

QUEEN OF QUEENS COURT CROWNED



Photo by Lauren Florence

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WHEELING

Schools Finalizing Social Worker Positions

By JOSELYN KING
Staff Writer

Ohio County Schools is about to hire the third of four social workers who will serve as the school district's "Community In Schools" liaisons.

The Ohio County Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. on Monday at the board office, 2203 National Road in Elm Grove. A request to approve the hiring of Heather Weekley as the third social worker is on the agenda.

"That will give us three, and at the following meeting (on Aug. 8) we will hire the fourth," said Assistant Superintendent Rick Jones.

Unique Robinson already has been approved as the social worker at Wheeling Park High School, while

former Bethlehem/West Liberty Elementary principal Stacy Dietz was tapped as the second CIS liaison.

Is it not yet determined where Dietz and the other two social workers will be assigned, but the school district has decided on the locations for the liaisons, according to Jones.

In addition to Robinson at WPHS, other locations will be the Triadelphia Middle School annex, Bridge Street Middle School and The Warwood School. While stationed at one of the locations, the CIS liaison nevertheless will serve the whole county, Jones said.

The salary and benefits for the positions will be totally funded by the West Virginia Department of Education for the first two years. There

will be no out-of-pocket costs for the school district during that time.

CIS liaisons are being placed in school districts throughout the state with the goal of partnering students and their families with social services in the community that are available to them.

West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice and First Lady Cathy Justice started the CIS program in three counties in 2018.

The program has now expanded to 36 counties, serving over 70,000 students in 186 schools across West Virginia. Locally, Marshall County Schools is also part of the CIS program. The goal is to eventually have the program in all 55 counties in the state, the Justices said this week.

Tax Reform Plan Lacks Consensus

Today begins the third special session of the West Virginia Legislature, as lawmakers gavel in to consider Gov. Jim Justice's 10% personal income tax cut proposal.

I honestly didn't think Justice would call this special session. In fact, in the original version of the Mountain State Views podcast episode when I interviewed Senate Minority Leader Stephen Baldwin, D-Greenbrier, we both speculated that a special session likely wouldn't be called.

We were both wrong. Nearly 30 minutes after we recorded the podcast, Justice issued the official proclamation calling the Legislature into special session and released the draft bill language for his personal income tax cut.



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(By the way, you can listen to the full interview with Baldwin on my Mountain State Views podcast, available on nearly all major podcast platforms. We talked about tax reform, the lawsuit over West Virginia's old abortion law, education reform, and flood mitigation.)

The reason I and other lawmakers I've talked to didn't think the special session would happen is because there still isn't consensus on the governor's plan. As we've talked about in this column space, Justice's proposal is nearly identical to House Bill 4007 that Republicans in the House of Delegates overwhelmingly supported. I gather from my conversations with some Republican House members that they would support the governor's proposal.

But Senate Republicans are simply not on board, not because they don't want to cut personal income taxes but because they are focused on getting voters to support the constitutional amendment that would give lawmakers the authority next year to cut certain personal property taxes, such as the business and inventory tax. They're already developing plans to replace the funding for counties and county school systems that would be lost with direct state funding, similar to the school aid formula.

Typically, governors do not call special sessions unless they already know they have the votes for their items to pass. Justice doesn't operate that way, content to drop an idea at the Legislature's feet and say, "pass or don't pass."

According to survey results released last week by Morning Consult, Justice is the fifth-most popular governor in the nation. As far as he is concerned, he has the people on his side and the wind at his back. If the Legislature doesn't pass his plan, it makes lawmakers look bad, not Justice.

But even some of the advocacy class that support tax reform in general are divided on the best way for West Virginia to proceed. Jason Huffman, state director for Americans for Prosperity, said Justice is "absolutely right to pursue taking a first step toward permanent relief for every hard-working Mountaineer." But Jared Walczak, vice president of state projects at the Tax Foundation, said "Trimming the income tax isn't necessarily incompatible with cutting TPP (tangible personal property) taxes, but there's only so much capacity, and TPP tax reform will yield much greater economic dividends for the state."

It's apparent from past briefings that Justice doesn't really support eliminating certain personal property taxes and funding counties through the general revenue budget. Senate President Craig Blair, R-Berkeley, and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Eric Tarr, R-Putnam, think that the personal property tax amendment should be the priority and that the Justice/House income tax cut is too small to do much good.

Either idea ultimately returns money to taxpayers. But this week will determine which idea will win out.

So what will Democratic lawmakers

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Toy & Train Museum Hosting 'Dog Days' Aug. 13-14

By SHELLEY HANSON
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With the dog days of summer comes an event to allow pet owners to entertain themselves and their beloved pooches.

The Kruger Street Toy & Train Museum is set to host Dog Days from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 13-14 on the front lawn of the museum in Elm Grove.

