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Harmony 'homecoming' celebrates America250

Grange Fair draws
local residents,
visitors

By Andy Stine
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The small community in the Harmony area may not have much going on, but for one week a year there is a proud tradition at the Harmony Grange Fair.

The fair, an annual event that has been kept alive since 1953, will take place this year from Sept. 22-26. The fair opens every day at 9 a.m., with the exception of the first day when the gates open at noon.

Grange fair manager Shae Harkleroad said the fair started out as a family tradition, and now those running the fair board are in the second and third generations of families.

"It's the only thing that happens once a year in our area," Harkleroad said. "We're in the middle of nowhere. People look forward to that one event. It's kind of like a homecoming."

"People that visit us for the first time will say, 'We're just riding along on a country road and there's corn fields and hay fields, and then all of a sudden, boom. There it is.'"

Like many fairs and carnivals throughout the nation this year, Harmony will be celebrating America250. The fair will host America250 contests such as hay bale decorating and photography landscapes.



— Photo courtesy of Harmony Grange Fair

"I think the pride of the country shows through every year at our fair," Harkleroad said. "It's being done by a labor of love by the families in the community. It just ties in so well that we celebrate 250 like the rest of the country."

Along with the America250 celebration, the fair is expect-

ing the Saturday afternoon parade to be a little bigger this year. Harkleroad is hoping for some area bands to be involved with the celebration.

"It's a line that we walk between trying to keep tradition and yet trying to keep fresh," Harkleroad said. "There's a lot of younger people involved

with the fair that help us to keep it fresh to keep up with the times."

Harkleroad noted that the fair board and everyone that helps run it throughout the five days are all volunteers, and he thinks that is one reason that sets it apart from many other area festivals.

"Everyone is doing it because they love it," Harkleroad said. "That adds to why it continues to go on for 75 years."

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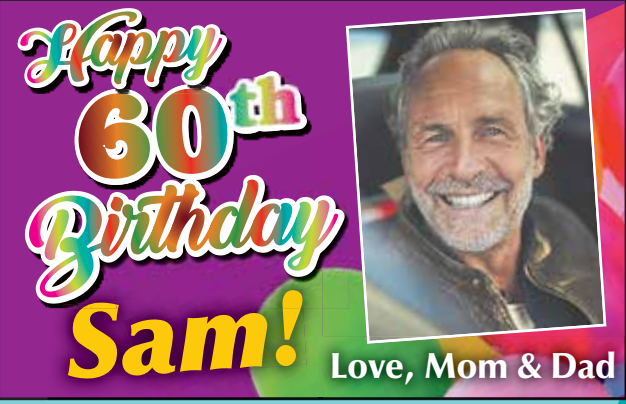
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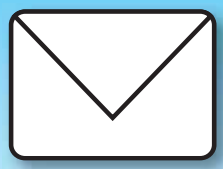
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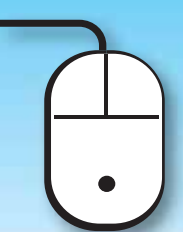


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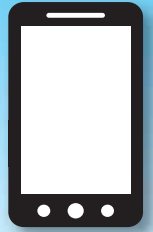
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Right amount of food

One of the first considerations for feeding is determining the right amount of food. Checking the label for the serving size recommendation from the food manufacturer may not be so cut and dry. That's because dog food companies are in the business of selling food, which means the serving recommendation might be larger than is actually necessary.

The 2022 U.S. Pet Obesity Prevalence Survey found 61 percent of cats and 59 percent of dogs are overweight or obese. Overfeeding is a notable culprit behind that problem. It's better to experiment with food portions to achieve the right balance instead of doling out cups of food in accordance with the instructions on a packet. Consult with a veterinarian or conduct research on what a healthy weight looks like on a particular dog breed, and what weights are in the right range for age and gender.

Food standards

It's wise to choose a high-quality, nutritionally complete and balanced diet for dogs. Price isn't always indicative of quality, but pet owners may want to choose the best food they can afford. Check nutrition labels to ensure that protein sources are the first ingredients, which means they are in higher quantities in the food. Pass on foods that have a lot of fillers.

Choose foods that meet the standards set by organizations like the Association of American Feed

Control Officials (AAFCO). This ensures the food provides all the necessary nutrients for a specific life stage (puppy, adult, senior).

Consistent meals

Consistency in feeding times is beneficial to dogs, who tend to prefer routine in their lives to alleviate stress. Scheduled mealtimes may help with digestive health by regulating bowel movements. Plus, rather than "free feeding," which means leaving a food bowl out all day, scheduled meals can prevent overeating and a healthier routine.

