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All They Survey: Mid-Ohio Valley residents describe 'Family Feud' experience

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Back in 2019, the family, which was made up of, from left, Rhonda Rhodes; Shannon Rhodes, a teacher at Mineral Wells Elementary; Rebecca Rhodes who is the WVU-P Director of Social Media and Branding; Carly Lemley and Peggy Rhodes Cochran, the team captain, tried out in Charleston for the show and were successful. (Photo Provided)

PARKERSBURG — It's time to *"introduce you to the Rhodes family!"*; well, that's how Steve Harvey might start things off.

The Rhodes family, which included two Mid-Ohio Valley residents, got the opportunity to find out exactly how Harvey would introduce them while competing on *"Family Feud,"* not just once but three times.

Back in 2019, the family, which was made up of Peggy Rhodes Cochran, the team captain; Carly Lemley; Rhonda Rhodes; Shannon Rhodes, a teacher at Mineral Wells Elementary, and Rebecca Rhodes who is the Director of Social Media and Branding at West Virginia University at Parkersburg, tried out in Charleston for the show and were successful.

However due to COVID-19, filming kept being pushed back and their first competition aired back in May of this year. It was the last episode of that season.

Since they won that time, the Rhodes family was able to return again at the start of the newest season, and the other two episodes aired in September.

“Even though we didn’t move on after our third game, we had such a fun time competing,” said Rebecca. *“It was a wonderful experience to be on the show and share it with our family.”*

Shannon and Rebecca were glad to reminisce on some of those memories

The family got to travel multiple times to Atlanta, Ga., for filming and stay in a hotel together, where the girls were able to practice playing Family Feud.

“We have always been a super close family but these trips, talking and texting has made us even closer if that is possible,” said Rebecca.

Shannon said the girls have a Family Feud text group, and they want to do a reunion to just get together once a year to relive the moments.

“I will always remember how much fun it was to gather around with my cousins and mother, our hair wrapped in towels, practicing for the game,” said Rebecca.

Rebecca said that due to COVID-19, filming was a bit different than usual, and they got to spend more time with other families, the film crew and of course Harvey.

“They filmed multiple games each day, and we (the other families on set for filming) got to be the audience, since there wasn’t one due to COVID-19 concerns,” explained Rebecca.

She said this meant during breaks the families in the crowd were able to interact with Harvey.

“Normally other contests are kept elsewhere on the set, and you are only able to interact with Steve when it is your turn on stage,” said Rebecca.

As for being on stage, both ladies could agree it was nerve-wracking at times, but that ultimately once it was their turn *“it was game time.”*

“When you are put on the spot and nervous you just blurt out the first thing that comes to mind, and sometimes it doesn’t make sense,” said Shannon, who had an example of that herself.

"I was given grief about the first episode we competed in and an answer I gave," said Shannon. "Everyone kept taking my answers, and then before I had a new one, it was my turn."

The question was: *"What do French fries and a man have in common"*, and Shannon responded with a semi explicit answer.

"My family and those I knew back home just couldn't believe I said that, but it just came out," she said.

There were other times when someone would shout something and you would think *"That isn't going to be on the board"*, but then it is, Shannon said.

An example of that was: *"What do you not want the driver to stop for,"* and Rhonda replied with *"Roadkill,"* which was indeed on the board.

At the end of everything, the family did win some money to split between the five of them.

Rebecca said that she has already figured out what to do with her cut.

"I am using my part of the funds to go abroad on honeymoon next year following my wedding," she said.

Shannon said she has not yet decided but wants to use it for something fun with the family.

"We will never forget the memories made," said Rebecca.

WVU-P students install sensory paths at Parkersburg elementary schools

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<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/community-news/2021/10/wvu-p-students-install-sensory-paths-at-parkersburg-elementary-schools/>



Members of WVU Parkersburg's Kappa Delta Pi educational honor society painted this sensory path at Criss Elementary School to provide sensory development and encourage students to count by ones. (Photo Provided)

PARKERSBURG — WVU Parkersburg's Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education, has partnered with Criss and Franklin Elementary schools in Wood County to provide sensory paths for youth.

Sensory paths are a series of guided movements for children to follow to help develop motor skills.

"These sensory paths can increase the number of minutes that students are physically active during the school day," said Stephanie Stopiak, WVU Parkersburg education instructor. *"Sensory paths can also help students develop coordination skills and increase focus and attention. Teachers can use sensory paths for transitions, recess, brain breaks or a calming area."*

At Franklin Elementary Center, KDP members installed two sets of agility tires for children to count by fives as they hop through the obstacle, and painted a Bigfoot

walking path. At Criss, they painted a hula hoop hop path, ABC alphabet tree, moon boots hop path and a snake path that encourages counting by ones.

Franklin Elementary Center Principal Lee Ann Cumpston said the paths are located in the breezeway where kids travel from the main part of the building out to the classrooms.



WVU Parkersburg student Jessica Morrison works on a sensory path at Criss Elementary School. (Photo Provided)

"I think the kids are going to find them fun," she said. "We notice them as they are going down the hallways sometimes, jumping from thing to thing.

"The sensory paths allow the kids movement to reset their brains so they are ready to learn and focus when they are in a classroom," Cumpston said. "The movement is just good for them."

Sometimes, if a teacher knows a student needs to get up and move, they can send them to do one of the paths, she said.

Cumpston said she appreciates the college involving the school in this grant.

"We enjoy our partnership with WVUP, their students and the things they provide for our kids," Cumpston said.

For KDP President Leah Harvey, the service project is an example of applying what she learns in the classroom to real life.

“As education majors, we are very fortunate to learn from and work side by side with some of the best teachers in Wood County,” she said. “We were able to meet our possible future colleagues and students.

“We were also able to gain the experience of painting these sensory paths, which will be a visually stimulating way for students to practice motor skills and can tie to different content skills practice,” Harvey said. “Every student can use and enjoy the sensory paths, and we cannot wait to see them in action.”

The project was funded by the SNAP-Ed grant, which aims to educate families on healthy choices and promotes active lifestyles.

Arc of the Mid-Ohio Valley opening People First Cafe in Parkersburg

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<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/business/2021/10/arc-of-the-mid-ohio-valley-opening-people-first-cafe-in-parkersburg/>



West Virginia native and 2011 “America’s Got Talent” winner Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. will attend ribbon cutting for the People First Cafe in Parkersburg Monday and teach a master class for WVU Parkersburg. (Photo Provided)

PARKERSBURG — The Arc of the Mid-Ohio Valley and the Mid-Ohio Valley Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting at 10:30 a.m. Monday to celebrate the grand opening of the People First Cafe at 1118 20th St., adjacent to Parkersburg High School.

The People First Cafe will provide a variety of seasonal and specialty coffees, food and baked goods for breakfast, light fare for lunch and a vocational training site for people with disabilities.

“We are pleased and proud to announce the grand opening of the People First Cafe,” said Liz Ford, executive director of the Arc of the Mid-Ohio Valley. *“It has been our dream to utilize our building to provide employment skills for those we serve. Our mission is to encourage and support people with disabilities to live, learn, work, worship and play in their community, and we believe the cafe will further that mission.”*

Landau Eugene Murphy Jr., the 2011 *“America’s Got Talent”* winner, will be on hand to help celebrate and promote his upcoming Christmas concert at the Smoot Theatre. He will also teach a master class for West Virginia University at Parkersburg, a concert sponsor.

“We are blessed to live in a community that is so collaborative in nature and provides so many supports,” Ford said. *“From our board of directors to related agencies and funders, we have been truly blessed to bring the cafe to fruition. We hope members of the community will stop by and help us further our mission.”*

The cafe has been several years in the making. The Parkersburg Area Community Foundation made a connection for the Arc with the Social Enterprise Ecosystem team at Ohio University through a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission. This connection led to a feasibility study and implementation plan. The Sisters Health Foundation, First Energy and the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation provided funding.

Della Lyons, a former staff member and volunteer at The Arc, led the effort to transform a former beauty shop into the People First Cafe. Recovery Point of Parkersburg helped with renovations, providing more than 200 hours of volunteer time.

The Arc is collaborating with SW Resources to provide vocational training and employment opportunities to people with disabilities with an interest in the food service industry. The Arc will also work with Westbrook Health Services to provide additional opportunities for vocational training.

The Arc also provides employment and vocational training at two thrift shops in Parkersburg and a fingerprinting business in its Dudley Avenue building.

