



West Virginia University at Parkersburg
Board of Governors Meeting

Media Clips

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A student in the Blennerhassett Elementary School STEAM program gains hands-on learning with a STEAM LEGO kit donated by WVU Parkersburg.

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Easter parade returning to downtown Parkersburg March 20

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

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<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/community-news/2021/03/easter-parade-returning-to-downtown-parkersburg-march-20/>

PARKERSBURG — The 11th annual Easter Parade will be held 2-4 p.m. March 20 on Market Street in a reverse format with local first responders as the parade marshals.

“We are honored to announce that this year’s parade marshals are the first responders of Parkersburg, Vienna and Belpre, Ohio. The policemen, firemen, 911, sheriff’s department, health care workers and the MOV health department,” organizer Kiki Angelos said. *“All these people and departments I considered to be heroes because they lay their lives on the line to help and assist others. We are therefore privileged to show our gratitude to all of them for what they do and have done for our community.”*

Sponsors of the parade, which will be held rain or shine, are WVU-Medicine, Hobby Lobby, Elks Lodge 198, Vinyl Werx Graphics, Superior Logistics Ohio, West Virginia University at Parkersburg, The Parkersburg News and Sentinel, Bodyworkz by D&S and WTAP-TV.

The organizations make it possible to achieve a successful and memorial event, Angelos said.

“A big ‘thank you’ goes out to all the Market Street businesses and other community organizations and people for their support and involvement,” she said.

This year’s parade will be a reversed/drive-by with participants staged on both sides of Market Street starting at 13th and Market and ending at the court house. The audience will drive by to view the exhibits and floats.

“The atmosphere will be awesome, the parade being the same day of spring and knowing that warm weather will soon be here to stay,” Angelos said.

The parade, like most other events, was canceled in 2020 because of the pandemic restrictions. Angelos said she received notification from Mayor Tom Joyce that it’s OK for this year.

“So I have started working and planning full speed with my very dedicated and wonderful parade committee so we can have another great successful parade,” Angelos said.

Rules and regulations for the pandemic will be followed, she said.

“It will be refreshing once again to get out and see the little children happy faces seeing the Easter Bunny,” Angelos said.

The Easter Bunny and his helpers will distribute more than 4,000 filled Easter eggs to children, donated by Elks Lodge 198 in Parkersburg. Another special feature will be four new girls and boys bicycles donated by the Elks Lodge and BODYWORKZ by D&S.

The theme of the parade will be *“Celebrating Easter in a Safe Way.”* Participation in the parade is free, but participants are asked to bring non perishable food items to be given to the food pantries in the area.

A parade application and other information including safety guidelines is available at www.movEasterParade.com, at [Facebook.com/MOVEasterParade](https://www.facebook.com/MOVEasterParade) or by calling 304-863-6516 or 304 615-5454.

On the day of the parade, a registration table will be at 19th and Market streets to drop off non-perishable items. The parade will start at 13th and Market streets and end on Third street.

Parade line-up will begin at noon.

“We all would like to invite everyone to join in to make this years parade better than ever, so decorate your float or truck, bring your groups, pageant girls, churches, schools, fire trucks, company trucks, politicians, antique cars and come enjoy the day with us,” Angelos said.

Parade units will be judged with first, second and third place awards presented in the non-commercial and commercial categories. Winners will be announced after the parade.

WVU-P invites alumni to Memory Garden

The Marietta Times

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<https://www.mariettatimes.com/news/neighborhood-news/2021/03/wvu-p-invites-alumni-to-memory-garden/>



As WVU-P prepares to observe its 60th anniversary of providing educational opportunities to the Mid-Ohio Valley, the WVU at Parkersburg Foundation invites students, faculty and alumni to participate in the Memory Garden project, which links the college's past to the future. By purchasing a brick inscribed with a student, alumni or a loved one's name, and a personal message, the campus will carry that value with it forever.

The Memory Garden is located on the campus front lawn by the clocktower. The student, alumni or loved one's name or message etched on a brick will symbolize the spirit felt when that person's presence was on campus. Or, perhaps in honor of faculty, staff, administrators, students, alumni or others to be remembered in a lifetime garden.

"The Memory Garden is part of the Eldon Miller Plaza. It is a place where people can honor the legacy or memory of employees, students, staff and faculty of WVU Parkersburg. Dr. Eldon Miller served as president of this college from 1982 to

2000,” said Dr. Torie Jackson, Vice President of Institutional Advancement. *“It has been in existence for many years. The Faculty Senate and Staff Council often purchase bricks for retiring faculty and staff. For many years, they held a pie-in-the-face auction to raise these funds.”*

Below is pricing for the Memory Garden:

One brick – \$50 for 3 engraved lines

Two bricks – \$95 for 6 engraved lines

Bench plaque – \$500 for five engraved lines

Planter plaque – \$500 for five or more engraved lines

Contact the WVU at Parkersburg Foundation at foundation@wvup.edu or 304-424-8247 to learn more or give.

Brenda Lucas: Community News

The Herald-Dispatch

March 10, 2021

https://www.herald-dispatch.com/features_entertainment/brenda-lucas-community-news-for-wednesday-march-10/article_db3dce04-d7cf-54ed-93c5-9ab7a0ac9b88.html

LISTED: Taylor Baker, of Huntington, and Mckenna Meadows, of Milton, graduated summa cum laude and named to the president’s list at West Virginia University at Parkersburg. They maintained a 4.0 grade point average while earning 12 or more hours of college credit.

Wood BOE hears presentation about summer school programs

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

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<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/local-news/2021/03/wood-boe-hears-presentation-about-summer-school-programs/>

PARKERSBURG — The Wood County Board of Education listened to a presentation about the county’s new summer school program and unanimously approved calling for the reconsideration of Senate Bill 15 passed by the West Virginia Legislature on Tuesday evening.

The district received information from the state Department of Education about a grant opportunity for summer programs as part of a learning and engagement grant in February.

The grant will provide funds to utilize over a two-year period to reconnect and re-engage students with schools, according to Christie Willis, Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Wood County Schools.

Calling it the “*SOLE grant*,” the program will potentially award Wood County Schools with \$1,508,750 to provide summer learning opportunities for elementary, middle and high school students. The goal of the summer learning programs will be to address knowledge loss by students and close the gaps created due to the interruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, she said.

There will be eight summer programs: Wildlife Adventures, Math & Literacy Camp, STEAM Camp, JumpStart Academy, SPACE Camp, SPARKS, High School Summer School and Extended School Year.

Joining Willis in the presentation was Tammy McKnight, Director of Federal Programs, Ashlee Beatty, Curriculum Coordinator, Lisa Smith, teacher, Joanna Mulligan, Academic Coach, Candace Lewis, Academic Coach, Jason Potts, Curriculum Coordinator, Ken Cook Assistant Superintendent, and Holly Yoke, School Psychologist.

Using the STEAM Camp as an example, the school district will partner with West Virginia University at Parkersburg to provide faculty volunteers and items for the robotic programming class, said Jared Gump with WVU-P.

The registration window for students in kindergarten through eighth grade will be April 5-16. Online registration will be available beginning April 5 on Wood County Schools’ website and Facebook page. High school students who enter grades nine through 12 can contact their respective high schools at a later time.

Meals are available at fall program sites this summer and the SOLE grant will fund transportation to the majority of the summer learning programs. Student information collected during registration will determine transportation pick-up and drop-off locations for summer programs and student registrations will also determine the staffing needs including counselors and nurses, said Willis.

“The Curriculum and Instruction department met with administrators and faculty senate presidents over the course of several weeks to gather input on summer programs ideas. The SOLE grant has given us the ability to add to our summer learning options,” she said.

Wood County Schools Superintendent Will Hosaflook said he is excited about the new summer programs and everyone involved should be proud of the progress.

“I just can’t put it into words. I told everyone, it’s going to be a very exciting summer and they have worked extremely hard,” Hosaflook said. “This had been a collaborative effort, not only the C&I department, but principals, faculty senate presidents, the teachers, and many other people that would come together that met with the C&I department and really put a lot of ideas forward so it was a combination of all our employees working together, even transportation was involved. It took everyone to come together and we’ve had numerous meetings regarding summer school.”

In other business, the board unanimously approved calling for the reconsideration of Senate Bill 15 which is under consideration by the West Virginia Legislature. SB 15 would prohibit a classroom teacher from receiving the salary increase for any education level above A.B. unless certain in-field master’s degree-related requirements have been met.

Board Member Judy Johnson said the bill has suggested that local universities provide programs to cover the new ruling, but her main concern is that the programs will not be as in-depth as previous masters programs and it will run off quality candidates to other counties or other states.

WVU-P: Tuition not being raised

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

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<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/business/2021/03/wvu-p-tuition-not-being-raised/>

PARKERSBURG — West Virginia University at Parkersburg will not raise tuition for the coming school year.

The West Virginia University at Parkersburg Board of Governors voted Wednesday during a virtual meeting not to increase tuition for the 2021-2022 academic year,

based on the recommendation of WVU-P President Chris Gilmer and Executive Vice President Alice Harris.

“(An increase would not be needed at this time) judging that our other budgetary resources will be sufficient to operate the college without deficit and judging that raising tuition during the pandemic would exacerbate an already-existing significant challenge to educational attainment for our students,” Gilmer said.

The current tuition rate for associate degree programs is \$160 per credit hour and, for bachelor degree programs, it is \$221 per credit hour, Harris said.

Gilmer said currently they have enough money to meet the budgetary needs of the college. He also did not want to put any undue financial burdens on students at this time with the COVID-19 pandemic still impacting so much.

“So many of them are struggling just to maintain their educational dreams,” Gilmer said. *“It is our fiscal judgment that we can meet the financial needs of the college without raising tuition.”*

Harris said she would have preferred to wait to make this request until the West Virginia Legislature has completed its current session and its budgeting process, but the college has to state its intentions to the West Virginia Community and Technical College System by April 1.

