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Area Fourth of July celebrations planned

Cities throughout the area will hold Independence Day celebrations the week of July 4th.

The Sistersville Community Service Organization will sponsor the annual Picnic in the Park starting at noon Sunday, July 9. A flag-raising ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m., followed by entertainment starting at 2 p.m. under the big shelter. The Bad Penny Band will perform from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. followed by the Sarah Hayes Band from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The day's activities include a rock climbing wall, concessions, crafts, and free swimming sponsored by the Sistersville Planning Commission at the Sistersville pool. IGA will provide free ice cream and cake.

Zambelli's fireworks display will take place about 9:30 p.m.

"We encourage everyone to bring their plastic chairs and come out to enjoy the festivities," Barb Vincent, co-chairman of the Sistersville Community Service Organization, said. "This has become a tradition for us that we always do the Sunday after the Fourth of July, because we get a better rate [on fireworks] then."

If you can't wait until Sunday, be sure to stop by the annual Arts in the Park at Bruce Park in New Martinsville Tuesday, July 4, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. This free event will feature live entertainment, concessions, games, local artists and crafters, and much more.

SGH to restructure Middlebourne clinic

MIDDLEBOURNE – Due to a staffing shortage and summer vacation schedules, patients at the Sistersville General Medical Center/ Middlebourne Clinic will have to travel a little farther for health care.

"The Middlebourne Clinic is not closing or closed," Brandon Chadock, SGH interim CEO, explained. "We are not seeing patients [in Middlebourne] for a brief

period of time while we are restructuring our provider schedule."

The facility, reopened by Sistersville General in late January 2016, has had well over 1,500 visits during its first year of operation. However, Melissa Maston, the nurse practitioner who was in charge of the facility, quit in mid-May and her temporary replacement, Alisha Placer from Sistersville's Rural Health Clinic,

is scheduled to take vacation time in July.

Diana Rice, the hospital's outreach coordinator, and Trisha O'Neil, the quality assurance officer and interim clinic manager, told the INNformer the hospital is currently negotiating with a potential permanent replacement for Middlebourne and are hopeful.

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Historic church will be reborn as residence

By Charles Winslow

CLARINGTON, Ohio – Many towns in this region face a similar problem: What can be done with old, abandoned buildings that are the result of declining populations and changes in the economy and society?

Often these buildings are prominent local landmarks and integral parts of a town's history and identity. Sitting empty and deteriorating, these are viewed as visual reminders of failure and the declining fortunes of a community.

However, when these places are preserved, usually through adaptive reuse and re-purposing, they can spur a commu-

nity's renaissance. Sometimes all it takes is one couple with vision to see past the peeling paint and understand the potential of these once stately gems.

One such project currently underway is Taylor and Alexandra "Alex" Abbott's renovation and restoration of the former Church of Christ in Clarington, Monroe County, Ohio.

Clarington is a small village located on Ohio Route 7, a couple of miles north of Hannibal, where the Sunfish Creek meets the Ohio River. Founded in the 1830s, it quickly grew into a booming river port of around 1,500 people, with

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EDITORIAL

Why do we celebrate July 4th?

While most of us will be eating hot dogs and watching a spectacular fireworks show to celebrate the 4th, we think it is only proper to remember why we observe our independence from England. Let us revisit the document that gives most of us a three-day weekend to spend at the river, lounging around the house and celebrating with our friends and families. Below is The Declaration of Independence, courtesy of our founding fathers:

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness; that, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall

seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former systems of government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these states. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world.

□ He has refused his assent to laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

□ He has forbidden his governors to pass laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his assent should be obtained; and, when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

□ He has refused to pass other laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of representation in the legislature, a right inestimable to them, and formidable to tyrants only.

□ He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

□ He has dissolved representative houses repeatedly, for opposing, with manly firmness, his invasions on the rights of the people.

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Declaration

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□ For suspending our own legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

□ He has abdicated government here, by declaring us out of his protection and waging war against us.

□ He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

□ He is at this time transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the head of a civilized nation.

□ He has constrained our fellow citizens taken captive on the high seas to arms against their country, to become the executioners of their friends and brethren, or to fall themselves by their hands.

□ He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merci-less Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have we been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, enemies in war, in peace friends.

WE, THEREFORE, the REPRESENTATIVES of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in General Congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name and by the authority of the good people of these colonies solemnly publish and declare, That these

United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved; and that, as free and independent states, they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, and do all other acts and things which independent states may of right do. And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

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WHAT BECAME OF THE PEOPLE WHO PLEDGED THEIR LIVES, THEIR FORTUNES AND THEIR SACRED HONOR?

A total of 56 men pledged their lives, fortunes and their sacred honor by affixing their signature to the Declaration of Independence. They knew that they were putting themselves, their families and the fortunes at risk. To the British the document was treason.

Here is the price they paid:

– Five of the signers were captured by the British and tortured as traitors before they died.

– One was captured and imprisoned. He was subjected to torture and harsh treatment until his health broke. He was paroled and died two years before the war ended.

– Twelve had their homes looted and burned. Two had their sons killed while fighting for the revolution. Another had two sons captured.

–Nine of the 56 fought for the cause and died.

– One of the signers, Thomas Nelson Jr, discovered that during the Battle of Yorktown his own home was serving as the headquarters of General Cornwallis. History records that he personally took command of a Continental artillery battery and trained the cannons on his own home. He fired the first cannon shot. His home was destroyed and he later died in poverty.

– Most of the signers continued to be active in the “cause” after they affixed their signatures to the Declaration. Several worked to set up the institutions that a government needs to function.

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COLUMN
Sistersville Ferry keeps on rollin' on the Ohio River

By Christopher Selmek

SOMEWHERE ON THE OHIO RIVER – The Sistersville Ferry made its first dinner cruise of the season up the Ohio River June 17, which was my first opportunity to ride the ferry since arriving in Sistersville the week before.

Being from Toledo, Ohio, I was used to the algae-filled waters of Lake Erie rolling like a thick, green slime against the steps of Maumee Bay. The Maumee River runs through town, but it is mostly lined by tall buildings and crisscrossed by bridges. I was happy to see that the water of the Ohio River looked much healthier and smelled nicer, too.

One of the biggest reasons I was so happy to travel to West Virginia was because of the tree-lined hills on either side of the river and there is no better perspective on them than from the water. I boarded the ferry around 6:30 with a

number of other guests, then helped put up the big canopy over the spot where we had set our plastic chairs. Others were arranging tables into a long buffet and on one side of the boat DJ Greg Goodfellow put together his sound system and began sorting through his collection of music.

The first song began playing even before we reached the Ohio side of the river to pick up a second group of guests. Creedence Clearwater Revival's "Proud Mary" was supposed to set the tone for our voyage, but it also struck a chord for someone so new to the Sistersville area:

"Left a good job in the city / Workin' for the man ev'ry night and day / And I never lost one minute of sleepin' / Wor-ryin' 'bout the way things might have been..."

There were only a few fellow travelers I recognized, some from the single city council meeting I had attended and two who were guests at the Wells Inn. I introduced myself to a few people, who asked me how I was adjusting to the area, until we were interrupted by the captain and deckhands showing us the safety procedures. The captain explained he had received a request to travel north, though I suppose we could just as well have gone south, then he invited us to enjoy the buffet.

As the rest of the party swarmed around the hamburgers and hot dogs I decided to run around the deck taking photos of



the scenery. Somebody informed me that one of the state senators for this area, Mike Maroney, was on the boat and asked if I might take his picture, and he looked like he was having as good a time as anyone. We were all there to enjoy a relaxing river boat cruise, so I decided to avoid questioning him too much.

After the buffet line cleared a little I went up and got myself a hamburger and a hot dog, as well as a sample of the pasta salad, potato salad and baked beans. They were all really excellent, which was enough to convince me that I should maybe eat at Bon Bon's one of these days, seeing as they had catered the meal.

Several times the deejay paused between songs to ask for requests and to invite anyone who wanted to come up and talk to him. He had a wide selection and over the course of the three-hour tour he ended up playing The Rolling Stones, the Beatles, the Temptations, Madonna and more. One couple even got up to dance and everyone had an opportunity to get in their request.

Our captain, Herman "Bo" Hause, was equally accommodating, allowing anyone who was interested to climb up to the cabin where he could show off his radar and explain how he steered the boat. The weather was perfect and we were not the only ones out on the river, passing a family wading in the water who waved hello, a bonfire burning just back from the shore, and at one point a coal-carrying barge that we continued to

chase after the turn-around point. After settling in with a soda from the cooler, I lit up a pipe and leaned back to watch the scenery roll by. I didn't have a whole lot to say, but contented myself simply listening to the music and looking out at the blue sky that faded to purple as the sun set.

On the way back, our deejay said he had a teenager come up to him and gripe: "Don't you have any new stuff?" He said, "Yeah, but you have to come up and tell me what you want to hear." A few minutes later a young lady went up and asked if he could possibly play some Tina Turner. He said yes, then as we drifted the last few minutes back to the dock he finished the set with Turner's version of "Proud Mary" – the same song we started with:

"Cleaned a lot of plates in Memphis / Pumped a lot of pane down in New Orleans / But I never saw the good side of the city / 'Til I hitched a ride on a river boat queen."

Those were my thoughts as I got off the boat and made my way back to the inn for the night. For some reason, people from Toledo never seem to think of their home as a big city, maybe because we grow up in the shadow of Detroit. But once you come down to Sistersville and experience the more casual pace of life here, you won't want to go back.

I've only been in town a couple of weeks, but I think I'm going to be very happy here. Sistersville Ferry, keep on rollin'.

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Paden City Alumni plan reunion

ALUMNI PRESIDENT SHAUNA YOHO WEARS MANY HATS

By Christopher Selmek

Shauna Yoho is the president of the Paden City High School Alumni Association, which hosts its 65th annual reunion June 29 through July 1. She is also an assistant librarian at the Sistersville Public Library, a proud single mother of three daughters, and a true-blue West Virginia native.

"I always laugh and say half of me bleeds blue and gold for West Virginia, and the other half bleeds green and white," she said, referring to the Paden City High School colors.

"I'm a Wildcat, but once upon a time Sistersville and Paden City were rivals," she added. After Sistersville and Middlebourne High Schools merged into Tyler Consolidated High School in 1993, Yoho said that rivalry transferred to New Martinsville, "but old rivalries die hard. For a long time I didn't tell people here I was from Paden City, but I've met some lovely people through my work at the library. They've embraced me and made me feel at home."