In addition to The Arc of the Mid-Ohio Valley, the offices of West Virginia Birth to Three RAU 2, People First of West Virginia, and The Arc of West Virginia are located at 1915 and 1917 Dudley Ave.

For further information on how to support The Arc of the Mid Ohio Valley, call 304-422-3151.

WVU-P sets fundraising goal of \$5M

WV News

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https://www.wvnews.com/news/wvu-p-sets-fundraising-goal-of-5m/article_cd8342ba-2f9e-11ec-af6b-dfc7abf028c1.html

PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WV News) — West Virginia University at Parkersburg recently announced the beginning of a fundraising campaign that will kick off January next year. The college wants to raise \$5M in three years.

The fundraising effort stems from the WVU-P Proud fundraising effort. The effort so far has been able to raise its original goal of \$3M in just two years, instead of the planned three. The college credited the success to grant writing efforts and private donations.

Arnold Ventures donated \$1.7M last year to WVU-P. It was the largest donation since the school was created. The college used the funding to start their Ascend program that serves students by providing academic, personal and financial support. The aim is to help students complete their degrees on time.

Donations to the college are typically used for student scholarships, special projects, faculty and staff development and student activities.

“The WVU at Parkersburg Foundation provides an opportunity for our community to invest in itself by sharing its generosity in a way that helps so many students. As they improve their education, they take on local service and working roles to help it continue to be enriched and grow,” said WVU at Parkersburg Foundation President and CEO Dr. Torie Jackson. “Our alumni and our students surround the Mid-Ohio Valley and give us so many reasons to be WVU Parkersburg Proud.”

WSCC connects students, parents to colleges

The Marietta Times

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<https://www.mariettatimes.com/news/local-news/2021/10/wsc-cc-connects-students-parents-to-colleges/>

Students and parents got a chance to meet with admission representatives from more than a dozen public and private colleges and universities at the Marietta Area College Fair held at Washington State Community College's student commons. Both two-year and four-year schools as well as the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services were at the event. As well, financial aid professionals were available to help students and their parents complete the 2021-2022 Free Applications for Federal Student Aid, for students planning on attending college to be considered for grants, loans and scholarships. College represented included Fairmont University, Franklin University, Hocking College, Kent State, Marietta College, Ohio University, Ohio Valley University, University of Rio Grande, West Liberty University, Wheeling University, Washington State Community College and West Virginia University at Parkersburg, among others.

WVU Parkersburg Surgical Technology students team up for Relay for Life

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WVU Parkersburg Surgical Technology students Relay for Life team was judged Best Rookie Team of the Year and received 2nd place for the most laps. (Photo Provided)

PARKERSBURG — Instead of lacing gowns, WVU Parkersburg Surgical Technology students laced their tennis shoes for this year's Relay for Life.

The team joined cancer survivors, caregivers and families to help spread awareness and raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

"Cancer has impacted each of our lives in a certain way," Rebecca Garrett, Student Surgical Technology Association president, said. "We wanted to reach out to our community and those who have encountered this terrible illness to show them they are not alone."

The team walked 27 laps and raised \$1,471 with the sponsorship of Kroger in Belpre. For its efforts, the group received two awards from the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Wood County, including Best Rookie Team of the Year and 2nd place for the Most Laps.

The team included Nicole Carsner, Rebecca Garrett, Katelyn Huck, Kat Jeffrey, Nina Kwok, Edith Powell-Hart and Bentley Singleton.

“It was an absolute honor for my team to be presented these awards,” Garrett said. “I have lost several people in my life due to cancer, which is what sparked my interest in volunteering and creating a team to fund the American Cancer Society to one day find a cure. I became mesmerized by the passion people have for organizing, planning and dedicating themselves to this event. Every person who attended this year’s Relay for Life was kind, caring and a privilege to be around. I personally encourage other students to attend the event and support those fighting cancer and in memory of those who have lost the battle.”

The Student Surgical Technology Association also participated in the spring 2021 Walk for Life for the Parkersburg Women’s Care Center.

“Getting together outside of the classroom helps us to create a stronger bond as students,” Garrett said. “Our class has a beautiful friendship that I believe will continue for years after we graduate. We are a team that helps to build each other up, and we are WVU Parkersburg Proud.”

Gratitude for Generosity

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<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/opinion/local-columns/2021/10/gratitude-for-generosity/>

Many of us like to give and share and some of us more than others depending on our ability to do so. Sharing is important, but it must be done from the heart and not something you feel you must do.

I personally like to help, give and share with others and our community. If I have a choice I will never stop helping people because I know there are needs and it makes a difference in people’s lives.

I admire and compliment the many people in our community who dedicate their time and talents to help others. Thanks to them many people and places are helped. Kind and loving people need to be thanked for their kindness and willingness to help others.

A while back, West Virginia University at Parkersburg had a beautiful outdoor reception at the Oakland House on Seventh Street where college President Chris Gilmer ask me if I would help him on a fundraiser by cooking with him for the event. Without hesitation I agreed to help in anyway possible that I could and we decided on auctioning a dinner to someone interested. To make a long story short, three couples joined together and donated \$1,000 to cook a meal for them. We all decided to have the dinner right away before the busy holiday season started. So a few days ago, Gilmer and I prepared a special dinner for the generous donation by Wayne Waldeck, Lee Rector, Becky and Jim McGinnis and Bob and Annette Fehrenbacher. The menu consisted of southern-fried chicken and gravy, homemade potato salad and deviled eggs, corn bread and a delicious pecan pie prepared by Gilmer. I prepared a Greek salad, pastichio casserole (Greek lasagne), broccoli casserole and bread pudding with a secret sauce.

Decorations and table settings of WVU-P college colors of gold and blue were provided by the talented David Creel of WVU-P. Torie Jackson was there to help serve.

It was a very enjoyable and fun evening to be with such good friends and at the same time help WVU-P students.

Thank you all for making this such a successful evening.

While all this was taking place our son, George, at 52 years of age was running the 26.2 mile Marathon Run in Columbus for the second time in his life. Twenty years ago he ran the marathon in Columbus in around 2 1/2 hours, but this time it took him 3 hours 19 minutes. His goal, however, was to qualify for the Boston Marathon in April, which he did. Still he finished 208th and 10th in his age group out of over 7,000 runners. Over the years, he has ran the Boston, New York, Chicago, Columbus and the original Marathon in Athens.

I will just stick to riding in a car. LOL!

Till next week:

VEGETARIAN BAKED ZITI

1 pound ziti noodles

1 1/2 quarts marinara sauce

1/2 cup parmesan cheese

24 ounces ricotta cheese

2 teaspoons pesto

1 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded

Cook ziti according to package directions. Rinse with water and cool. In a greased 9-by-13 baking dish, layer in the following order: 1 cup marinara sauce, half of the cooked ziti, 2 cups marinara sauce, parmesan cheese, ricotta cheese, pesto, half of the mozzarella cheese, half of the cooked ziti, 3 cups marinara sauce, half of the material cheese. Cook and bake at 350 for 45 minutes. Uncover and bake 10 to 15 minutes more to brown the top. Yields 8 to 10 servings.

PORK CHOPS IN SOUR CREAM SAUCE

6 pork chops, 3/4 inch thick

1 medium onion, chopped

1 clove garlic, minced

2 cups chicken stock

1 bay leaf

1 cup sour cream

2 tablespoons paprika

3 tablespoons butter

Flour seasoned with salt and pepper

Melt butter in a large skillet and saute the onion and garlic until golden brown. Remove the onion and garlic from the skillet and set aside. Lightly flour pork chops in seasoned flour. Place in the skillet and brown on both sides. Remove from the skillet and pour off excess fat. Return skillet to medium heat and add chicken stock and deglaze the skillet. Add the pork chops, bay leaf and cooked onion and garlic to the skillet, cover and simmer for 1 hour. Remove pork chops to the heated serving platter. Turn the heat up and reduce the liquid by a half. Remove skillet from heat and add the sour cream and paprika. I suggest you pour a little of the sauce over the pork chops and serve the rest in a gravy boat with seasoned rice or mashed potatoes.

WVU-P Launches Campaign

The St. Marys Oracle

October 26, 2021

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In addition to grant writing, the college always accepts donations for student scholarships and activities, as well as for special projects and faculty and staff development.