“We have to polish our crystal ball a little bit,” she said. *“I am in complete agreement with President Gilmer that adding an additional burden to students at this point with all the uncertainties with the jobs they normally do in restaurants and businesses that have shut down and that may or may not come back once the pandemic is over.”*

“Because we are in such good fiscal condition I think it is good for us to roll the dice in favor of the students.”

WVU-P recently awarded approximately \$1.2 million in funds directly to eligible students through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) and Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to assist with expenses related to COVID-19, Gilmer said.

“WVU-P proactively chose to add a significant portion of its institutional share to increase the pool granted to 1,424 students,” he said. *“The college’s Pell-eligible students received \$1,100 each, and students who are non-Pell-eligible, but still eligible for these funds, received \$500 each.”*

This is in addition to the May 2020 allotment that awarded \$876,544 to 1,046 students, Gilmer said.

WVU-P is retaining approximately \$1 million of its institutional share in reserve until officials complete the budget for the next fiscal year and assess fall enrollment.

The university has lost about 5 percent of the starting enrollment of students this semester because of the continuing challenges of the pandemic, a higher percentage than usual.

"It is not difficult to understand why this is happening as the pandemic goes on longer than expected and takes a toll in lives lost, mental health and financial challenges and emotional well-being of our students," Gilmer said. "While we must continue to actively protect the health and safety of our community in every way, we must also look for solutions which allow us to return to face-to-face instruction for our students and work assignments for our employees as quickly as safely possible."

In other business, the board bid farewell to longtime board member Sam Winans and swore in his replacement, Ami Shaver.

Winans, who has served since October 2013, thanked the board and said one of the secrets to success is surrounding oneself with good people, *"Or great people in this case."*

"It was a wonderful board to work with," he said, commenting about the growth he had seen in so many people at the university. *"Thank you all so much."*

Gilmer also thanked Winans for his time on the board.

"Sam was Chair of our Board when I was hired, and he gave me the complementary gifts of his wise counsel and the trust for me to implement my own vision," he said. *"Sam saw a leader in me and gave me the space to grow into that leader, and I will be eternally grateful."*

WVUP Nursing program prepares students for future and present

WTAP-TV [video]

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<https://www.wtap.com/2021/03/12/wvup-nursing-program-prepares-students-for-future-and-present/>



PARKERSBURG, [W.Va.](#) (WTAP) - West Virginia University at Parkersburg is making sure its nursing students have the tools they need to improve their education during the pandemic.

From the classroom, to the school's state-of-the-art simulation lab, school officials say nursing students have the tools to help them prepare for all types of medical situations.

They learn about assisting in surgery, child birth and even how to help those who are exhibiting signs of the coronavirus.

"So they get to see the films of a COVID x-ray. And they get to see the lab values. And see what kind of physiological changes occur in the patient when they are COVID positive. So when they leave the situation here they're going to go out into the field and be able to recognize and treat COVID positive people, which we are obviously going to encounter for some time. So it's the level of preparedness; another one of the high acuity/low occurrence situations that I try to prepare them for before

leaving,” says WVU-Parkersburg nursing and health sciences simulation coordinator, Dr. Stephanie Smith-Stout.

The WVU-Parkersburg nursing program is nationally credited and has a high first-time passage rate.

Across the State

WV News

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https://www.wvnews.com/across-the-state/article_4ad12016-368c-5934-926c-c0da60fd43ab.html

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West Virginia University at Parkersburg recognized for its Child Development program

WOMA-Radio

March 19, 2021

West Virginia University at Parkersburg is being recognized as one of the top institutions in the nation for its Child Development program. The college ranked number one for its Associate of Applied Science, and its bachelor's degree program also ranked number eight for having the best Child Development emphasis, which is a first for the university according to the coordinator of the Child Development program at WVUP, Christi Calvert.

"With the bachelor's program, this is the first time we've been ranked in the top 10. And, this is exciting because we're not only going against community colleges when we are ranked, but we're going against four-year colleges and universities across the nation, and so it is really exciting for our program," said Calvert. "We're in the top 10 for both the associate and bachelor's program across the entire nation.

More than 340 programs were evaluated by Intelligent.com.

For those interested in pursuing a degree in Child Development, WVU Parkersburg's program is fully online, which makes it easier for students who are pursuing certification Christi Calvert explains.

"What it means is that students can be working jobs like in childcare centers and get more training that they need for this profession. So, it really allows people that are in the field to get better quality education and be able to serve the children better, and the families too."

All students admitted to the program can receive in-state tuition rates regardless of their geographical location.

"We are the most affordable online Child Development program in the nation," said Calvert. "No matter where a Child Development student may reside, they all pay in-state rates. We have some from California and Georgia – anywhere they pay in-state rates."

For more information about WVU Parkersburg's Child Development program, contact Christi Calvert at christi.calvert@wvup.edu.

Intelligent.com Announces Best Child Development Degree Programs for 2021

WFMZ-TV

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https://www.wfmz.com/news/pr_newswire/pr_newswire_health/intelligent-com-announces-best-child-development-degree-programs-for-2021/article_a640f989-f087-58d2-aad0-fe2fa56267c1.html

Intelligent.com, a trusted resource for online degree rankings and higher education planning, has announced the Top 50 Child Development Degree Programs for 2021. The comprehensive research guide is based on an assessment of 200 accredited colleges and universities in the nation. Each program is evaluated based on curriculum quality, graduation rate, reputation, and post-graduate employment.

The 2021 rankings are calculated through a unique scoring system which includes student engagement, potential return on investment and leading third party evaluations. Intelligent.com analyzed 200 schools, on a scale of 0 to 100, with only 50 making it to the final list. The methodology also uses an algorithm which collects and analyzes multiple rankings into one score to easily compare each school.

Students who pursue any one of these programs can expect to gain employment much quicker in comparison to candidates without a degree. In addition to accessibility and cost, the steady job growth in this market is one of the many reasons Intelligent.com researched and ranked the Top Child Development Degree Programs. To access the complete ranking, please visit: <https://www.intelligent.com/best-child-development-degree-programs/>

2021 Child Development Degree Programs featured on Intelligent.com (in alphabetical order):

Alcorn State University

Amarillo College

Appalachian State University

Arizona State University

Arkansas Tech University

Ashford University

Baker College

Bay Path University

Berea College

Bowling Green State University

Brandman University

California State University, East Bay

Central Methodist University

Central Michigan University

Clemson University

Colorado State University, Fort Collins

Concordia University, Saint Paul

Eastern Kentucky University

Eastern Washington University

Fort Hays State University

Fresno Pacific University

Harding University

Hope International University

Indiana Institute of Technology

Jacksonville State University

Liberty University

Mesa Community College

Michigan State University

North Dakota State University

Oregon State University

Pacific Oaks College

Pennsylvania State University

Post University

San Diego Christian College

Southern New Hampshire University

Texas Tech University

Union Institute & University

University of Alabama

University of Central Missouri

University Of La Verne

University Of Southern Mississippi

University of Texas, Permian Basin

University of Washington

University of Wisconsin, Stout

Utah State University

Vanderbilt University

Washington State University

Weber State University

West Virginia University at Parkersburg

West Virginia University

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WVU Parkersburg Child Development program ranks top in nation

WTAP-TV

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<https://www.wtap.com/2021/03/19/wvu-parkersburg-child-development-program-ranks-top-in-nation/>



PARKERSBURG, [W.Va.](#) (WTAP) - West Virginia University at Parkersburg has been recognized for its [Child Development](#) program. The college ranked number one for its Associate of Applied Science in Child Development degree program.

The bachelor's degree program also ranked number eight for having the best Child Development emphasis.

More than 340 programs were evaluated by [Intelligent.com](#), a student-focused publication that helps students make informed decisions about higher education programs offered by top institutions across the county.

"I am very pleased that our Child Development program has received such high rankings on a national level," said Dr. David Lancaster, WVU Parkersburg Education division chairperson. "Time and time again, WVU Parkersburg proves to be the best in the community, state and nation."

Each program is evaluated based on reputation, class flexibility and strength, qualified faculty and cost.

WVU Parkersburg offers a flexible online program for those interested in pursuing a degree in Child Development.

If a student is a [W.Va.](#) resident, they may be eligible for [WV Invests](#) while pursuing a certificate or associate degree in Child Development. WV Invests will cover remaining tuition and fee costs after all other federal and state grant awards are used.

The Associate of Applied Science in Child Development program also accepts transfer credits from the WV Infant and Toddler (WVIT), EDGE Credit, Apprenticeship for Child Development Specialist (ACDS) and Child Development Associate (CDA).

“It is great that the WVU Parkersburg Child Development program’s efforts to provide life-changing, quality education to early childhood professionals has been recognized on the national level,” said Christi Calvert, WVU Parkersburg Child Development program coordinator.

The complete rankings can be viewed [here](#).

Those who would like more information about WVU Parkersburg’s Child Development program can visit wvup.edu/education or contact Christi Calvert at (304) 424-8000 ext. 430 or christi.calvert@wvup.edu.

West Virginia Week in History – March 21-27

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https://www.register-herald.com/west-virginia-week-in-history---march-21-27/article_d2106be7-effa-53ea-84da-c26331e6d7b5.html



CHARLESTON – The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

March 23, 2003: Private Jessica Lynch of Palestine, Wirt County, was serving as a supply clerk with the Army's 507th Maintenance Company when she was captured by Iraqi forces after her group was ambushed.

Private Jessica Lynch of Palestine, Wirt County, became a widely known figure following her rescue during the Iraq War. Born April 26, 1983, Lynch joined the army at 18 to earn money for college. She was serving as a supply clerk with the Army's 507th Maintenance Company when she was captured on March 23, 2003 by Iraqi

forces after her group was ambushed. Lynch was riding in a Humvee that crashed, severely injuring her.

