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POOLS

City, county set to offer 3 places to swim

BY BEN CONLEY
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It was one year ago that a highly contagious virus forced the cancellation of a beloved annual event.

That virus ... doggy bronchitis, also known as kennel cough.

That event ... Dog Day at BOPARC's Marilla Pool.

We have overcome!
"It's back," BOPARC Assistant Director Marissa Travinski said of poochie pool day, "It's going to be on Aug. 21 this year, here at Marilla."

BOPARC's Marilla and Krepps pools open this weekend.

Information about daily rates and summer passes is available at boparc.org.

Along with open swim, BOPARC offers a number of aquatic offerings, including times designated for new mothers and children with accessibility and sensory issues.

Swim lessons are also on offer.
"Lessons start with the parent-and-child programs, so that's 0-12 months, and they go up through age 12," Travinski said. There are six sessions this summer between Krepps and Marilla pools. Unless the class is full, those classes are always open for registration, and if they are full, there's a wait-list option.

Other programs include eight-week water fitness sessions and a new aqua boxing class that uses submersible punching bags.

"It's pretty cool," Travinski said.
Next summer will be the last for BOPARC's 60-plus-year-old Marilla Pool as construction of a new \$7 million-\$9 million pool complex is slated to begin in the upper section of the park next spring.

Speaking of pool projects, Monongalia County plans to reopen its Camp Muffly pool next month after a half-million dollar overhaul.

As part of that project, the county's construction team built a new pool



Marilla Pool (at right) and Krepps Pool open this weekend for the summer season. The county will open the pool at Camp Muffly in June.

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house facility.
"It's beautiful," County Commissioner Jeff Arnett said. "Our guys really did a great job on the pool house. We pushed the fence back, almost to the creek, so there's a lot of room to spread out and put your

chairs down. I hope people enjoy it, because it was a heck of a project."
The Camp Muffly pool originally opened in 1953.

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MYLAN PARK

'A lot of fun stuff coming up'

BY ERIN CLEAVENGER

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If you're looking for summer fun in Morgantown, look no further than Mylan Park.

"We have a lot of fun stuff coming up," said Danielle Rudash, coordinator of community events and engagement at Mylan Park.

From swimming and summer camps to holiday celebrations and movie nights, it isn't hard to find lots of activities for kids, families and adults throughout the Mylan Park complexes.

At the Aquatic Center and Track Complex, the general public can enjoy the Huntington Community Pool, which features six 25-yard lap lanes, zero-depth entry, a variety of water play features and four water slides.

A \$6 day pass for the pool includes the Outdoor Splash Pad with fun water features like dumping buckets and troughs,

sprayers, geysers, sprinklers and, of course, lounge chairs for Mom and Dad to enjoy the sun.

For those just wanting to try out the pool, Rudash said, every Friday throughout the summer will offer Twilight Swim, where half price swim passes are offered from 6-8 p.m.

The park also has a variety of camps for kids throughout the summer.

Rudash said the Swimtastic summer camps will have a different theme each week over eight weeks, including safari, fairy tales, wildlife wilderness and marine life.

Kids at the camp will have the opportunity to go into the water, have adventures outside, learn new material, free play, exercise and more.

"We get outside vendors to come and teach the kids a lesson for a day or do a little demo," Rudash said.

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The Mylan Park Aquatic Center outdoor splash pad is ready for summer.

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FRESH FOOD

Area offers farmers markets throughout week

BY EVA MAYS

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This spring and summer there will be a farmers market held within an easy drive of Morgantown every day of the week.

“By visiting farmers’ markets, you are supporting local farmers and the local economy directly. It is a great place to spark creativity for gardening, community, cooking and crafting,” said Ayron Walker, manager of the Morgantown Farmers’ Market.