WVU-P launches \$5 million campaign

The Wirt County Journal

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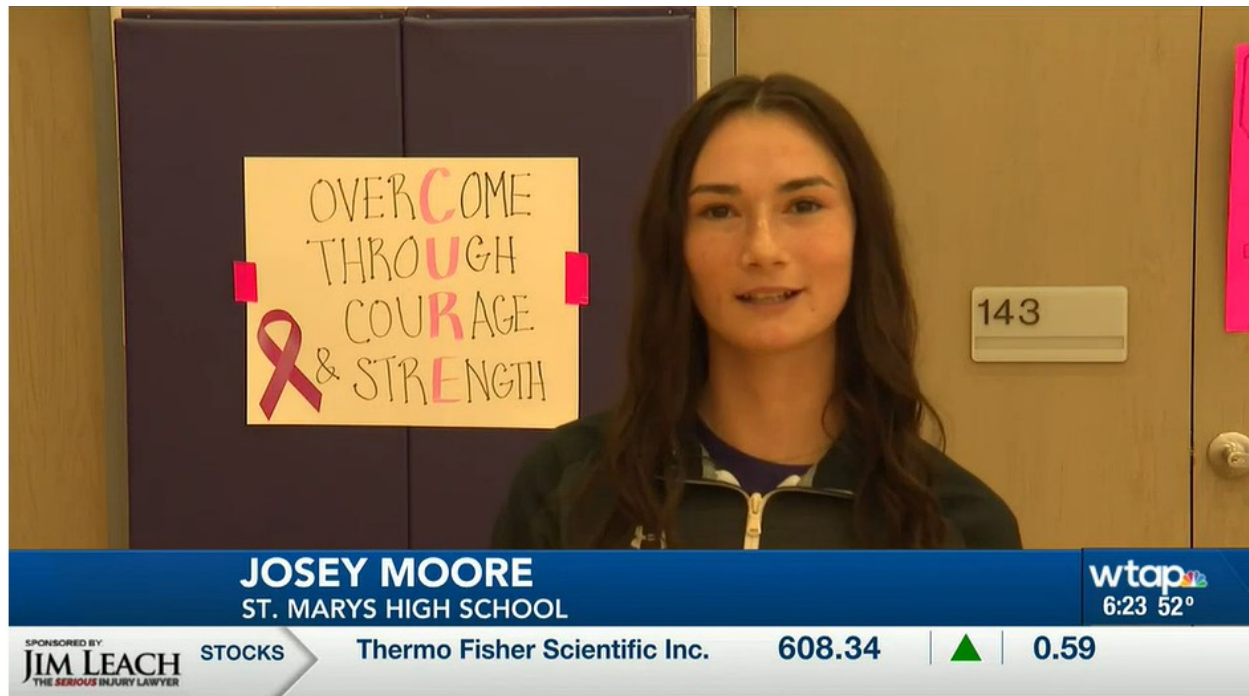
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Student Athlete of the Week: Josey Moore

WTAP-TV [video]

October 26, 2021

<https://www.wtap.com/2021/10/27/student-athlete-week-josey-moore/>



Josey Moore is a senior cross country runner and basketball player for the St. Marys Devilettes.

Josey enjoys the camaraderie off the field, as she loves bonding with her teammates and leading them throughout the season.

Josey is also a leader in the classroom, as she holds a 4.3 GPA while attending classes at West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

Josey is looking forward to leading St. Marys at the State Cross Country meet on Saturday.

After graduating from St. Marys, Josey looks to study dental hygiene at West Virginia University.

WVU-P holding ring raffle for its diamond anniversary

The Marietta Times

November 3, 2021

<https://www.mariettatimes.com/news/2021/11/wvu-p-holding-ring-raffle-for-its-diamond-anniversary/>



The \$10,000 diamond ring to be raffled at \$100 a ticket to celebrate the 60th anniversary of West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

PARKERSBURG — West Virginia University at Parkersburg will celebrate its diamond anniversary by raffling a ring worth \$10,000 Wingrove Jewelers.

The ring features three diamonds framed by diamond clusters. The total diamond weight of the ring is 2.5 carats.

The college will sell raffle tickets for \$100 each until Feb. 10. In keeping with WVU at Parkersburg's mission to provide accessible, life-changing opportunities, ticket sales will sponsor student entries to the drawing.

To purchase a raffle ticket, contact the WVU at Parkersburg Foundation at 304 424-8340 or foundation@wvup.edu.

Raffle sales will benefit WVU at Parkersburg Foundation student activities and scholarship funds. The giveaway winner will be announced Feb. 14, Valentines Day.

"As we considered how to celebrate a 60th anniversary, the solution was simple: share with our students," Torie Jackson, WVU Parkersburg chief operating officer, said.

“Community members who choose to give by purchasing tickets will actually get to provide for students twice, once for the opportunity to be in the drawing and a second time by having the ticket sales go into an account for student activities and scholarships.”

Jackson, who also is the foundation CEO and president, knows students often need funding to pay for college classes and participate in organized college activities. It is only through generous donors that the foundation is able to meet the needs of students.

The ring donation was made possible by the 60th Anniversary Committee co-chairs, Kiki Angelos, David Creel, Annette Fehrenbacher and Terry Hardman.

“As a great supporter of WVU Parkersburg, I am very excited to celebrate the college’s 60th birthday and our partnership with Wingrove Jewelers,” Angelos said. *“With this ring, I hope to raise a lot of funds to benefit all of our local students.”*

The college is appreciative of the efforts of the community leaders in the planning of another anniversary party for WVU Parkersburg, Jackson said.

“While we aren’t able to have that large party we had hoped for this year, they found other ways to continue the celebration,” she said.

While the diamond ring is at the centerpiece of the celebration, WVU Parkersburg also gives back to the community through its WVUP Gives initiative. WVUP Gives collected items, including gloves, non-perishable food, scarves and school supplies to distribute to local food and clothing pantries and schools.

WVU Parkersburg celebrating diamond anniversary with ring raffle

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

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<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/community-news/2021/11/wvu-parkersburg-celebrating-diamond-anniversary-with-ring-raffle/>



The 60th Anniversary Committee at West Virginia University at Parkersburg models the \$10,000 diamond ring from Wingrove Jewelers to be raffled in celebration of the school's 60th anniversary. From left, David Creel, Annette Fehrenbacher, jeweler Dallas Wingrove, Kiki Angelos and Terry Hardman. Tickets are \$100 each and will be sold through Feb. 10. (Photo Provided)

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Raffle tickets for \$100 each are being sold through Feb. 10 for this \$10,000 diamond ring in celebration of the 60th anniversary of West Virginia University at Parkersburg. Dallas Wingrove of Wingrove Jewelers and the 60th anniversary committee at the school are providing the ring. (Photo Provided)

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Colleges across WV to celebrate successes of first-generation students on Nov. 8

WDTV [video]

November 5, 2021

<https://www.wdtv.com/2021/11/05/colleges-across-wv-celebrate-successes-first-generation-students-nov-8/>

BRIDGEPORT, W.Va (WDTV) - College for West Virginia (CFWV) is joining a national effort to celebrate the successes and contributions of first-generation college students, faculty, staff, and alumni in West Virginia.

Celebrations will take place on November 8.

Celebrations will include campus events featuring notable first-generation alumni, highlights of first-generation students and programs, first-generation faculty discussions in classrooms, workshops that help promote student success and retention, and much more.

“First-generation college students and graduates are trailblazers in West Virginia,” said Dr. Sarah Armstrong Tucker, West Virginia’s Chancellor of Higher Education. “Whether it’s with the support of their loved ones or by their own motivation, those who become the first in their family to go to college are true role models – and absolutely deserving of recognition. Through their commitment to reaching their dreams, they are inspiring new generations of learners. I’m thrilled that we’re able to dedicate a day to celebrating their successes.”

Institutions participating in West Virginia’s inaugural First-Generation College Celebration are:

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College

Bluefield State College

BridgeValley Community and Technical College

Concord University

Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College

Fairmont State University

Marshall University

Pierpont Community and Technical College

Shepherd University

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College

West Liberty University

West Virginia Northern Community College

West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine

West Virginia State University

West Virginia University

West Virginia University at Parkersburg

West Virginia University Institute of Technology

Wheeling University

To learn more about the First-Generation College Celebration, click [here](#).

College Application Week

November 9, 2021

St. Marys Oracle



St. Marys High School participated in College Application and Exploration Week Nov. 8 – 12.

Members of the Class of 2022 learned about all that West Virginia University Parkersburg has to offer and applied for fall admission.

The class also took a trip to West Virginia University to visit the Morgantown campus and learn about continuing their education at WVU.