Yoho graduated in 1975, and still describes herself as a true-blue West Virginia native, even though she moved away for 24 years. After high school she attended West Liberty University in Wheeling for elementary education, but soon returned to the area to attend West Virginia Northern Community College in New Martinsville and eventually earned her associate's degree in applied science.

"I wear my heart on my sleeve, that's why I couldn't be a teacher," she said. "I would want to bring every child home with me. I helped out in the library in high school so I always wondered why I didn't decide to stick with that. If I had to do it over I think I would be a librarian or a pharmacy tech."

She married when she was 31 and moved to Ohio, then had her first child at 33. When her middle daughter determined to attend West Virginia University in Morgantown, moving back was a way to make tuition much cheaper by being an in-state resident. She now lives in the same house her parents owned in Paden City.

"I'm back in the home I was raised in," she said. "Who says you can't go home again?"

While here, her youngest daughter decided she wanted to attend Paden City High School. She is now 20 and lives with her mother.

"After she graduated in 2015 she was my emcee for the banquet," Yoho added. "She'll help me out now and then if I ask her to. She went to banquet a couple times."

Yoho began working at the Sistersville Public Library a year and a half ago.



Prior to that she worked at a credit union and before that at the pharmacy at Walmart. She now runs the library children's department and said it is very rewarding being a librarian.

"We aren't just a quiet library here; we have a lot of different kinds of programs going on and are more of a community center," she said. "We like to make people's day and make them smile."

While she would check back in for the banquet while living in Ohio, Yoho said she wasn't helping out before she moved back to Paden City. Then one year she decided to help out with the banquet, then after the festivities the alumni association held their traditional meeting where they opted to keep the same officers.

"There are awards for the farthest traveled, as well as for distinguished alumni," she said. "I always see a lot of people I remember. It's good to see them all come back."

This is Yoho's fourth year as president, the duties of which involve a little bit of everything and are shared by the vice president, secretary and treasurer. Putting together the annual reunion involves collecting advertisements, designing an insert, making sure deadlines are met, caterers are ordered, printing is completed, collecting money and helping out other groups as needed – such as PCHS's homecoming committee.

"Everything I do incorporates the vice president, secretary and treasurer as well," she said. "We work as a team and the citizens of Paden City have always been very supportive. It's the kind of place where everyone pitches in and the last person to leave turns the

lights out. It's that kind of town."

Paden City Alumni festivities are always the Thursday through Saturday before the Fourth of July and are usually held in the high school multi-purpose room. This year and last year the high school has been under construction, so various churches have offered to help.

2017 Paden City Alumni festivities begin Thursday, June 29, at 6:30 p.m. with a memorial service for deceased alumni. A local-area community concert band will begin with patriotic and march music outside Christian Church on East Main Street (chairs will be provided or guests may bring their own). Reading of alumni names who have died will be held inside the church sanctuary at 7:15 p.m. Afterward, all are welcome for fellowship and egg rolls at Chen's Garden across the street from the high school at 8 p.m.

Friday, June 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Paden City Museum, at 108 West Main St., will be open for alumni to tour, then again Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Pending approval (because of construction) at PCHS, alumni are invited to come out and enjoy the alumni volleyball and basketball games inside PCHS gymnasium. Volleyball begins at 5 p.m., followed by a basketball game around 6 p.m.

Friday evening is known for class parties and the following are scheduled at this time:

– 60 year Class of 1957, held theirs Wednesday at Court Restaurant, New Martinsville.

– 50 year Class of 1967, June 30, 6:30 p.m., Dos Hermanos Mexican Restaurant (Old Yacht Club), New Martinsville.

– 40 year Class of 1977, June 30, Matthew Barker Memorial Complex, Paden City.

Saturday's alumni activities will "tee off" bright and early with a 7:30 a.m. golf scramble at Sistersville Country Club. The Paden City Volunteer Fire De-

partment will hold its fundraiser breakfast from 8 a.m. until noon at the fire hall on West Main Street.

A new event this year is the ALS Awareness Walk, Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Paden City (Ford) Park walking trail, sign-ups begin at 11 a.m. (\$5 fee and other donations are appreciated), step off around 11:30 a.m., selling hot dogs, water, and free pizza (donated by Domino's Pizza). Money raised will be divided between Wetzel County ALS Chapter and Paden City October Fest Car Show. Flyers and pamphlets will be available.

Lineup for the parade will start Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the Christian Church, East Main Street parking. The alumni parade begins at 2 p.m.

Saturday evening, the 65th Annual Alumni Banquet will be held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 130 S. 4th Ave., in their fellowship hall. Banquet tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the Paden City Library or at WesBanco Bank in Paden City. The evening begins with the Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient's Reception (meet and greet) at 5:30 p.m. The banquet begins at 6 p.m.

Immediately following dinner, the alumni program will begin. The Distinguished Alumni will be honored and class representatives will speak from each decade beginning with: Ken Stead, Class of 1957; Neil Raper, Class of 1967; Brent Croasmun, Class of 1977, and Alexandria Glover, Class of 2017 (Emcee). Speakers are not yet confirmed for the Classes of 1987, 1997 and 2007.

Alumni Association officials are: Shauna (Williams) Yoho, president (Class of 1975); Keith Van Camp, vice president (1974); Vicki (Holmes) Cain, treasurer (1975), and Pam (Underwood) Witschey, secretary (Class of 1964).

All alumni are encouraged to attend these events to show their continued support for Paden City High School.

'I ALWAYS LAUGH AND SAY HALF OF ME BLEEDS BLUE AND GOLD FOR WEST VIRGINIA AND THE OTHER HALF BLEEDS GREEN AND WHITE' FOR PADEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL

Fireworks safety important for fun holiday

By Christopher Selmek

While fireworks may be an important part of a fun Independence Day celebration, it's important to note that they can also be dangerous.

The number one rule, according to Jason Wayne, chief of the Sistersville Volunteer Fire Department, is that fireworks and alcohol do not mix. An adult who has not been drinking should be designated to set off all fireworks.

Coming in a close second was: Children should never play with fireworks.

"I know sparklers can be fun, but they can also reach 1800 degrees, which is hot enough to melt gold," Wayne said. "Maybe once every few years we have a fireworks-related call, but a lot are self-transported to the hospital. The most common injuries, 51 percent, are to the extremities. Another 41 percent are to the head."

According to Wayne, a national average of 18,500 fires per year are caused by fireworks, including 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires, and about 17,000 outdoor fires such as grass or rubbish heaps. Always use fireworks outside and have a bucket of water or a charged water hose nearby in case of an accident.

"In 2003 or 2004 we had a structure fire at the north end of Sistersville," Wayne, who has been on the volunteer force for 19 years and fire chief for the last three years, recalled. "There was a vacant garage that a bottle rocket flew into, burnt down the garage and did damage to a house and a trailer. That incident probably could have been prevented through proper use, by maintaining a clear right-of-way when shooting off fireworks."

Wayne cited several other recommendations of the National Fire Protection Agency. Buy only legal fireworks bearing a manufacturer's name and never try to make your own fireworks. Obey all laws regarding fireworks and read all caution labels and warnings before using fireworks. If there is a fire, call 911 immediately.

There are no authorized dealers in town, Wayne said. The closest fireworks store is probably Eagle Fireworks in Marietta, Ohio.

He also suggested considering your pets by putting animals in safe, interior rooms to avoid exposure to sound.

The National Council on Fireworks Safety also offers some tips and tricks on how to enjoy the show, injury free:

- Wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks.
- Light one firework at a time and then quickly move away.
- Use fireworks outdoors in a clear area; away from buildings and vehicles.

'IN 2003 OR 2004 WE HAD A STRUCTURE FIRE AT THE NORTH END OF SISTERSVILLE. THERE WAS A VACANT GARAGE THAT A BOTTLE ROCKET FLEW INTO, BURNT DOWN THE GARAGE AND DID DAMAGE TO A HOUSE AND A TRAILER. THAT INCIDENT PROBABLY COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED THROUGH PROPER USE, BY MAINTAINING A CLEAR RIGHT-OF-WAY WHEN SHOOTING OFF FIREWORKS'

Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.

Always have a bucket of water and charged water hose nearby.

Never carry fireworks in your pocket or shoot them into metal or glass containers.

Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.

Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and place in a metal trash can away from any building or combustible materials until the next day.

FAA regulations prohibit the possession and transportation of fireworks in your checked baggage or carry-on luggage.

Report illegal explosives, like M80s and quarter sticks, to the fire or police department.

"A designated shooter should prepare a shooting area, carefully read the label of each firework and understand exactly what the firework will do and refrain from consuming alcohol," Nancy Blogin, president of the National Council on Fireworks Safety, said. "Planning makes for a safe and fun backyard fireworks display."



Happy Birthday, America!
Fireworks Safety

200 people go to the ER every day with injuries related to fireworks.

Illegal and homemade fireworks were involved in the 4 fireworks-related deaths reported in 2015.

There are 2X as many fires reported on July 4 than any other day during the year.

Injuries by Type of Fireworks

- 17% SPARKLERS
- 14% RELOADABLE SHELLS
- 13% FIRECRACKERS
- 7% ROMAN CANDLES
- 6% BOTTLE ROCKETS
- 6% NOVELTIES
- 3% PUBLIC DISPLAY FIREWORKS
- 2% MULTIPLE TUBES
- 1% FOUNTAINS
- 29% UNSPECIFIED

Injuries by Age

40% 14% 10% 10% 9% 9% 7% 1%

Safety Tips

- Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.
- Never allow young children to play with or light fireworks.
- Adults should always supervise fireworks activities.
- Don't use fireworks that come in their own packaging. Remove the fuse of fireworks and other items for professional use and store in a secure container.
- Keep children under five away from fireworks. Children under 12 should be supervised by an adult.
- Never have any portion of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse.
- Move back a safe distance immediately after lighting.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that you didn't fully ignite.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose and a fire extinguisher handy in case of fire or other accidents.

Alcohol and the 4th of July

Over 200 people died in drunk driving accidents on July 4 in 2015.

According to the NHTSA, July 4 is the most dangerous day to drive during the entire year due to traffic and drunk drivers.

603 million
The number of cases of beer sold during the July 4 holiday.

