican Executive Committee** will hold a meeting in Richwood at The Family Center at 7 p.m. in Richwood. Refreshments will be served. 3/23, 3/30

Notices

• **Summersville Art Group** has moved to Community Action dining hall near Dairy Queen. We meet every second Wednesday at 1 p.m. starting April 12, except for January, February and March. Artists please come join us. For more information, call Loretta Rudd at 304-438-9140 after 10 a.m.
• **The Craigsville Public Library** will be holding their monthly Board Meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Library.
• **ACTIVE Southern West Virginia - Craigsville Walking Group** will meet every Tuesday and Thursday at St. Luke's Methodist Church at 1 p.m.
• **Bluegrass Gospel at the Senior Center** in Summersville every Thursday from 6 - 9 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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Richwood Grocery Run



The Richwood Grocery Run will begin on Friday, April 7, 2017!

Route operation will be the 1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays of the month on the following schedule:

- The bus will arrive in Richwood at **9:30am** to pick-up scheduled passengers
- The bus will leave Richwood bus stop at **10:00am**
- Scheduled passengers will be picked up along **Rt. 39**
- Return trip will leave Summersville at **1:00pm**

Please call our office to schedule your pick-up!

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"Annual Spring Cleanup"

The City of Summersville annual spring cleanup is as follows:

WARDS 1 and 2: April 3-7, 2017

WARDS 3 and 4: April 10-14, 2017

Please get your items out as early in the week as possible.

Call City Hall 304-872-1211 to request pick-up.

Allowable: furniture; appliances; and other large items. (Appliances containing Freon must have a certification sticker that the Freon has been removed.)

Unallowable: regular garbage; leaves; brush; tires; construction debris.

This service is only for the citizens that live within the corporate limits of Summersville. It is illegal for anyone outside city limits to bring items into the city for pickup. If you are unsure of your Ward, please call City Hall.

Community

Thursday

Home and Family - 8A
 Craigsville Straight Talk - 8A
 Church News and Events - 9A
 Senior Center News - 9A
 Webster County News - 11A

Nicholas County Young Writers Contest winner Announced

Winners have been announced in the 2017 Nicholas County Young Writers Contest.

Nicholas County English/Language Arts School Improvement Coordinator Tammi Gregory said essays in the contest were received from students in all elementary and secondary schools in the county, along with New Life Christian Academy.

"We received many excellent essays and it was very difficult judging them," she said.

Essays were entered in grade levels 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, 7 and 8, 9 and 10 and 11 and 12.

Gregory presented the contest winners with their prizes at the Monday evening, March 20, Nicholas County Board of Education meeting where they were congratulated by Board members and Nicholas County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Donna Burge-Tetric.

First-place winners received a trophy and the second and third place winners were awarded ribbons.

Gregory said the first place winners will have the opportunity to attend Writers Day in Charleston later this month where they will participate in writing workshops with authors.

Grade winners were as follows:

Grades 1 and 2

1. Savannah Bailey, Cherry River Elementary, "Blare and the Gourd."
2. Kenzie Williams, Mount Nebo Elementary, "The Best Snow Day Ever."

3. Madelyn Jones, Glade Creek Elementary, "The Tale of the Cats and the Mouse."

Grades 3 and 4

1. Selena Rosalie Woods, Birch River Elementary, "Piggy Planet."
2. Kelsey Baker, Mount Nebo Elementary, "My Toad Friend Freddy."
3. Johnathan Hinds, Gauley River Elementary, "4th Grade Survival Guide."

Grades 5 and 6

1. Sara Hendricks, Mount Nebo Elementary, "God's Blessing."
2. Kaitlyn Herrada, Summersville Middle School, "The Key to a Mind."
3. Emma Clark, New Life Christian Academy, "The Lost Village."

Grades 7 and 8

1. Halie Swalie, Summersville Middle School, "Heartbroken."
2. Lauren Clagg, New Life Christian Academy, "Clear Conversation."
3. Samantha Dobson, Richwood Middle School, "A Day in the Life of a Fruit."

Grades 9 and 10

1. Jacey Miller, Richwood High School, "Sounds of Silence."
2. Brayden Hornsby, Nicholas County High School, "My Mistake."
3. Naomi Weaver, New Life Christian Academy, "Poison's Bane."

Grades 11 and 12

1. Hunter Adkins, Nicholas County High School, "Echoes."
2. Alexis Carpenter, New Life Christian Academy, "No Manner of Men."

Woodforest National Bank donates to Richwood Food and Clothing Pantry

Woodforest National Bank, located in the Summersville Walmart Supercenter, recently made a generous donation to the Richwood Food and Clothing Pantry. The bank presented a donation of \$5,000 to the pantry.

On hand to receive the check for \$5,000 were Richwood Food and Clothing Pantry Board of Directors President Robert Johnson and pantry volunteer Lindsay Short.

Woodforest National Bank Branch Manager David Terry said the \$5,000 will go toward operations and food recovery for the food pantry.



From left, Woodforest National Bank Branch Manager David Terry, Retail Banker Sherry Pierson, pantry volunteer Lindsay Short, Richwood Food and Clothing Pantry Board of Directors President Robert Johnson, Assistant Branch Manager Eileen Webb, Assistant Vice President Della Spencer and Retail Banker Heather Hanna.

Several county students place in Regional Math Field Day

Several Nicholas County students placed in recent Regional Education Service Agency (RESA) IV Regional Math Field Day competitions.

Regional Math Field Day for grades 4-9 was held Thursday, March 23, at the Days Inn in Flatwoods.

In the fifth grade, Tyler Broyles of Panther Creek Elementary School placed third overall.

Diego King of Summersville Elementary School was the first alternate.

In the seventh grade, Brandon Johnson of Summersville Middle School came in third place.

Adam Perrine, eighth-grader at Summersville Middle School, placed second.

In grade 9, Jake Holcomb of Nicholas County High School was the first alternate.

Macy Ward of Nicholas County High School was the second alternate in grade 9.

The Senior High Math Field Day for grades 10-12 was held on March 3 at West Virginia University Institute of Technology in Montgomery.

Richard Dorsey of Nicholas County High School placed fifth overall.

Lindsey Comer of Nicholas County High School was the second alternate.

The top three winners in grades 4-9 and the top 10 winners in grades 10-12 qualified for State Math Field Day to be held Saturday, April 22, at West Virginia University.

Students competing in Regional Math Field Day were county Math Field Day winners from Nicholas, Webster, Braxton, Fayette, Greenbrier and Pocahontas counties.

The Family Center Helping to Bring Awareness to Feast of the Ramson

by Wally Howerton WA4LLY

The Ramp Festival, aka Feast of the Ramson, will have another method for drawing attention to our delightful town of Richwood. Starting at one minute after midnight on 22 April, The Family Center will be monitoring their Amateur Radio Station (W8TFC) for twenty-four hours straight. Any "Ham" operator who makes contact and requests one will receive a Special Event Certificate celebrating the 2017 Ramp Festival. Operators who can prove they made radio contact with

TFC will receive a colorful certificate.

Volunteer "Hams" will monitor two frequencies at the Center. On HF or High Frequency 3.850 Mhz. in the 80 meter band and the 443.375 Mhz. repeater (70 cm band), which has an offset of +5 Mhz. and a tone of 123. The 3.850 frequency will allow the Center to receive communications from all over the east coast while the 443.375 frequency is for local to 50 miles. Regardless of who contacts us, it should be a fun twenty-four hours. We will even be able to give out directions if we need to.

WV Amateur Operators who would like to stand a shift should get in touch with Wally Howerton at 304-651-9567 or email walter.howerton@frontier.com. The Family Center just finished a 3-month course teaching the Technician's Licensing Class. Our Hams that just passed their Technician's Test are anxious to volunteer and monitor the airwaves.

The Amateur Radio Station W8TFC was a gift from The Collins Companies Foundation and the City of Richwood.



But then again...

Wrong number

When the caller ID shows a number I don't recognize, my usual custom is to let it ring unanswered. But when the phone indicated a couple of weeks ago that the call was from Belle, West Virginia, I dropped my guard a little and picked up; after all, I do have a friend who works in that area. The too-slick, too-friendly, syrupy sweet voice on the other end said, "Hi! This is Joe, can you hear me ok?" That little question was all it took for me to recall hearing something on TV about one of the latest scams to hit the unsuspecting public: telemarketers try to trick us into answering "yes" to that innocent-sounding question, all the while preying on our tendency to engage in polite conversation with someone who is in return nice to us. If they get a yes answer, they record it and use it at some future time as authorization for purchase of a product or service that they know we neither want nor need. Had I not seen the warning on television, I would have fallen for it myself.

Joe didn't quite get the response from me he was hoping for. Instead of a "yes," he got a good cussing, during which I suggested an unnatural, incestuous relationship he likely had with his mother - assuming that a soulless predator like him ever had a mother. I finished with "don't you ever call this number again!" and slammed the phone down with such force that I nearly broke its plastic cradle.