WVU Parkersburg's Campus Community Honors Veterans Buried in the Wood County Poorhouse Cemetery

Clutch MOV

November 18, 2021

<https://clutchmov.com/wvu-parkersburgs-campus-community-honors-veterans-buried-in-the-wood-county-poorhouse-cemetery/>

Volunteers from the Arts Club, Veterans Corps and campus community gathered in the Poorhouse Cemetery on Veterans Day to honor Veterans buried on the grounds.

The Poorhouse Cemetery interrs Veterans from World War I, World War II, Korean War and the American War for Independence. Some tombstones have Army, Navy or Marine Corps seals and emblems on them but don't indicate in which wars the Veterans served.



“Honoring these Veterans is the least we can do. They gave us so much; it is only proper that we remember their sacrifices,” said Darren Shearlock, Veterans Advocate. “As a society, if we fail to honor those that have sacrificed for us, we may find ourselves without people willing to do so if we are in need in the future.”

American flags will become permanent fixtures on the 17 graves that were marked Thursday. More Veterans may be buried in the cemetery, but there are no indicators on their tombstones.



“Learning about the veterans buried at the Wood County Poorhouse Cemetery allows us to deepen our understanding and appreciation of those who fought for our freedom,” said Dr. Reidmiller, Art Club Advisor.

Veteran David Chandler was one of the volunteers at the event. Chandler served from 1990 to 2014 in the United States Army. “Veterans Day has a special importance to me as it is a time for me to remember those friends and Soldiers that I have had the privilege and honor to serve with,” Chandler said.

Reinventing the Collegiate Classroom

West Virginia Executive

November 19, 2021

<https://wvexecutive.com/reinventing-the-collegiate-classroom/>

Unique Responses to COVID-19

For the past two years, West Virginia's two- and four-year public and private colleges and universities have been learning to navigate higher education during a global pandemic. The people, businesses and organizations of the Mountain State are known for their fighting spirit and innovative approach to problem solving, and through that lens, the staff at *West Virginia Executive* magazine decided to reach out to the education community to find out what unique solutions have been implemented. These responses from leadership illustrate new policies that have carried over into yet another school year, what existing issues COVID-19 brought to light that were able to be solved and which solutions might be applicable in a post-pandemic world.

West Virginia University at Parkersburg

"We have been able to offer opportunities for students to participate in a synchronous online environment. Historically, we were known for asynchronous online learning. This was also at a time when less than 20% of all courses were provided online. During the pandemic, we had to switch nearly 75% of all our courses online. The result is a need for students to learn in a face-to-face virtual environment. We became dependent on video options for lectures. We set up a myriad of Zoom rooms on campus for faculty to come to the campus to teach to students, although they also have the option to teach from their homes. These methods continue in an era of quarantines and continued virtual learning. Classes that meet in person can still use Zoom to record and then post the lecture online for students to view later. COVID-19 brought to light struggles students face. With the integration of a mobile text service provided by the company EdSights, West Virginia University Parkersburg (WVUP) was able to reach directly to students and ask questions about their academic progress, mental health and overall satisfaction with the college. Because of the personal touch points and allowing students to send messages back and forth, the college was able to identify students who may need additional support and was able to get them in contact with the right resources. If the student did not reach out the support offered, staff would follow-up with the student. The text messaging system took on the persona of Ricky the Riverhawk, the college mascot. Of around 3,000 students, WVUP has a 97% opt-in rate

to this service. Also, with over half of students satisfied with online learning, the college was able to obtain data on what areas students would like to receive additional support in their classes. This included self-efficacy, technical difficulties, workload and communication with professors. WVU Parkersburg will continue to use this service, in a post-pandemic world, to continue engaging students.”

Torie Jackson, Vice President of Institutional Advancement

Parkersburg High School senior owns business, makes a difference

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

November 20, 2021

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/community-news/2021/11/parkersburg-high-school-senior-owns-business-makes-a-difference/>



Katherine Taylor bakes in the kitchen at her house in Parkersburg. (Photo Provided)

PARKERSBURG — Eighteen-year-old Katherine Taylor turned hobby into business, when she created Katie’s Cookie Jar.

“I have loved baking since I was little, but last summer is when I started making cookies,” she said.

Taylor gives back to the community by hosting fundraising events through her business.

"Last winter, I auctioned off a dozen cookies, and with the proceeds, I was able to donate over 100 towels to the towel drive at Parkersburg High School," she said.

"Owning my own business gives me a lot of freedom as I am able to set my own boundaries with my business. I started decorating cookies over a year ago and it is amazing how far the business has progressed."

Taylor has decorated hundreds of cookies for births, holidays, birthdays and several other occasions.

She sells her custom-decorated sugar cookies through her Facebook page, Katie's Cookie Jar.

She is a senior at Parkersburg High School where she has a 4.33 GPA.

"I work very hard and study a lot to maintain good grades," she said.

Taylor takes four dual-credit courses that she is enrolled in through WVUP, including algebra 3, AP literature, AP U.S. government and human anatomy and physiology.

Taylor said she has been going to the North Hills swim and racquet club pool with her family every summer since she was little.

"I love to volunteer and give back to the community in various ways," said Taylor. "I took swim lessons at North Hills pool when I was little, and to think that now I am the one teaching those lessons is crazy. The feeling of helping kids to finally reach their accomplishments is unbeatable."

Taylor also volunteers at Icing Smiles as a cookie club member, the Parkersburg Art Center and in various school clubs.

"As a cookie club volunteer, I make and send cookies to cheer up families in the area who currently have a child who is struggling, and need a pick-me-up," she said.

Taylor has been a member of the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior cabinets, which coordinate events and fundraising events like prom and the graduation party.

She is also a member of the National English Honor Society, Key Club, the Senior Women's Club and volunteers with the community through also was an intern with Universal Atlantic. The internship focused on social media and advertising.

"Being a social media and advertising intern at Universal Atlantic has allowed me to be exposed to the world of marketing and advertising," she said. "This is very important in

today's society as social media is becoming a very crucial way of advertising. I think that the younger generations are vital to this because we are able to detect trends and incorporate them into advertising."

Taylor said she is unsure where she would like to go to college, but would prefer somewhere in the southern states. She said she is planning to major in the medical field.

"I have suffered with a lot of skin issues while growing up, and currently my dream job is to be a dermatologist," she said. "I want to be able to help those who are struggling with the same issues that I have struggled with."

In her spare time, she loves keeping up with the latest fashion trends, like clothing and make-up.

She also likes to draw, paint, and use her iPad to focus on graphic design and creates digital art. She loves cooking, baking, exercising, playing with her dogs, spending time with her friends, and traveling with her family.

Tyler County Board of Education Meets

Tyler Star News

November 22, 2021

<https://www.tylerstarnews.com/news/local-news/2021/11/22/tyler-county-board-of-education-meets/>

The Tyler County Board of Education held their regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Sistersville Elementary School on November 1, 2021. All board members were present as well as Superintendent Shane Highley. After the minutes of the previous meeting were approved, a public forum was held.

Roy Haight, representing his daughter, voiced concerns about the search that occurred at TCMS on Friday, October 29. Haight feels the school violated the students' rights and he did not agree with the way the search was conducted.

Alex Northcraft also spoke about the search, mentioning that not all parents were opposed to the search.

He believes more searches should be conducted in the future to protect the schools from drugs being brought in and that proper procedures were followed.

After the public forum, the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Tyler County Schools and West Virginia University at Parkersburg (WVU-P) for teacher candidates, student teachers and resident teachers.

The Lady Knights Soccer Team thanked the Board members for buying their matching travel suits, as they enjoyed wearing matching suits to represent the county.

Mr. Highley congratulated the TCHS FFA and the TCHS Band for their accomplishments this season. *“Both groups have done an outstanding job,”* said Mr Highley...