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Fireworks can injure multiple parts of your body

Fire fighters remind families to use caution near fireworks, which injure 9,300 people annually

17% - Eyes

17% - Heads, faces & ears

4% - Arms

5% - Torsos

46% - Hands & fingers

11% - Legs

Safety Tips:

- Have water handy in case of an emergency
- Aim the fireworks away from houses, dry leaves, flammable material and people
- Never extend body parts over the device
- Never relight a 'dud' firework

International Association of Fire Fighters wishes you a Happy July 4th and urges you to call 911 if you have an emergency

Around the region

SISTERSVILLE

PICNIC IN THE PARK JULY 9

Sistersville's annual Picnic in the Park will be held Sunday, July 9. This yearly celebration of Independence Day features music, food, fun and a free swim day at Sistersville Pool sponsored by the Sistersville Planning Commission. A Zambelli fireworks display, starting at dark, will cap off the night. Call the city building at 304-652-6361 for more information.

FERRY FIREWORKS CRUISE JULY 9

The historic Sistersville Ferry presents the third annual fireworks/dinner cruise Sunday, July 9. Enjoy a picnic cruise with all the fixins'—hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, baked beans, soft drinks and water provided or bring your own refreshments. Tickets are \$30 per person and must be paid in advance. The ferry will load passengers from both sides of the river starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the evening and the Zambelli fireworks aboard the ferry on the Ohio River. Contact Gene Rice at 304-588-7423 for more information.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM UNDERWAY AT LIBRARY

The Sistersville Public Library is tackling summer reading with weekly sessions. Next up is Lego-Build a Bridge from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 6; July 13 is Decorate and Build a Birdhouse; July 20, Zootopia Movie-Pajama Party, and July 27, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. is Michael Albert NY Pop Artist. Call the library at 304-652-6701 for more information.

SISTERSVILLE PARK & POOL NOW OPEN FOR SUMMER SEASON

Sistersville Pool is now open for the 2017 summer season. Cost is \$3 per person; FREE for 3-year-olds and younger. Regular hours are noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Sundays. PRIVATE POOL PARTIES: Pool, splash pad, and baby pool cost \$200 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Splash pad and baby pool only are \$100 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Please call the Sistersville City Building to schedule pool parties: 304-652-6361. No Adult swims scheduled yet for the season. SPONSORING EVENTS: Free Swim Days (for community) \$300 ALL DAY. Midnight Swims (pool, splash pad, and baby pool) \$350 9 p.m. – midnight.

• All clubs, organizations, groups, individuals, and churches are encouraged to help by sponsoring a FREE SWIM DAY at the pool. This allows all children to have the opportunity to come and swim. The goal is to have every day sponsored by someone. This is to take the burden off of the parents and allow the children of our community to enjoy their summer. To sponsor a day, call the Sistersville City Building at 304-652-6361.

COST FOR SHELTER RENTALS: Virgil Ash Shelter (small shelter): \$50/day. John Pancake (large shelter):

\$80/day. Call the Sistersville City Building for scheduling: 304-652-6361. • Please do not plan a party at the shelter without scheduling.

FERRYBOAT FESTIVAL JULY 28-30

The 3rd annual Ohio River Ferryboat Festival expands to three days this year, July 28-30. This year's event celebrates 200 years of ferry service! Hours are Friday, July 28, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, July 29, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, July 30, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be entertainment, vendors, inflatables for the kids on Saturday, and food at both the West Virginia and Ohio landings. Win prizes just by riding the ferry, including a free cruise on the ferry. Vendor set-up is free and starts July 27. Those interested in setting up can reach Alex King at 304-771-8835 or alkwriter@outlook.com. The ferry's regular hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the weekend. For information about renting the ferry for a cruise, call Operations Manager Gene Rice at 304-588-7423.

MUSEUM NOW OPEN FOR SEASON

The Sistersville Museum – with many new acquisitions – is open for the season. Hours are 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Call 304-652-1707 for more information.

SATURDAY MORNING SALES IN DOWNTOWN SISTERSVILLE

Saturday Morning Sales are now underway in downtown Sistersville with plenty of free parking on Diamond Street. Expect a wide variety of foods, crafts, entertainment and always something unexpected. For more information or to become a vendor call 304-652-1707.

COLORING CLUB FOR ADULTS

Sistersville Public Library offers adults a place to get their color on. The library offers a coloring club for adults each Monday at 1 p.m. Come, enjoy and relax! Designs and markers provided.

FOOD, CLOTHING HANDOUT WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday, the Sistersville Ministerial Association hands out food and clothing from 9 a.m. to noon at the First Baptist Church in Sistersville.

LIBRARY OFFERS CLASSES

Sistersville Public Library offers a Lego class for the young and young at heart every Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Story Hour is held every Thursday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Call the library at 304-652-6701 for more information.

FRIENDLY

JOIN THE LIONS

The Friendly Lions Club is holding a membership drive. The club is open to anyone in the Tyler County area who is at least 18 years of age. As of May 4, the Friendly Lions Club will hold regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the Community Center in Friendly. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Lion Dan Heintzman at (304) 652-1766 or deheintzman@msn.com.

MIDDLEBOURNE

KIDPOWER SPORTS SKILLS CAMPS SET

The Middlebourne Parks and Recreation Department will conduct youth sports camps this summer at the Stealey-Green Family Center. All camps begin on Monday and end on Thursday with two sessions conducted each day. Students may register up until the first day of each camp.

The 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. session will target boys and girls ages 5 to 8. The afternoon session will be for boys and girls ages 9 to 12 and will run from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. The afternoon session will include sports-specific skills plus organized game play.

The summer feeding program at Tyler Consolidated Middle and High school will offer breakfast and lunch free of charge to school age children. Meals are also available to adults who wish to purchase them. A menu will be distributed on the first day of each camp.

Camps are as follows: Soccer July 10-July 13, Basketball July 17- July 20, Volleyball July 24-July 27 and Tennis July 31-Aug. 3. A child may register for one, two, three or all four sports camps. All camps are free of charge. Find the 2017 Kidpower Sports Skills Camp form on Facebook: Middlebourne Parks & Recreation. Fill it out and follow the mailing instructions.

TYLER COUNTY FAIR JULY 31-AUG. 5

Late July marks the beginning of fair season with the 554th annual Tyler County Fair from Monday, July 31, through Saturday, Aug. 5, at the fairgrounds on Route 18 near Middlebourne. The week features fun for the entire family with live entertainment, crafts, a demolition derby, ATV drag races, truck and tractor pulls, a mud bog, livestock show, carnival rides, exhibits and much more. Watch for the annual Tyler County Fair brochure in local businesses.

BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR AUG. 7

Tyler County kids go back to school Aug. 17 [grades 1-6 and grade 9] and Aug. 18 [grades 1-12], so make sure to stop by the 2nd Annual Back to School Fair Monday, Aug. 7, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the commons area of Tyler Consolidated High School. Tyler County Family Resource Network is working with Tyler County Schools to host the fair, which is open to all Tyler County students who will attend Sistersville or Arthur I. Boreman elementary schools or Tyler Consolidated Middle School. The purpose of the fair is to help prepare students and their families for the opening of the school year by providing free school supplies, haircuts, dental screenings and a variety of other services.

BINGO BENEFITS TYLER COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

Come play bingo every second and fourth Tuesday at the Tyler County Senior Center, 504 Cherry St. in Middlebourne. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Early bird starts at 6:30 p.m. Event benefits the Tyler County Senior Center. For more information, call 304-758-4919.

RACING AT THE BULLRING

Weekly event schedule for the Tyler County Speedway

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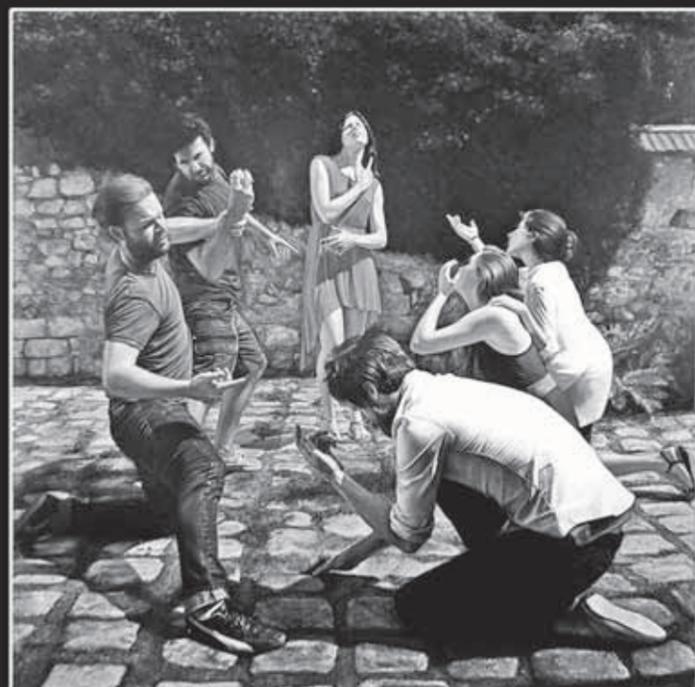
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Past & Presence

JUNE 30 - SEPT 1

Wetzel County MUSEUM

Funding provided by a mini-grant from ArtsLink, made possible with financial assistance from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts.



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aka The Bullring at the Tyler County Fairgrounds in Middlebourne. June 30: 3rd Annual Mega 100 Park, Practice & Party Night; July 1: 3rd Annual Mega 100; July 2: 3rd Annual Mega 100; July 8: Patriot 200 (10 Divisions, 10 Unique Trophies, 200 Feature Laps); July 22: Mid Summer Manufacturers Night; July 29: Bud Weigle Memorial; Aug. 12: Back to School Kids Night; Aug. 19: Hillbilly Qualifiers/Season Championship. Sept. 1: 49th Annual Hillbilly 100, Park, Practice & Party; Sept. 2: 49th Annual Hillbilly 100; Sept. 3: 49th Annual Hillbilly 100. For complete Tyler County Speedway event information, news stories, ticket info and schedule information for the season, visit www.tylercountyspeedwayonline.com or call the track at 304-771-5661 or 304-771-6874 or on Raceday at 304-758-2660.

PADEN CITY

JULY 8TH AT PADEN CITY PARK

Family Fun Day at Paden City Pool from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission, hot dogs, chips, drinks, face painting. Sponsored by St. Paul's United Methodist Church and Huffman Tax Service.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETS TUESDAYS

Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Paden City. For information call (304) 337-9145.