Telling him off really felt good, but I questioned what good it had actually done. Joe, undoubtedly, had been cursed and hung up on many times before. There had to be another, more effective way to deal with this scam.

I tried to think of the most annoying sound that could possibly be sent

through the telephone line, but since Suz never seems to be at home when these people call, I had to come up with something else. The answer came to me in the form of a five-dollar air horn I saw in the sports section at Wal-Mart. These hand-held horns are designed primarily as signaling devices for use on boats, and are loud as hell. All that was left to do then was wait, and since these scammers can never leave anyone alone, the wait was not long.

After just a couple of days the phone rang again, and again the ID said Belle, West Virginia. I was already shaking up the air horn canister when I picked up the receiver. Same voice, same Joe. And when he said "can you hear me ok?" I let him have it, full force. I pictured him flinging his headset across the room and screaming in agony as he staggered around his little cubicle, knocking over phones, crashing into the desks of other scam artists employed wherever he was as he realized he'd just called the worst of wrong numbers. But it wasn't quite the effect I'd hoped for.



Something, either on his end or mine, failed and the full dose of decibels didn't register. Joe, to my astonishment, came back on the line and said, "I'm sorry, sir, but I didn't understand. Could you repeat

that please?" I obliged him with another squeeze of the trigger, this time longer in duration than the first, and with so much power that our little dog, Atticus, fled to his usual place of refuge under the bed. I followed that second blast with yet another tirade of the foulest language I could come up with, and another warning to never f***ing call back.

The next telemarketer to call our home phone was what I presume to be an Indian...not an Indian in the sense that Crazy Horse was an Indian, but a man who spoke English with a kind of New Delhi accent so thick that I couldn't tell what he was wasting his time trying to sell to me. Funny thing about an air horn; it speaks the universal language of pain when delivered properly to the ears. I believe I actually detected a groan from that guy. Another man, who said was from Jamaica, escaped punishment by calling my cell phone, which conveniently for him was at the time miles away from my newfound weapon.

Giving people the horn almost got to be an obsession. I went from dreading telemarketers, to actually hoping they'd call. I was so trigger-happy to get the bad guy, that in my haste I nearly gave my 81-year-old mom a blast when I didn't recognize the nursing home's number at first glance. Time to back off a little.

Using an air horn works both ways; in blasting them, I was also blasting myself - until I realized that as long as I picked up the phone within four rings I'd have time to insert earplugs for my own protection. Embarrassingly, there were the times that I gave an earsplitting dose of air horn to a caller only to find out that I'd just blasted a recorded voice. But then again, this frustration only fueled my addiction. I started carrying the horn with me everywhere I went, but even the usually tolerant and understanding Suz drew the line when I wanted to sleep

with the can under my pillow.

With a good number of pierced eardrums under its belt and now showing a significant loss of air from continual use, I've decided to retire my original air horn and spring for

the larger, \$7 size. I'll need the extra capacity, since a new warning about the phone scam featured just this week on the ABC evening news shows that the scammers are still out there. And with the new economy-

size, I should have plenty of blasts left by the time election season rolls back around, when dozens of unwanted political calls find their way to our phone. I can hardly wait.

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“Find a place inside where there’s joy,

and the joy will burn out all the pain.” I got this quote from an episode of “Criminal Minds.” It came right at the end of one of the shows. I don’t watch it too often because it deals with some very heavy and disturbing subject matter. It’s good in that they always catch the bad guy in the end, but the depth of the criminal behavior is almost too much to comprehend sometimes. I like all happy stuff, but it also shows that there are inspirational things out there all the time to fuel our energy if we just take the time to hear them, or see them, or allow them to touch our hearts. Facebook is another one. There are many good, happy and funny things on Facebook, and there are also some things that will cause you to cry uncontrollably. Even so,

they are usually heartwarming stories that fill the mind with warmth and can be very therapeutic.

Sometimes, such as in the case of the loss of a loved one, the pain really does take over, but as you find yourself going to that place of joy, eventually, the happy memories will take over and stay in the forefront of your mind. I find that when we talk about my mom, it is just like she is still in the room. She is gone from our sight, but that is all. She still lives in our hearts and remains very much a presence in our lives.

Other times, we are not really trying to burn out a pain necessarily—we are just trying to live life to the fullest and create joy and good times all around us. The Red Hats have this down pat. They are always getting



The Craigsville Red Hats pose with their masks covering their identity.

together just to be getting together. Sometimes they go out to eat, or go to a show or the movies, or go shopping or touring some place different, and sometimes they have a party. They are always dressed in full Red Hat attire, but sometimes they take it a step further and have a theme party. I guess I should say “we,” but I miss out on a lot of the fun because I have already made other commitments. But, that is my loss because they do have a good time. The most recent of the birthday celebrations was in honor of Crystal Flanagan’s birthday—her 65th to be exact—one of those milestones in life. She had planned for months to throw a big Mardi Gras party, and she did,

complete with Cajun food, decorations, and costumes. It was with all the fanfare but without all the wildness—or so I was told. They played all sorts of games and had a wonderful afternoon. They created joyful moments that they can reflect on and ones that will get them through other days that are not as joyful.

We have lots of birthday parties for the same reason, although not so much as an excuse to get together, but more of an assurance that we will. Life is busy, so you just have to make things happen anyway. The parties are seldom on the actual day and sometimes we have to combine two or three birthdays—sometimes more—but we have a party nonethe-



The Craigsville Red Hats reveal their identity without the masks.

less, where we eat way too much and reminisce about the same old things over and over. It does a body good.

We should try to not only add to our collection of joyful moments every day, but also remember to go find them when we need them to get us through a rough patch in life. There can be such comfort, just within our own minds. We are a wealth of resources. Draw on your own internal strength when you need it.



Crystal Flanagan (right) poses with Carmella Killen.

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Tucker Meets Governor Justice
Tucker Harden, a second grader at Panther Creek Elementary, went to the small schools rally at the Capital in Charleston recently with his mom. Tucker raised his hand to ask a question and asked Governor Justice if he could shake his hand. The Governor proceeded to shake his hand and tell everyone that Tucker was going to sit with him for a while. He continued to take questions with Tucker on his lap. Then, Governor Justice gave Tucker a proclamation signed with the official seal for “Outstanding West Virginia Youth.” It was an

amazing experience for Tucker and his family and something he will always remember and cherish.

Avon “We Ain’t No Fool” Party
You are invited to Leivasy People’s Place this Saturday, April 1, at 1 p.m. to have an Avon Party! Hosted by Becky Lipps and Peggy Shaw, they are planning to have a lot of fun, including snacks, games, samples and prizes! They would like for you to RSVP, please, so they know how many to plan for. So call 304-846-9201 if you are going!

If you are thinking, “Ehh, not that interested in the It Works! Peggy will be explaining the wrap system and other items in her line!

So what can you lose? You may even win something! There will be BINGO!

Annual Ramp Dinner
The annual ramp dinner at Leivasy Peoples Place is scheduled for Saturday, April 22. The menu includes fried ramps, fried potatoes, ham, bacon, scrambled and pickled eggs, brown beans, cornbread and compone, desserts, sassafras tea and other drinks. Cost remains the same as last year: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children UNDER 12, and three and under free. Spread the word! Begins serving at exactly noon, no earlier!



Tucker Harden sits with Governor Jim Justice during a small schools rally in Charleston.


Call 304-846-6752 for takeouts.

Birthdays and Anniversaries
Happy Birthday to my “baby girl,” Megan Miller, on March 31. Also to Amber Amick and Tyler Clark on March 31, Judy Starcher on April 4 and Martha Amick (Hominy Falls) and Wanda Fisher on April 5. Happy Anniversary to David and Karen Amick on April 3.

Prayer List
Please remember the following in your prayers: Mary Bond, Delmas Bennett, Boyde Davis.

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All food donations collected will go to the Bread of Life Food Pantry at the Summersville Presbyterian Church on Water Street.

Through the Meal Madness Food Drive, Food Lion stores hope to score a million meals to feed neighbors in need.

Suggested donations items are peanut butter, canned vegetables, rice, beans, canned tuna/chicken cereal/oatmeal, canned fruit, soup, crackers, snacks, pasta, pasta sauce, diapers, baby food and paper towels/plates.

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Nicholas County Senior Center News

Upcoming music, Tuesday mornings beginning between 10-10:30 a.m.: Buster Moul – April 4; Joe Nutter – April 11; Anna Hypes – April 18; John Thomas – April 25.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE – May 6 at the Center! 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Hotdogs, BBQ, and nachos will be available, along with baked goods! If anyone is interested in renting a table, please contact our office (304-872-8147). \$10 per table.