MOV Technical Institute announces students of the quarter

The Pennsboro News

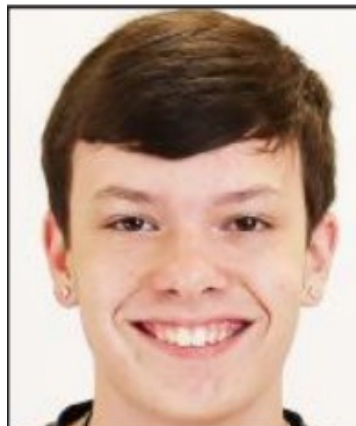
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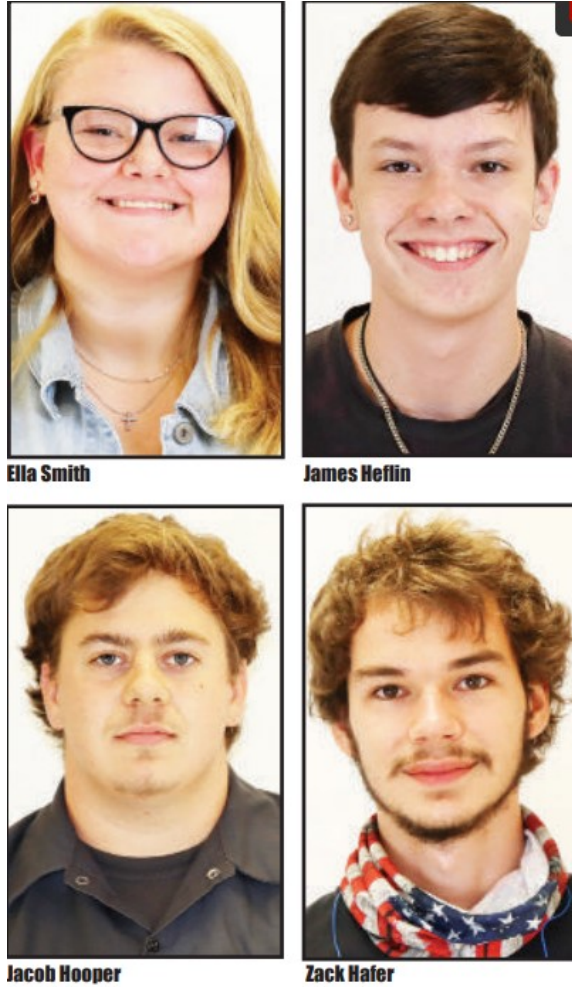
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The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

November 25, 2021

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/community-news/2021/11/non-college-opportunities-available-across-the-mid-ohio-valley/>

PARKERSBURG — Iron Workers Local Union 787 JAC and Washington County Career Center offer non-college opportunities in the Mid-Ohio Valley.

The International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers Local Union 787 JAC are accepting apprenticeship applications. Applications are accepted Monday through Friday, except holidays, during regular business hours from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4:30 p.m. for the Iron Workers Apprenticeship Program. Applications are available at the Iron Workers Union Hall, at 303 Erickson Blvd., Parkersburg. The application must be prepared in person at the Union Hall.

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The Marietta Times

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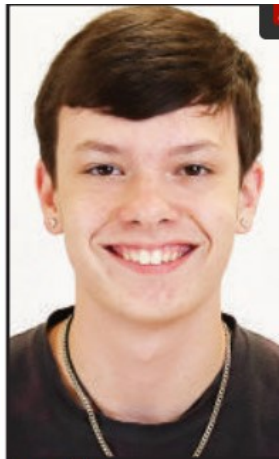
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Alexis Bland biography: 13 things about Miss West Virginia USA 2021

Conan Daily

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<https://conandaily.com/2021/11/29/alexis-bland-biography-13-things-about-miss-west-virginia-usa-2021/>



1. She lives in Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia.
2. From 2015 to 2018, she was a JCPenney sales associate.
3. From 2016 to 2019, she attended West Virginia University at Parkersburg where she earned her associate's degree in business, management, marketing and related support services.

4. From 2017 to July 2017, she was a REMAX Central real estate assistant.
 5. On March 28, 2018, she joined LimeLife by Alcone in Parkersburg as a beauty consultant.
 6. From October 2018 to December 2019, she was an Ultra Beauty beauty advisor.
 7. From September 1, 2019 to December 14, 2020, she worked for United Bank in Parkersburg as a retail banking specialist in Parkersburg.
 8. From 2020 to 2021, she attended Spruce School of Real Estate in Morgantown, Monongalia County, West Virginia.
 9. From November 2020 to March 2021, she was a BesTitle Agency Inc. real estate title assistant.
 10. In December 2020, she became a certified Qualia user.
 11. In March 2021, she joined Re/Max Properties of the Valley as a real estate agent in Parkersburg.
 12. On July 11, 2021, she represented Parkersburg at Miss West Virginia USA 2021 at the Virginia Thomas Law Center for the Performing Arts of West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, Upshur County, West Virginia. She won the title.
 13. She was 22 years old when she was crowned Miss West Virginia USA 2021. On November 29, 2021, she represented West Virginia at Miss USA 2021 at the Paradise Cove Theater, River Spirit Casino Resort in Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA. She was unplaced.
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Parkersburg Rotary Club plants tree with the help of Mon Power

WTAP-TV [video]

December 1, 2021

<https://www.wtap.com/2021/12/01/parkersburg-rotary-club-plants-tree-with-help-mon-power/>



PARKERSBURG, [W.Va.](#) (WTAP) - The Parkersburg Rotary Club is getting started on a forestry project with the help of Mon Power.

The company is giving the rotary club two trees this to kick off a new project.

Which is is encouraging urban forestry in Parkersburg.

The club's president, Dr. Chris Gilmer, says that this is in association with the Parkersburg Tree Commission. And that this will be the start of a tree planting plan until arbor day of 2022.

"Well, obviously, it's an environmentally sensitive and conscious thing to do. Because trees create the very air that we breathe. But we also want to create an aesthetically pleasing and beautiful place for our children to grow up and for our visitors and for people who live in this community. So, we think that a beautiful forest right within the city with beautiful trees is one terrific way to go about doing that," says Dr. Gilmer.

The rotary club is using a matching grant from the rotary foundation to purchase trees to replace older and dying trees in the city's parks.

Roundup of FFA news for Dec. 2, 2021

December 2, 2021

Farm and Dairy

<https://www.farmanddairy.com/news/roundup-of-ffa-news-for-dec-2-2021/695317.html>



INDIANAPOLIS — Each year, the National FFA Organization is proud to honor the FFA members who show the utmost dedication to the organization through their desire to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education with the American FFA Degree.

Torie Bosner, Katelyn Huck and Leeann Trippett, of the Waterford FFA chapter, received their American FFA Degrees at the National FFA Convention and Expo Oct. 27-30. Each recipient received a gold American FFA Degree Key and a certificate to commemorate the achievement.

Bosner is the daughter of Danny Bosner and Jennifer Wilson and is attending Coker University, majoring in exercise science. Huck is the daughter of Doug and Heather

Stephens and is attending West Virginia University Parkersburg, majoring in surgical technology. Trippett is the daughter of Connie Trippett and the late Ralph Trippett and is attending Ohio State University, majoring in agriscience education.

WVU-Parkersburg faculty decorate campus for Christmas

WTAP-TV

December 2, 2021

<https://www.wtap.com/2021/12/02/wvu-parkersburg-faculty-decorate-campus-christmas/>



WVU-Parkersburg faculty decorate campus for Christmas (Mitchell Blahut - WTAP)

PARKERSBURG, [W.Va.](#) (WTAP) - With it being the start of December, many places are getting into the holiday spirit.

Faculty at West Virginia University at Parkersburg are putting up Christmas decorations around the campus.

One of the volunteers, David Creel, says that the school wants to provide some Christmas spirit for the students.

Especially after all that happened with the pandemic, and not being able to provide this sort of festivity last year.

“It’s been a challenge. We’ve kind of been in a dark time. So, I think all of our students are really appreciative that we are decorating their campus. This is our students’ campus. This is our community’s campus. This campus belongs to the whole town. So that’s why we wanted to make sure that the doors are opened wide and we have Christmas lights and Christmas cheer throughout,” says Creel.

Creel says that this year’s theme will be “Home for the Holidays,” and faculty wants students to feel like the campus is another home to them.

Teen of the Week: Parkersburg South student dreams of attending Pharmacy School at WVU

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

December 11, 2021

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/community-news/2021/12/teen-of-the-week-parkersburg-south-student-dreams-of-attending-pharmacy-school-at-wvu/>



Brady McMullen dresses up for PSHS homecoming, outside of his girlfriend’s aunt’s house in Parkersburg. (Photo Provided)

PARKERSBURG — Brady McMullen wants to enter Pharmacy school at West Virginia University.

“WVU has a great pharmacy program, and we’re a huge Mountaineer family,” exclaimed McMullen.

He realized his passion for being a pharmacist after working with his uncle at Cox Family Pharmacy.