FARMER'S MARKETS SET ON THURSDAYS

Along with Music in the Park on Thursday evenings will be a farmer's market and a flea market at Paden City Park. Bring your own fresh produce or other items to sell. \$5 a table. For more information call Tammy Parsons at 304-337-4352.

MUSIC IN THE PARK 2017 LINEUP ANNOUNCED

The 2017 lineup for Paden City's Music in the Park, which happens from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Thursday during the summer, is as follows: Shady Creek, July 6; The Carriers, July 13; Barbara Lynn and The Silver Eagle Band, July 20; Rick Tencher & Friends, July 27, and Ben Tharp, Aug. 3. Rain dates are Aug. 10 and Aug. 17. The Elsons, Aug. 24. All shows begin at 7 p.m.

PCDA MEETINGS OPEN TO PUBLIC

The Paden City Development Authority meets the second Monday of each month at the Health & Recreation Building in room 10A on the first floor. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and the public is welcome to attend.

Olive Branch Animal Rescue & Refuge



We would like to thank everyone that helped make Paws in the Park a wonderful success. A special thank you to Mountain Valley Veterinary Clinic, Sistersville Park and Pool, Pam Lacefield of Domino's Pizza, Friendly Lion's Club, and everyone who volunteered or participated in any way.

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FERRY FIREWORKS CRUISE JULY 9

The historic Sistersville Ferry presents the third annual fireworks/dinner cruise Sunday, July 9. Rain date is Monday, July 10. Enjoy a picnic cruise with all the fixins'—hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, baked beans, soft drinks and water provided or bring your own refreshments. DJ will be provided. Tickets are \$30 per person and must be paid in advance. The ferry will load passengers from both sides of the river starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the evening cruise on the beautiful Ohio River and the Zambelli fireworks aboard the ferry. Tickets are available on the ferry or contact Gene Rice at 304-588-7423 or handiman80@hotmail.com for more information.



WEEKLY BINGO ON TUESDAYS

The Friendly Lions Club, in conjunction with the Paden City Development Authority, conducts bingo every Tuesday evening at the Paden City Health and Reception Center in Paden City. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., early birds start at 6 p.m., and regular games start at 7 p.m. Games include 2 coveralls, callers' specials, progressive Lucky 7s, and a winner-take-all coverall as the final game of the evening. A cookie jar is also available. Come join us every Tuesday evening for bingo sponsored by the Friendly Lions Club and the Paden City Development Authority. Proceeds benefit the local area.

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FOOD PANTRY OPEN

Second Harvest Food Pantry, located in the basement of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 130 S. Fourth Ave. in Paden City, is open the second, third and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Food is offered for free for those who qualify. All SNAP recipients qualify. Donations may be dropped off at the church. For more information, call 304-337-9145 or 304-337-2150.

FIRE HALL BENEFIT BREAKFASTS CONTINUE FIRST SATURDAY

Paden City Volunteer Fire Company holds an all-you-can-eat breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. until noon at the fire hall. Menu includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, fruit, hash browns, sausage gravy, biscuits, pancakes, toast, French toast and drinks. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for kids under 10. Take out available. Call (304) 337-9289 for more information.

GARDEN CLUB MEETS

The Paden City Garden Club is open to all garden hobbyists. Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at the Paden City Senior Center at 6:30 pm.

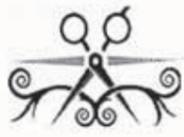
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TOPS TO MEET

Fighting extra weight gain? Join TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) and get the help and support you need to reach your goal. Meeting place: First Baptist Church, 600 S. 4th Ave., Paden City. Wednesday weigh-in starts at 9 a.m., meetings at 10. Call Leader-Norma at 304-337-8262 or Co-Leader Penny Ludolph at 304-337-8836.

NEW MARTINSVILLE

SAFETY TOWN 2017 JULY 10-21

Children ages 4, 5, & 6 will ride their bikes around Safety Town July 10-July 21 to learn the rules of the road and such other procedures as animal safety, bicycle safety, poison safety, stranger safety, train safety, and fire safety, just to name a few. There will be a graduation ceremony at the end of the two-week course. All children need a bike and helmet. Participants MUST be 4 years old by July 1. The cost is \$30 per child. Located at Lewis Wetzel Family Center from 10 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, July 10-July 21. Applications are at City Hall, 197 Main St., New Martinsville. Call NM Parks & Rec at 304-455-9130 for more information.

ANNUAL ARTS IN THE PARK JULY 4TH

Arts in the Park will be held at Bruce Park in New Martinsville Tuesday, July 4, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This annual free event will feature live entertainment, concessions, games, local artists and crafters, and more.

SUMMER STORY TIMES ANNOUNCED

New Martinsville Public Library will hold summer reading story times on Tuesdays in July at 10 a.m. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Preschool programs will be 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. and school age time will be 1 p.m. every Tuesday. Preregistration is necessary. Call the library at 304-455-4545 for more information and to preregister.

COFFEEHOUSE LINEUP ANNOUNCED

Coffeehouse 2017 presented by ArtsLink features Rodney Sands starting at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 13, on the Francis Center lawn, New Martinsville. Johnny Joe Mensore will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, at the Lincoln Theater in New Martinsville.

WETZEL FARMERS MARKET OPEN

A Farmers Market is held Thursday through mid-October from 3:30 to 6 p.m. at Bruce Park. The market offers produce, locally produced foods (meat, eggs, cheese, veggies, baked goods, jam, maple syrup) and crafts.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM AT NMPL THROUGH JULY 29

The Summer Reading Program at the New Martinsville Public Library is now underway. There will be four divisions for readers: Read to Me, Independent Readers, Teens, and Adults. The theme is "Reading by Design." Weekly prizes will be awarded for all levels with the first prizes given Monday, June 5. Story Times will be presented by Suzanne Bowser and assisted by high school students. Programs will include stories, crafts, music, and snacks. Preschool programs will be 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. and school age time will be 1 p.m. every Tuesday. Preregistration is necessary. Call the library at 304-455-4545 for more information and to preregister.

POOL OPENS FOR SEASON

Lewis Wetzel Pool is now open for the season. Pool hours will be from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday. The pool will be open through June and will then close for two weeks in July while two water slides are installed. Once the installation of the slides is complete, the pool will re-open for the remainder of the season. Daily admission to the pool is \$4 for those ages 3 older. Those who visit the pool on a regular basis may be interested in the \$20 punch card. This card offers a special when 5 admissions purchased a sixth is given for free. It can be used for a group or an individual. The card may be purchased at the pool or at City Hall.

Reservations now being taken for those wishing to hold a pool party, during the month of June only, at Lewis

Wetzel Pool. The pool is available for rent between the hours of 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Rentals are taken for one hour intervals only. The hourly rate depends on the number of people attending the party. Renters may arrive at 7:45 p.m. to set up for the event. Clean up and departure must occur by the hour which the party is to end. Reservations can be made by calling the Parks and Recreation Office at 304-455-9130.

MINIGOLF, PADDLEBOATS NOW OPEN

The mini-golf course at Bruce Park in New Martinsville is now open. Hours are Monday through Saturday from noon until 10 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. until 10 p.m. Prices are \$3 per person over 4 years old and half price on Tuesdays.

The paddleboats at Lewis Wetzel Park are ready to go. Hours are Monday through Saturday from noon until 7 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. Prices are \$3 per boat and half off on Wednesdays.

MUSICAL SEUSSICAL AUG. 11-13

Plan now to attend the youth presentation of Seussical Jr at the Lincoln Theater in New Martinsville. Show times are Friday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m.; Saturday Aug. 12, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 13, at 3 p.m.

5K RUN/WALK JULY 1

Wetzel County Schools Wellness 5K Run/Walk will begin at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, July 1, at the Wetzel County Courthouse in New Martinsville.

INAUGURAL BACK HOME APPALACHIAN ARTS & MUSIC FEST JUNE 30-JULY 2

The Back Home Appalachian Arts & Music Festival in downtown New Martinsville will be held June 30, July 1 and July 2. There is NO CHARGE to attend the festival. The Back Home Appalachian Arts & Music Festival will take place on Main Street. Entertainers scheduled to perform include some of Appalachian music's finest including: The Rumpke Mountain Boys, The Davisson Brothers Band, Johnny Staats & The Delivery Boys, The Recipe, Th' Bullfrog Willard Mcghee,

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The Wayfarers, Jakobs Ferry Stragglers, The Hillbilly Gypsies, Herb & Hanson, Rusty Haywhackers, Izzy Stetar, and more! Other weekend activities include workshops, children's activities, a homecoming parade, and a fireworks celebration. For more information, contact Visit Wetzel County at 304-398-4910.

TOWN & COUNTRY DAYS ANNOUNCED

Wetzel County's 57th annual Town & Country Days runs Monday, Aug. 14, through Saturday, Aug. 19.

LIBRARY TO CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS

New Martinsville Public Library will be closed Monday, July 3, and Tuesday, July 4, for the Independence Day holiday. Please plan accordingly.

REGATTAFEST ANNOUNCES DATES

RegattaFest will hold Record Runs Friday, Sept. 29, with races and unlimited demos scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 30, and Sunday, Oct. 1.

SHELTER RESERVATIONS TAKEN

New Martinsville Parks & Recreation is taking shelter reservations for Brooklyn, Bruce and Lewis Wetzel parks through October 2017. Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis and can be made in person at City Hall or by calling 304-455-9130. Reservations made in person are taken before over-the-phone reservations. Cost varies per shelter, depending on size and location.

FIRST FRIDAYS AT BARISTAS CAFE

On the first Friday of every month Baristas Café and Pub hosts acoustic country music nights. There is no admission charge but gratuity is appreciated. Must be 21 or older to enter. Call 304-455-5410 for more information.

RECOVERY GROUP SET

Celebrate Recovery, a 12-step (faith-based) recovery program, meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the New Martinsville United Methodist Church, located behind Captain Richard's on Hydro Drive. If you have any hurts, hang-ups, bad habits or addictions this is where



ST MARYS BLUE & GRAY DAYS

to go. CR creates a safe, confidential place for sharing and healing. For more information call 304-455-1422.