Becky Gerlak, museum manager, said a certified dog trainer, Jill Robins of Wheeling, will offer agility presentations for the crowd, in addition to doling out some tips for the dog owners who show up.

"She will also do scenting. She puts stuff out and

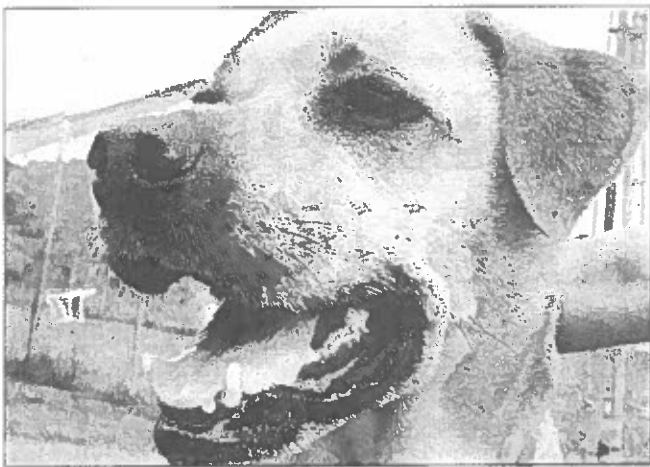


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Shown here is Tater, an adoptable dog at the Marshall County Animal Shelter.

the dogs find it by scent," perform a square dance for the crowd on Sunday. All Gerlak said.

Robins' dogs will also outdoor activities are free.

People are permitted to bring their dogs inside the museum with the price admission for a special scavenger hunt.

"We'll be putting Lou away that day — our museum cat," Gerlak noted.

People can also bring a donation of canned or dry dog food for WeBark Estates. Gerlak noted dogs who attend the event must be leashed.

"Even if you don't have a dog you can come watch everything," she added.

Gerlak said they are also planning to have a local minister do a pet blessing during the event on Sunday, though a time has not been set yet.



AP Photo

WATER RAINS down on children during the Geneva Water Battle at Memorial Field in Geneva, Ohio. Firetrucks provided a cooling opportunity for hundreds of people during the annual event.

As heat records fall, some city dwellers flee

PROMISED LAND, Pa. (AP) — It's not exactly flowing with milk and honey — just ask the area's struggling black bears — but Promised Land offered respite Sunday for city folks in the Northeast trying to escape a nearly weeklong hot spell that only threatened to intensify.

Those with the resources fled to pools, beaches and higher elevations like Promised Land State Park, at 1,800 feet (550 meters) in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains and a drive of about 2 1/2 hours from New York City and Philadelphia.

From the Pacific Northwest to the southern Great Plains to the heavily populated Interstate 95 corridor, more than 85 million Americans were under excessive heat warnings or heat advi-

sories issued by the National Weather Service.

The agency warned of "extremely oppressive" conditions from Washington to Boston.

Even in Promised Land, temperatures were forecast to soar above 90 (32 Celsius), but with shade from the forests, cool lake water and mountain breezes, it was more than tolerable, visitors said.

Rosa Chavez, 47, a high school teacher in Manhattan, applied sunscreen at a beach on Promised Land Lake.

She and friend Arlene Rodriguez, who accompanied her, had just experienced Europe's own heat wave while vacationing last week in Florence, Italy. "The heat is following us," said Ro-

driguez, 47, a real estate agent and property manager.

Numerous record highs were expected to be tied or broken in the Northeast, the weather service said.

Philadelphia hit 99 degrees (37 Celsius) Sunday before even factoring in humidity. Newark, New Jersey, saw its fifth consecutive day of 100 degrees or higher, the longest such streak since records began in 1931. Boston also hit 100 degrees, surpassing the previous daily record high of 98 degrees set in 1933.

At least two heat-related deaths have been reported in the Northeast, with officials warning of the potential for more.

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\$12.0 million budget for fiscal 2023.

The vote was unanimous by council members Jack Regis Jr., James Schramm, Robert Hunker, Bruce Shrodes, Suzanne Armstrong and Rick Rodgers. Thomas Burns was not present.

Shrodes wanted it noted that the figures are not necessarily final and that it is a "fluid" budget that could be changed, and all agreed.

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ODOT safety improvement project starts Aug. 1 in Woodsfield

WOODSFIELD — A project aimed at improving safety for motorists and pedestrians in the village of Woodsfield begins Aug. 1.

From 2015-19, there were 24 crashes at the intersection of Ohio 26/78/800. Most of these involved drivers backing out of parking spaces in the square, into oncoming traffic. As a result, the parking in the square will be changed to reverse angle parking.

"Reverse angle parking is very similar to parallel parking," ODOT District 10 Traffic Engineer Eric Davis said in a release. "The driver signals, pulls past the space, and then backs in. Because you can look out the driver's side window instead of looking behind you, it's much easier to see when pulling out."