The Morgantown Market offers all types of food, including produce, jams and jellies, honey, eggs, all types of meat, baked goods, florals and plants, hemp, kombucha and woolen products. For those who do not carry cash, the Morgantown market allows patrons to swipe a credit card and in return will receive Market Tokens to spend at the vendors’ tables. There is a small charge to cover the fees charged by the credit card companies. The Morgantown market also accepts SNAP/EBT and Senior FMNP payments. Any leftover produce is donated to Christian Help to support the nutrition of local families in need.

The Morgantown Market is on Spruce Street. It is open 8:30 a.m.-noon Saturdays from May to November.

Info: Morgantownfarmersmarket.org

Cheat Lake

Katie Fallon, volunteer market manager at the Cheat Lake Farmers’ Market since 2009, described it as a “relaxed market with a friendly vibe.”

“All of our vendors are located within 50 miles of our market location, so the food is very local and very fresh,” she said.

Two of the vendors at Cheat Lake are within two miles of the market location, and several local restaurants, including The Lake House, purchase food from the vendors to serve patrons. Besides food, one of the vendors sells native plants, such as bee balm, milkweed and butterfly weed. These types of plants are popular with gardeners, as they attract butterflies and other pollinators.

The Cheat Lake market is in the parking lot of Chestnut Ridge Church, Cheat Lake. It is open 4-7 p.m. Mondays, June 6 through October.

Info: cheatlakefarmers.org/

WVU

The WVU market is in its 13th season.

“We hold our farmers market with the intent to be an additional benefit to all the employees and students who work and study on the WVU Health Sciences Campus. This includes WVU Medicine employees, WVU Health Sciences Center faculty members, staff and students,” said Eric Smith, manager of the WVU market. “The market is not only an onsite resource for employees to purchase everything from fresh produce from farmers to lunch food from area restaurant vendors, but also a reason to spend out-of-office time actively outdoors as well.”

WVU’s market is open 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesdays from May 25-Oct. 19 in the East-West Concourse between J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital and WVU Health Sciences Center.

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A WVU Medicine Farmers Market offers a plethora of vegetables and more.

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FARMERS

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Info: wvumedicine.org/wellness/programs/farmers-market/

Star City

The Star City Farmers' Market has been enhancing the riverfront park since 2020.

It is conveniently timed so patrons can purchase dinner from vendors and then eat it under the covered pavilion or in one of the picnic areas while enjoying live music. There is plenty on offer for dessert as well, as the vendors and food trucks supply goodies such as ice cream, cotton candy and shaved ice.

Star City's market is open 3-7 p.m. Fridays from June 10 through the end of September at Edith B. Barill Riverfront Park and Trail.

Info: www.facebook.com/Star-City-Farmers-Market-100522902631755

Other markets

Bridgeport

■ bridgeportfarmersmarket.com/
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■ facebook.com/FairmontFarmers/
■ Dates: Tuesdays starting May 31
■ Time: 4-6 p.m.
■ Location: Palatine Park, Everest Drive, Fairmont

Grafton Road

■ Dates: Thursdays, May 5 through October

■ Time: 3-6 p.m.
■ Location: Community United Methodist Church, 1966 Grafton Road, Morgantown



Naoko Racine of Morgantown picks some vegetables from Lupe Espinosa of Green Acre Farms Rock Cave at a Star City Farmers Market.

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Post-COVID lockdowns, more people plan summer trips

BY EVA MAYS

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Coping mechanisms abounded during the long months of stringent pandemic lockdowns. Many people avoided the doldrums by window shopping for vacation packages that promised fun, relaxation or adventure. This year, a growing number of Morgantown residents feel comfortable enough to finally make those dreams a reality.

Folks in the region seem to be favoring beachy getaways this year, according to local travel agents. Domestic travel is booked slightly more often than international, with Florida and the East Coast being perennially popular. Kenneth Main, owner and travel agent at Wild & Wonderful Travels, recommends Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic with its wide selection of resorts for every taste and budget. For those who are willing to go a little farther afield, Hawaii and Aruba make excellent destinations. For

individuals who want an escape but aren't sure where to go, Main suggested a cruise.

"Cruises offer great value for the money and allow you to see multiple destinations on one vacation with ease," he said.