Our travel coordinator, Linda Lancaster, is sponsoring two trips at this time. The first is a one-day bus trip, May 1, 2017, to Stonycreek Township, Pa., to visit the Flight 93 National Memorial. Also includes visiting Spruce Forest Artisan Village, Hill Top Fruit Market, Candyland,

This Week's Menu			
The menu for the upcoming week is as below and Friday is our fundraiser, Hot Dog! It's Friday! The menu, you guessed it, is Hot Dogs, BBQ and Chicken Salad Croissants!			
Tuesday, Apr 4	Thursday, Apr 6	Friday, Apr 7	
Beef Stew	BBQ Chicken	Hot Dogs	\$1.50
Cole Slaw	Veggies	BBQs	\$2.25
Cornbread	Rolls	Chicken Salad	\$1.25
Dessert	Dessert	Salad	\$1.00

Penn Alps Restaurant, and Craft Shop. \$125 per person. The second trip is a 7-Night Alaska Cruise for Sept 9-16, 2017. Inside Category IB- \$2,250, Outside Category OA- \$2,400, and Balcony Category BB- \$2,875 (based on d/o). Please contact Linda for more information! (304-872-4018)

Don't forget! Every Thursday eve-

ning The Kettle Pickers are here at the Center! Everyone is welcome, and feel free to bring a covered dish. Begins at 6 p.m. with music starting around 6:30 p.m.

Reminder: There will be no Sunday dinner for the month of April, due to Easter Sunday.

Please keep all members in your prayers this week.



A Christ-Centered Message
By Vic HUGHART

Friends, you may hear Christians make this statement just about any day of the week: "I need more faith." "You need more faith." "If you had more faith you could be healed." The assumption is that we don't have enough faith is almost universal today. This is just not true. Faith is not given to you by degrees. Faith is given to you in the person of Jesus Christ. In fact, the Bible teaches that Christ is our

faith. Faith is not a feeling. A person expressing faith could feel confident or spiritually moved, but it's important to recognize that faith isn't grounded in feelings.

By what power could we produce faith, apart from the loving work of our Father within us? Ephesians 2:8-9 tells us that Grace is the cause for our salvation, and faith is the conduit through which we experience it, but the Bible says that when it comes to faith, that doesn't come from us. It is a gift of God. He gives us faith that we possess as a gift.

Faith is something we receive through Jesus Christ, and we then live by His faith, not one that we must try to produce.

While it's true that we live by faith in the Son of God, the complete picture is even better than that. We live by the faith of the Son of God!

The idea that we need to have

more faith is a lie, and it will cause you to constantly evaluate yourself, wondering if you have enough of it. Every time you give yourself such a legalistic test, you'll conclude that you come up short. That's always the result of a legalistic approach.

The truth is that you have enough faith because you have Jesus Christ. Don't focus on your faith. Focus on Him and depend on His faith to sustain you. His strength is perfected in our weakness. You don't need more faith. We simply need to more fully know all we possess in Christ Jesus. So, when you feel like your faith is weak, defer to Him because His faith will never let you down.

Every born-again Christian has the same amount of faith. "According as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."

Vic Hughart PO Box 56, Summersville, WV 26651 304-872-4831 vichughart@hotmail.com

What Went Right

By Joseph J. Mazzella
Today, I made the mistake of turning the news on. I found my senses instantly assaulted with stories of fighting politicians, corrupt corporations, and countless crimes. It seemed like the only news worth showing was mankind at its very worst. It seemed like the only thing they wanted to talk about was what went wrong today.

After a few minutes, I turned the television back off. I poured myself a glass of iced tea, sat down at my kitchen table, and instead thought about what went right today. Today, the sun came over the horizon and bathed the world in its golden, life-giving light. Today, my little house once again kept me warm, safe and dry. Today, I had three meals of wonderful food that kept me healthy, alive and energized for the work of the day. Today, whenever I reached my hand

down, I had a furry head to pet as my dogs and cat shared their unconditional love with me. Today, I got to hug and encourage my handicapped sons and see the boundless joy that they share with the world. Today, I talked with my daughter and was once again amazed at the incredible young woman she has become. Today, I got messages from friends and family, both online and off, sharing their lives and their love with me. Today, I shared a few messages of love and joy myself. Today, I felt God's love for me flowing through all of His creation and encouraging me to once again spread His love, tell His truth and shine His light.

When you are at the end of your days in this world are you going to dwell on what went wrong or rejoice in what went right? God showers this world in goodness, and we need only to open our hearts to see it. Rejoice in everything that goes right in your life. Give thanks for it. And do your best to add your own goodness, kindness and love to it, as well. By doing this, you will be helping God to make this earth a lot more like heaven.

CHURCH EVENTS

March 30

- Revival at Powells Mt. Church March 30 – April 1. Mark Seceast preaching.

April 1

- Ward Road Free Will Baptist Church Annual Ramp Dinner at Old Canvas Grade School on April 1 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Menu: ramps (fried in bacon grease), potatoes, scrambled eggs, brown beans, corn bread, bacon or ham, drink and dessert. Adults \$10 plate; children under 12 - \$6. Proceeds go to building fund. Everyone welcome.

April 2

- Actor to Appear Live at Local Church: Since the fall of 1991, actor and entertainer Trevor Thomas has been touring America. He will be appearing at First Baptist Church of Craigsville on Sunday, April 2, at 6:30 p.m. Trevor holds a bachelors degree in communication with a minor in theater performance. He has worked professionally in theater, commercials, television, and film. In each appearance, theater, comedy, music, and evangelism collide; and Broadway, Shakespeare, and Carol Burnett meet Billy Graham. Everything varies from funny to serious; however, all of his material is worshipful, evangelistic, and edifying for the church. First Baptist Church of Craigsville is located at 16664 Webster Road in Craigsville. For more information, call 304-742-3346.

April 14

- We would love for everyone to come out and join us in the remembrance of the Sacrifice, the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, on April 14. We will be there from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on the Nicholas County Courthouse lawn. We will be portraying the live crucifixion of Jesus Christ. We will have three crosses set up with a person on each cross dressed as Jesus and the two thieves, along with Roman Soldiers and mourners. Andy Schmelzer will be ministering. Everyone come out and join us in the remembrance of Jesus Christ and what he went through for every one of us.

- Liberty Union Mission Church and Gauley Mills Baptist Church will be having a special Easter play to celebrate the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Come celebrate with us for a riveting and inspired Easter celebration! Friday April 14, 2017 at Liberty Union Mission Church on Woodbine Road, Craigsville at 6 p.m., and Saturday, April 15, 2017 at Gauley Mills Baptist Church, Camden on Gauley at 6 p.m. Appetizers and refreshments will be served immediately after in the fellowship hall. For more information you may contact Pastor Jerry or Mary Hayhurst at 304-742-5657

April 15

- Woodbine Church in Summersville would like to welcome everyone to come out and watch our Easter play, "The Sacrifice" on April 15 at 6 p.m. at Woodbine Church, 114 Woodbine Road, Summersville

Board of Education personnel changes

The following personnel changes were approved by the Nicholas County Board of Education by a 4-0 vote at their March 20 meeting. Board member Darrell White abstained from the vote.

Professional Resignation

- accepted the resignation of Sharon Harlow, Title I teacher at Gauley River Elementary School effective June 30, due to retirement.

Substitute teacher employments

- employed Karla Hickey and Pamela Mollohan as substitute teacher for Nicholas County Schools effective upon completion of all Regional Education Service Agency 4 and state requirements.

Extracurricular Employments

- employed Pat O'Dell as Temporary Support Staff for baseball at Nicholas County High School.
- employed Natasha Hughes as Temporary Support Staff for softball at Nicholas County High School.

Resignation

- accepted the resignation of Brandi Baker, Project ELA Tutor/Enrichment Instructor for the RESA 4 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Project SPLASH at Richwood Middle School housed at Cherry River Elementary School, effective March 6.

Service Resignation

- accepted the resignation of Marletta Seabolt as substitute Secretary/Accountant and Substitute Clerk/Accountant, effective March 9.

Extracurricular Employment

- employed Gilbertta Smallman as one of two Instructional Aides II –

Itinerant in support of the Elementary Alternative Centers at Gauley River Elementary School and/or Summersville Elementary School.

Consent Items

- changed the effective date of employment for Tanya Cooper, teacher at Nicholas County High School, to May 1, 2017, effective for the 2017-18 school year.
- approved a request from Darlene Jones to be removed from the substitute aide list, effective March 8.

Department of Veterans Assistance scheduled to visit Richwood and surrounding counties

Officials from the West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance (WVDVA) are scheduled to visit Richwood, Braxton, Clay and Webster Counties in April.

A WVDVA Veterans Service Officer and a Veterans Social Worker will be on hand to provide guidance to veterans who wish to file for federal or state benefits, such as federal VA pensions or service-connected disabilities. Widows' pensions and VA home loans are among other potential benefits.