"My uncle, Mike Cox, is a pharmacist and owner of Cox Family Pharmacy. I started working there, doing deliveries, and knew immediately that I wanted to become a pharmacist," said McMullen. *"I love chemistry and science. It was a perfect fit for me."*

McMullen said he loves learning about chemistry and enjoys taking math, because of how easy it comes to him.

"I like the challenge," he said.

He [is an Early College student at WVU Parkersburg and] has a 4.429 GPA, and takes Advanced Placement government, College Algebra three, college psychology, and a dual credit advanced communications course.

McMullen said he takes his school work seriously, and is in a homework club in school.

"I chose it so I can use that time to work on homework and that frees up time for basketball in the evenings," he said.

McMullen said he started playing basketball in first grade.

"I liked playing every sport when I was little, but basketball has just always been the most fun for me, so I stuck with it and set goals in it," he said.

McMullen said he plays guard on South's Varsity basketball team. He said the team volunteers at Old Man Rivers as a community service project, unloading and stacking food shipments into the building after large deliveries.

"It makes me feel good," he said. *"It's rewarding to give back to those in need, and our coach gets us involved in the community as a team."*

McMullen said he doesn't have very much down time in his life.

"I'm busy with my academics and studies, and basketball is six days a week, so I don't have a lot of free time, but when I do, I like my family time and being home," he said. *"I take advantage of rest when I can get it!"*

He said he also enjoys spending time with his friends, and loves to go fishing.

Fine Arts Night at RCHS

The Pennsboro News

December 14, 2021

A Christmas Fine Arts Night is planned for Thursday, Dec. 16, at Ritchie County High School.

Those attending can experience selections from The Rise of Robin Hood while choosing from several other activities. Maker Space Creations will have T-shirts, earrings, puzzles and other items available using a sublimation printer and laser engraver.

An art show will feature artists in grades 6-12 with select pieces for sale. Those attending can also paint a winter scene with art teacher Mrs. Windom. Sessions start at 6 and 7 p.m.

Telescope star gazing will be available with Mrs. Andrews from 5:30-8 p.m. Santa will be in attendance and free refreshments will be served.

For children in the fourth grade and younger, there will be cookie decorating, face painting, ornament making and hot chocolate.

WVUP will also be in attendance to collect tuition payments. It will also be FAFSA night for senior parents.

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Academic Achiever of the Week: Dylan Khoury

WTAP-TV [video]

December 14, 2021

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PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (WTAP) - PHS Senior Dylan Khoury doesn't shy away from a challenge.

"I'm on the AP course," he says. "I have a 4.0 GPA right now."

So far, his favorite class at PHS... AP Calculus.

He says the challenge keeps him "focused" and "on track."

"I've always had encouragement from my parents," Khoury says. "They've always told me to try to, you know, go above and beyond. So, I've always been on that high level track and I've just gotten used to it."

Looking to the future, Khoury says he'd like to study marine biology.

"Ever since I was a little kid..." Khoury says, "I used to have, like, shark posters all over my wall. I used to have this big shark painted on my wall too. I had a shark themed room. I just always loved marine life."

Not only does Khoury love marine life... he says he wants to help conserve it.

Khoury says he's already been accepted to Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida.

He also has his eye on the University of California, Davis.

"I'm just as OK with going there as I am with WVU," Khoury says. "There's so much to do there. I'm super stoked. I know wherever I go I'll be having a good time and get a good education too."

What excites him most about college next year... the opportunity to study abroad and see the world.

Khoury is a WVU Parkersburg Early College student.

West Virginia University at Parkersburg child development program ranks top in nation

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

December 18, 2021

<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/business/2021/12/west-virginia-university-at-parkersburg-child-development-program-ranks-top-in-nation/>

PARKERSBURG — Intelligent.com has given a Top 5 ranking to the West Virginia University at Parkersburg Child Development program.

The program, which has received five honors, was ranked No. 5 for its online Associate of Applied Science in Child Development degree program and was awarded for having the best alumni network and the best advisers.

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To view the complete rankings, visit <https://tinyurl.com/4a7f79a4>.

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

Wood BOE discusses cosmetology, vaping

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

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<https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/local-news/2021/12/wood-boe-discusses-cosmetology-vaping/>

PARKERSBURG — Students interested in cosmetology in Wood County Schools area are one step closer to seeing their dreams become reality.

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Also discussed at the meeting were problems associated with vaping and nicotine addiction.

Cathy Grewe, the assistant principal at Jefferson Elementary Center, and Kenneth Cook, the director of secondary education for Wood County Schools, have been working to devise an intervention program to help students suffering with nicotine addiction.

Grewe said vaping became a problem five years ago, and because of that, many are now more addicted to nicotine than through smoking. According to Grewe, students hide vaping or do it in the bathroom.

And a major problem, according to Grewe, is the possible use of marijuana in the vapes, but said there are tests available to detect marijuana in vapes.

Grewe and Cook are working to change the offense system to give them another option.

The first offense would be the same as before — one day out of school. But a student may be told to do one day at the Summit Support Center, an alternative school, for the

WCS Tobacco or nicotine-vaping program upon a recommendation of the school administrator.

The second offense is three days suspension, and the third offense is five days suspension.

Grewe and Cook want to have the alternative intervention available to a student upon the third and subsequent offenses.

The board also approved by a 4-0 vote to put new bleachers and a new press box in the football stadium at Williamstown Middle/High School. The project would cost approximately \$624,000 and the money has been set aside already.

If no action is taken, the seats could become condemned for safety reasons.

The next board meeting will take place Jan. 11, 2022, at 6 p.m. at the board's central office at 1210 13th Street in Parkersburg.

WVU Parkersburg ranked as top institution for child development

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Reidmiller named West Virginia Higher Art Educator of the Year for 2021

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Lauri Reidmiller, a West Virginia University at Parkersburg associate professor, was named the West Virginia Higher Art Educator of the Year for 2021. (Photo Provided)

PARKERSBURG — A West Virginia University at Parkersburg associate professor was named the West Virginia Higher Art Educator of the Year for 2021.

Lauri Reidmiller, WVU-P associate professor of art, received the award at the West Virginia Art Education Association (WVAEA) annual conference held at West Liberty University on Oct. 22-23.

The goal of WVAEA is to promote and maintain the highest possible degree of quality instruction in art programs throughout the state of West Virginia and to recognize those educators that maintain the highest levels in achievement. WVAEA awards recognize excellence in service to the community, leadership, and excellence in teaching.

Throughout her professional career, service has always been a cornerstone of Reidmiller's education philosophy.

She organizes and hosts the annual Wood County Poorhouse Cemetery Clean-Up Events held in the fall; volunteers for the Very Special Arts Festival (VSA), Festival of Arts, Music, and Movement (FAMM) and many more. She continues honoring the veterans by working with the Veteran’s Resource Center at WVUP, to organize volunteers in placing American flags at the Wood County Poorhouse Cemetery on Veteran’s Day.

Reidmiller currently serves as the Higher Art Education Representative and Region 5 representative for WVAEA and in the past has held multiple positions on the board. Along with taking on these official leadership roles, Reidmiller has served as the 3D Coordinator and judge for West Virginia Youth Art Month (YAM) and juried county art shows throughout the state. During the pandemic, she added the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation (PACF) Scholarship program to the list of organizations she supports.

Teen of the Week: Williamstown’s Matthew Taylor abuzz with activities

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Matthew Taylor does the morning announcements at Williamstown Middle/High School. (Photo Provided)

WILLIAMSTOWN — Matthew Taylor likes to challenge himself, he spends most of his time studying, participating in school activities and extracurriculars.

Taylor is a member of the Williamstown Middle/High School cheerleaders, choir, quiz bowl team, does the morning announcements, and is an anchor on the schools news broadcast.

As a cheerleader, Taylor said he participates in a lot of volunteer work. He has helped kick off a walk for Alzheimer's in Tomlinson Park, repainted the Williamstown fire hydrants to make them more visible, and even helped teach the peewee cheerleaders in Williamstown.

Taylor said he also volunteers through the Wood County Society (WCS). He has helped raise money for adults and children with needs for the past two years at the WCS Telethon. He has also volunteered at the WCS Camp Echo program at Cedar Lakes in Ripley.

"At first I was kind of nervous, because it was my first year, but it's helping adults with disabilities, and you get to help them for a week and they love you," said Taylor. "They are such nice people."

He said he gets joy from seeing how happy the campers get while attending the program.

"I love making people happy," he said.

Taylor said he loves being a part of the high school choir.