If you are considering taking a trip this year or next, time is of the essence.

"Don't assume that by waiting to book, prices may get better," Main cautioned. "People often, for various reasons, will put off booking their trip only to find that when they finally go to book the price has skyrocketed. I've seen this happen in as little as 24 hours, especially with flights."

"Pricing is very volatile right now, given fuel pricing and labor issues," he added. "Oftentimes a travel agent can get a temporary courtesy hold on a vacation package, which locks in the price with no deposit or obligation on the part of the traveler."

Lisa Weese, of Wanderlust Travel at the Morgantown airport, was of the same mindset.

"It is not a bad idea to book a year out," she said. "If the price comes down and I can adjust it for my client, I will."

Both Weese and Main stressed the importance of travel insurance. Main said all flights to Jamaica were recently canceled due to a strike of air traffic control workers.

"Unpredictability like that is what worries folks and is an excellent reason why it's so important to take out travel insurance," said Main.

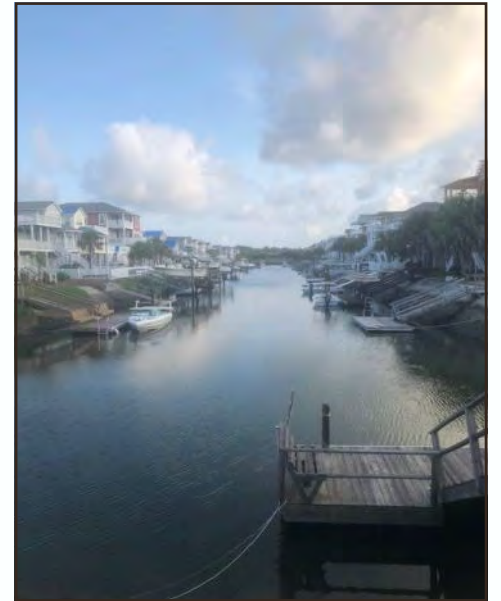
Weese said it is critical to get insurance that will cover any medical needs that might arise.

"Your regular health insurance won't work when you're abroad, and you never know what is going to happen," she said.

Another tip for potential travelers: Be aware of your passport expiration date.

"Don't wait until a month before your trip to check your passport only to find out that it's expired or about to expire," said

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More people may travel to places like Ocean Isle Beach, N.C.

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BOPARC

City's park system offers summer fun

From science to soccer, concerts to crafts, there's plenty on the schedule

BY BEN CONLEY
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From science to soccer, tennis, tie dye, steel drums and stained glass, even pickleball — chances are if you're a kid and you like it, BOPARC has a camp, class or activity for you this summer.

"There's a lot going on," BOPARC Assistant Director Marissa Travinski said, "every day."

The park system's theme-specific camp offerings are numerous and varied.

A full listing, along with age restrictions and cost information, is available at boparc.org/programs

"They all are available as half-day camps, but parents who need a full-day option, we have afternoon swim," Travinski said. "So they can sign up for half-day instruction on the arts, science, steel drum, tennis and pickleball side and then pick an afternoon swim option if they need it."

In addition to the various themed offerings, BOPARC is gearing up for its annual day camp, which is a more traditional camp experience that begins

June 3 and runs through Aug. 12.

Day camp offers everything from games like kickball and capture the flag to swimming, arts and crafts, camp songs and the socialization and relationship building that comes with the camp experience.

"It's all the things our parents used to try to make us do during the summer, so we try to do it better," BOPARC Director Melissa Wiles said, noting it's not uncommon for 150 kids to be running around Marilla Park on any given day. "It's a lot of fun."

Kids can be signed up for one week up to the entire nine-and-one-half-week season. Participation in camps is based on availability. There are some camps that have waiting lists. Information on how to register is available at boparc.org/programs.

In addition, BOPARC will continue its Sounds of Summer Concert & Movie Series starting June 5 at Marilla Park with the Bob Thompson Unit and the Wilson Family Band.