"We want to make sure that veterans across West Virginia understand that our offices will do everything within our power to help them," said WVDVA Deputy Secretary Billy Wayne Bailey. "Our service officers and social workers help connect veterans with resources in such areas as education, finances, housing, employment, counseling and more."

Sessions are conducted on a first-come, first-serve basis, but calling ahead of time is encouraged. For more information, call 304-872-0829.

The visits will take place at the following locations:

- Braxton County Senior Center, 22 Senior Drive, Sutton, WV, Wednesday, April 5 and 26, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Richwood City Hall, 6 White Avenue, Richwood, WV, Wednesday, April 12, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Webster Springs City Building, 146 McGraw Avenue, Webster Springs, WV, Wednesday, April 19, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Cowen American Legion Post No. 62, 63 Erbacon Road, Cowen, WV, Wednesday, April 19, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Clay County Clerk's Office, 246 Main Street, Clay, WV, Friday, April 21, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

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4	2005 Ford Crown Victoria	2FAHP71W25X116566	146,782
5	2007 Dodge Charger	2B3KA43G47H669076	118,885
6	2007 Dodge Charger	2B3KA43G67H669077	138,082
7	2007 Infiniti M35	JNKAY01FX7M457304	158,762
8	2008 Ford Crown Victoria	2FAFP71V98X158994	120,621

The city reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities.

Located on Whortleberry Avenue in the lot behind the Day Reporting Center. Vehicles may be inspected Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Please call Joey Seabolt 304-619-2136 to schedule an inspection. Bids in sealed envelopes marked "Used Vehicle Bid" must be delivered by 4:30 p.m., Monday, April 3, 2017, to:
City of Summersville Recorder
400 North Broad Street
PO Box 525
Summersville, WV 26651

Bid opening is Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 9:00 am in City Hall council chambers.

Council,

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who had just returned from Morgantown and the basketball tournament, where they'd just won the Division 3 Championship. Mr. Dodrill requested funds to support the team and cheerleaders in their travels. Council heard next from Ms. Kimary McNeil, representing the Nicholas County 4-H Youth Foundation. Ms. McNeil asked for funds to help with various projects and trips.

Debbie Facemire, representing the Nicholas County Fair. Ms. Facemire stated that the Fair will this year celebrate its 93rd year in existence, but that it is struggling financially. The weather, namely the 2012 Derecho forced electrical and equipment failures and resulted in a refunding of money. The park was hit hard, as was other areas of the county, by the flood of 2016. She said that since there is only one year remaining in the contract the decision was made to stay with Gambil Amusements. Ms. Facemire asked for funds to preserve the rich heritage of the Nicholas County Fair for the present and, hopefully, for future generations.

Returning again to the podium was Ms. Melissa Adkins, this time representing Nicholas County High School Band Boosters. Ms. Adkins praised the award-winning band and

said this year the kids have an opportunity to perform at Walt Disney World in Florida. Despite the fund-raising efforts of the band members, the band is about \$21,000 shy of the \$50,000 needed to send 48 students on the trip. She requested any assistance council could extend. Mayor Shafer interjected that the monies covered by the grant are not to be available until July 1 of this year.

Nicholas County Veterans Memorial Park was the next applicant, represented by Mary Spencer, Sally Stover and Jay Nowak. Their goal is to bring the swimming pool into ADA compliance, with the hope of opening on June 3. Repairs are expected to cost \$50,000 in addition to the original cost of work already done.

Buck Hamrick, representing Wally's Squadron requested money to help with the ongoing and undeniable need for porta-potties and garbage disposal.

In other business, Recorder Dave Harper discussed sealed bids for city-owned vehicles. The vehicles can be inspected behind the Day Reporting Center.

In the Mayor's Report segment, Mayor Shafer went over the city Spring Cleanup campaign, reported on his attendance at the Master Plan update meeting, and among other matters, handed out copies of the Police Policy Manual. Council was then adjourned.

Budget,

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over funds after further reviewing the budget and making some adjustments in expenditures. The carryover for 2017-18 was initially projected to \$537,000 but was revised to \$847,812. That total is just under \$85,000 less than the 2016-17 carryover funds total of \$931,751.

The revised projected carryover was a big help toward helping the Commission balance the upcoming fiscal year budget without layoffs.

Other major sources of revenue are \$115,000 in the county clerk's

earnings, \$100,000 in refunds/reimbursements, \$100,000 in general school reimbursements, \$100,000 in tax penalties, interest and publication fees.

The total coal severance fund budget decreased from \$265,000 for the current fiscal year to \$110,000 for 2017-18. The bulk of that amount, \$215,000, was budgeted for the Courthouse.

The largest expenditures are \$955,238 for the sheriff-law enforcement, \$846,000 for the Central Regional Jail and \$688,926 for the County Commission.

The sheriff's law enforcement budget decreased by more than \$62,000, and the projected regional jail costs decreased by \$54,000.

Other major expenditures are

\$688,626 for the County Commission, \$531,945 for Personnel office, which is employee insurance, \$394,351 for the prosecuting attorney's office, \$326,783 for the Courthouse, \$317,927 for the sheriff's tax office, \$247,904 for the assessor's office, \$221,345 for elections, \$199,626 for the county clerk, \$183,518 for the circuit clerk, \$130,951 for emergency service, \$109,961 for the animal shelter and \$103,408 for economic development.

The Commission will send a letter to the prosecuting attorney's office asking that their 2017-18 budget amount be adjusted so that it won't reflect the prosecutor and an assistant prosecutor not taking the county's insurance because they

have other health insurance coverage. It was noted that there are other county employees not on the county insurance and it would also have to be reflected in other department budgets.

As for outside entities, Nicholas County Veterans Memorial Park was budgeted \$69,560 for 2017-18, which is a decrease from \$77,000 for the current year.

Funding for the Nicholas County West Virginia University Extension Office decreased from \$16,500 to \$15,500.

Public libraries in the county received no funding for 2017-18.

The Commission will meet on April 18 to lay the property levy rates for 2017-18.

NCHS After-school Program Invites Community Participation

By AJ Paschke

The 20-21st Century After-school Program, coordinated by Mary Nutter, is hosted by Nicholas County High School on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Community members of all ages are welcome and do not need to be students of Nicholas County High School to participate in this program. The After-school Program offers various free activities such as piano with Jennifer Gatewood, archery with Brian Bane, Risk Club with Troy Williams, weightlifting with Gibson Milburn, crocheting with Pam Cox, English ACT Prep with Sharon Tucker, Math ACT Prep with Cindy Tallamy, and homework help with Troy Williams and Christal Barker. Other programs may be added if there is interest, including a walking club for adults. After activities, participants are invited to stay for a free meal served at 5 p.m. To ask questions about the 20-21st Century After-school Program or to sign up for the walking club, please contact Mary Nutter at (304) 651-4835.



Jennifer Gatewood teaches the After-school piano lesson.



Mr. Bane teaches a student how to shoot in archery club.



From left, Rotarian Ken Altizer, Rotarian and grant writer Marianne Taylor, Rotary President Bill Dyer, GM of McDonald's JoAnn Leggett, SMS Principal Kristina Frame, and Rotarian Steve Ferguson

Summersville Rotary Club receives grant

The Summersville Rotary Club was recently awarded a \$1,000 grant from McDonald's Corporation. The grant request, which was written by Rotarian Marianne Taylor, is for the new Summersville Middle School location and will be used to fund temporary landscaping and to improve the outside general appearance of the school's temporary location.

This Week in West Virginia History

Charleston WV (March 2017) — The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

March 30, 1837: The Virginia legislature granted a charter to establish a private academy at West Liberty, north of Wheeling in Ohio County. The first class of 65 students met in the home of the Rev. Nathan Shotwell in 1838. The school is now known as West Liberty State University.

March 31, 1919: Governor John Jacob Cornwell signed legislation that created the West Virginia State Police. The governor appointed Jackson Arnold, grand-nephew of Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson and former executive officer of the 1st West Virginia Infantry, as first superintendent.

April 1, 1884: Nurse Florence Aby Blanchfield was born in Shepherdstown. She served in the Army Nurse Corps during World War I, oversaw expansion of the corps from 1,000 to 57,000 during World War II, and became the first woman to hold a permanent commission in the regular army.

April 1, 1934: A sales tax went into effect in West Virginia for the first time. The tax of 2 percent helped fill the revenue void caused by the drop in property values during the Great Depression.

April 2, 1900: Marlinton was incorporated. The town is generally considered to be the location of the first white settlement in the Greenbrier Valley.

April 3, 1755: Frontier scout and "long hunter" Simon Kenton was born in Fauquier County, Virginia. Upon leaving home, Kenton first traveled north through present West Virginia to Pittsburgh and then explored, hunted, and trapped through much of the Ohio Valley.

April 3, 1908: Samuel Starks died in Charleston. Starks became the first African-American in the United States to serve as a state librarian when he was appointed to the position in 1901 by Governor Albert Blakeslee White.