On April 1, a team of Navy SEALs, Marine commandos, and Army Rangers launched a night-time raid on an Iraqi hospital and rescued Lynch. The bodies of 11 U.S. soldiers killed in the ambush were also recovered. Lynch was taken to a hospital in Germany and later sent to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington. Before she was released from the hospital, she was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the Prisoner of War medal.

Accounts of the events surrounding Lynch's capture and rescue were incomplete and contradictory, and Lynch herself had no recollection of the period. The official version of the rescue was cast into doubt by reports that Iraqi doctors had attempted to hand over Lynch and by charges that the Pentagon staged the hospital raid for its publicity value. The military also claimed Lynch had gone down fighting, when, in reality, her rifle had jammed.

She wrote *I Am a Soldier, Too: The Jessica Lynch Story* with journalist Rick Bragg in 2003 to set the record straight. In 2007, Lynch told Congress: "The bottom line is the American people are capable of determining their own ideals of heroes, and they don't need to be told elaborate lies."

Lynch returned to her hometown in July 2003 and left the army later that year. She was selected as the 2003 West Virginian of the Year by Charleston's Sunday Gazette-Mail.

Although she continued to suffer from medical problems, Lynch attended West Virginia University at Parkersburg and graduated in December 2011 with a degree in education.

WVU-P nursing labs offer students a healthy look at hospital experience

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West Virginia University at Parkersburg second semester nursing students Joni Casto, Eric Fajardo and Tyler Ketchem work in the simulation lab at the college. The nursing labs are like a hospital floor with “patients,” high-fidelity manikins, life-size patient models, wired to present a variety of different ailments and conditions, that the students would go about and treat, learning how to care for patients. (Photo by Brett Dunlap)

PARKERSBURG — Nursing students at West Virginia University at Parkersburg have access to a state-of-the-art training facility to gain the necessary skills for when they will be taking care of real patients.

The students under WVU-P’s Nursing and Health Sciences Division obtain the needed training for an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing.

“We have these awesome sim(ulation) labs and no one really knows about them,” said Division Chair Kathy Frum. *“We want to share all the programs we have and the cool equipment we have.”*

The lab has been in place for four years and school representatives want the community to know what was available.

“We have one of the greatest facilities in the state, but no one around here seems to know it,” Simulation Coordinator Stephanie Smith-Stout said.



West Virginia University at Parkersburg second semester nursing student Joni Casto practices checking a patient's vitals in the school's simulation lab where nursing students learn how to conduct themselves on a hospital floor and learn how to care for patients. (Photo by Brett Dunlap)

WVU-P has 144 nursing students.

The nursing labs are like a hospital floor with four adult “patients,” high-fidelity manikins wired to present a variety of different ailments and conditions, in rooms and in hospital beds. Various equipment, med carts and so on, are also on hand that nurses would be using in a hospital setting.

“Everything is set up like it would be in the hospital to give the students the most realistic experience as possible,” Smith-Stout said.

She has every nursing student for their time at WVU-P. She regularly brings them into the sim labs for two-hour sessions where they do high acuity and lower occurrence situations that challenge their knowledge and build their skill set.

“It is a puzzle for them to figure out how to fix the patients,” she said. *“We run these machines and it is like a real-time reaction to what is happening.”*



West Virginia University at Parkersburg second semester nursing student Tyler Ketchem practices checking a patient's feet in the school's simulation lab where nursing students learn how to take care of patients. (Photo by Brett Dunlap)

She is able to change the vital signs for the practice patients and see how the students are able to react and deal with changing situations in caring for patients.

"It is designed to make them better so they can achieve their goals," Smith-Stout said. "Inversely, if they don't do what they should, things get worse, the patient deteriorates and sometimes we have big events and we have to practice doing code situations in here and things they may never see during clinicals."

Students have opportunities to do those things in the labs, dealing with heart attack and stroke situations, so they know what to do if it ever arises.

Students can learn from their experiences in the labs, work on how to handle what might occur and gain that experience before they get out of the program and on their own, Smith-Stout said.

"I do some of the more difficult situations that they may never get to see out in the hospital but should know how to react to it," she said. "We cover that in here."



West Virginia University at Parkersburg second semester nursing student Tyler Ketchem practices on high-fidelity manikins, life-size patient models, in the school's simulation lab, learning how to best care for patients in a hospital setting. (Photo by Brett Dunlap)

She challenges all of the students based on where they are in the program from the first semester to the fourth semester.

"I get to watch them grow through the entire program," she said.

The lab also includes a birthing simulator, a new-born simulator and a simulator modeled on a 5-year-old child.

"We can cover the entire life span of patients in here," Smith-Stout said as this area does not always have a large number of pediatric patients.

Officials said the university supports their program by keeping the most up-to-date equipment.

Frum said the simulators can test knowledge and approaches to treating patients on a variety of subjects that may or may not come up during a clinical rotation. It also allows the instructors to talk to students about what they are doing right and wrong without an actual patient's care being impacted.

"When they are RNs at the bedside after they graduate, they will still have that nugget tucked away in their long-term memory," she said.

Smith-Stout said she spent a lot of times working on grants to help fund the lab. She estimates it took over \$1 million to set up what they have.

"The cost value is tremendous," she said.

The students said the simulators help them prepare for what they could face on a hospital floor.

"I think it has helped me get more comfortable in a hospital setting which can be unnerving for people who don't have experience," said second semester nursing student Joni Casto. *"Getting into this space and being able to familiarize really helped me being able to focus on my nursing techniques once I got to the hospital.*

"It lets me do some practice and be able to enter a room more confidently instead of shy and unsure what to do."

Tyler Ketchem, also a second semester nursing student, said he enjoys the simulator rooms as it helps him know what to look for with a patient and how to interact with them.

"It helps you to know what to do when a situation arises," he said.

Healthcare tech at WVU-P offers hands-on education

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<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/local-news/2021/03/healthcare-tech-at-wvu-p-offers-hands-on-education/>



Amy West, Surgical Technology Program director and assistant professor at West Virginia University at Parkersburg, shows a high-fidelity manikin, a life-size patient model, that students practice on doing mock surgeries, for gallbladder removal and hysterectomies where students learn how and where to hold the camera for a doctor as well as become familiarized with other pieces of equipment used in surgery they will have to know what to do with. The school has a 16-month associate degree program for surgical technology. (Photo by Brett Dunlap)

PARKERSBURG — Students at West Virginia University at Parkersburg going into healthcare technology fields have training options that utilize state-of-the-art equipment that gives them opportunities for practical hands-on experience.

Students can train at WVU-P in a variety of fields including the Patient Care Technician program and the Surgical Technology program.

Students who already have their associate's degree in nursing can work on their bachelor's degree through online classes at WVU-P through the RN-BSN program.

The idea is to get hands-on experience learning how to handle and use the equipment as well as with clinical rotations in facilities around the area.

The Patient Care Technician certificate prepares a student for employment as a Patient Care Technician in a variety of settings including the hospital, a physician's office and free-standing clinics.

Sherry McCay, patient care technician instructor, said students learn to take care of the patients, take vital signs, EKGs and more. McCay said they gain the foundation where they can move into the surgery technology and nursing programs.

By the end of the program they become certified EKG technicians and phlebotomists, technicians who obtain patient's blood specimens by venipuncture and micro-collection. They also do clinicals and rotations at different facilities around the area.

The program begins in August and the student will graduate in May.

"Many are using this as a stepping stone to move into other programs," McCay said.

Amy West, Surgical Technology Program director/assistant professor at WVU-P, said a 16-month associate degree for surgical technology is available for 20 students a year.

Through a combination of classroom presentations, campus laboratory practice and clinical experiences, the student will develop a knowledge of the surgical environment, instrumentation, procedures and supplies necessary to ensure safe care of the surgical patient.

The surgical technologist is the one behind the scenes who no one sees, West said.

"We are setting up that surgery before it starts, preparing the case, getting everything set up and getting everything the surgeon needs before the patient comes in," she

said. "We gown and glove the doctor, drape the patient, hand the instruments to the doctor during the surgery.

"The patients don't always know we are there."

West said they have just ordered a new Science LapSim Laparoscopic Virtual Reality Simulator which should be in by August to begin with classes then. WVU-P will be the only school in the state with such a simulator. Laparoscopy is a minimally invasive procedure that requires only small incisions.

"Students can do simulations in being able to hold a camera for the doctor during cases," West said of the new simulator.

It will also help students do anatomy reviews to make sure they know where everything is.

"We're excited," West said.

A simulation lab includes high-fidelity manikins, life-size patient models, for students doing mock surgeries. Students learn how and where to hold the camera, become familiarized with other pieces of equipment used and more.

Once students go through the program they are eligible for the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting exam, a national program enabling students to work in all 50 states if they pass it.

The program runs from August to December of the following year. Clinical experiences are offered under faculty and mentor supervision at Camden Clark Medical Center, Marietta Memorial Health Systems, Thomas Memorial, Charleston Area Medical Centers and other selected community agencies.

Students usually go on three to four clinical rotations during the course of the program.

"They get a lot of clinical experiences," West said.

The university brought back the program in 2018 and it has had two graduating classes with 100 percent board pass rates on boards.

Students who have their associate nursing degree, and are working, can also work towards getting the bachelor's degree through the RN-BSN program.

Rose Beebe, RN-BSN Director, said the program is a bachelors program for working nurses with an associate's degree. They can continue to work as an RN and go through coursework online.

"They do the work while they are off," Beebe said. "It is a 120-credit hour program."

Students can take nine additional courses over five semesters as part-time students or three semesters as a full-time student.

"They can still work, meet family commitments and more while getting their bachelor's."