Performers on the lineup this summer include Hillbilly Gypsies, Lords of Lester, Chris Haddox, Into the Fog and Folk on the Hill.

Film offerings include Encanto, Luca and Boss Baby and will be preceded by family fun festivals.

All summer series events are free, with

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BOPARC's Marilla Park offers tennis and basketball courts, a skate park, baseball fields and the pool and slides. There are also picnic and playground areas.

BOPARC

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the exception of participating food trucks.

"We try to keep everything free. We don't like to advertise a free activity and then have parents show up and it's \$5 for this and \$10 for that," Travinski said.

Of course, everybody's summer plans are subject to change based on COVID numbers.

"We follow all recommendations by the Monongalia County Health Department, and those change. I watch them every day," Travinski said. "So as numbers change, we change. If that means masks indoors, then we do that."

BOPARC SCHEDULE

Sounds of Summer 2022 Concert & Movie Series BOPARC www.BOPARC.org info@boparc.org		
 Sunday, June 5th 3-6 pm VIBE in the Park Marilla Park Bob Thompson Unit, Wilson Family Band	 Thursday, July 21st 7-11 pm BOSS BABY Jack Roberts Park Family Fun Festival featuring kid-friendly activities, food trucks, and more begins at 7pm. Movie begins at dusk (approximately 9pm).	
 Thursday, June 9th 6-9 pm Folk on the Hill Wiles Hill Park Spencer Elliott, Jacob's Ferry Stagglers	 Thursday, July 28th 5-9 pm Jazz on the Green Jack Roberts Park Carl's E. Johnson with the Jenny Wilson Trio, Bob Thompson Unit	
 Thursday, June 16th 6-8 pm Concert in the Park Krepps Park Into The Fog	 Thursday, August 4th 7-11 pm LUCA Marilla Park Family Fun Festival featuring kid-friendly activities, food trucks, and more begins at 7pm. Movie begins at dusk (approximately 9pm).	
 Thursday, June 23rd 7-11 pm ENCANTO Krepps Park Family Fun Festival featuring kid-friendly activities, food trucks, and more begins at 7pm. Movie begins at dusk (approximately 9pm).	 Tuesday, August 9th 6-8 pm Concert in the Park Krepps Park Chris Haddox, Hillbilly Gypsies	
 Tuesday, July 12th 6-8 pm Concert in the Park Krepps Park Kruger Brothers	 Thursday, August 25th 6-9 pm Celebrate Woodburn Whitemoore Park Neighborhood Artists Festival Featuring Sugar Maple, Chris Haddox, Lords of Lester	
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Many travelers head to the white waters of Cheat River, like Max Bauer.

TRAVEL

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Main. "Also be aware many countries require six months of validity for entry. It's important to realize that passport processing times have been lagging and continue to be unpredictable so if your passport is expired, about to expire, or you don't have one at all, you should get your application in as soon as possible."

Many COVID restrictions are easing, but that doesn't mean traveling is without complications. A travel agent can be an invaluable guide through the new landscape.

"The regulations change daily," said Weese. "When a client books with me I

will tell them what the current protocols are, but then I will communicate updates as I get them."

Many travel agents have connections within the industry that enable them to resolve any booking issues promptly, rather than an individual waiting on hold with a customer service line for hours. It is worth noting that an agent's services are free for the traveler.

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The Hazel & J.W. Ruby Community Center and Pro Performance also are running camps through the summer, which run on a more flexible schedule and can be attended on a daily or weekly basis.

Proactive Kids Camps, which will help kids build strength, improve coordination and develop and maintain an overall healthy lifestyle. Pro Performance Sports Camps target specific sports or skills each week. Summer Fun Zone Camps provide a variety of traditional camp activities.

Families can go to the park to kick back and relax on select Saturday nights for Mon Health Movies Among the Mountains.

“It’s kind of like a little movie night,” Rudash said. “We do it outside on our track and we show a movie — usually a kid’s movie.”

Rudash said concession stands will be open for the movies, which will kicked off Saturday.