April 4, 1980: Musician Red Sovine died in Nashville. Sovine, born Woodrow Wilson Sovine in

Charleston, gained country music fame for his recitations, especially those incorporating sentimental truck driver themes.

April 5, 1856: Booker T. Washington was born a slave in Virginia. In 1865, he moved with his family to Malden to join his stepfather, who had escaped from slavery during the war.

April 5, 2010: An explosion at the Big Branch Mine in Raleigh County killed 29 workers. Only two men escaped from the mine alive. It was the country's worst coal mining disaster since November 20, 1968, when the Consol No. 9 Mine at Farmington, West Virginia, exploded, killing 78 workers.

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The Nicholas County 4-H Youth Foundation Provides Summer Food Service Program

The Nicholas County 4-H Youth Foundation announces its sponsorship of the federally funded Summer Food Service Program. The camp will be held at Nicholas County Veterans Memorial Park on June 26 through June 30, 2017.

Meals will be provided to all eligible children free of charge. (To be eligible to receive free meals at a residential camp or an enrolled program, children must meet the income guidelines for reduced price meals in the National School Lunch Program. The income guidelines for reduced price meals by family size are listed below.) Children who are part of households that receive SNAP and/or TANF assistance are automatically eligible to receive free meals.

Eligibility is based on the following income guidelines (before deductions):

Federal Income Chart For School Year July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017		
Household Size	Yearly	Monthly
1	\$21,978	\$1,832
2	29,637	2,470
3	37,296	3,108
4	44,955	3,747
5	52,614	4,385
6	60,273	5,023
7	67,931	5,663
8	75,590	6,304
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Webster County News By Elizabeth Tracy

Development Of New Dollar General Store Site Underway

Construction work to develop the site of the new Dollar General Store in Webster Springs is well underway, but an opening date for the store has not been announced.

The new store will be located on East McCutcheon St., across from the library in the residential Morton Hill section of town. The site is bordered by Daniel and Main streets.

So far, the construction crew has cut down all of the several trees on the large, square site, and uprooted the trunks. Earth is being moved to level the ground on the steeply slanted East McCutcheon St. Plans are to demolish the section of upper sidewalk at the bottom of the site that borders Main Street and the highway, and gut the whole square so that it is completely level from the highway to Daniel St. A 19-foot-high concrete wall will be built along the Daniel St. border as a retaining wall.

Right now, a series of temporary cement barriers has been placed along the Daniel St. border for safe-



Construction is well underway at the site of the new Dollar General Store in Webster Springs.

ty reasons. A silt fence is in place along the Main St. end to try to keep as much of the loose soil as possible

from washing onto the highway and homes across from the site during a rain.

Jerry Run Summer Theater Opens 15th Season With Cystic Fibrosis Benefit Concert

The 2017 concert season at the Jerry Run Summer Theater in Hacker Valley will open in mid-April with a double-show weekend. The first concert, scheduled for Friday night, April 14, will feature four bands playing a benefit concert for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Musicians scheduled for the April 14 concert will be local favorites Marteka and William Lake, the Hacker Valley brother-sister bluegrass duo; Summersville rock/country songstress Emmalea Deal; Key To Adam, featuring Rock Cave violinist Kiera Williams and guitarist Adam Moyer of Buckhannon, playing blues-and-jazz infused acoustic instrumental numbers; and

Whiskey Victor, featuring Morgantown sisters Anna-Kate and Shannon Bean.

Whiskey Victor, whose music is described as indie folk-rock, will return to the JRST stage the following night, April 15.

This year's concert lineup includes returning popular acts such as Little Roy & Lizzie, Full Circle, Norfolk & Southern, and Rachel Burge & Blue Dawning, along with several groups new to the venue. Two crowd favorites will fill out the April schedule, both performing classic bluegrass. Huntington area band, Bobby Maynard & Breakdown, will be the April 23 concert. On April 29, the Rocky Road String Band will be in concert.

All of the April shows will start at 7 p.m. Concerts usually last two hours. Admission prices will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 5-12, with free admission for children under age 5.

All proceeds from the April 14 concert will go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

The Jerry Run Summer Theater is located on Route 20 north of Webster Springs, near Holly River State Park. For more information call 304-493-6574 or email at reneea@mountain.net.

The JRST is not a heated venue, so concertgoers should dress according to the weather. Various concessions are sold at the venue.

Prom, Pageant Gown Giveaway Set For April 8

The annual prom and pageant gown giveaway sponsored by

Compassionate Hope Church of God in Webster Springs has been scheduled for Saturday, April 8.

The gowns will be on display and available from 10-2 p.m. at the Emmanuel Assembly of God in Upper Glade, near Cowen. The gown giveaway is open to any young lady want-

ing to choose her formal wear for dances and pageant contests.

This year, there will also be a vendor selling handcrafted jewelry for girls wanting to accessorize.

For more information, call 304-847-5096.

SVFD responds to three calls

The Summersville Police Department responded to three calls recently.

The SVFD responded to a call at a rented trailer on Thursday, March 16, at 8:30 p.m. on Townsend Drive in Summersville.

A spokesman for the SVFD said the fire occurred under the back rear of the trailer in the wooden flooring.

Damage was confined to a small area of the wooden flooring.

The cause of the fire is undetermined. No injuries were reported.

The name of the owner of the trailer and the renter are both unknown.

The SVFD responded with an engine and six firefighters.

The SVFD assisted the Birch River Volunteer Fire Department at the scene of a tractor-trailer fire on Tuesday, March 21, at 8:30 p.m. on U.S. Route 19 on Powells Mountain.

A spokesman said the tractor was destroyed in the blaze.

The driver of the truck and the owner were unidentified.

The SVFD responded with an engine and several firefighters.

The SVFD assisted the Clay Volunteer Fire Department on Tuesday, March 21, at 11:30 p.m. nine miles out Peach Orchard Road just across the county line in Clay County. An oil well storage tank caught on fire about 150 yards off the roadway, according to a spokesman for the SVFD.

The 30-foot tall storage tank, which held an estimated 3,000 to 4,000 gallons of oil, was destroyed by the flames.

The fire is believed to have started when lightning struck the storage tank as oil was being pumped into it.

The owner of the oil well and property is unknown.

The SVFD provided mutual aid with an engine, tanker and five firefighters. The Wilderness VFD provided mutual aid with an engine, tanker and four firefighters.

Local producers to participate in Beef Expo

Bail Farms of Birch River, Cottle Brothers and Litton Livestock of Summersville will be participating in the 2017 West Virginia Beef Expo April 6-8 at Jackson's Mill 4-H Conference Center in Weston.

This year's EXPO promises to

be an excellent event for producers, suppliers, consumers, juniors and others involved in the beef industry. Forty-plus firms will have their products on display Friday and Saturday and be willing to discuss their applications on West Virginia Beef Farms. Over 200 head of Limousin, Polled Hereford, Red Angus, Simmental, Angus, Charolais and cattle will be on display and offered for sale on Saturday, April 8, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Events scheduled for Friday, April 7, will be the Stockman's Judging

Contest, a competition that tests overall knowledge about the beef industry, the Beef Advisory Contest, Youth Beef Cook-Off and the Grassland Evaluation Contest. The photo contest, association meetings and cattle shows will also be happening. The Friday Night Banquet will feature Marty Pollio.

The West Virginia Beef Expo is a marketing and educational event operating for the purpose of promoting quality breeding cattle for the advancement of the industry. The Expo is a showcase of cooperative efforts

of the West Virginia breed organizations, West Virginia Cattlemen's Association, West Virginia Cattle Women, West Virginia Department of Agriculture, West Virginia University College of Agriculture and Forestry and the WVU Cooperative Extension Service.

The public is invited to attend any or all of the events with no admission fee. For more information contact your local WVU extension service office. Banquet reservations should be made by April 1 by calling 304/842-7958.

Student overcomes obstacles and earns nursing certificate

Sarah Morris had three children and was going through a divorce when she enrolled in New River Community and Technical College's practical nursing program. "I always wanted to be a nurse. I was born in Nicholas County, and New River CTC was two miles from home," Morris said. A friend who had completed New River CTC's practical nursing program encouraged Sarah to apply. "I didn't think that I could do it - between studying and caring for my children. There were nights that I cried myself to sleep. It was so hard, but where there's a will, there's a way," she explained. New River CTC's practical nursing program prepares students for career pathways allowing credits to transfer into more advanced nursing programs. The 11-month certificate program combines classroom and clinical experience in the areas of medical-surgical, maternal-child, geriatrics and mental health nursing. Morris graduated in 2011 and is a chronic care management health coach at a physician's office in Hurricane. "The instructors were so informative - everything they taught us made the board exam easier. It was hard, but I'd do it all again." Recent graduates have done well both on the licensure exam and in the job market. "Not all of our 2016 graduates have tested yet, but of those who have, we have a 100 percent pass rate on the NCLEX-PN [National Council Licensure Exam-Practical Nursing]," said Instructor of Practical Nursing Joanna Perry. "And we have a 100 percent job placement rate for our graduates because of the demand for nurses in our area." The Certificate of Applied Science in Practical Nursing is offered at the college's Nicholas County Campus (Summersville) and can be completed in 11 months. The program is accepting applications for fall through April 14. For more information on nursing at New River CTC, contact Perry at jperry@newriver.edu or 304-883-2429 or Administrative Secretary Tina Bryant at tbryant@newriver.edu or 304-883-2444.