Downtown Parkersburg spring to life for Mid-Ohio Valley Easter Parade

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<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/community-news/2021/03/downtown-parkersburg-springs-to-life-for-mid-ohio-valley-easter-parade/>

PARKERSBURG — The 11th annual Mid-Ohio Valley Easter Parade was held Saturday in downtown Parkersburg. The parade was a reverse parade where the floats were stationary and parade-goers were able to cruise through the parade route along Market Street.

Over 40 different groups within the community made floats and set up alongside Market Street for community members to drive or walk by.

Parade organizer Kiki Angelos said that she was glad the parade was able to happen safely, even with the pandemic still present.

"I was glad to see people come out and bring the children and enjoy the afternoon seeing all the different entries," she said.

Parade marshals this year were the first responders from Parkersburg, Vienna and Belpre. This included all policemen, firemen, deputies, health care workers, health department and 911.

"They undertake a huge responsibility and we want to thank all of them for their service and dedication to our community," said Angelos.

Like in years past, some organizations passed out candy to children in attendance, the candy was pre-packaged in bags.

This year candy wasn't the only thing being passed out though. Wendy's handed out 600 free kids meals and donated 400 more to Child Protective Services; Huntington Bank handed out 600 \$1 bills to kids; C8 Cosplay donated \$750 worth of baby goods; each participant brought non-perishable food to be given to two local food pantries and the Elks Lodge 198 handed out 4,000 filled Easter eggs and drew names from children who signed up at the parade to win 4 bikes.

The bike winners were Ledger Hanlon, Malaki Hanshaw, Amanda Carroll and EmmaJo Yoho.

"We (the parade committee) are so thankful to all our sponsors and participants who helped make this weekend special," said Angelos.

The parade float winners were:

* Commercial: First place: Huntington Bank/Wendy's, second place: Leavitt Funeral Home and third place: West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

* Non-Commercial: First place: South Parkersburg United Methodist Church, second place: Artsbridge and third place: the Parkersburg YMCA.

New partnership offer allows Ohio lineworkers to further their education

WBNS-TV

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<https://www.10tv.com/article/news/local/new-partnership-offers-allows-ohio-lineworkers-to-further-their-education/530-26c521d7-e963-41ee-ad96-911ed6720a06>

Ohio's Electric Cooperatives teamed up with West Virginia University at Parkersburg to allow those in the lineworker training program to earn college credit.

Some Ohio lineworkers in training now have the chance to work toward earning a college degree at the same time.

It's all through a partnership between West Virginia University at Parkersburg and Ohio's Electric Cooperatives.

Those in OEC's Central Ohio Lineworker Training, or COLT, are eligible for this program.

"The skilled labor market is a great place for someone to go into that maybe is not interested in some of those other jobs and wants to be a worker, and the world needs

workers,” said Kyle Hoffman, manager of COLT. “So then what this allows them to do is, not only are they going to be able to learn that trade, but they’re also going to be able to learn some of the college side of this, and it will just allow them to advance themselves in this career.”

The four-year COLT training program will earn the workers 45 credit hours. By taking classes to earn 15 additional credit hours, the workers can earn an Associate in Applied Science degree. There also is an option to continue on after that to earn a bachelor’s degree.

“The one thing that our labor forces are kind of falling short on is, we have a lot of great workers that don’t have that college degree attached to them,” Hoffman said. “They’re absolutely wonderful skilled labor workers in this industry, and they do a fantastic job but when you can get that degree attached to you, then we can place them into roles down the road, where they can better understand the workforce that they’re going to be providing that when they step into a senior leadership position, they’ll have some understanding and some baseline of what they’re actually having to go out and do.”

Hoffman earned that degree himself through a program with AEP wanted to bring it to OEC.

“You just never know where life is going to take you, and here I am at 40 years old going back to school, now going after my bachelor’s degree to advance myself, and I would love to put these guys that are coming through COLT right now in a better place than I am, where they can get that degree early and then learn as they go through the trade to advance themselves in their career if they so desire,” he said.

OEC supplies power to roughly 1 million Ohioans in 77 of the state’s 88 counties.

Academic Achiever of the Week: Baylor Haught

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<https://www.wtap.com/2021/03/23/academic-achiever-of-the-week-baylor-haught/>



Baylor Haught is a senior at Williamstown High School, who plays four sports, takes college courses, and is still striving with a 4.2 GPA in school.

Even though he has many extracurricular activities, his key is to make sure he is focused on every task he does.

“It’s a huge load,” Baylor says. “I found that if I just dive in, and give my maximum effort to whatever I’m doing, I can be successful. And I have to set alarms, make a bunch of schedules to make sure I’m in the right place at the right time.”

Baylor plays soccer, baseball, basketball, and golf for Williamstown, and is a captain in basketball and soccer.

He says playing sports constantly helps him focus and motivates him to keep succeeding.

“Sports have helped me excel in the classroom,” said Baylor. “Due to just the fact that just learning those leadership and hard work skills through the sports. My coaches

have been almost like father figures to go along with my father. I mean, everything that they've done for me, I appreciate everything they've done, everything they've taught me."

Baylor has been accepted to 10 universities, and he is down to three. He says he is going to make his decision soon.

He says the courses he has taken already at West Virginia University at Parkersburg will help him adjust to the college life.

"Through the dual credit courses I think I've matured educationally to get me ready for that next step," Baylor said. "With everything else I've been doing in my life I think that I've matured enough to where I'll be ready for that, just, next step of my whole life, whole college decision, whole college life, I think I'll be ready for it."

WVUP concludes Women's History Month with virtual events

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<https://www.wtap.com/2021/03/24/wvup-concludes-womens-history-month-with-virtual-events/>



WVU-Parkersburg is wrapping up Women's History Month with two final virtual gatherings.

The first took place Wednesday at 12:15 P.M. via Facebook and YouTube. It featured Dr. Torie Jackson, Dr. Torie Jackson, Vice President of Institutional Advancement and CEO of the WVU at Parkersburg Foundation, and Alice Harris, Executive Vice President of Finance and Administration, being interviewed by WVU Parkersburg SGA President Elaina Segsworth. The conversation discussed women's representation in business and the community.

The university's final virtual Women's History Month event will stream on Facebook and YouTube on Wednesday, March 31 at 12:15 P.M. Donna Smith, Esq. and WVU Parkersburg Board of Governors Chair, will be interviewed by WVU-Parkersburg student Sarah Weeks. They will discuss promoting women in leadership roles and the importance of uplifting women innovators, influencers, and inspirations in the workplace. Additional information can be found on the event's [Facebook page](#).

The events are a continuation of the university's recognition of Women's History Month, which began with a week-long celebration that included multiple events.

According to Jackson, the events have been well received.

"We've had great feedback. It's been an opportunity to highlight some of the women in our area and let people know about their great accomplishments," Jackson said.

WVU-Parkersburg marketing and communications team wins seven awards

WTAP-TV [video]

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<https://www.wtap.com/2021/03/26/wvu-parkersburg-marketing-and-communications-team-win-seven-awards/>



PARKERSBURG, [W.Va.](#) (WTAP) - The marketing and communications team at West Virginia University at Parkersburg earns several awards in a national advertising competition.

Team members came away with seven awards in the 36th Annual Educational Advertising Awards competition.

They received three silver awards, three bronze and one merit.

Including one for “COVID response materials,” which was added this year.

It is the second consecutive year the team has been recognized.

School officials says it’s largely because of students’ hard work during the pandemic.

“Students have been able to do this even while they’ve been juggling the extra responsibilities of family life and the online learning. Which we had to shift to entirely, and yet our faculty and staff have been working so hard with the students that we’ve

been able to have a solid college level experience for them even during the pandemic,” says WVU-Parkersburg president Chris Gilmer. “So, this would’ve been a great accomplishment at anytime. But it’s especially a great accomplishment for our students and our marketing team in the time of COVID.”

This year’s awards show featured over two thousand entries from more than one thousand schools across the country.

WVU-P won more awards than any other West Virginia school.

Wood County Technical Center receives grant to start another robotics team

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<https://www.wtap.com/2021/03/26/wood-county-technical-center-receives-grant-to-start-another-robotics-team/>

PARKERSBURG, [W.Va.](#) (WTAP) - Parkersburg Catholic junior Paul Teltscher is one of the few remaining original members of the FIRST robotics team. He said he was recruited by a friend to join, and for the first year, was able to get his feet wet in exploring mechanical engineering as a possible future career path.

Teltscher says the program not only helped him explore robotics, but also taught him about leadership and team building skills that could help him at a later point in his future career.

“It means a lot to have someone I can relate to or a group of people I can relate to, or a common goal to work towards, even if it is just building robots. In my future career I hope to have bigger goals”

Teltscher is even taking a programming course currently at West Virginia University-Parkersburg, because the club opened his eyes to a passion for programming.

Instructor Jared Voldness teaches pre-engineering and computer science at the Wood County Technical Center. He and his colleague Amy Stewart, started the FIRST robotics team after the original Vex robotics team fell through. They waited until there seemed to be more interest before bringing back the Vex team again.

After Voldness wrote the grant and submitted it, they received \$4500 that would provide enough funding to start up the Vex team again and buy new equipment since theirs is not up to date.

Voldness said he hopes the grant will also help with recruiting more students throughout Wood County to join their team. Some of the teams the club faces, have about 50 people. There are about 15 on the team currently. He said the small amount of students involved puts a lot of hard work on their shoulders. With more team members, it could make the work load easier for everyone, and also possibly getting a better product to show off at future competitions.

Voldness looks at the club as something to get students more recognition in something they wouldn't normally be doing. He said in the past, students of his have received national scholarships for their robotics work.

"The goal of this club is to start using more STEM skills for students who probably wouldn't have it otherwise," Voldness said.

Voldness said one of the coolest projects they've done in the past year was they started making face masks and face shields to give out to the community.