"I love to sing," said Taylor. "My brothers do too."

He said the highlight of his choir experience was when his brothers Luke and John were both in choir at the same time as him.

Taylor said all of the main subjects he takes in school are honors classes. He takes biology honors, honors English, STEM three honors (an advanced placement course in math) and college history through West Virginia University at Parkersburg. He said this is the only college course offered to him at the moment, but he plans to take all that are available in the future.

"I like challenging myself," he said.

Taylor has a 4.0 GPA, and participates on the quiz bowl team and Math Field Day. He said he placed in the top 10 out of 10th through 12th grades in Math Field Day and is moving on to compete in the state level.

"I just love academic competitions," he said. "I'm a very competitive person with everything."

Taylor is unsure of where he wants to attend college in the future, but said he has already heard from a few colleges.

"So far the top colleges that have messaged me was Vanderbilt, which I hear has a good medical program," he said.

Taylor said he is interested in pursuing a career in pediatric medicine.

"I just love kids, they're a lot of fun," he said.

Taylor said he doesn't get very much spare time due to all of the activities he participates in, but enjoys making greeting cards.

"I have made cards for people at every opportunity since I was younger: birthdays, holidays or even retirements," he said. "People seem to appreciate homemade cards more than store-bought and I love making them."

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Laurie Reidmiller, associate professor at West Virginia University in Parkersburg, named West Virginia Higher Art Teacher of the Year 2021. (Photo provided)

PARKERSBURG – Associate Professor at West Virginia University at Parkersburg has been named West Virginia Teacher of the Year 2021.

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Washington State Community College offers affordable transfer opportunity for future teachers

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel

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MARIETTA– Washington State Community College for more than 20 years has offered a more affordable way for future teachers to obtain a bachelor’s degree.

The education transfer pathway supports students as they complete their two-year associate degree at Washington State and then transfer credits to a four-year college or university to complete a bachelor's degree, usually in just two additional years.

Over the years, Washington State has established transfer partnerships with four-year institutions. One such partnership with West Virginia University at Parkersburg has expanded access for aspiring educators on both sides of the Ohio River.

Paiten Wotring attributes the success of her educational journey to her experience attending both Washington State and WVU Parkersburg.

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She enrolled at Washington State while attending Belpre High School in 2012 as an early college student, now called College Credit Plus. With credits already earned, she continued her studies at Washington State after graduating high school, originally seeking to become a librarian.

"It really took that first classroom placement, done in the first semester, that made me realize I loved teaching and each experience in the field after that further cemented my love for education," she said.

With her Washington State associate degree in hand, Wotring wanted to further her education.

"I learned I could earn my bachelor's degree at WVU Parkersburg without having an hour-long commute or having to move away," she said.

While she considered other colleges, the articulation agreement between Washington State and WVU Parkersburg simplified the process of transferring her credits. She said she also enjoyed the closeness to home she felt when attending both institutions.

Washington State's value and affordability, combined with the free courses she was able to take through Ohio's state funded early college initiative, meant Wotring was able to earn her degree without being buried in debt or sacrificing quality.

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Wotring graduated from WVU Parkersburg in the spring of 2021 and now teaches first grade at Fairplains Elementary School in Parkersburg.

Dr. Jona Rinard, Washington State Dean of Transfer and Public Services, said students like Wotring are in good hands when enrolled in the education transfer pathway.

“Both schools have collaborated to assure the success of students who transfer from WSCC to WVU Parkersburg,” she said.

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Like Wotring, Washington State Alumna Kayla Norman also had a positive experience transferring into the WVU Parkersburg education program.

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For more information, visit wsc.edu/transfer-programs.

WSCC offers transfer opportunity

The Marietta Times

January 3, 2022

<https://www.mariettatimes.com/news/2022/01/wsc-offers-transfer-opportunity/>

MARIETTA– For nearly two decades, Washington State Community College has offered a more affordable pathway for future teachers to obtain their bachelor’s degree. The education transfer pathway supports students as they complete their two-year associate degree at WSCC and then transfer credits to a four-year college or university to complete a bachelor’s degree, usually in just two additional years.

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WSCC hopes to produce more teachers with education transfer pathways

WTAP-TV [video]

January 3, 2022

<https://www.wtap.com/2022/01/03/wsc-creates-more-teachers-with-education-transfer-pathway/>

MARIETTA, Ohio (WTAP) - Today, many industries are facing staffing shortages.

Washington State Community College is hoping its education transfer pathway will help to curb the shortage of teachers.

“There’s a huge need right now for educators. We can just tell that in the lack of substitutes that we have in school systems” says Dr. Jona Rinard.

Dr. Rinard is the Dean of Transfer and Public Service at WSCC.

According to the school, the education transfer pathway allows students to complete their two-year associates degree, then transfer to a four-year college or university.

One such partnership is with WVU Parkersburg.

Dr. Rinard says they also have partnerships with Marietta College, Ohio University, and other institutions.

She says the number one reason why future teachers should consider programs like this one is the affordability.

Dr. Rinard says she mostly sees students who want to be teachers in this area.

She says she sees a variety of College Credit Plus high school students, traditional college students, and non-traditional students ages 25 and up.

Dr. Rinard says that WSCC teaches their students the skills required to be a teacher in the age of remote and hybrid learning.

Having worked in a school district during the pandemic, Dr. Rinard says “I can speak first-hand with my students as to what it’s like to have to suddenly be face-to-face with students or face-to-face with your staff and then turn right around and go into a virtual setting.”

This Week in History

The Calhoun Chronicle

January 6, 2021

1972, 50 years ago

This year, the Calhoun County school system has three special programs not available before. Through local funding, the board has been able to secure a school nurse, provide physical training for grade school children, and have a speech and hearing clinician working in the county.

Dennis Bennett of Grantsville is director of physical education in the elementary schools, in participating Title I schools, five of the seven elementary schools. He is a graduate of Normantown High School in 1964, Glenville State College in 1970, and is in his second year of employment in Calhoun County. He did his student teaching at Calhoun County High School.

Mrs. Nita Reese is employed as a full-time school nurse, the first time such a position has been filled. She was educated in Wood County, graduated from Parkersburg High School in 1959, and worked for the federal government for five years as an IBM typist. She graduated from WVU-Parkersburg Center with an associate degree in nursing in May 1970, and worked in Camden Clark hospital in the intensive care unit before coming to Calhoun. She is the wife of Paul Reese, who is also employed by the Calhoun County Board of Education. They have two sons, Michael and John.

Andrell W. Henry, speech and hearing clinician, is a native of Richmond, Va., who is a Navy veteran, with many special interests, including electronics, communications, Indian work, and many others. In the field of communications, he has done such things as maintained a private phone system for a three-state utility company; installed equipment for Bell Telephone; designed and installed a buzzer system in several office

buildings in Richmond; serviced dictation machines and audio-visual equipment for two large school systems in California.

Since entering the field of Audiology and Speech Pathology, he has worked as an inspector for audiometers production and as an audiological research technician. He has performed clinical duties for Children’s Hospital Home of Utica, N.Y.; Richmond Cerebral Palsy Center and School; New Mexico University; El Paso Rehabilitation Center; and New Mexico School for the Deaf.

He holds an associate in arts degree in electronics, a bachelor of science degree in audiology, and a master of arts degree in health and safety education. He also holds certification in his field from professional groups. He is a developer of devices for use in 30 institutions in the United States and several foreign countries.

He has become involved in 4-H work and is in the process of helping to organize a local drama group. He is also a member of the Lions Club. There is still another side to Henry, known professionally as Andrell the Magician, and that is that he has attended the Chavez College of Magic in Hollywood, and is now what he calls a “Gospel Magician,” using his magic ability to illustrate the scriptures.

WVU-P Child Development Program Wins Ranking

The Pleasants County Leader

January 7, 2021

West Virginia University at Parkersburg has again been recognized as one of the top-ranked institutions in the U. S. for its Child Development program, receiving five honors.

The program was ranked No. 5 for its online Associate of Applied Science in Child Development degree program and was awarded for having the best alumni network and the best advisors. The bachelor’s degree program was ranked No. 6 for having the best child development emphasis. The child development program ranked No. 11 in the top 63 Online Early Childhood Education degree programs, and it also received the most affordable award.

More than 2,900 colleges and universities 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.

“Mrs. Calvert, the child development coordinator, has taken the program to new heights, and I’m very proud of the program and her efforts. Having the most affordable program in the nation and the top-of-the-line quality is something very special, in my opinion,” said Dr. David Lancaster, WVU-Parkesburg dean of Education.