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Open and airy floorplan. Fireplace in family room adjacent to kitchen with appliances. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Formal areas, big covered front porch, central heat and air conditioning. Detached 2 stall garage with finished bonus room upstairs. Beautifully decorated sits on 3 gently rolling acres. **\$155,000.**




COUNTRY COTTAGE
Quite and serene location not far from town. One level home with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, lots of wood including walls and floors under carpet, nice built in table/bar in kitchen for seating. Newer windows and doors, many updates. Cellar with building on top. Well kept. Carport and garage plus storage building. Pond. Gently sloping lot. Located in Calvin. **\$99,500.**



3 MASTER SUITES
This one level home has 3 bedrooms with each having their own private bath, open and airy floorplan with big family room open to kitchen, fireplace and hardwood floors, formal living room, oak kitchen cabinets with island for range, all appliances, big back deck, chain link fence around back yard, central heat & air, attached garage. Wonderful neighborhood. .5 acre. Margaret Street. **\$232,500.**



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NCHS JV girls win scrimmage game

The Nicholas County High School Lady Grizzly junior varsity softball team won a scrimmage game over Webster County on Monday evening, March 20, by the score of 14-1.

The two-inning contest was played at Nicholas County Veterans Memorial Park due to the ongoing demolition of flood-damaged Summersville Middle School, which resulted in no parking around the adjacent NCHS softball field.

Webster County took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

Nicholas County scored all 14 of their runs in the bottom of the first inning.

Rachel LeRose had a two-run home hit in the inning. Caitie Bell hit a two-run single and Anna Brown, Hannah Overbaugh, Brennah Groves, Rosebud Thomas and Ariona Hitchner each singled in a run. The other runs were scored on Webster County errors.

Bell was the winning pitcher, surrendering one base hit and striking out one with four walks in two innings.

Hitting leaders for Nicholas County were Thomas 1 for 1, Sydney Lycans 1 for 1, Brown 1 for 1, Overbaugh 1 for 1, Groves 1 for 1, LeRose 1 for 2, Hitchner 1 for 2 and Bell 1 for 2.

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Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs

Young boys and girls—get your tackle ready for the Wallback Lake Youth Fishing Derby.

It will be held Saturday, April 22, with registration starting at 7:30 a.m. for young anglers from preschool through 14 years of age.

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All young sportsmen must be registered and accompanied by an adult, and the registration and liability form must be signed.

Bring your own bait and pole. No fish are to be released, and there is a two trout limit in the netted area.

Groups are as follows: Preschool - K, 8 a.m.-8:45 a.m.; 1st and 2nd-graders, 9 a.m.-9:45 a.m.; 3rd-, 4th- and 5th-graders, 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m.; 6th grade up to 14 years of age, 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

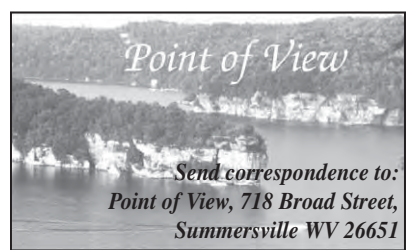
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West Virginia Good Sams to celebrate their 40th birthday at the Spring Rally = big camp out

The West Virginia Good Sams Camping Organization will be holding their Spring Camping Rally= big camp out, May 19-21 at the Butcher Bend 4-H Fairgrounds in Mineral Wells. Over 100 campers and over 400 people will attend this event. All are welcome—tents, pop-ups and all types of RVs. At this camping rally the WV Good Sams camp out will celebrate their 40th birthday, and the theme for this event will be "Lets go to the Hop," with many themed events. Campers will decorate the campground with lights and decorations. There will be an RV decorating contest, costume contest, bean bag baseball tournament, corn hole tournament and more.

There will be entertainment Friday and Saturday night, but, if you want to hear them live on stage, you need to send in your camping rally application today.

If you are interested in attending the Camping Rally as a camper of vendor, applications may be obtained on the group's website—www.wvgoodsams.com or the groups Facebook page—West Virginia Good Sams. Or contact Nancy and Jess McVane (WVGS state Directors) at jnmcvane@frontier.com or 304.678.4077. Check out the WVGS Facebook page as well.



Send correspondence to: Point of View, 718 Broad Street, Summersville WV 26651

Unsured of interactions with boss

Dear Point of View,

I am trying to figure out if I am my boss's friend or if we have a strictly business relationship? I am having trouble having a friendly conversation with the guy outside of work while keeping a professional presence in the office. Frequently, we will be in the middle of a work conversation at 9 or 10 at night and he will suddenly suggest I reconsider what I have just said and call me unprofessional.

I am so confused. I used to think that if we were having a conversation in an unprofessional setting, like Facebook, it would be unusual to not be more casual. Am I out of line? The last time he yelled at me, I told him that he sounded altered. He said that he was not and that I should watch what I say to superiors. Does that mean I am always, "clocked in?"
Out-of-line Employee

Dear Out-of-line Employee,
Though business has been known to be conducted in a work setting, a lot of business is officiated at cocktail parties dinners, airport lounges, gyms and weddings.

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New Dates Set for 2017 Craigsville Fall Festival



The winning design of the 2017 T-shirt contest.



Entries in the 2017 T-shirt contest.



Entries in the 2017 T-shirt contest.

Plans for this year's Craigsville Fall Festival are in the works, and one big change coming this year is the date of the event. The festival will be held September 22-

30, 2017. To kick off this year's festival, a T-shirt design contest was held. On Monday, March 13, the Craigsville Fall Festival committee voted on the contest entries.

Seventeen entries were received for the contest with many themes including pumpkins and fodder shocks. The winning design was created by Mrs. Whitney Perry of

Craigsville. Other participants included Auston Godbey, Whitney Perry, Danielle Bartlett, Gabriel Giles, Karissa Giles, Nancey Scott, and Gracie Hines.

The festival committee thanks everyone who entered. The 2017 Fall Festival Committee encourages everyone to be involved in this year's festival. All artists, quilters, businesses,

queen contestants and those with special talents are welcome to join in the various activities the festival offers. Included here are scenes and winners from last year's events.



From left, 2016 Teen Fall Festival Queen Christian Baker, Queen Kenzi Hayhurst, and Mrs. Queen Madison Bradford.

2016 Queens Pageant

The Craigsville Fall Festival Queens pageants had a host of beautiful young ladies compete for the honor of queen. The winners were chosen by a panel of five judges. The pageants started with a dance and street dress and then the gown competition. Winners were as follows:

Baby Miss Ellie Brown, parents Robert and Holly Brown; Tiny Miss Jazmyne Travis, parents Rodney and Christian Travis; Wee Miss Camille Bradford, parents Dakota and Madison Bradford; Little Miss Braelyn Coleman, parents Tyler and Destiny Coleman; Junior Miss Emilia Turner, parents Mike and Traci Laquinta; Baby Mr. Quinton Tinney, parent Jessica Tinney; Tiny Mr. Mason Frazer, parents Jimmy and Traci Frazer; and Little Mr. Jamison Coleman, parents Guay and Whitney Coleman.

The Festival Teen Queen is Miss Christian Baker. Mrs. Queen is Madison Bradford. Madison is the wife of Dakota and mother of Camille Bradford.

The Craigsville Fall Festival Queen is Miss Kenzi Hayhurst. The Craigsville Fall Festival Queens Ball was held September 10, 2016, in the Gauley River Elementary School. Music was supplied by John Peters. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the food, music, dancing and fellowship.



Winners of the 2016 Fall Festival Pageant



Participants of the 2016 Queens' Ball enjoy some dancing.

2016 Decorating Contest

The Craigsville Fall Festival would like to thank all who helped celebrate by decorating their businesses for the festival last year. The Festival looks forward to seeing your new ideas this year. Last year's winners were as follows: 1st place went to the Craigsville Public Library for their tree and front decorations for the ambulance services; second place went to Tudor's who displayed a wrecked car and rescue; and third place went to Oopsie Daisy's for a beautiful fall scene.