Also as part of the project, traffic signals will be upgraded at the following intersections:

- Court Street/Main Street
- Court Street/Sycamore Street
- Court Street/Paul Street
- Main Street/Church Street

The existing signal controller operates the four intersections in a pre-timed manner.

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Ferry seeking a police officer

• Chief says pool of potential employees is exhausted

By **JENNIFER COMPSTON-STROUGH**
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MARTINS FERRY — The Martins Ferry Police Department is in need of a good man or woman to become a law enforcement officer.

According to Chief John McFarland, although the department recently held a Civil Service test for potential employees, it has exhausted its list of available personnel and still has one opening to fill.

"With the help of the city attorney, the Civil (Service) Commission and Mayor (John) Davies, we will be accepting applications for Lateral Transfers," McFarland wrote in an email. "We will accept applications from anyone who is OPOTA certified with at least one year full-time or part-time experience."

OPOTA certification is achieved through the Ohio Peace Officer Training based in London, Ohio, with an additional campus in Richfield, Ohio. The academy prepares candidates to become peace officers, private security, local corrections personnel, jail personnel, K-9 units and humane agents as well as roles such as bailiffs, probation officers and parole officers.

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Queen of Queens Contestants Announced

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Life Times

Life is full of change, from your engagement and wedding to new family members coming along. There also are anniversaries to consider, as well as special community events with which you might be involved.

Here at The Intelligencer and Wheeling News-Register, our goal is to make publishing this information in the newspaper as easy for you as possible — after all, we understand that life is full of enough demands.

You Said "Yes"

So, you've just been swept off your feet by the most romantic marriage

written release from the photographer before we can publish the picture.

For Sunday publication the weekend of your wedding, the picture and information should be in our offices by 10:30 a.m. the Tuesday prior to your wedding day. This information as well as your photo and phone number can be emailed to life@theintelligencer.net, or you can drop it in the mail or bring it to our offices at 1500 Main St., Wheeling, WV 26003. Weddings that have already taken place may be submitted at any time, and also will run in our

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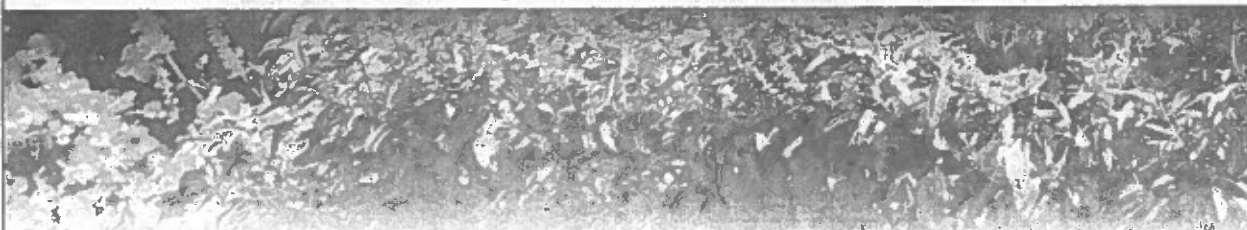


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Life Over 50



GETTING-OLDER doesn't mean you have to stop doing the things you love to do. Each month in this Life After 50 promotion we will provide information and suggestions on various topics geared toward people over 50, from getting healthy to career changes

3 HEALTHY HABITS TO HELP YOU LIVE TO 100

Turning 50 can be a huge milestone in many people's lives, and it's often a cause for celebration. While a 50th birthday party can be fun, imagine the bash you'll have when you turn 100. Although it might seem futile to think about age 100 as soon as you turn 50, the halfway point is actually the perfect time to start (if you haven't already), and to begin making changes to your lifestyle, so you can enjoy the second 50 years of your life

1. Stay Up to Date at the Doctor's: Whether it's the dentist, optometrist or your general practitioner, it's important to regularly go to the doctor for checkups to make sure your body is operating at its best. And once you hit age 50, those yearly visits should also be supported by screening tests like colonoscopies or mammograms. While Gupta knows that "no one likes to talk about [colonoscopies], 50 is a good age to start." And if planning for different doctor's visits can seem stressful, keep track of your schedule and history with this handy journal where you can record appointments, medications and more

2. Take Care of Your Bones: "Start thinking about your bones. You didn't have to worry about those so much when you were younger, but osteoporosis starts to set in," explains Gupta. And one way to take care of your bone health is to make sure your diet is rich in vitamin D and calcium (check out the best vitamin D-rich foods and best calcium-rich foods).

3. Be Social: Beyond one's physical health, it's also important to stay emotionally healthy, which is why it's important to stay social. While Gupta acknowledges that it might not be as easy to make friends as when you were younger, Gupta recommends finding a club or group that shares interest in a topic like wine or cars and making connections that way. As Gupta says, "Sometimes just a single friend is enough, but if you're social and interacting with people on a daily basis, it helps you. It helps your health, both physically and emotionally, and it helps you live to 100." eatingwell.com

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