HOME SCHOOL GROUP TO MEET

West Virginia and Ohio homeschooling parents and students and those who are considering homeschooling are invited to get together for encouragement, information exchange, friendship and support at the New Martinsville United Methodist Church at 10 Howard Jeffers Drive on the third Thursday of the month from 3-5 p.m. Call Lisa DeGarmo at 740-483-1426 or Cindy Biram at 304-455-1652 for more information.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS OFFERED

Healing Hearts of Survivors of Suicide Loss meets Tuesdays at Saint Ann's Episcopal Church at 453 Maple Ave. in New Martinsville. The social begins at 6:30 p.m.; meeting starts at 7 p.m. This support group is run by Messages For Hope Inc. for those who've been personally touched by a suicide. For more info contact Debbie Cardwell by email debbie@messages-forhope.com or at (304) 389-8558. Local group facilitator Richard Heller can be reached at (304) 299-0892.

BIBLE STUDY SLATED

Bible study is held at the Wetzel County Career Center (Wetzel County Center for Children and Families) Saturdays from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. The Career Center is 2.5 miles east of Route 2 on Highway 7, on the left just beyond the twin bridges. Enter side door number 6. For more information contact Daniel Morikone at 304-266-7504.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETS MONDAYS

Narcotics Anonymous meets every Monday at 7 p.m. at the New Martinsville United Methodist Church behind Captain Richard's. For information call 304-455-1422.

ST MARYS

BLUE & GRAY DAYS SEPT. 1-3

Blue and Gray Days is a three-day Civil War re-enactment event held in Pleasants County Sept. 1-3. Friday is School Day located at the Marina in St. Marys beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday features a Ladies Tea (period dress) beginning at noon, followed by a skirmish on Main Street at 2 p.m. Later that evening there will be a Civil War barn dance from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday features a period-style church service at 10 a.m. at the Marina in St. Marys. Following the church service come join us at the final battle, "Battle by the River" at 1:30 p.m. Camps are located at the Marina in St. Marys and are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. The public is welcome to all events! For more information, contact John at 304-684-3208. Follow St. Marys Blue & Gray days on Facebook for updates.

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS SET FOR SUMMER

Food Truck Fridays return for the summer season at the Pleasants Area Farmers Market lunch events: July 21, Aug. 18, and Sept. 8. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Second Street in downtown St. Marys. Featuring food trucks from Country Catering, Cissy's Kitchen, Smokin' J's BBQ & Catering and Am Vets Post 40. Tickle your taste buds with pulled pork, chicken and noodles, American Classic comfort foods, wraps, salads, homemade pepperoni rolls, mac & cheese, chicken, brisket, pork loin, sloppy joes, hot dogs, taco-in-a-bag and more. Sponsored by the Pleasants Area Chamber of Commerce, 309 2nd St in St Marys.

PLEASANTS COUNTY PUBLIC POOL NOW OPEN FOR SEASON

The public pool in St. Marys is now open for the summer. Hours of operation: Monday through Friday 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Night Swim: Mondays and Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Pleasants County Pool is located at 605 Cherry St., St. Marys. For more information, call (304) 684-7740.

COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT SEASON UNDERWAY

The St. Marys Community Concert Band likes to present a variety of music in their concerts, including show tunes, rock & roll, marches, patriotic songs, etc. New members are always welcome to attend practices,

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which are held on Tuesday evenings at the Marina at 7 p.m. No tryouts are required. For more information call 740-473-1278; or email fozbar@exede.net; keeling.chris@yahoo.com.

PARKERSBURG

'BRUNCH WITH MARGARET' OFFERED AT BLENNERHASSETT

"Brunch with Margaret" for the 2017 season is now underway. During these events, Carolina Alvarez performs the solo show, "Margaret," based on the life of 18th-century aristocrat and adventurer Margaret Blennerhassett. These events are half-day excursions to Blennerhassett Island for the entire family. Ticket price: \$43.95. Reservations are required; please call 304.420.4800 at least 24 hours before the date you'd like to attend. 2017 Brunch dates are Thursday, July 20; Thursday, Aug. 17, and Saturday, Sept. 16.

MORGANTOWN

PAWPAW 101: THE STORY OF AMERICA'S FORGOTTEN FRUIT

What is a pawpaw and why have most people never heard of it before? Author Andrew Moore offers a brief history of the pawpaw, the largest edible fruit native to the United States, and offers some explanations as to why it has been overlooked in modern times. He also provides an overview of the growers and producers working to raise the fruit's profile and how the fruit tree can be reintegrated into diets and culture. Registrants will receive a young, seedling pawpaw. Please register by July 15. His presentation is Saturday, July 22, from 10 a.m. until noon at the West Virginia Botanic Garden, 1061 Tyrone Road in Morgantown. \$15 for WVBG members; \$20 for non-members. For more information, call the facility at 304-322-2093. The WVBG is free and open to the public daily from dawn to dusk. <http://www.wvbg.org/>.

TOUR OF THE NIGHT SKY OFFERED

WVU Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy D.J. Pisano will lead a free tour of the night sky from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12 at the West Virginia Botanic Garden, 1061 Tyrone Road in Morgantown. The evening will start with a talk about some of the highlights in the night sky, including planets, star clusters and galaxies as well as the origins of the Perseid meteor shower, which peaks Aug. 12. This will be followed, weather permitting, with the opportunity to look at some of these objects through telescopes plus a guided tour of how to view the Perseid meteor shower. All ages. For more information, call the facility at 304-322-2093. The WVBG is free and open to the public daily from dawn to dusk. <http://www.wvbg.org/>

POINT PLEASANT

MASON COUNTY FAIR AUG. 7-12

Fun for the whole family! Exhibits, livestock shows, pageants, contests, live entertainment, motocross races, tractor/truck pulls, carnival rides and much more. Discount Day. Senior Citizen Day on Tuesday. General admission and season pass tickets available, carnival rides are an additional fee. The Mason County Fair runs from Aug. 7 through Aug. 12 at the fairgrounds on Fairgrounds Road, Point Pleasant. Admission cost is \$8. For more information contact organizer Brian Billings at 304-675-6633 or 304-675-5463.

HEARTH SIDE BAKING AUG. 12

Fort Randolph's re-enactors demonstrate the art of frontier baking with the last summer seminar. This one you can eat! Cakes, breads and rolls. Bring your Dutch Oven or cast iron skillet to this free event. Fort Randolph provides the ingredients and frontier recipes. From 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, Aug. 12, at Fort Randolph, Krodell Park, Point Pleasant. For more information, call 304-675-6788.

MOTHMAN GEO TRAIL AUG. 18-20

The World's Only Mothman Museum presents the first ever Mothman Geo Trail. A series of 12 caches

all relating to the Mothman legend. Activities all day! Giveaways, games, and an introduction to caching seminar for those who have never been geocaching. If you haven't geocached, you can get a little education on it and some help from experienced cachers. Friday evening, Aug. 18: Welcome Party at the Riverfront Park. Saturday morning, Aug. 19: Meet and Greet at the Mothman Statue. Mothman Geo Trail contest starts at noon. Saturday evening awards in the Riverfront Park. Register at www.mothmangeo-trail.eventbrite.com. The events are free. For more information, contact organizer Jacob Farley at 304-857-2071.

TRIBUTE TO THE RIVER SEPT 1-2

Come and join Mason County's river community for a free tribute to the men and women who work on the river. Tow boat tours and rides; line throw and corn hole contests; maritime exhibits and children's games; sternwheeler parade, and fireworks Saturday night. Outstanding food and family entertainment on the Ohio River. For more information, call organizer Jack Fowler at 304-674-0144. At Riverfront Park on Main Street in Point Pleasant.

MOTHMAN FESTIVAL SEPT. 16-17

Come and join paranormal enthusiasts from all over the world at the 16th Annual Mothman Festival, as the

small town of Point Pleasant, transforms into one of the largest paranormal conventions in the east to celebrate the Mothman Legend. Disney has Mickey and Point Pleasant has Mothman. He's the most popular attraction roaming around this free festival. Make sure you get in on a little selfie time during your visit. Outstanding live entertainment in the Riverfront Park, Mothman Research Center and Museum tours, Mothman movies and documentaries, TNT bus tours, paranormal crafters, vendors, authors and investigators. Mothman eyewitnesses. Saturday night TNT hayrides into Mothman country. Face painting, Zip Lines, Horse drawn wagon rides. Cosplay characters, Ghostbusters, Men In Black, Big Foot and many more characters. Family fun at a festival you have never experienced before. The World's only Mothman Festival. For more information, contact, organizer Jeff Wamsley at 304-812-5211.

ANTIQUA TRACTOR PULL DATES SET

Come join the Mason County farm community for an Antique Tractor Pull. Farm Museum Country Kitchen and Gift Shop open. Saturday, July 1, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. or Saturday, Sept. 2, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the West Virginia State Farm Museum, 1458 Fairgrounds Road, Point Pleasant. Event is free and open to the public. For more information contact organizer Lloyd Akers at 304-675-5737.

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Something for everyone at Bullring

MIDDLEBOURNE – Intertwined among hillsides and hayfields this time of year the Tyler County Speedway is a beautiful scenic summer vacation for

racing enthusiasts throughout the Ohio Valley. A spacious campground on fair property provides something for everyone at the speedway this weekend where the quarter-mile "Bullring" plays host to the 3rd Annual "MEGA 100" weekend, June 30 - July 2. Over \$100,000 dollars is on the line for racers including the largest single day purse in Mega history for the Late Models at \$7,000 to win on Sunday night. Up from \$5,000 in the events previous two years.

A huge slate of racing events showcases every division at the speedway with the Renegade of Dirt Modifieds coming in to run for their biggest payday of their season. On Saturday night the Renegade Modifieds will run for a pair of \$3,000 to win main events while Sunday they compete for an incredible \$10,000 to win in a 50lap "MEGA 100" finale.

A who's who of modified racing will be at the biggest show in the Eastern U.S. this summer. Entries already have come in from the likes of Kenny Johnson, Taylor Cook, Jesse Wisecarver, Kyle Strickler, Jacod Hawkins, Shawn Jett, KC Burdette, Derrick Ramey, Shon Flanary, and many more. Over 30 cars already signed up from as far as New York to North Carolina with dozens of others making plans to be in attendance this weekend.

The STARS ModLites will also see one of their biggest shows of the season as they duel for a cool one grand daily. Action has heated up in the division as travelers from as far as Delaware have been down in recent weeks to tune up for the back to back \$1,000 to win features.