Teltscher discussed another project the team is currently working on. It is an intake system for power cells that the robot would uptake and eventually shoot back out. He said they haven't started yet on the shooter system, but the uptake system was the biggest project that he has undertaken so far, and he's excited about how far along it has come.

Due to the pandemic, competitions became robotics at home according to Voldness. Basically your robot was competing against itself trying to accomplish different tasks. Teltscher misses enjoying watching other robots compete against each other, or complete their goals, or even run into things. It was very entertaining to watch.

Teltscher enjoys the friends that he has made through the club, whether that be traveling to competitions or hanging out on the weekends.

"I'm not on the football team, I'm not generally speaking a cool kid but this is my group of people. This is who I can really talk to, have conversations with about calculus or physics or what not and just really enjoy hanging out with people."

Business notes: Three WV cities picked for remote worker program

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https://www.wvgazette.com/business/business-notes-three-wv-cities-picked-for-remote-worker-program/article_5e56b64a-386a-59d1-acbf-e92c4165983b.html

W.VA. COLLEGES RANKED: Research website [Intelligent.com](https://www.intelligent.com) has ranked West Virginia's higher education institutions, with West Virginia University, Marshall University and Wheeling Jesuit University occupying the top three spots.

A notable takeaway from the report is that West Virginia residents paid an estimated average of \$8,570 for in-state tuition and fees at the state's public colleges in 2020-21. That's about median cost, as the average in-state tuition and fees during that time fluxated nationally. For example: The average price tag was less in Wyoming (\$5,790) and Florida (\$6,370), but significantly higher in New Hampshire (\$16,960) and Vermont (\$17,510).

The report named Davis & Elkins College as the in-state school with the best financial aid offerings, while WVU-Parkersburg was named as the most affordable.

West Virginia University at Parkersburg Child Development programs earns top ranking

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PARKERSBURG — West Virginia University at Parkersburg has again been recognized among the top-ranked institutions in the U.S. for its Child Development program.

The college ranked No. 1 for its Associate of Applied Science in child development degree program. The bachelor's degree program ranked No. 8 for having the best child development emphasis.

More than 340 programs were evaluated by [Intelligent.com](https://www.intelligent.com), a student-focused publication helping students make informed decisions about higher education programs offered by top institutions across the county.

"I am very pleased that our Child Development program has received such high rankings on a national level," said Dr. David Lancaster, WVU Parkersburg Education

division chairperson. *“Time and time again, WVU Parkersburg proves to be the best in the community, state and nation.”*

Each program is evaluated based on reputation, class flexibility and strength, qualified faculty and cost.

WVU Parkersburg offers a highly flexible and accommodating online program for those interested in pursuing a degree in Child Development. Through a career ladder approach, students can move seamlessly from a one-year certificate to a two-year associate degree and then on to a four-year bachelor’s degree without losing any credits along the way. All students admitted to the program receive in-state tuition rates, regardless of geographical location.

If a student is a West Virginia resident, they may be eligible for WV Invests while pursuing a certificate or associate degree in Child Development. WV Invests will cover remaining tuition and fee costs after all other federal and state grant awards are used.

Not to mention, the Associate of Applied Science in Child Development program accepts transfer credits from the West Virginia Infant and Toddler, E.D.G.E. Credit, Apprenticeship for Child Development Specialist and Child Development Associate.

“It is great that the WVU Parkersburg Child Development program’s efforts to provide life-changing, quality education to early childhood professionals has been recognized on the national level,” said Christi Calvert, WVU Parkersburg Child Development program coordinator.

To view the complete rankings, visit intelligent.com/best-online-child-development-degree-programs/.

For more information about WVU Parkersburg’s Child Development program, visit wvup.edu/education or contact Christi Calvert at 304-424-8000 ext. 430 or christi.calvert@wvup.edu.

West Virginia University at Parkersburg wins awards for marketing and advertising work

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PARKERSBURG — A marketing and communications team at West Virginia University at Parkersburg has won seven awards in the 36th annual Educational Advertising Awards competition sponsored by the Higher Education Marketing Report.

This is the second year the college has been recognized for its marketing efforts by the country's largest educational advertising awards competition.

WVU Parkersburg earned a silver and bronze award in the Television Advertising, Single Ad and Ad Series categories, respectively. The single ad *"Find Your Future"* shows WVU Parkersburg's continued service to students as faculty deliver engaging and high-quality education in an online format due to the pandemic.

The *"It Feels Like Home"* ad series features students' testimonies as to why they decided to stay close to home and attend WVU Parkersburg, such as hands-on learning programs, saving \$30,000 in tuition, the Veterans Resource Center and Early College program.

The college developed the *"It Feels Like Home"* series for print, winning a merit award in the Newspaper Advertising — Single category. A bronze award was also given for a single newspaper ad celebrating WVU Parkersburg's past and future in providing successful educational opportunities to students.

An ad series featuring students in roles as mothers, fathers, veterans, community leaders and coaches won a silver award in the Outdoor Advertising category.

Rounding out the awards, *"Dream Big, Stay Local,"* an entry in the Magazine Advertising — Single category, won silver as it highlights the Jackson County Center and the many college services available. *"Behind Every Mask is a Smile,"* a poster with President Chris Gilmer and Ricky the Riverhawk encouraging safe health practices on campus, won the COVID Response Materials bronze award.

"Being recognized for materials that are created by our marketing team and our student marketing interns is an honor," said Torie Jackson, WVU Parkersburg vice president for Institutional Advancement. *"However, the greatest honor is the daily job*

we have of telling the narrative of the many amazing students at WVU Parkersburg and the exciting opportunities that await them on our campus. If you want to know more about WVUP, just ask us. We are always ready to share our story.”

This year, the Educational Advertising Awards received more than 2,000 entries from over 1,000 colleges, universities and secondary schools from all states and several foreign countries.

Judges for the awards competition consisted of a national panel of higher education marketers, advertising creative directors and marketing and advertising professionals.

Lubeck Elementary School students meet 59 Drago

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Lubeck Elementary student-teacher Rashelle Hamilton presents a gift from the second graders to Wood County Sheriff's Deputy Taylor Phillips and K9 Drago at Lubeck Elementary on Friday afternoon. (Photo by Tyler Bennett)

LUBECK — Reading stories about superhero dogs in class, Lubeck Elementary second grade students had a chance to meet a real-life superhero dog, as K9 Drago from the Wood County Sheriff's Department visited the school on Friday afternoon.

The idea of meeting Drago was set up by student-teacher Rashelle Hamilton as a way to involve the community for a project as part of the education program at West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

Already doing a story based on a superhero dog, Hamilton thought it would be the perfect opportunity to reach out to the Wood County Sheriff Department and have the students see a real-life superhero dog in Drago.

“I had talked with my teacher (Morgan Hickie) about it and we discussed it. We talked to the other second grade teachers and we came up with the idea together,” Hamilton said. *“I think that they have thought about doing something like this in the past and then because of COVID, we haven’t really got to do anything fun like that. So we finally got a hold of them and have them come to do this.”*

Before getting an opportunity to meet Drago up close, students got to hear from and ask questions from his handler, Deputy Taylor Phillips. They found out Drago is 5 years old, is originally from Germany, what his duties are and other types of skills he uses. In addition to showing off tricks, Phillips said Drago only takes orders from her and only understands commands in German.

Now in her third year as Drago’s handler, Phillips said these types of events mean a lot as the community can see that Drago is a friendly dog to everyone and helps beat the stereotype that all police dogs are mean.

“He’s not a mean dog that’s going to go bite people at random and just be mean, he’s actually a very friendly dog that loves people and loves other dogs. But when it’s time to do his job, he knows how to do his job well and he’s going to do that. When we first started, people were a little bit apprehensive of him because he’s so big, but the longer we’re out here, and the longer we’ve been doing this people have been more comfortable around him in the community,” she said.

Drago recently won a contest through the group Protection4Paws, an organization that raises money to give canine supplies and equipment for police cruisers. Drago will be on one of their specialty t-shirts for their events.

Mother and daughter reunited after long Covid separation

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PARKERSBURG, [W.Va.](#) (WTAP) - Terri Dowler used to visit her mother every single day but, with Covid came a long separation.

Terri's been counting the days since she's been apart from her mother. In fact, she can give you the exact time...one year and nine days.

Needless to say, the distance was hard. Terri's mom is more than a mother.

"Mom has always been my best friend...my very best friend," Terri said.

If you ask Terri how close they are, one memory stands out.

"She was in the hospital one year and had um...surgery - hip surgery or something and I was going to WVUP and I'll never forget, I got my grades in the mail and I took it to the hospital, laid down in the bed with her, and we opened it together."

While the two kept in touch during the separation, Terri's mom has trouble hearing so phone calls didn't work. With this and logistics, the two could only Facetime about once a month. Still, Terri made sure to call in and check on her every day.

She said, "It's not the same as you can be there to touch her and to hug her or give her a kiss on the cheek or something...it's totally different."

Terri stayed busy to cope with the situation but eventually the day came for the two to reunite.

She remembered, "I know when I went Monday to see her, she didn't know I was coming and she was sitting in the dining room and - just at a table by herself and I had my mask on and I walked up and I said 'Hi' and she went 'Oh! Oh! Is it really you?' and it's just - that's when the tears started flowing."

Being able to see each other in person makes all the difference.

Terri smiled, "She's a very caring, loving person. She always had a heart of gold and I've just - I've always looked up to her."

Terri says she's becoming more and more like her mother and she's absolutely fine with that.

WVU-Parkersburg plans People First Language class

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PARKERSBURG — A People First Language training class will be held 12:15 p.m. Monday by the West Virginia University at Parkersburg Health and Wellness and Student Support Services.

The event will be streamed to the college's Facebook page at [wvup.edu/live](https://www.facebook.com/wvup).