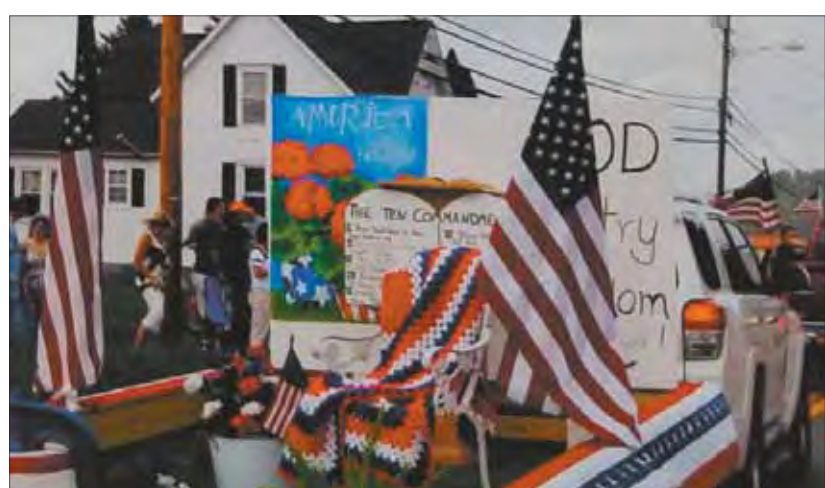
2016 Parade

The Craigsville Fall Festival Parade was September 17, 2016, and started with antique cars followed by the JROTC Honor Guard and the Nicholas County Sheriff's Department leading the way. The committee would like to thank the businesses that sponsored the three high school bands, and a big "thanks" to the bands that honored the crowd with a show after the parade.

The parade had several floats, including groups, businesses, churches, and schools. The Blue Bell's performance before and during the parade was enjoyed by everyone. Also in the parade were the Richwood Lumberjack cheerleaders. The parade Grand Marshal and Grand Dame were Debbie and Dave Cox. The lovely Red Hats and The Soggy Bottom Haunted Trail also participated in the parade.

Winners of the float contest were as follows: commercial floats, first place, Hardware That's Us; organization floats, first place, Red Hats; school floats, 1st place, Richwood Lumberjack Cheerleaders. Winning the church floats category was first place, Cottle First Church of God; second place, Nettie Baptist Church; and third place, Christian Fellowship Church.

After the parade, evening festivities were enjoyed by many. Some of the evening entertainment included music by the Richwood High School, Webster County High School, and Nicholas County High School bands, as well as the Skip Lannom band, Rudy Elvis, and Emily Deal.



Scenes from the 2016 parade

2016 Talent Show

The Craigsville Fall Festival talent show was held on August 15, 2016, at Gauley River Elementary School in Craigsville. The talent was unbelievable and very hard to judge. The committee thanks all who participated in the talent show. The winners of the talent show also performed for the festival on Saturday morning. Thank you to Debbie and John Peters for their hard work to make last year's show great. The festival committee is looking forward to having another great show this year. Last years first-place winners were: age 0-8 age, Cassidy Morris; 9-12, Miranda Peyatt; 13-16, Bayley Estudillo; 17-20, Krista Merrill; and 21 and up, Kelly Peyatt.

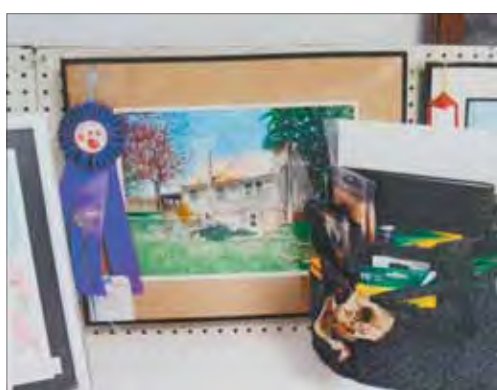
Winners of the 2016 Talent Show



2016 Art Show

The Craigsville Fall Festival Art show was held at The Craigsville Public Library. Seven judges judged the art. The committee would like to thank all the judges and everyone who participated in the art show. The grand prize went to a lovely picture of a homestead in watercolors painted by Carma Lawrenson, who also received other ribbons. She received an art bag and supplies valued at \$75. The people's choice award went to Kalista Hall for a wall hanging of the things of nature.

Other first and second-place ribbons were given to several artists. Congratulations to all. The committee looks forward to seeing your new artwork this year, so start getting it ready for the September 2017 Art Show!



The Art Show grand-prize winner



Grand prize-winner of the 2016 Quilt Show

2016 Quilt Show

The Craigsville Fall Festival Quilt Show was held on September 13, 2016, and was a big success with beautiful blankets and pictures, baby blankets and needle work. Grand prize went to Vicky Groff of Sutton for her needle work, "WELCOME." People's choice awards went to a beautiful blanket done in white and different shades of maroon. First and second-place ribbons were given to several of the quilt show entries.



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Daisies

The flower for the month of April is the daisy. No fooling. With well over 20,000 different plants falling into the daisy family Asteraceae, we need to be a little more specific. There are 276 species of daisy in West Virginia. That's better. The daisy is originally from England and came here with the earliest settlers. The word daisy is the lazy speech contraction of the words "day's eye," which refers to the manner in which blooms close their petals every night and then open again with the morning sun. That big yellow center surrounded by the white rays resembles a sun or an eye with long beautiful lashes. The original English daisy, *Bellis perennis*, is commonly called Bruierswort. One name is descrip-

tive and the other name identifies medicinal uses for the plant. There is a rather long list of medical properties for this simple daisy. As its name implies, it is used extensively as a salve or compress for bruises and wounds. Daisy salve was a staple in the medicine chest of doctors through the Revolutionary war era. The English daisy has astringent and analgesic properties, which would definitely help a wound. Tea from the flowers is used as a blood-purifying treatment, relief for arthritis, and gout. The flowers are also cosmetic. A bath infused with daisy flowers will perk up skin suffering from being shut up all winter.

In the language of flowers, the daisy represents true love, innocence, and new beginnings. Say to a daisy as you pluck the petals, "He loves me, he loves me not!" Daisies also represent purity because they have the whitest flowers. In the 1800's, something that was referred to as a "daisy" meant it was of the highest quality. Val Kilmer as Doc Holliday in the Tombstone movie utters a line where he calls something a daisy, and that was fitting for the speech of the time. Today, we would say, "That's a doozy." In Victorian flower arrangements, when daisies were

paired with primroses it was for a child. If the daisies were paired with moss it symbolized a motherly love.

Daisies are a good thing to have in garden. Once nicknamed the farmer's bane, the daisy is actually the smart farmer's friend. You can understand that as a prolific perennial weed equal to the dandelion in growth habits, the daisy could earn a negative reputation. We're smarter than that. We know that the most pernicious weeds are really the most desirable plants. The Creator planned it that way. Daisies are on the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources list of plants for butterfly gardens, a true friend to farmers. The daisy is a larval host plant to butterflies. Butterfly moms make sure the kids are provided with everything they need. She will lay eggs on the daisy host plants, and the young worms hatch to an abundant food supply. Daisies are also listed as a native nectar plant for several other species of butterfly, so mom eats, too.

Daisies make a very good addition to a pollinator garden. The most common garden daisy is called a Shasta Daisy. It is a perennial, so pick a full sun location and give it space to become a big, beautiful plant. Daisies

simply don't show well in rows or singles. Daisies are in the low-maintenance category of flowers, making them good for younger children to grow in a beginner's garden. Older seniors who still want to garden but their back just isn't into it that much will find daisies are a good choice for their gardens. Around here, we generally get enough rain that you may not have to provide any extra irrigation for daisies, which only need an inch per week for best growth. Don't worry about fancy fertilizers for daisies. What daisies really want is to have the spent stems cut down to an inch or two above ground after the first killing frost, and then come spring, apply a couple inches of organic matter, mulch, or compost. The spring application will help control weeds while it feeds the daisies. Ain't multitasking great! One fall in four or five years when the daisies fail to bloom well or the center of the clump looks wimpy is time to divide and conquer. Take my favorite tool, the potato fork, and dig up the clump. Throw away dead or diseased roots. Replant the remaining roots or share them with a friend. That's a real doozy. Call 304-946-2754 or email cactus15@hotmail.com.

Drug Addiction topic of Green Valley CEOS

The Green Valley Community Educational Outreach Service (CEOS) club met for their regular monthly meeting on March 13 at Cheryl Amick's home.

President Sally O'Dell called the meeting to order and members sang the club song.

Edith Huffman read Psalms 98, verses 1-9, for devotion. Members recited the Lord's Prayer.

Members answered the roll call with "Do you Know Someone with an Addiction Problem?"

Those present were Cheryl Amick, Jody Dorsey, Edith Huffman, Sally O'Dell, Joan O'Quinn and guest Carla Neal.

The Purposeful Reading Committee reported that 60 books were read since the last meeting.

O'Quinn shared the health motivator tips for the month for "Train Your Brain." A healthy brain helps us to remember, learn, plan, concentrate and keep a clear, active mind. Ways to keep your brain active are reading, playing games, learning something new, volunteering, ditch

your calculator, challenge yourself, learn a new sport and do puzzles.