Spiderman: No Way Home will be shown on June 11 and the 1984 classic Ghostbusters on June 25.

July 9 will feature Space Jam: A New



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The expansion of Mylan Park community center provides options for more events.

Legacy and Shang Chi and the Legend of the 10 Rings will be played on July 23.

The final movie night will be Aug. 6 with Luca playing. All movies start at 7 p.m.

The park will host a big community event July 2: Freedom Day at Mylan Park.

Rudash said the Independence Day Celebration will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the lower park, outside the community center.

“We’re hoping to have a petting zoo,” Rudash said. “We’re gonna have all kinds of emergency vehicles there so kids can look in and be taught what everything is in them. We’re gonna have all kinds of vendors and food trucks, so it’s a pretty big event.”

Looking toward the end of the summer, Mylan Park will also be the new site of the annual Taste of Morgantown event Aug. 21.

Previously held at the Marriott on the

Waterfront, Rudash said, “This year we are taking it over and it will be at the track complex. We are going to do an outdoor event; there will be food trucks involved and lots of different kids’ activities, including half price at the Outdoor Splash Pad.”

The adventures at Mylan Park are endless. From kid events like the Community Youth Track Meet June 12 to more adult-focused activities like the International Day of Yoga Celebration June 21, the classes and learning opportunities available cover a wide range of interests.

Global Wellness All-Access Day is June 11. “We are going to open all of our programs and all of our facilities up for the day so anybody can come and try out a class,” Rudash said. “Or if you just want to come and hang out at our community pool — everything is open on that day for us. We will have kayaking and all kinds of fun classes going on.”

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MON COUNTY

4-H will keep area youth busy all summer

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Head, heart, hands and health: 4-H teaches youth to use all four by learning new things, building life skills, and giving back to the community.

This is a busy summer for Monongalia County 4-H and while the deadline has passed to attend our annual 4-H camps, we have plenty of other summer youth opportunities.

Monongalia County 4-H is part of a regional shotgun club that meets monthly at the West Virginia Sportsmen and Firearms Association Inc. Range in Fairmont. This is for youth 12 years old and up.

While most of our 4-H clubs take a break during the summer months, the shotgun club still meets monthly. This club is led by 4-H instructors and volunteers Jim Bowers and David Myers. If you are interested in trying this out, call Jim at 304-216-8914.

We also encourage you to consider entering an exhibit at the Mon County

Fair. It is always fun for people of all ages to vie for a blue ribbon. You can enter your garden produce, baked goods, artwork, crafts and many other items. To check out all the possible items to enter, visit <https://www.moncountyfair.org/> and click "what to do" at the top of the page. Exhibit categories, rules and other information are listed.

Exhibit check-in will take place at the Mon County Center at Mylan Park from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 7. Quilts for the quilt show will be checked in at the Hazel Ruby Community Building. Exhibit pick-up will be from noon-2 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Mon County Center. We are excited to offer this opportunity to residents of Monongalia County.

We also encourage and invite you to one of our local fairs to celebrate the successes of our Monongalia County 4-H livestock youth by attending a livestock show. Members exhibit their livestock 4-H project animals at the Clay District Fair (July 5-9), Mon County Fair (Aug. 9-13), Battelle District Fair (July 12-16) and the

Monongalia County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show and Sale (Aug. 20). We ask that you check the schedules for each fair to determine when the livestock shows will take place.

Visit us at Mylan Park's Freedom Day for some fun, festive activities. It will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. July 2. There will be tons of fun activities for youth.

Also, join us throughout the summer as we pop-up at various parks and other events throughout the county. You never know where we will be and what fun activity we will have on hand. Check out our Facebook page at WVU Monongalia County Extension Service to keep updated on what exciting events we have going on.

If you have any questions about the 4-H program, contact WVU Monongalia County 4-H Extension Agent Becca Fint-Clark at Becca.Fint-Clark@mail.wvu.edu or via phone at 304-291-7201.

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Landon Shaffer shows his goat at a previous summer 4-H livestock show.