The full fendered divisions get a healthy share of the weekend loot as well. On Saturday night the Super Late Models will battle for \$3,000 to win while the FASTRAK Late Models will compete for \$1,000 to win. On Sunday the Super Late Models will compete in the 29th Annual "Earl Hill Memorial" for \$7,000 to win while the Steel Block Late Models make their first appearance of the season for \$1,000 to win. FWD 4Cylinders, EDGE Hotmods, & MWRA Mini-Wedges will also be in action daily.

Friday night the track will host an open practice immediately followed by a 'live dj' pit party at 9 p.m. Action gets underway at the speedway daily at 6 p.m. with the MWRA Mini-Wedges. Ticket gates open at 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday but swing open at 3 p.m. Sunday. Friday's practice is \$15 for pits and free to the general public. Saturday / Sunday two-day ticket packages are available for just \$50 in General and \$75 for Pits. Daily tickets can be purchased for general admission at \$20 Saturday and \$30 Sunday. Daily pit tickets are priced at \$40 for Saturday and \$45 on Sunday. Kids (8-12 years) are \$25 for the weekend or \$15 per day. Kids under 7 are free all weekend in general admission. Reserved seats are available at \$5 for the weekend.

For more information on the "MEGA 100" visit the online pit area at www.racethemega.com. You can also contact the officials for the race at 304-771-5051 or by emailing info@racethemega.com.

The hosting venue, The Tyler County Speedway in Middlebourne, is a ¼ mile dirt oval nestled in the hills of scenic West Virginia along the historic Middle Island Creek. Onsite camping makes the Tyler County Speedway/Fairgrounds a race fans vacation destination year after year. Lots of great camping available including primitive or full hook ups. Ideal for a weekend getaway or a day of family fun, the fairground has shower facilities, shelters for picnicking, playground areas, and nearby fishing available. For camping info call, 304-758-2660 or the TC Fair Association at 304-771-0499. No reservations for camping are available, first come first serve but plenty of room available.



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27TH ANNUAL POINT PLEASANT REGATTA JUNE 29-JULY 1

Free concerts are offered during the three-day weekend free of charge. Do not miss your chance to see up-and-coming Nashville acts, tribute bands, and local artists grace the Riverfront Park stage at NO COST.

The parade will step off Saturday, July 1, at 11 a.m. Line up will be at 10 a.m. at the Board of Education Office (Central School) on Main Street. July 1: Parade at 11 a.m.; Fireworks at 10 p.m. 5K Run; Pageants; Pretty Bay Contest; Free Concerts; Kids Day with free games and activities. Fireworks on Saturday evening.

The Regatta is an alcohol-free event. For more information contact event organizer Jacob Hill at 304-593-2404 or Riverfront Park on Main Street at 304-812-5211.

CHILDREN'S 'LIBERTY DAY' ADVENTURE JULY 8

Join the Fort Randolph re-enactors for a day of frontier fun for children up to 10 years old. Find out what it was like to grow up on the frontier in a colonial fort. There will be plenty of games and activities for the whole family in the third of the 2017 colonial seminar series at Fort Randolph, Krodell Park in Point Pleasant. The free event is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 8. For more information contact organizer Deb Cassidy at 304-675-6788.

ANNUAL BELLE OF CINCINNATI DINNER CRUISE JULY 24

The Point Pleasant River Museum is bringing back an evening to remember, reminiscent of the days of the early excursion boats. As the Belle of Cincinnati travels on the beautiful Ohio River Monday, July 24, a delicious buffet-style meal will be served and well-known local singer Joey Wilcoxon will entertain, furnishing music for dancing or just listening and watching the

riverbanks pass by. The cruise is 2 1/2 hours long, leaving the dock at Point Pleasant's Riverfront Park on Main Street at 7 p.m. Guests need to board by 6:30 p.m. Photographer is available for pictures. Boat has four decks, two of which are accessible by elevator and one is walk-on. Handicap accessible to wheelchairs and one is scooters. Tickets are \$50 for adults and children ages 4-12 are \$25. For more information contact organizer Jack Fowler at 304-674-0144 or Riverfront Park at 304-812-5211.

WV STATE FARM MUSEUM'S TRACTOR PARADE & SHOW JULY 29

A parade of farm tractors starts at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 29, from the WV State Farm Museum at 1458 Fairgrounds Road, Point Pleasant, to Downtown Point Pleasant and back. The parade is followed by tractor games and equipment demonstrations. Farm Museum Country Kitchen and Gift Shop open. For more information contact event organizer Loyd Akers at 304-675-5737.

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MOUNDSVILLE

PIRATE DAY AT GRAVE CREEK MOUND JULY 8

An hourlong film about the pirate known as Blackbeard, "Secrets of the Dead: Blackbeard's Lost Ship" will be shown during a free event Saturday, July 8, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex, 801 Jefferson Ave. in Moundsville. The most infamous pirate of his day, Blackbeard inspired fear in all who crossed his path. 300 years later, his flag ship, the Queen Anne's Revenge, is being excavated by a group of marine archaeologists. His story is revealed by careful preservation and analysis of the ship's remains, including cannons, guns, anchors, and even gold. Did you know that the Upper Ohio River Valley was plagued by pirates as well? Call 304-843-4128 for more information.

'ICE AGE DEATH TRAP: UNCOVERING MAMMOTHS, MASTODONS AND OTHER VANISHED BEASTS' AUG. 12

A large number of 100,000-year-old fossils discovered during construction at a Colorado ski resort provide scientists with clues to some of North America's most interesting prehistoric creatures. Stop at the Discovery Table and make a hand-held fan featuring a picture of one of these Ice Age creatures from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at the Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex, 801 Jefferson Ave. in Moundsville. For more information on this free event call 304-843-4128.

MARIETTA EARTHWORKS LECTURE SEPT. 28

The earthworks at Marietta, Ohio, includes several unusual features, as well as astronomical alignments. While systematic examination of this site has been limited, research during the past 25 years has added substantially to the site record, pointing to future avenues of inquiry and explanation. Wesley Clarke, MA, RPA, is currently the resident archaeologist and manager of collections at The Castle Museum in Marietta, Ohio, where he is directing excavation of an early 19th century pottery production site on the museum grounds. His lecture "Hopewell Geometry, Astronomy, and the Marietta Earthworks" will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at the Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex, 801 Jefferson Ave. in Moundsville. For more information on this event call 304-843-4128.

FAIRMONT

HEARTH COOKING DEMOS AT PRICKETTS FORT

Come out and tour the fort and smell the food cooking over an open hearth, the way food was prepared during the colonial period of our history. Recipes will be available upon request. The hourlong demos are on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in July. In August the demos will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$4 to \$60. For more information, call the fort at 304-363-3030. Pricketts Fort is at 88 Park Drive, Fairmont.

COLONIAL KIDS DAYS SLATED AT PRICKETTS FORT

Bring the kids to the fort for a full day of fun and educational activities for them to experience. Activities will include life in the militia, games of the colonial child and a story in the Thomas Library. Child must be accompanied by an adult and regular admission applies. Cost is \$4 to \$60. Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Final day is Aug. 9. Located at 88 Park Drive, Fairmont, contact the fort at 304-363-3030 for more information.

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE READING AT PRICKETTS FORT

The Declaration of Independence will be read daily from July 24- July 28 at 12 noon. History tells us it would have taken about three weeks for news of the signing of The Declaration of Independence to reach the outer edges of colonial expansion. Come hear the reading of one of the greatest documents ever written, second only to the United States Constitution at Pricketts Fort State Park. Regular admission applies. Lo-

cated at 88 Park Drive, Fairmont, contact the fort at 304-363-3030 for more information.

brary, at 96 Home Ave. in Woodsfield, continues through July 21. This year's theme is "Build a Better World." For more information, call the library at (740) 472-1954.

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MATAMORAS

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST SLATED

A community breakfast is held from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. the first Saturday of every month at the Matamoras Masonic Lodge #374, 301 Main St. Menu includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, sausage gravy, pancakes, toast, milk, orange juice and coffee. Suggested donation is \$5 per person.

WOODSFIELD

MONROE COUNTY POW WOW JULY 1-2

Monroe County Pow Wow is slated from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, July 1, and Sunday, July 2, at the Monroe County Fair Grounds. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children/senior citizens.

SUMMER READING UNDERWAY

The summer reading program at Monroe County Li-

POKER RUN SET JULY 22

The Demons Triangle Challenge Poker Run is set for Saturday, July 22, in Monroe County, sponsored by the Monroe County Tourism Council. Check the Demons Triangle Facebook page for more information.

NEWPORT

BINGO AT FIRE HALL MONDAYS

Play bingo at the Newport Fire Department every Monday. Doors open at 5 p.m. Bingo begins at 7 p.m. Concessions available. For more information call non-emergency number: 740-473-1506.

HANNIBAL

LOCKS & DAM VISITORS CENTER TO RE-OPEN JULY 1

Reopening of the Visitor Center at the Hannibal Locks & Dam in Hannibal will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, July

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1, as the Ohio Valley River Museum and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers formally reopen and celebrate the new visitor center museum and observation area. The renovation was made possible by the cooperation of 13 Monroe County entities. Prelude with patriotic military marches and songs provided by the Washington Symphony Brass Quintet. The event is open to the public.

GRAYSVILLE

COMMUNITY DINNERS ANNOUNCED

A monthly community dinner begins at 4 p.m. at the Graysville and Community Volunteer Fire Department. Dates and entrees are as follows: 4 p.m. Saturday, July 15. Chicken barbecue is on the menu for Saturday, Sept. 16. A Halloween Party is slated Saturday, Oct. 14, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Costume judging to begin at 6 p.m.

CLARINGTON

ICE CREAM SOCIAL JULY 8

Immanuel United Church of Christ will host an ice cream social from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 8. The event also features a bake sale, yard sale and country store. The church is located at (740) 458-1631.

If you would like to run your community service announcement in The INNformer, please fax it to 304-652-1312 attention The INNformer; email it to innformerme@yahoo.com, or send it in a private message on The INNformer's Facebook page.