The lesson topic, "Addition: A Community Crisis" was presented by Cheryl Amick and Carla Neal. Amick talked about how the drug addiction problems in Nicholas County didn't happen overnight and how it affects everyone with several different kinds of addiction.

Neal talked about help that is available to people in Nicholas County who suffer from addiction problems. Summersville Baptist Church offers a recovery program that meets every Thursday night at 7 p.m. for those who are ready to accept help.

O'Quinn read the following Irish Blessing in honor of St. Patrick's Day: "May the hills of West Virginia caress you, May her lakes and rivers bless you, May the luck of the Irish enfold you, May the blessings of St. Patrick behold you."

Edith Huffman read "Road Ahead" by M. Elaine Fowser.

The club also celebrated the birthday of Jody Dorsey

THE WILDERNESS MESSENGERS

Please remember to send your stories to Terry White at twwhite241@frontier.com or call 304-872-1502. Without you, we can't have a column.

Condolences:

Sympathy is being sent to the family of Carl Steven Jarvis from Rainelle. He passed on March 17 and was buried on March 22. Among his survivors are a brother, Mike and wife, Debbie, of Mount Nebo.

Sympathy is also being sent to the family of Ralph Robert Kimlin II from Rainelle. He passed away on Monday, March 20, and was buried on Friday, March 24. One of his sons, Wesley Kimlin, lives in Mount Nebo.

We are sending condolences to the family of Clarence James Crist from Ansted. He died on Monday, March 20, and was buried on Thursday, March 23. His daughter, De-

lores and her husband, Jack, live in Mount Lookout.

Also, we are sending condolences to the family of Deanna Dee Dorsey of Nallen. She passed away at home on March 24, and was buried on March 26. Among her survivors is her husband, Carl "Buddy" Dorsey; and a daughter, Tara Hudak, and husband, Michael of Nallen.

Ira C. "Sonny" Young, of Mount Nebo passed away on March 24 at his home. His wake was held on Monday, March 27, and his funeral was held on March 28. His immediate family includes sister, Irene Carol Dorsey; and brother, Eugene Young, both of Mount Nebo.

Get Well Wishes:

John Groves of Mount Nebo spent a harrowing couple of days in the hospital this past week. He is now home and recovering nicely.

Carolyn Hughes is still somewhat under the weather and recuperating at home. She had a visit from her son, Paul Michael, from Tennessee over this past weekend. It was also her daughter Megan's birthday. We are sending her "Get Well Wishes" hoping that she will be well soon.

Fire Department Fund Raiser:

The Wilderness Volunteer Fire Department is having a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 1, from 11 to 7. It will be held at the Fire Department building at 119 E Mount Lookout Road.

School News:

The fourth-grade students in Miss

Martin and Miss Walton's classes at Mount Nebo Elementary were honored to be visited by the WV Army Corps of Engineers from Summersville and Bobber the Water Safety Dog on March 22. During the presentations, the students learned about water safety, life jacket usage, and also how to help keep parks/water areas clean from litter. The students and teachers are very thankful to have had the local rangers visit!

Youth Arts in the Park 2017 Appalachian Spring Wildflower Art Contest

Spring is in the air and we are pleased to announce that Morgan Blake and Kenzie Williams, second-grade students of Mrs. Joyce Dusch at Mt. Nebo Elementary are final exhibit artists for the Youth Arts in the Parks 2017 Appalachian Spring Wildflower Art Contest, a part of New River Gorge Wildflower Weekend.

The students' work will be on display April 2-May 1 at Tamarack in Beckley. Mount Nebo Elementary is very proud of these young artists! They will be honored at Tamarack on April 2 at an Awards Ceremony for all 65 exhibit artists and their families. The students come from various schools in Fayette, Nicholas and Raleigh Counties. All students' art will be displayed and then returned to the students at the end of the year. Five Best in Show winners will become part of the adult art gallery show and be up for public sale at Tamarack.

Morgan is the daughter of Alfred and Heather Blake, and Kenzie is the daughter of Mitchell and Katy Williams. All of them live in Mount Nebo.



Miss Walton and Miss Martin's Classes



Left to Right: Jesse Bishop, Caden Thompson, and Logan Bailes



Art Contest Winners Morgan Blake and Kenzie Williams

Weather from Mount Nebo

Compiled by National Weather Service observer Rusty Moses

- Precipitation for March 2017: 4.62"
- Snow for March 2017: 5.8"

Elevation: 1,950 feet

Date	Hi/Lo Temperature	Precipitation	Snow
March 20	39°/24°	0	0
March 21	52°/45°	3"	0
March 22	47°/30°	0	0
March 23	43°/17°	0	0
March 24	59°/50°	0	0
March 25	73°/49°	0	0
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Members pictured, from left, Anthony Bright; Kenny Helwege, Noble Grand of Lodge #374; Ricky Eckerd; Darrell White; Davis; Bill Hanna; DDGM Bess; Dakota Bess; and Jeff Hanna.

Craigsville Lodge #374 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF), recently presented a \$500 scholarship to Kasey Erin Davis of Summersville. Davis is currently a student at New River Community and Technical College majoring in general studies. She intends to begin a career in nursing. Consideration for the scholarship rotates annually between students from Nicholas County and Richwood High Schools. The award was presented to Davis by District Deputy Grand Master Daniel J. Bess of Upper Glade. The IOOF is an international fraternal organization dedicated to the principles of friendship, brotherly

love and truth. Membership is open to men and women over the age of 16 who are of good moral character and believe in the existence of a Supreme Being.

Persons interested in learning more about the organization may contact DDGM Daniel J. Bess at District #9 Headquarters Craigsville Odd Fellows Lodge #374.

Nicholas County ranked 27th most affordable place to buy a vehicle in West Virginia

The automotive buyer intelligence firm Autolist.com recently released its 2016 Most Affordable Areas study and ranked Nicholas County the #27 most affordable place to buy a vehicle in West Virginia. The study, which draws on over 81 million vehicles and 4.6 billion unique data points across vehicles

of all makes and models nationwide, shows that used vehicles in Nicholas County are on average \$1,771 more than the West Virginia average. In addition, Autolist.com ranks West Virginia the #46 most affordable place to buy a car in the nation, with average prices \$1,006 above the national average.

According to the study, the top 5 most affordable models in Nicholas County are:
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 Easter is just around the corner, and Easter dinner always includes deviled eggs. All cooks need to have this recipe in his or her recipe file. Likewise, every guest who brings a platter to the party will guarantee herself a return invitation. Appetizer trends come and go, but deviled eggs are like good manners—they never go out of style. Good stuffed eggs are built on good technique. The possibilities are endless, so make your own signature fillings and garnishes. For the best hard-cooked eggs, bring to a boil, simmer 10 minutes, cool slightly under tap water and start cracking. The Buttery Sweet Potato Casserole makes a nice dish to go along with your other Easter foods. Make it anytime, but especially on Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Enjoy, Nancy.

Classic Deviled Eggs
 12 hard cooked eggs, peeled
 1/2 cup mayonnaise
 1 1/2 tsp. White wine vinegar
 1 1/2 tsp. Dijon mustard
 1/8 tsp. Kosher salt
 Dash of hot sauce (optional)
 Garnish: paprika

Slice eggs in half lengthwise, and carefully remove yolks, keeping egg whites intact. Grate egg yolks using small holes of a box grater.

Mash together yolks, mayonnaise, and next 3 ingredients. Add more salt, pepper or hot sauce if desired. Spoon or pipe yolk mixture into egg whites. Makes 2 dozen. When I make mine, I use just a smidgen of sugar and sweet relish along with salt and pepper to taste. I do not use the hot sauce on mine.

Buttery Sweet Potato Casserole
 2 cans (15 1/4 oz. Each) sweet potatoes, drained & mashed
 1/2 cup granulated sugar
 1 large egg
 1/4 cup butter, melted
 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 Dash of salt
TOPPING
 1 cup coarsely crushed butter flavored crackers (about 25 crackers)

1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
 1/4 cup butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, combine drained sweet potatoes, granulated sugar, egg, butter, cinnamon and salt. Transfer mixture to a greased 8-inch square baking dish. Combine topping mixture of butter-flavored crackers that have been coarsely crushed, light brown sugar and salt. Sprinkle over the sweet potato mixture. Bake uncovered, 20 to 25 minutes or until a thermometer reads 160 degrees. Yield: 6 servings.

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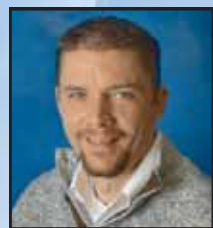
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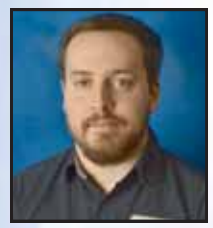
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