Training will be presented by Christina Smith of Astrive, an organization founded as a resource for individuals with disabilities and their families by focusing on the areas of employment, special education, inclusion, home and community-based services and health and safety preparedness.

Participants will learn how to communicate with and about children and adults with disabilities, why the combination of language and behavior (disability etiquette) is important to individuals with disabilities and their family members. People-first language emphasizes the equality and dignity of all people, realizing that a person always comes first before their identifying statement.

"We must learn to honor a person as a human being first because they are more important than any label," said Pamela Santer, WVU Parkersburg Health and Wellness coordinator.

People First Language is sponsored by WVU Parkersburg's Opening Pathways for Equity Now (OPEN) Project led by Steven Smith, vice president of Enrollment Management and Jackson County Center CEO.

"As a member of the OPEN Task Force, I believe that effective communication is paramount to human survival," said Smith. *"We are so excited to partner with Astrive to provide this much needed training!"*

Smith is a professional in the non-profit arena and over the past 19 years, has provided programs, services and advocacy to support children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. As a sister and mother to family members with disabilities, Smith highlights the role of advocacy when assisting families who are seeking community supports and services.

For more information, contact Santer at pamela.santer@wvup.edu or 304-428-2900 or Kurt Klettner at kurt.klettner@wvup.edu or 304-424-8378.

Mural project aims to bring flood of colors to Parkersburg riverfront

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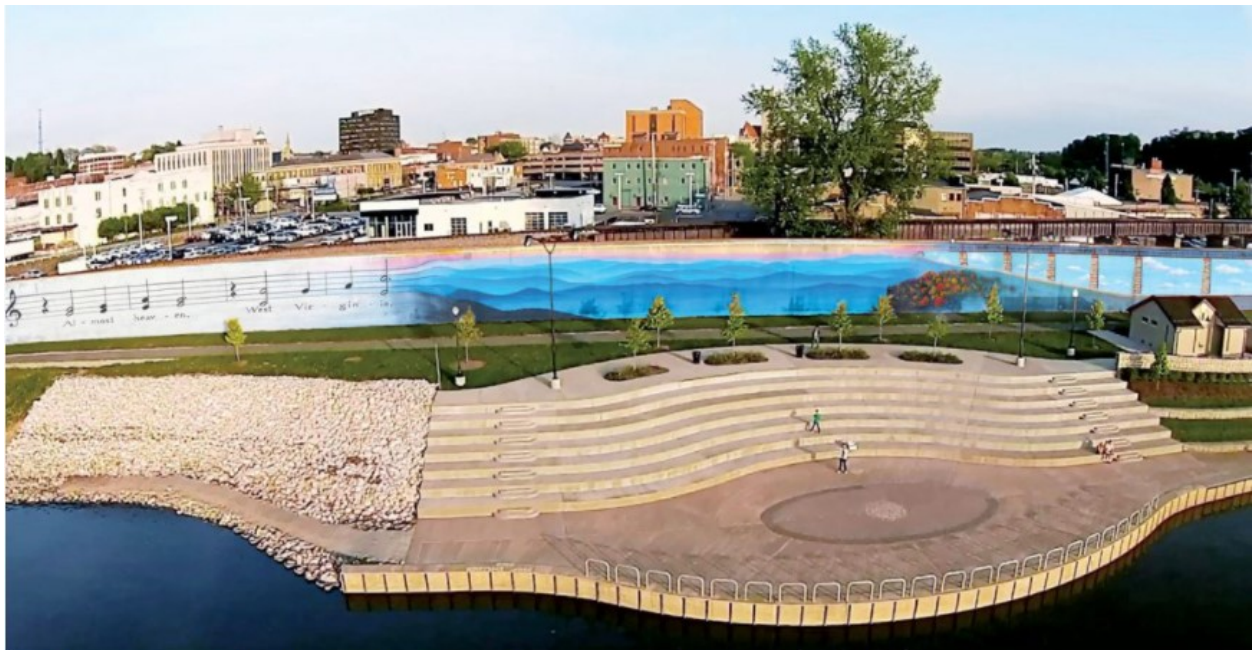
PARKERSBURG — The Parkersburg Floodwall Mural Project is beginning to take shape.

"It's taken a lot of people and a lot of effort to get where we are," project originator Edward Escandon said. *"But it's all beginning to come together nicely."*

The mural will begin taking shape this spring and summer on the outside of the massive floodwall. Completed in 1950, the floodwall was built to protect downtown Parkersburg from floods.

The design is the creation of Chris Santer, an artist and former Parkersburg resident, who has been involved in a number of large art installations over the years. The concept involves sheet music from “Country Roads” by John Denver, a colorful rendering of the hills and valleys of the Mountain State, which will be Phase One of the mural, and the massive stone piers of Parkersburg’s Sixth Street train trestle, which will become “frames” for future pieces of floodwall art.

Volunteers worked over the winter to raise funds and lay the foundation for the major fundraising effort.



A visual representation of the Parkersburg Floodwall mural project found on the organizers' Facebook page. (Photo Provided)

About \$20,000 has been raised for Phase One of the project. Phase One will cost \$60,000.

A brochure has been created to give contributors a better idea of what will be involved in the multi-year project and how to get involved.

The organizing volunteers include: Escandon; Senta Goudy, dean of the Center for Civic Engagement and Innovation at West Virginia University at Parkersburg; Jessie Siefert, managing director of the Parkersburg Art Center; Emma Romanowski, art

instructor at Parkersburg High School; Mark Lewis of the Greater Parkersburg Convention and Visitors Bureau; and Roger Sheppard, former vice president and general manager at WTAP-TV.

Abby Hayhurst of the Art Center has been involved with the design of a brochure, in the works at SW Resources, through the efforts of Randall Siers.

“We are proud to be the fiscal sponsor for this great project,” Wendy Shriver, executive director of Downtown PKB, said. “The arts are so important to the community and this huge canvas will be something for local people to enjoy and also be an attraction drawing people from other places to the community.”

A public unveiling of a scale model of the mural project will be held 1:30-3 p.m. April 25 at the Art Center on Market Street.

Information about the mural is at <http://parkersburgflood.org> and its Facebook page, www.facebook.com/groups/652726468424633.

WVU-Parkersburg donates to Blennerhassett Elementary School

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<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/community-news/2021/04/wvu-parkersburg-donates-to-blennerhassett-elementary-school/>



A student at Blennerhassett Elementary School works on a LEGO S.T.E.A.M. kit donated by West Virginia University at Parkersburg. (Photo Provided)

PARKERSBURG — The Blennerhassett Elementary School Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics program has received a donation by the West Virginia University at Parkersburg Education division to help students develop critical thinking and collaboration skills.

The division recently provided LEGO S.T.E.A.M. kits to the school, which students can use to participate in the LEGO Education Playmakers Challenge. The challenge leads students in grades K-1 through the engineering design process, engaging in challenges that allow them to explore creativity, language and mathematical skills.

“It is a wonderful feeling to know we are able to assist in some small way teachers such as Ms. Lisa Smith to challenge students in the classrooms,” said David Lancaster, WVU Parkersburg education chairperson. *“There are few experiences in life that compare with observing a student learning through play.”*

Smith is a Blennerhassett Elementary S.T.E.A.M. teacher. Students are challenged to research and create new ways to get active by designing play places and an obstacle course, she said.

“Our kindergarten and first graders enjoy learning about simple machines through play with the kits.” Smith said.

Hands-on learning encourages team building and helps students become more independent in their learning. Students who participate in hands-on learning also see an increase in engagement, motor skills and lesson retention, Smith said.

“Hands-on learning is essential for students who are moving from concrete to abstract thinking. Students are learning perseverance, collaboration skills and learning from mistakes throughout the project,” Smith. *“They practice engineering design by researching, creating, testing, and improving their models. The best part is that they are having so much fun while they are learning they don’t even realize how much work they are doing.”*

The college provides tools like the LEGO S.T.E.A.M. kits for WVU Parkersburg students to use free of charge during their field experiences. Using available state-of-the-art materials, and new technology, teaching candidates can better prepare for the profession and serve their classrooms.

"We just want to thank WVU Parkersburg for making this project possible with our students," said Smith. "The students can't wait to work on the project every week, and it's so exciting to watch the cross-curricular learning taking place."

To learn more about the education division and programs offered, visit wvup.edu/education.

Downtown PKB announces winners of Spirit of Downtown Awards

WTAP-TV

April 5, 2021

<https://www.wtap.com/2021/04/05/downtown-pkb-announces-winners-of-spirit-of-downtown-awards/>

PARKERSBURG, [W.Va.](#) (WTAP) - Downtown PKB has announced the winners of its 2020 Spirit of Downtown Awards.

The West Virginia State Office Building is the winner of the Curb Appeal Award, which is sponsored by the City of Parkersburg.

The winner of the Person of the Year was Jessie Siefert, managing director of the Parkersburg Art Center. That award is sponsored by WVU Parkersburg.

Finally, the winner of the Business of the Year Award was the Artbeat Studio, which is managed by the Wood County Society and features the artwork of artists with developmental differences. That award is sponsored by Peoples Bank.

"To be bestowed this honor...truly is at the core of our mission of providing inclusive opportunities for our artists, and for all of the individuals in our community in the Mid-Ohio Valley," said Brandon Gress, executive director of the Wood County Society.

"The award itself is a testament to our artists' passion and their conviction to create unique and one-of-a-kind pieces of art, as well as creating a social enterprise for themselves with our Art from the Heart shops...and the metalwork that is adorning Markets Street," he added.

According to Wendy Shriver, Downtown PKB's executive director, Members of Downtown PKB's board of directors make their nominations for each category and the winners are then selected for each category.

Wood County Schools opens summer learning registration

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

April 7, 2021

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/local-news/2021/04/wood-county-schools-opens-summer-learning-registration/>

PARKERSBURG — Registration is open through April 16 for the Wood County Schools Summer Learning Opportunities.