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PRESTON COUNTY

Biking big at Big Bear Lake

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BY WILLIAM DEAN

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Big Bear Lake Trail Center is just 30 minutes from Morgantown and offers almost 50 miles of trails for mountain biking, hiking, trail running and cross-country skiing.

There were already some trails in the early 90s when a friend of general manager Mark Schooley approached him about hosting a mountain bike race there. In fact, there was one in the 1980s.

"I was always a guy that rode a bicycle around when I was young. It was fascinating. And it pretty much just started with that," Schooley said. "I just started building trails just for fun. So I'd have someplace to ride and, it's turned into about 50 miles of trails. We're becoming nationally known for people to come by and ride our trails."

It's easy to find your way around, he said. The trails are clearly marked and on several apps such as Trailforks.

"They're all hand cut. East Coast style. Very, very rocky. They're pretty technical. We do have some trails that are more beginner, intermediate friendly," Schooley said.

The trails are built specifically for mountain biking and are beautiful to hike, Schooley said. But hikers should make sure they check the trail distance, most of them are fairly long loops on account of being built for biking — not



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Landon Simpson, Karl Shaver and Anthony Nguyen ride the trails at Big Bear Lake.

everyone wants to walk eight miles.

Access to the trails costs \$10 in the form of a day pass or \$30 for a season pass. They can be purchased at bikebigbearwv.com

Big Bear Lake Camplands, of which the trails are a part, opened Labor Day weekend 1972, making 2022 its 50th anniversary, said Julie Friend Schooley, part-owner and granddaughter of

founder Paul Garbart.

Garbart was inspired to start the camplands after visiting Alaska in a camper.

"He always loved camping; drove us around when we were kids from camp to campground to campground. And they drove to Alaska, and he loved it. He just loved it so much," Julie said.

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KINGWOOD

4-H camps return at two age levels

BY JENIFFER GRAHAM

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KINGWOOD — First organized in 1912, West Virginia 4-H has more than a century of experience in youth development.

While 4-H programs of the past have focused on agriculture and farming, today's 4-H programs are more diverse, exposing kids to concepts in science, engineering, technology, citizenship and healthy lifestyles through summer learning activities, camps and leadership experiences, according to the West Virginia University Extension Office.

David Hartley, Extension agent and 4-H Youth Development supervisor, said this year Preston County 4-H will have both an older and a younger camp, Cloverbud Day, an outdoor evening camp and an Offering Kids 4-H 101 day camp for those who have never been to 4-H camp.

Hartley said the older camp will be from July 3-8. The last day to register will be June 23, and can be done online at ZSuite.

"Older camp is for 8th graders and will be held in Bruceton Mills," he said. "This year we will have an Olympic theme."

The younger camp will be from July 17-21. This camp is for kids 9 years old up to 8th grade. Registration can be

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MUSKIE

‘Fish of 10,000 casts’ elusive, but can be caught

BY WILLIAM DEAN

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An adult muskellunge is an apex predator only bested by large birds of prey such as eagles in their natural habitat.

The largest member of the pike family also needs to be wary of a subgroup of the planet’s apex predator — humans. For many anglers, the muskie is the ultimate sport fish.

“A friend of mine took me muskie fishing. ... I think it was about 2012. And I’ve been hooked ever since we caught a monster that day,” said Matt McLaughlin. “Now it’s just you always want to try to catch that elusive muskie, which is a tough fish to catch.”

The muskie is called the fish of 10,000 casts because of the time it takes to catch one.

“You gotta be in the right place, right time. You got to find them; make sure they’re hungry and biting,” McLaughlin said.