“The child development online program at WVU-P is a quality program. It is always great to have that confirmed by outside sources such as this report.”

Each program is evaluated based on online resources, reputation, course flexibility, strength, and cost.

The college offers a 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, 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, he may be eligible for WV Invests while pursuing a certificate or associate degree in child development.

WV Invests will cover the remaining tuition and fee costs after all other federal and state grant awards are used.

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

WVU Parkersburg also offers a 2 + 2 option for their Child Development program.

Anyone who has earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in Child Development at a different accredited institution may start earning credits for their bachelor’s degree without backtracking to meet the requirements for WVU Parkersburg’s associate degree.

Questions about the child development program may be addressed to Christi Calvert at 304.424.8000 ext. 430 or christi.calvert@wvup.edu.



December 2021

West Virginia University at Parkersburg

Social Media Report

facebook

facebook.com/wvuparkersburg (@wvuparkersburg)


Fans (number of page likes): 7,643

WVU Parkersburg gained 22 fans in December 2021.

Top Posts

 **West Virginia University at Parkersburg**
Published by Rebecca Lynn Rhodes · December 15, 2021 at 11:58 AM · 🌐

Don't be a grinch! WVU Parkersburg has low-cost tuition, small class sizes and opportunities for students to gain paid internship experience in their field of study. Learn more at wvup.edu/admissions



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979 People reached 61 Engagements Boost unavailable

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West Virginia University at Parkersburg

Published by Hootsuite • December 29, 2021 at 7:00 PM



Congratulations to Associate Professor of Art Dr. Lauri Reidmiller on being named this year's WV Art Educator of the Year! 🏆🌟 At WVU Parkersburg, Dr. Reidmiller hosts the annual Poorhouse Cemetery Clean-Up and organizes volunteers for the Very Special Arts Festival, Festival of Arts, Music and Movement and more. We are #WVUProud to have such outstanding faculty!



3,412
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Engagements

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West Virginia University at Parkersburg

Published by Rebecca Lynn Rhodes · December 11, 2021 at 10:30 AM · 🌐



Congratulations to our Fall 2021 Class of Graduates! ❤️🎓



1,980
People reached

476
Engagements

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12 Comments 14 Shares



West Virginia University at Parkersburg

Published by Rebecca Lynn Rhodes · December 10, 2021 at 1:00 PM · 🌐



We appreciate the time spent with our State Delegate Shannon Kimes and Board of Governors Chair Steve Hardman during today's Presidential Breakfast. 💙 Our students and staff shared the college's success story of academic programs, veterans advocacy and more. We are truly #WVUProud!

P.S. President Gilmer was kind enough to share his southern cooking with recipes from his grandmother's kitchen. 🗨️



1,779
People reached

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Engagements

[Boost post](#)

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twitter.com/WVUParkersburg (@wvuparkersburg)

Followers (number of people following WVU Parkersburg's account): 1,331

WVU Parkersburg lost 1 follower in December 2021.

Top Tweets

 **WVU Parkersburg** @WVUParkersburg · Dec 31, 2021

Congratulations to Dr. Lauri Reidmiller on being named this year's WV Art Educator of the Year! 🎉 At WVU Parkersburg, Dr. Reidmiller hosts the annual Poorhouse Cemetery Clean-Up and organizes volunteers for the Very Special Arts Festival and Festival of Arts, Music and Movement.



The image shows Dr. Lauri Reidmiller, a woman with long, wavy blonde hair, wearing a red scarf and a dark blue jacket. She is smiling and holding a dark wooden award plaque. The plaque has a logo at the top and the following text: "WVAEA 2021 Higher Education Art Educator Of The Year Lauri Reidmiller".

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WVU Parkersburg @WVUParkersburg · Dec 2, 2021



The Fine Arts Committee has released the Fall 2021 edition of The Poorhouse Rag! Visit ow.ly/Q10350H1bTX to read the prose, poetry and children's literature from our campus community. This year's edition focuses on issues of social justice.



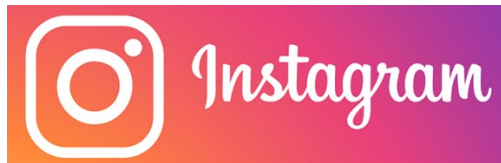


WVU Parkersburg @WVUParkersburg · Dec 24, 2021

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PHS and Early College student Dylan Khoury is a star! 🌟 He was recently named WTAP's Academic Achiever of the week, taking Advanced Placement and college courses. Dylan plans to pursue a degree in marine biology after graduation.



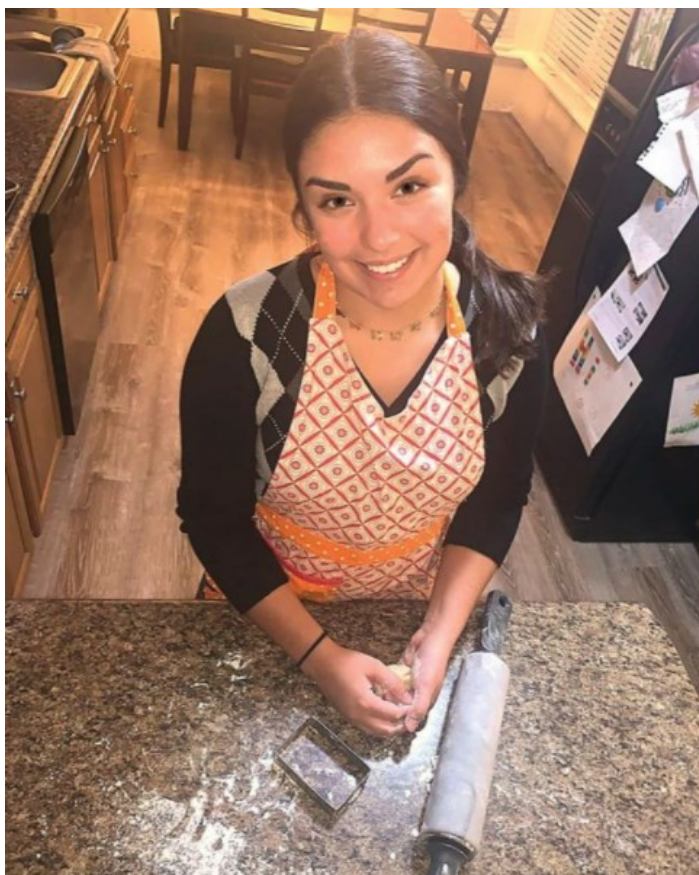



[instagram.com/wvuparkersburg](https://www.instagram.com/wvuparkersburg) (@wvuparkersburg)

Followers (number of people following WVU Parkersburg's account): 1,611

WVU Parkersburg gained 2 followers in December 2021.

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 wvuparkersburg S/O to Early College and PHS student Katherine Taylor who is a business owner! 🍪💕 Through Katie's Cookie Jar, Katherine bakes and decorates cookies that she also donates to the community for various fundraising events. 📍 Head over to Katie's Cookie Jar on Facebook to see her amazing work!


#WVUParkersburg #EarlyCollege #CollegeLife #CommunityCollege

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DECEMBER 1, 2021

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wvuparkersburg You did it, Riverhawks! This is the end of finals week, and it is time to celebrate your hard work this semester. ❤️❤️

#WVUParkersburg #CollegeLife #communitycollege

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sabinemermaid Oooo I want one of those tees! 🤍

3w Reply



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DECEMBER 10, 2021




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 wvuparkersburg Want to go to WVU Parkersburg at little or no cost? Join the Ascend program! ❤️ Ascend helps students in eligible majors receive tuition and textbook assistance, a monthly Kroger gift card, priority class registration and so much more.


📖 Learn more or apply for the spring semester by Jan. 1 at wvup.edu/ascend. We will host an information session on Dec. 15, at 7 p.m., at wvup.edu/join and our Facebook page.

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DECEMBER 9, 2021

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Followers (number of people following WVU Parkersburg's account): 6,526

WVU Parkersburg gained 36 followers in December 2021.

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We would like to personally thank the local chapters and representatives of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Masons and Veterans of Foreign Wars for their generous donations to our campus scholarships. ❤️💛 ...see more

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👤 Senta M Goudy and 11 others

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6,526 followers

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Happy Holidays from your WVU Parkersburg family! ❤️



👤 Jeremy Harrison and 6 others