Funding from Title I, a second round of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund and Enrichment School Improvement, Title III and IDEA and in partnership with West Virginia University at Parkersburg and West Virginia DOE'S Summer SOLE grant program will provide summer learning opportunities for elementary, middle and high school students. The goal of the summer learning programs is to address knowledge loss by students and close the gaps created due to the interruption caused by COVID-19.

Two camps will be held at Jefferson Elementary at the same time from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday-Friday from June 15 to July 9. A Math & Literacy Camp is available to students in grades K-5 attending any elementary school in Wood County. Activities include art, math, music, books, games, reading, being outdoors and visits to the zoo.

The second camp is Wildlife Adventures focusing on art, reading and writing, projects, virtual field trips, music, physical education, math, outdoor activity, S.T.E.M. and interactive programs.

Programming each week will have games and fun activities and family nights featuring the Columbus Zoo and Wood County Library.

Wildlife Adventures welcomes students from private schools who have finished K through grade 5 and receive Title 1 service.

Students entering K-2 can get a jumpstart on 2021-2022 by enrolling into Jumpstart Academy. From 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. from July 19-Aug. 6 at 8-11:30 a.m. at Fairplains Elementary, students will explore, play and create with letters, numbers and words.

Two S.T.E.A.M. camps also are available, Space Mission: Middle and S.T.E.A.M.: Out of This World Camp.

Space Mission is available to students who have completed sixth-eighth grade and will take place at Van Devender Middle School from June 15-July 16 on Tuesday-Friday at

Van Devender Middle School. Students can participate in S.T.E.M., physical activity, art and clubs, compete in daily team intramural challenges, creative projects, interactive experiences and listen to guest speakers and presentations.

Out of This World will take place at Blennerhassett Elementary and is available to students completing second-fourth grade. With a partnership through West Virginia University at Parkersburg, the activities that students can participate in include rocketry, 3-D printing, coding, robotics and drones.

Taking place daily from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., students entering third grade attend the camp first from July 12-16, followed by fourth grade from July 19-23 and fifth grade from July 26-30.

For high school students, each high school in Wood County will offer credit recovery courses and other interest opportunities may be available.

Breakfast and lunch will be served daily and early morning care and bus transportation will be available.

Students can attend two or more different opportunities as long as they are not held at the same time and they meet the grade level and school requirements for attendance and everyday attendance are not mandatory

If a student goes to a sitter or daycare facility, arrangements have been met to provide transportation to the YMCA and Boys & Girls Club for members and parents can elect to enter different addresses for bus pick up and drop off.

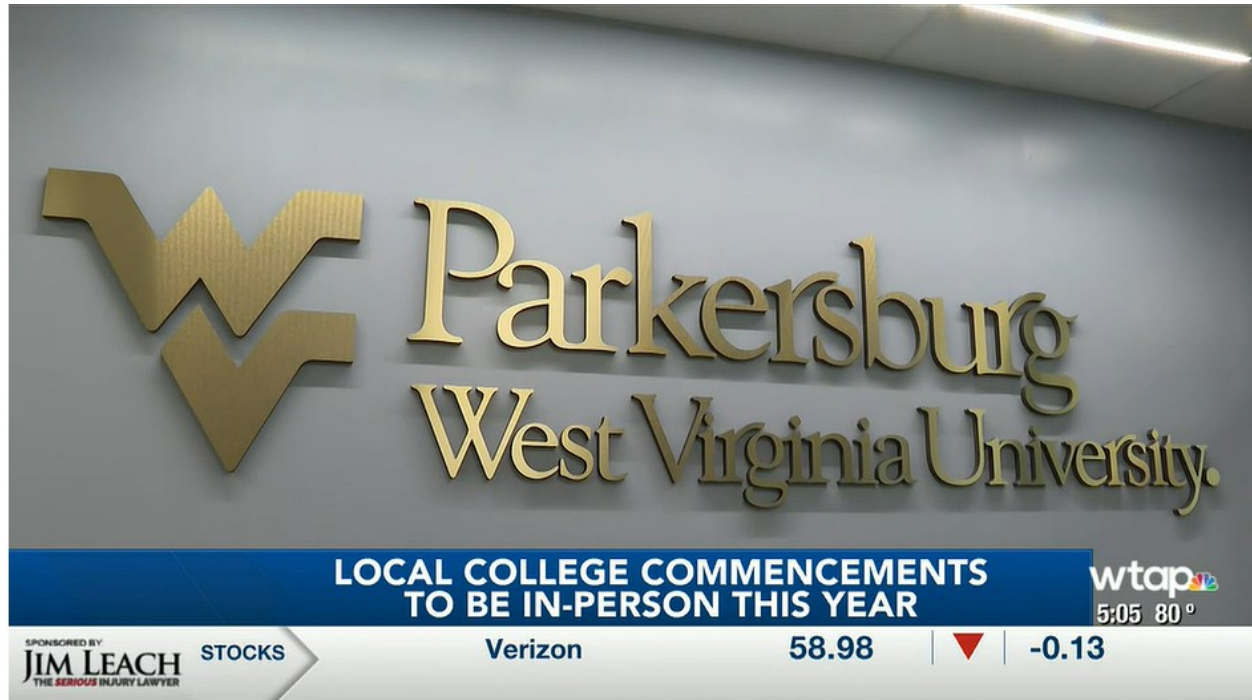
To register, go to [Wood County Schools](#) and click the 'REGISTER NOW!' to sign up for the program.

Local commencement ceremonies to be held in-person this year

WTAP-TV [video]

April 7, 2021

<https://www.wtap.com/2021/04/07/local-commencement-ceremonies-to-be-held-in-person-this-year/>



MARIETTA, Ohio- (WTAP) - After a year of “virtual” events, colleges and universities in our area are returning to in-person graduation ceremonies this spring.

Marietta College plans two separate ceremonies: the class of 2021 will have ceremonies May 1, while a separate ceremony is planned May 2 for members of the class of 2020.

But, in accordance with social distancing guidelines, attendance will be limited to four people for each student.

“There will be some spacing out in the facility,” says Tom Perry, Executive Director of College Relations. “They will get their diploma; they’ll go across stage, but there won’t be shaking of hands, like a traditional graduation ceremony, like shake the president’s hand, shake the board of trustees hands. We’ve pretty much told everybody those things are going to be taken out of the process this year.”

West Virginia University at Parkersburg also plans an in-person commencement, to be held May 8th.

The 750-person ceremony will be held outdoors, and also will include graduates from the 2020 spring and fall classes.

“I made a solemn promise to this community that all of the graduates who missed this opportunity last year due to COVID-19 would be invited back the next time we had an in-person commencement, so this announcement is making good on my promise,” said WVU Parkersburg President Dr. Chris Gilmer. “The May 2021 event is being planned to honor this year’s graduates and last year’s graduates and will be held with all social-distancing protocols in place so that we can host an event that is both safe and exciting for our graduates and their families,”

Washington State Community College’s in-person activities are set for May 15th, with seating, including graduates, limited to just over 1,000.

Plans for Ohio Valley University were not immediately available.

West Virginia University will return to in-person commencement ceremonies for 4,500 graduates in May. WVU says four separate ceremonies will be held May 15 and 16 at Milan Puskar Stadium in Morgantown. Some restrictions will be in place due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Masks and social distancing will be required. All participants must register. Tickets will be required for admission. In addition to the latest graduates, students who graduated in May, August and December 2020 will also be eligible to participate in the exercises.

Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital adds Hematology Clinic with Marcie Stump , NP-C

My Buckhannon

April 10, 2021

<https://www.mybuckhannon.com/mon-health-stonewall-jackson-memorial-hospital-adds-hematology-clinic-with-marcie-stump-np-c/>

WESTON, W.Va. – For 22 years, nurse Marcie Stump made a difference in the lives of the patients at Mon Health Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital (SJM), in Weston. Her love of her patients and of medicine culminated in her graduation as a nurse practitioner in the fall of 2020. She then began working with Mon Health Oncologist

Dr. Ihtishaam Qazi throughout Mon Health System, as well as Weston. Soon, Marcie will be devoting more time to patients in the Weston area by staffing a benign hematology clinic as well as providing supportive sick calls for Dr. Qazi's oncology patients at the SJMH Oncology Center.

Dr. Qazi is enthusiastic about Marice's help with patients.

"I have known Marcie for two years and she has been an excellent nurse manager for the Oncology Clinic. Under her guidance, this office is efficient and professional which is a testament to Marcie and the staff here. Marcie has also shown how well she works with our patients," Dr. Qazi said. "Expanding her work to include a hematology clinic will be so helpful to those patients here who can now have specialized healthcare close to home. This hematology clinic will help those suffering with a number of blood disorders like anemia, for example."

Marcie Stump is equally happy with the expansion and her added duties, and wrote, "I realize that my patients have become my teachers...teachers on life and what really matters. They have taught me to listen and discover the significance of having conversations about things that sincerely matter. They have taught me to prioritize my life, to take care of my own personal relationships in order to minimize the regrets and the need for reconciliations. They have taught me how to be thankful for everything, especially for the small things that we generally overlook. Our patients repeatedly tell us how much we do for them, how much we mean to them, but the secret to how we, oncology nurses, can do what we do, lies in what our patients leave with us. We inherit their gifts of grace and humility and apply them to others we serve. It is a circle of love."

Marcie is engaged to nurse Mark Casto, who manages the SJMH Surgical Department. She is a graduate of Calhoun County High School. Marcie received her associate nursing degree from WVU-Parkersburg and her Bachelor of Nursing from Alderson Broaddus College, in Phillipi. Her parents are Linda Fivecoat of Grantsville, and the late Terry Richards. She has three daughters – Darryen; Seanna; and Elleonna.