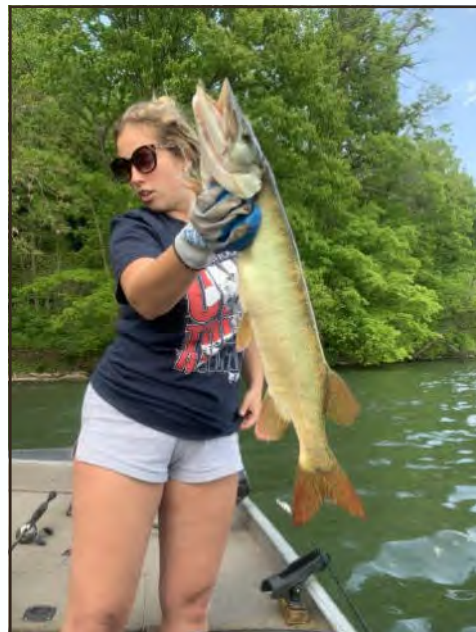
In order to cover more water and increase his chance of finding one, McLaughlin said he likes to troll for them.

Once one bites it’s three to five minutes of chaos, McLaughlin said.

Over 10 years of dedicated muskie fishing, McLaughlin has caught 22 — about two a year. The average catch is 30-40 inches. The first one he caught was 42 inches and remains his largest.

“I’m still waiting on the elusive 50-inch-plus muskie,” McLaughlin said.

The largest muskie on record was caught in July 1949 in Wisconsin. It weighed 67 1/2 pounds and measured 60.25 inches, according to the Interna-



tional Game Fish Association.

Besides putting in the time, the hardest part of catching a muskie is getting it out of the water, he said. The only way to hook a muskie is by putting in the hours until you eventually land one.

In the midwest, pike and muskie are much more common; however, they live in many bodies of water in West Virginia.

Mostly, McLaughlin targets muskie in Stonewall Jackson Lake. He’s also fished for them at Burnsville Lake and the most recent state record was caught just below the Burnsville dam. Muskie live in the Tygart, Monongahela, Elk, Buckhannon and Middle Fork rivers.

While there is dedicated muskie gear — much of it similar to bass lures, just



Submitted photos

Matt McLaughlin (above) with one of the 22 muskies he has caught in 10 years. At right, Alyssa Martin keeps a hold on one she caught in Cheat Lake while fishing with her dad Jon earlier this month.

much bigger — the aggressive muskie is just as happy to eat smaller lures, too.

Jon Martin and his daughter Alyssa found that out while fishing on Cheat Lake on May 17.

The pair were trolling for bass or wall-eye and one of the lines seemed like it was snagged again, Alyssa said.

“We had our poles in pole holders, so I pulled it out and I started reeling it in as

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done online with ZSuite. The last day to register will be July 8. The younger camp will also have an Olympic theme.

Clover Board Day Camp for ages 5 to 8 will be from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. July 13-14. The last day to register is July 1.

Offering Kids 4-H 101 will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 11. Orientation will cover how to camp light and what to bring when camping. The last day to register is June 6. Registration can be done online on ZSuite.

Evening Outdoor Camp will be from 5-8:30 p.m. July 12-14. Children must be at least 9 years of age and will participate in a variety of outdoor activities.

Hartley said some of the things kids can look forward to this year are classes, workshops, swimming, camp fires, a night movie, an informal banquet, speakers and a talent show.

"We're excited to be back and are looking forward to sharing this experience," Hartley said.

To register, go to <https://extension.wvu.edu/youth-family/4h>

KINGWOOD UPDATES

City improving pools, park, center

BY JENIFFER GRAHAM

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KINGWOOD — City officials are working to update not only the pool, but Brown's Park and the Civic Center as well.

"We're making some improvements," Mayor Jean Guillot said, referring to the splash pad and other work being done at the pool. "But we need to make our parks a priority."

Kingwood Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Stiles said due to permitting issues, the new splash pad might not be in place until next year.

"Once we receive the permit from the state, construction will start," he said. "The (pool) slide is already in place and waiting for plumbing."

Stiles said a redesigned concession stand at the pool will offer customers a variety of snacks and drinks. He said an ice cream and slushy machine has been added, along with a larger variety of

other drinks. Stiles said a large pavilion will also be added in the pool area. Currently there are three tennis courts and a basketball court at the pool area, and smaller basketball courts at both Brown's Park and Westpoint Park.