PAWS IN THE PARK PETS PAUSE FOR PHOTOS

Among the winners at the Paws in the Park benefit for Olive Branch Animal Rescue & Refuge June 17 at the Sistersville City Park were: above, from left, Paige Wilson holds her dog Amber on a leash while Ella Wilson stands with Whinnie, the dog voted most obedient and most adorable at the event. Lauren Nutter holds Maddie, who received the second place most adorable prize as well as the second place most vocal prize. Activities available at the annual event included a pet photo booth, games for kids, a pet costume contest, a pet walk, an obstacle course, a prize for the most unusual pet as well as awards, concessions, music and a bake sale. **AT RIGHT:** Lauren Nutter congratulates her dog Maddie, who received the second place most adorable prize as well as the second place most vocal prize at the Paws in the Park event June 17.



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Area legislators during the final days of the West Virginia special session at the state capitol in Charleston. TOP LEFT (facing camera): State Sen. Charles Clements. LEFT: State Sen. Mike Maroney. ABOVE: Rep. Dave Pethtel.

2017 special session bills

HB 101: Raising salaries for classroom teachers. House Finance Committee 05/04/17

HB 102: Increasing DMV fees and motor fuel excise taxes. House Finance Committee 05/04/17

HB 103: Relating generally to the West Virginia Parkways Authority. House Finance Committee 05/04/17

HB 104: Relating generally to taxation. READ 1st Reading 05/04/17

HB 105: Limiting the number of days that members of the Legislature may receive compensation during an extended and extraordinary session. House Finance Committee 05/05/17

HB 106: Relating generally to the furlough of public employees during declared fiscal emergency. CONF 06/16/17

HB 107: Relating generally to the Tax Reform Act of 2017. CONF 06/13/17

HB 108: Increasing the funding for the State Road Fund. House Finance Committee 05/16/17

HB 109: Making medical cannabis subject to the consumer sales and service tax. House Finance Committee 05/16/17

HB 110: Relating to taxation. House Finance Committee 06/13/17

HB 111: Relating generally to tax procedures and administration. **Signed by Governor. Effective 90 days from pas-**

sage - (Sept. 7)

HB 112: Relating to the Volunteer Fire Department Workers' Compensation. Tabled 1st Reading 06/05/17

HB 113: Relating to the sale of Jackie Withrow Hospital by the DHHR. **Vetoed by Governor**

HB 114: Relating to the sale of Hopemont Hospital by the Department of Health and Human Resources. House Finance Committee 05/23/17

HB 115: Budget Bill. 3rd Reading 06/15/17

HB 116: Relating to physician assistants. House Health and Human Resources Committee 05/23/17

HB 117: Relating to West Virginia Health Care Authority. **Signed by Governor. Effective from passage - (June 13)**

HB 118: Making appropriations of public money out of the Treasury in accordance with section 51, article VI of the Constitution. House Finance Committee 05/24/17

HB 119: Discontinuing WV Greyhound Breeding Development Fund. House Finance Committee 06/05/17

HB 120: Establishing the Fleet Management Office within the Department of Administration. House Government Organization Committee 06/05/17

HB 121: Requiring unclaimed prize money be deposited into the General

Revenue Fund. House Judiciary Committee 06/09/17

HB 122: Terminating the Women's Commission. House Government Organization Committee 06/14/17

HB 123: Imposing, administering and collecting a license tax on successful bidders for road construction contracts. House Finance Committee 06/14/17

SB 1001: Raising salary for classroom teachers. Senate Rules Committee 05/05/17

SB 1002: Increasing DMV fees and motor fuel excise tax. Senate Rules Committee 05/05/17

SB 1003: Relating generally to WV Parkways Authority. **Signed by Governor. Effective from passage - (June 16)**

SB 1004: Relating generally to taxation. Concurrence 05/05/17

SB 1005: Relating to furlough of public employees. Senate Judiciary Committee 05/16/17

SB 1006: Increasing funding for State Road Fund. **Signed by Governor. Effective from passage - (June 16)**

SB 1007: Tax Reform Act of 2017. House Finance Committee 05/17/17

SB 1008: Relating to public school support and county levy rates. Senate Finance Committee 05/24/17

SB 1009: Relating generally to tax pro-

cedures and administration. Senate Rules Committee 06/09/17

SB 1010: Relating to Volunteer Fire Department Workers' Compensation Premium Subsidy Fund. **Signed by Governor. Effective from passage (May 24)**

SB 1011: Selling Hopemont Hospital. Rejected 06/16/17

SB 1012: Selling Jackie Withrow Hospital. Senate Health and Human Resources Committee 05/24/17

SB 1013: Budget Bill. *To Governor 06/14/17. Will become law without Governor's signature*

SB 1014: Relating generally to physician assistants. **Signed by Governor. Effective 90 days from passage - (Sept. 7)**

SB 1015: Relating generally to Health Care Authority. Senate Health and Human Resources Committee 05/24/17

SB 1016: Relating generally to license tax on successful bidders for road construction contracts. Senate Finance Committee 06/14/17

SB 1017: Relating generally to Tax Reform Act of 2017. Concurrence 06/16/17

SB 1018: Budget Bill. House Introduction 06/15/17

SB 1019: Increasing tax credit for rehabilitated building investment. Senate Finance Committee 06/16/17



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JediCon WV attracts international visitors

By Christopher Selmek

NEW MARTINSVILLE – This year marks the second time Daniel Segovia has traveled from his home in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to West Virginia for JediCon, held June 17 at New Martinsville United Methodist Church.

This was the 15th year for the annual convention of Star Wars collectors, which regularly attracts vendors and guests from Ohio, Virginia and Washington, D.C., according to co-organizer Barry Harter. But Segovia, who recently published his second book about Kenner Toys made in Argentina, Mexico and Brazil, traveled the farthest of any guest.

“Star Wars appeared seven months later in Argentina in 1977; I went in 1978 about two months after it was released and became a huge fan right away,” he explained. “I love the stories. (George) Lucas himself said he based his characters on adventure and fantasy books, and heroes such as those mentioned in ‘The Hero with a Thousand Faces’ – a study of mythology written by Joseph Campbell. The movies had very good visual effects, as well as a great story. Everything came together.”

Segovia began collecting vintage toys to remind himself of his love for the movies, beginning with the original Glassline Toys that only produced around 15 action figures in Brazil. He now owns more than 1,000, none of which were made later than 1983.

“Back in the late ’70s we didn’t have the internet and we didn’t have VHS tapes, so the only way to recreate the experience was by collecting toys,” Segovia said. “Kids around the world were playing with these toys and it was our way of recreating the movies in our mind.

“There’s always a certain period of time when most



collectors forget about Star Wars, around their 20s when they get jobs and discover girls,” he continued. “But then we rediscover these toys and it’s like the fire burns again in our imaginations. Every collection is like a time machine. Maybe some you have played with before when you were a kid, but others you have never experienced, so you get to relive the excitement of the first time you saw the movies.”

Segovia published “Guerra Estelar” nearly two years ago with two friends, Pablo Virzi and Jorge Rodota. He said the book evolved from a digital blog and started as a way to catalog the toys he had.

“Guerra Estelar II” was published in February so that it would be ready for the convention. Segovia suspects that 20th Century Fox made a marketing decision to

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translate Star Wars into Spanish as Guerra Estelar – which literally means “Galaxy Wars” – even though he says you don’t need to be an astronomer to know that a star is different from a galaxy.

Segovia started visiting the United States in the ’90s and has now been to more than 20 conventions, including the Chicago Comic and Entertainment Expo (C2E2) and New York ComicCon. While he said there are no Star Wars conventions in South America, he has been invited to Japan and England to talk about his book. However, it wasn’t until two years ago he found out about JediCon WV.

“A collector friend of mine found out about the convention and suggested it would be a good thing for me to be at,” he said. “In fact, it was like hitting two birds with one stone because Kim Simmons is also here and he was the original photographer of the toys. He’s a legend. I wanted to come to JediCon and I wanted to meet Mr. Simmons here.”

Simmons, billed as “the man who shot Luke Skywalker,” photographed all of the packaging for the classic Star Wars toys and is now retired, but has been visiting JediCon for several years. Last year Segovia visited Simmons at his home in Cincinnati, where he took professional photos of Segovia’s book cover.

When not writing about Star Wars memorabilia, Segovia is a sound engineer and musician proficient in cello, guitar and piano. He said one of the best parts about going to conventions is making new friends and his favorite character is and always has been Luke Skywalker.

“I like to take the ferry anytime I come to Sistersville,” he said. “My hometown is very similar to New York, so we don’t have a lot of green. Everyone here is very friendly.”

According to Harter, there were 21 vendors at this year’s JediCon WV, and all money raised by the event goes to benefit the Children’s Miracle Network.





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restaurants, hotels, a blacksmith's shop and even a cigar factory. Its main industry was boat building and the village became a major center, thanks to Sunfish Creek's large natural river basin and the plentiful lumber from the oak and hardwood forests that dominated the local countryside.

The largest boat building concern was the Mozena Brothers Boat Yard, which was succeeded by the Cook Brothers and Thomas Boat Yard. From the mid-1800s through 1941, the yards produced a number of steam-powered packet boats for use on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers as well as gas-powered crafts, including some of the Sistersville ferry-boats.

The local economy also benefited from the large local coal mines that once provided employment to generations of residents and later, Ormet, the large aluminum plant and rolling mill that is now industrial parks.

Unfortunately, like many local communities, Clarington's fortunes fell with the changes in the economy and the loss of mining and industrial jobs. The public school, the last major employer downtown, was abandoned in the early 1990s.

One of the victims of the decline was the 119-year-old Church of Christ, located on the steep hillside up Ferry Street. One of only two of the original churches still standing in the village, after years of declining membership it held its final service in June 2016.

When Taylor and Alex Abbott learned that the old church in Taylor's hometown was likely going to be pulled down, they knew they had to do something. The call of history runs deep with the couple so they decided to step in and save an important part of Clarington's past.

"We love old stuff, especially from the Victorian era," Alex said. "This is a fun project for us to do as a married couple," Taylor added.

Taylor, 28, has long family roots in Clarington. His mother is a Thomas and her family once owned the main boatyard. He grew up in the village and is the incoming Monroe County treasurer. Active in the community, he is also the president of the town's Ohio Valley River Museum, which highlights the boat building and river heritage of the community.



ABOVE LEFT is a vintage photo of the church and, at right, is a photo of the church today as it undergoes renovation.