Local scout on track to becoming second female Eagle Scout in the state

WTAP-TV [video]

April 10, 2021

<https://www.wtap.com/2021/04/10/local-scout-on-track-to-becoming-second-female-eagle-scout-in-the-state/>

PARKERSBURG, [W.Va.](#) (WTAP) - A local scout is using her Eagle Scout project to help out wildlife at Blennerhassett Island.

The sun had just barely risen but Anisa Hupp and her crew were already pushing forward. After they stocked bird houses and bat and wood duck boxes in a boat, they were off to Blennerhassett Island.

Anisa was more than ready to lead the way.

"I did not get a lot of sleep because I was really excited for this to happen," she said.

Anisa planned and led a mission to set up the boxes and houses around the island. She hopes they will bring back certain birds that have largely left the area.

"We're going to be putting the wood duck boxes up against a shoreline, we'll be putting the bluebird boxes on polls, and we'll be putting the bat boxes on trees," she explained.

This project marks one of the final steps towards becoming an Eagle Scout. It's a feat that has only been possible for girls in recent years since the Boy Scouts, now called Scouts BSA, became co-ed.

Anisa said, "I really did not expect this to ever happen, especially how lucky I was to be of age to get an extension and be in the program and get this or hopefully get a shot at this but hopefully get this."

While being on track to become the second female Eagle Scout in the state is a big accomplishment, it hasn't come without its challenges.

"I've had a lot of troubles getting this. Just being a female in scouting, it's really hard," she said.

Still, Anisa pushes on with confidence.

“I don’t think this is the biggest achievement I’ll ever get in scouting because I’ll definitely keep staying and there’s more awards and accomplishments I can keep getting.”

She actually got her start in Girl Scouts but it just wasn’t the right fit.

Anisa remembered, “I used to be in Girl Scouts and doing crafts and eating snacks is really boring.”

Anisa’s project doubled the island’s blue bird boxes as well as put in place the park’s first bat and wood duck boxes, according to the park’s assistant superintendent.

Anisa Hupp is a first-year student at WVU Parkersburg.

Hupp to be first female Eagle Scout for Marietta BSA troop

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

April 10, 2021

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/community-news/2021/04/hupp-to-be-first-female-eagle-scout-for-marietta-bsa-troop/>



Anisa Hupp will be the first female in her Scouts BSA Troop 1207G, based in Marietta, to earn an Eagle Scout ranking following her project of installing bird, duck and bat boxes on Blennerhassett Island this weekend. (Photo Provided)

PARKERSBURG — A Parkersburg woman will be the first female in her troop to earn an Eagle Scout ranking after she completes a wildlife preservation project this weekend.

Anisa Hupp, college freshman at WVU Parkersburg, has been involved with scouts at a young age with influence from her older brother. She is a member of BSA Troop 2107 G out of Marietta.

When she was 14, she was accepted into Scouts BSA which began accepting females in February 2019.

“I’ve been alongside the program since my bother was of age to be in scouting. I’ve been in the program for a lot of time,” Hupp said. “They just opened the program to girls and let us have the opportunity to have the rank like the boys do.”

Hupp’s Eagle Scout project involves the installation of boxes for bats, ducks and birds. When choosing what to do for her project, she knew she wanted to do something to benefit wildlife; she contacted state parks to see if she could help.

Hupp got her passion for wildlife after working at Camp Kootaga in Walker.

“Whenever I had joined my first year working at Kootaga, I had no intention in working in nature and when I had the opportunity to work there, I really enjoyed it and I enjoyed how much I liked being outside,” she said.

In partnering with Blennerhassett Island, Hupp installed several boxes this weekend to attract bats and birds.

“I really like wildlife. We had reached out to them and they said they wanted some boxes. I had a bunch of ideas,” she said. “Some birds don’t come back because they don’t have homes. It’s a pretty good place to bring back wildlife.”

The island donated boxes that needed work, but other than that, Hupp crafted the boxes on her own after finding blueprints and instructions online.

After she installs the boxes, a large part of the project will need to be finished before she receives the Eagle Scout ranking.

“Afterward you have to put a workbook together and (outline) how you made it. If somebody were to pick up that binder, they would know how I did my project and what it is. If they pick up the book they would know me, why I did this, how I got the

money and planned out my work days. It's a start-to-finish on how I did everything," Hupp said.

In previous years, Hupp has helped others complete their Eagle Scout projects including Frannie Kitzmiller, one of the nation's first women to be named an Eagle Scout.

She encourages girls to become involved in Scouts BSA and says it's rewarding despite some of the backlash that could come along with it.

"If somebody was interested in joining the program, it's an amazing program. It (gave me) one of my favorite memories," Hupp said.

Jessica Lynch Fast Facts

ABC17 News

April 11, 2021

<https://abc17news.com/news/national-world/2021/04/11/jessica-lynch-fast-facts/>

Here is a look at the life of [Jessica Lynch](#), motivational speaker and former prisoner of war.

Personal

Birth date: April 26, 1983

Birth name: Jessica Dawn Lynch

Birth place: Palestine, West Virginia

Father: Gregory Lynch, a truck driver

Mother: Deadra Lynch

Children: with Wes Robinson: Dakota Ann

Education: West Virginia University at Parkersburg, B.A. in Elementary Education, 2011; West Virginia University at Parkersburg, M.A. in Communications Studies, 2014

Other Facts

Enlisted in the army after graduating from high school.

In December 2002, she signed up for a four year extension in the military. She had already received one promotion and was scheduled for another in November 2003.

Was a supply clerk with the Army's 507th Maintenance Company out of Fort Bliss, Texas.

An [Iraqi lawyer](#) alerted American soldiers to Jessica's whereabouts, and helped with planning her rescue. He and his family were later granted asylum.

Lynch has appeared in several Christian-themed movies.

Timeline

March 23, 2003 – [Taken prisoner of war \(POW\)](#) near Nasiriyah, [Iraq](#), after the convoy she is traveling in is ambushed. The convoy had taken several wrong turns and fallen behind. Lynch was riding in a Humvee when it was hit by rocket-propelled grenades and crashed into a US truck that had jackknifed in front of it.

April 1, 2003 – Is rescued from Saddam Hussein Hospital in Nasiriyah by US Special Forces and taken to Ramstein Air Base in Germany.

April 3, 2003 – Has her first surgery at a hospital in Germany, an operation to repair injuries to her back.

April 12, 2003 – Returns to the United States to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

July 21, 2003 – Is presented with the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and POW medals for her service and captivity in Iraq during a ceremony at Walter Reed.

July 22, 2003 – Lynch is discharged from Walter Reed and is brought home to West Virginia via Blackhawk helicopter and motorcade for the last five miles. Cheering crowds line the route of her motorcade.

August 22, 2003 – Is honorably discharged from the Army for medical reasons.

September 2, 2003 – Agrees to a one million dollar book deal with publisher Alfred A. Knopf.

November 10, 2003 – "I Am a Soldier, Too," Lynch's biography by Rick Bragg, goes on sale.

November 11, 2003 – Lynch’s first television interview airs. It is a 90-minute interview on ABC’s “Primetime” with Diane Sawyer.

January 19, 2007 – Gives birth to a baby girl she names Dakota Ann Robinson, in honor of Lynch’s best friend, Army Spc. Lori Ann Piestewa of Tuba City, Arizona, who was the first woman to be killed in combat in Iraq.

April 24, 2007 – Lynch testifies before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform about misinformation surrounding her capture and rescue in 2003 and the effect it had on her.



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WVU Parkersburg continues its Women's History Month Celebration with a Facebook Live session today with Donna Smith, Esq. and WVU Parkersburg Board of Governors Chair. She will join us for a conversation about advancing women in leadership positions and the importance of uplifting women innovators, influencers and inspirations in the workplace, and will be interviewed by WVU Parkersburg student Sarah Weeks.



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Student Jared Smith is the 2021 WVUP representative for the [@PHITHETAKAPPA](#) All-USA Academic Team. 🌟 His accomplishments include being our Veterans Corps president and establishing the Mansfield, OH Gold Star Families Memorial Monument! Read more at ow.ly/17uv50E1bOb.



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A good friend is like a four-leaf clover. 🍀 Happy St. Patrick's Day from your friends at WVU Parkersburg!





WVU Parkersburg @WVUParkersburg · Mar 5



Next week, the Women of WVU Parkersburg are taking over our Facebook and Instagram Stories and Twitter fleets. 📱 They will share empowering stories and tips and tricks for navigating life at the college in honor of [#WomensHistoryMonth](#). 🖱️ Follow us on social to stay connected!





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WVU Parkersburg gained 379 followers in March 2021.

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Olivia Kinder is today's guide into #WomensHistoryMonth. You may know her as the WVUP's Got Talent winner! 🏆 Not only is she musically talented, she is pursuing a degree in Child Development with plans to graduate this spring. 💙💛

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WVU Parkersburg gained 25 followers in March 2021.




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Congratulations to student and WVUP Veterans Corps President Jared Smith! 
 He has been named the WVU Parkersburg representative for the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society 2021 All-USA Academic Team, receiving a \$5,000 scholarship! us As part of his team member application, Smith wrote about his leadership in establishing and chairing the Mansfield, Ohio Gold Star Families Memorial Monument project by the Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation.

 Read more about his high achievement at <http://ow.ly/UXxk50E3bqU>.



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A good friend is like a four-leaf clover. 🍀 Happy St. Patrick's Day from your friends at WVU Parkersburg!

In the spirit of friendship and giving, we are collecting hat donations for WVUP Gives to distribute to local food and clothing pantries. Drop off your donation to main campus, the Jackson County Center for Center and Civic Engagement located at 414 Market Street in Parkersburg.



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For more information about the upcoming program, contact Kathy Frum, Nursing and Health Sciences chairperson, at kathy.frum@wvup.edu.



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