Stiles said a tentative date to open the pool is June 6. He said it will be open from noon-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Pool rental for parties will be available from 6-8 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Night swimming will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"We're hoping to offer Surprise Sunday once or twice a month," Stiles said. "We'd offer discount swimming at maybe \$2 per person."

The pool is not the only updating scheduled this summer. Stiles said Brown's Park is "very busy" with rentals. He said the city is hoping to do some upgrading at that park, including a new castle.

"The castle has been there for 26 years," Stiles said. "It was an Amish-

built castle. That's why it has lasted so long."


He said new a play area below the pool is also in the works.

"We're putting in a new play area next to the civic center. We're moving the play area next to the pool over the hill and adding a small pavilion and a picnic area to it," Stiles said. "The civic center will be shut down June and July to paint the steel structure and the gym."

"We had to cancel Summer Camp this year because we were unable to find a director," he said. "We've had the camp every year for over 20 years. We'll try again next year. It started out with federal grant money, but the grants ran out in 2007 or 2008 and we took it over."

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we backed up to what I thought was a snag, and it was the muskie so it was pretty interesting,” Alyssa said. “We had, I think it was 10-pound line that we caught it on. So I definitely think if we hadn’t been backing up towards the snag, it would have broke the line. Even with us backing up, I think it was a pretty good fight.”

Jon said it was a beautiful fish and estimated it at about 27 inches.

“I was just shocked to find a muskie in there,” he said of pulling one out of Cheat Lake.

Alyssa said she was glad her dad was there because there’s no way she could have landed it without him. The pair used their net meant for large catfish to land the toothy, violent fish.

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BLACK BEARS

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JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	@ MV 2	@ MV 3	@ MV 4
@ MV 5	OFF 6	FRE 7 7:05 PM	FRE 8 6:35 PM	FRE 9 6:35 PM	@ MV 10	@ MV 11
@ MV 12	OFF 13	SC 14 6:35 PM	SC 15 6:35 PM	SC 16 6:35 PM	@ FRE 17	@ FRE 18
@ FRE 19	WSP 20 7:05 PM	WSP 21 6:35 PM	WSP 22 6:35 PM	FRE 23 6:35 PM	FRE 24 7:05 PM	FRE 25 7:05 PM
OFF 26	OFF 27	@ WSP 28	@ WSP 29	@ WSP 30		

JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					@ SC 1	@ SC 2
@ SC 3	FRE 4 7:05 PM	FRE 5 6:35 PM	FRE 6 6:35 PM	OFF 7	@ MV 8	@ MV 9
@ MV 10	TRE 11 6:35 PM	TRE 12 6:35 PM	TRE 13 6:35 PM	MV 14 6:35 PM	MV 15 7:05 PM	MV 16 7:05 PM
17	18	19	20	21	@ FRE 22	@ FRE 23
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@ FRE 24	@ TRE 25	@ TRE 26	@ TRE 27	FRE 28 6:35 PM	FRE 29 7:05 PM	FRE 30 7:05 PM
FRE 31 4:05 PM						

AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	OFF 1	@ MV 2	@ MV 3	@ MV 4	FRE 5 7:05 PM	FRE 6 7:05 PM
FRE 7 4:05 PM	OFF 8	@ SC 9	@ SC 10	@ SC 11	@ TRE 12	@ TRE 13
@ TRE 14	OFF 15	FRE 16 6:35 PM	FRE 17 6:35 PM	FRE 18 6:35 PM	MV 19 7:05 PM	MV 20 7:05 PM
MV 21 4:05 PM	OFF 22	@ FRE 23	@ FRE 24	@ FRE 25	MV 26 7:05 PM	MV 27 7:05 PM
MV 28 4:05 PM	OFF 29	FRE 30 6:35 PM	FRE 31 6:35 PM			

ALL TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				FRE 1 6:35 PM	@ MV 2	@ MV
@ MV 4	5	6 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME	7	8	9	10

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Second Saturdays in Downtown Morgantown

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