Alex, 24, is originally from Eighty-Four, Pennsylvania, and works as an advertising account manager for the Monroe County Beacon. Like her husband, she shares a passion for history and has an eye for Victorian furnishings, fabric and interior decorating. The couple was married in November.

Their project is the second house of worship to occupy the site. The white clapboard church was constructed in 1898, at the height of Clarington's prosperity, by the Disciples of Christ and transitioned into the Church of Christ by 1907. It's an American Gothic structure with the style's signature tall-and-narrow windows. While some Gothic buildings have peaked windows, this church has rounded window tops.

The rectangle-shaped church is oriented lengthwise east-west on the hillside plot. The front elevation faces the river, to the east.

An interesting design feature is that the eastern facade has two box-shaped steeples that protrude from each corner, flanking three large, center windows. The steeples, which are of different heights, contain separate entrances that face each other. The taller northern steeple still contains the original cradle and bell, which can be rung with a tug on the bell cord.

"It used to be that men and women would enter through separate doors, with the men sitting on one side of the aisle and the women on the other," explained Eli Henthorn, a young Tyler County, West Virginia, amateur historian who has made a study of local churches.

"Most of the area churches were remodeled after this practice changed," Henthorn added.

When the Abbotts took possession of the old church last year they were not really

sure what they were going to do with it. After making some much-needed repairs to stabilize and make weather-tight the 4,000-square-foot structure, they realized it had the potential to become a very unusual residential property.

"The first priority was to save it," Taylor said. "It was only after putting time into it that we realized it could make a beautiful home."

The large open floor plan of the church's sanctuary, with its high Greek Revival tin ceiling, offered the Abbotts a lot of design options to consider, with the help of Taylor's grandmother, Sonja Taylor.

"She has more than 50 years of experience in interior design and decorating as well as having her own furniture re-

street-level door, the pressure of the ground and water runoff caused problems. While there were attempts to reinforce the northern wall over the years, it continued to deteriorate and push in.

The Abbotts had to excavate the foundation and installed French drains to divert the water away from the building and then completely replace the wall. The roof, which was originally a standing seam metal roof, had been replaced with shingles several years ago and also had to be replaced.

The steeple with the bell also required repair work to make it weather-tight and structurally sound.

In the interior, the Abbotts stripped out the 1970s-era paneling and removed the

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upholstering and decorating business up until she retired in 1998," Taylor explained of his grandmother. "I would essentially bounce ideas back and forth with her and Alex would generally give it a thumbs up or thumbs down."

The floor plan they came up with will take advantage of the abundant natural light that floods the interior in the morning, thanks to the large eastern windows. When completed, the residence will have a large loft constructed above the stage area where the pulpit was, and extend almost half of the length of the interior. The loft will increase the usable square footage and will feature a study and living room. A large master bedroom suite will occupy where the stage was and most of the space beneath the loft, on the main floor, will include a large master bath.

The kitchen and main floor will have an open floor plan and will have a formal dining room and living room.

"Alex is already searching out antique furniture and drapery designs for the interior," Taylor said, adding that she knows what she wants to see in furniture and materials.

But first, before the loft can be constructed and the Abbotts' vision realized, there is a lot of work that needs to be done to the building.

"The foundation had problems," Taylor explained. The church was originally built on a sandstone fountain and cut into the side of the hill. While the slope of the hill allowed for a full basement, with a

drop ceiling, exposing the original Greek Revival tin ceiling, which with the exception of a couple small areas, is in remarkable shape, given its age.

The Abbotts then removed the original plaster walls and lath, exposing the studs.

The church's structure and finish work is an interesting study in itself. The structural members are all oak and the floors and woodwork are pine, a legacy of the boat-building heritage of the community and the plentiful oak and hardwood of the area.

In other regions of the country, pine forests dominate and most structures are framed out in this softer, and usually cheaper, wood. In the Ohio Valley, pine is relatively rare and had to be shipped in. The church demonstrated its relative wealth by using this more costly wood as trim and flooring.

The original church use does pose one challenge for Abbotts' proposed design. The church was built with the floor gradually sloping where the pews were, similar to what is found in a movie theater, allowing the congregation a better view of the preacher and pulpit. This will, of course, have to be leveled out for the new floor.

When completed in the near future, the Abbotts will have a showplace that will preserve an important piece of local architecture as well as serving as an example of what can be done when members of the community take interest in saving its history.



OIL & GAS NEWS

Blue Racer Midstream expanding

Dallas-based Blue Racer Midstream LLC has applied for permits to construct and operate a propane/butane quality control and pipeline injection station (Conley Station) located approximately 2.25 miles north of Bethany in Brooke County.

Formed in December 2012, Blue Racer Midstream is a joint venture between Caiman Energy II LLC and Dominion Resources Inc. dedicated to providing producers in the Utica and Marcellus shale plays with midstream services and the ability to receive the highest value for their products. With midstream assets strategically located in the heart of the Utica Shale, Blue Racer's services include natural gas gathering, compression, and processing; condensate handling; and the fractionation, storage, transportation and marketing of natural gas liquids. It has plants and operations in Marshall County, West Virginia, and in Ohio.

COMMENTS DUE JULY 21 ON JAY-BEE WELL PAD

On April 11, 2017, Jay-Bee Oil & Gas Inc. applied to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality for a permit to construct a natural gas production pad located near Wick, Tyler County, at latitude 39.404915 and longitude 81.009292. A preliminary evaluation has determined that all state and federal air quality requirements will be met by the proposed facility. The DAQ is providing notice to the public of its preliminary determination to issue the permit as R13-3364.

The following potential emissions will be authorized by this permit action: Particulate Matter less than 10 microns,



3.30 tons per year (TPY); Particulate Matter, 3.30 TPY; Sulfur Dioxide, 0.18 TPY; Oxides of Nitrogen, 43.51 TPY; Carbon Monoxide, 22.54 TPY; Volatile Organic Compounds, 62.92 TPY; Total HAPs, 11.57 TPY.

Written comments or requests for a public meeting must be received by the DAQ before 5 p.m. Friday, July 21. A public meeting may be held if the director of the DAQ determines that significant public interest has been expressed, in writing, or when the director deems it appropriate.

The purpose of the DAQ's permitting process is to make a preliminary determination if the proposed Modification will meet all state and federal air quality requirements. The purpose of the public review process is to accept public comments on air quality issues relevant to this determination. Only written comments received at the address noted below within the specified time frame, or comments presented orally at a scheduled public meeting, will be considered prior to final action on the permit. All such comments will become part of the public record. Send to: Roy F. Kees, P.E.; WV Department of Environmental Protection; Division of Air Quality; 601 57th Street, SE; Charleston, WV 25304. Telephone: 304/926-0499, ext. 1222. FAX: 304/926-0478.

Additional information, including copies of the draft permit, application and all other supporting materials relevant to the permit decision may be obtained by contacting the engineer listed above. The draft permit and engineering evaluation can be downloaded at: www.dep.wv.gov/daq/Pages/NSRPermitsforReview.aspx.

COMMENTS DUE JULY 28 ON MODIFICATIONS AT MOBLEY

On Feb. 28, 2017, MarkWest Liberty Midstream & Resources, LLC applied to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality for a permit to modify a natural gas processing facility (Mobley Gas Plant) located at 14624 North Fork Road, Smithfield, Wetzel County, at latitude 39.55367 and longitude -80.55654. A preliminary evaluation has determined that all state and federal air quality requirements will be met by the proposed facility. The DAQ is providing notice to the public of its preliminary determination to issue the permit as R13-2878E.

The following increase in potential emissions will be authorized by this permit action: Oxides of Nitrogen, 9.93 tons per year (TPY); Carbon Monoxide, 22.14 TPY; Volatile Organic Compounds, 27.51 TPY; Sulfur Dioxide, 0.08 TPY; Carbon Dioxide Equivalents, 9,713 TPY.

The following decrease in potential emissions will be authorized by this permit action: Total Hazardous Air Pollutants, 0.35 TPY; Particulate Matter less than 10 microns in diameter, 0.08 TPY.

Written comments or requests for a public meeting must be received by the DAQ before 5 p.m. Friday, July 28. A public meeting may be held if the director of the DAQ determines that significant public interest has been expressed, in writing, or when the director deems it appropriate.

The purpose of the DAQ's permitting process is to make a preliminary determination if the proposed modification

will meet all state and federal air quality requirements. The purpose of the public review process is to accept public comments on air quality issues relevant to this determination. Only written comments received at the address noted below within the specified time frame, or comments presented orally at a scheduled public meeting, will be considered prior to final action on the permit. All such comments will become part of the public record. Send to: Jerry Williams, P.E.; WV Department of Environmental Protection; Division of Air Quality; 601 57th Street, SE; Charleston, WV 25304. Telephone: 304/926-0499, ext. 1223. FAX: 304/926-0478.

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DEP ISSUES AREA DRILLING PERMITS

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has issued the following drilling permits for this region:

Week of June 19: Seven horizontal permits were issued to Antero Resources Corp. for Tyler County. One horizontal drilling permit was issued for Pleasants County to Jay-bee Oil & Gas Inc.

Week of June 12: Two horizontal drilling permits were issued for Pleasants County to Jay-bee Oil & Gas Inc.

Week of June 5: One horizontal permit was issued to Antero Resources Corp. for Tyler County.

Clinic

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"We have someone who reached out to us and wanted to be in a rural community," Rice said. "We are not abandoning Middlebourne during the transition."

In the meantime, Middlebourne clinic's patients are welcome to use Sistersville General Hospital or the St Marys Express Care location and can call either Diana Rice or Trisha O'Neil at (304) 447-2572 with any questions or concerns.

"We understand the importance of having access to quality medical care without traveling. Sistersville General Hospital's commitment to the residents of Middlebourne and Tyler County is strong and continuing," Chadock emphasized.

BREAK-IN AT SISTERSVILLE POOL

SISTERSVILLE – Sometime during the night of Thursday, June 22, the Sistersville pool building was broken into, with some damage and items stolen, resulting in the pool being closed for the weekend.

The crime was discovered around noon Friday by a city employee checking for storm damage.

"We have a couple of people of interest," Sistersville Police Chief Rob Haught said. "Later, we had a

report that there were people milling around by people who thought it was suspicious and have a description of a man and woman."

A reward for information leading to a conviction is being offered by the Park and Pool Board.

"They left a trail of Slim Jims, just like Hansel and Gretel," Haught exclaimed. "Sooner or later we will get them."

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