Offer treats sparingly

Every now and then offering a dog a treat of human food can fit into a healthy lifestyle. Although many human foods are unsafe for dogs, plenty are perfectly fine to eat. When supplementing with these foods, pet owners should adjust dog food portions to balance out the meal. Many vets recommend that treats comprise no more than 10 to 15 percent of a dog's daily caloric intake. The

pet supply company Chewy recommends these items as "people food" for dogs, but dog owners should be sure to check with their vets before introducing any new food into their dogs' diets.

• Apples

• Bananas

• Blueberries

• Cranberries

• Eggs

• Lettuce and other greens

• Peanut butter

• Plain popcorn

• Pumpkin

A healthy diet for a dog involves portion control, high-quality food, consistent feedings, and infrequent, healthy treats. Partnering with a veterinarian can be a good way for dog owners to maintain their focus on a dog's individual needs and weight to ensure a long, healthy life.

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Obituaries

Michele Kay (Yarger) Passmore

Michele Kay (Yarger) Passmore, 58, of Houtzdale, PA, died on Thursday, September 10, 2026 at UPMC Altoona.

Born on January 26, 1968, in Clearfield, PA, Michele was the daughter of Paul L. Yarger of Sanborn & the late Rose Ann (English) Yarger. Michele worked at Jefferson Health Hospital in East Stroudsburg, PA. She was a 1986 graduate from the Mo Valley High School. She also graduated from South Hills Business School. Michele was a wonderful mother and daughter, raised her two daughters by herself and she always put her family first. Michele was preceded in death by her mother. In addition to her father, Michele is survived by two daughters, Alicia A. Passmore of Irvona, PA, and Alexis N. Passmore of Houtzdale, PA; four sisters, Penny Martell & her husband Jeffrey of Woodland, PA, Paula Morgan & her husband Todd of Sanborn, Evelyn Mayhew & her husband Ross of Clearfield, PA, and Laurie Joyce & her husband John of Harrisburg, PA; a brother, Edmund P. Yarger & his wife Kate of Bellefonte, PA; and two grandchildren, Spencer Williams and Oliver Frye both of Irvona, PA. At Michele's request. there will be no visitation or funeral service.

Elizabeth Hollen

Clara "Elizabeth" "Liz" Hollen, 94, Ashville, passed away on September 5, 2026 at UPMC Altoona surrounded by family.

Born May 22, 1932 in Sidman, daughter of William and Dorothy (Bodenschatz) Haddon. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles Hollen, who passed away on February 11, 2021 and whom she married on February 12, 1955; grandson, Adam Hollen; and siblings, Ruth Bunn, Gertrude Coleman Wirfel, Jean Neff, William Haddon, Robert Haddon, Herman Haddon, and Margaret Brunnet. She is survived by her children, Pamela (Dennis) Sabo, Jeffrey (Tammy) Hollen, Scott (Janice) Hollen, and Dorothy (Paul) Kenner; grandchildren, Rebecca (Chris Bencivenga) Hollen, Melissa (Ross) Waugh, Elizabeth (Cory) Eckenrode, Marlana (Jeff) Thomas, Matthew (Emily Smith) Kenner; great grandchildren, Izzie Eckenrode, Zander Eckenrode, Jaxxon Eckenrode, Sawyer Waugh, Savannah Waugh, Brooks Thomas; and siblings, Bernetta Martin, James Haddon, Sara Marchant. Elizabeth retired as an LPN and an oral surgical assistant. She was a member of the Buckhorn Bible Church, Chest Springs Senior Citizens, and The Farm Bureau. She enjoyed cards, bowling, quilting, reading, crocheting, and spending time with her family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Buckhorn Bible Church.

Elizabeth J. Durbin

Elizabeth J. Durbin, 93 of Cresson, passed away September 3, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

Born October 30, 1932 in West Carroll Township, daughter of the late Frank Graham and Florence Maines. Preceded in death by her parents and step-father, Blair Lepkosky; husband, William C. Durbin, Sr.; children, Brenda Caporuscio, Jerry Durbin, and Paul Durbin; grandson, Craig Caporuscio; brother, Larry Lepkosky; and half-sister, Shirley Leonard. Survived by children, William C. Durbin, Jr., Sharon L. (Donald) Glass, and Angie (Michael) Crocetti; daughter-in-law, Sheryl Durbin; son-in-law, Dave Caporuscio; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; and sisters-in-law, Shirley Durbin and Betty Barnes. A Funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday, September 10 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Elizabeth's name to the Cambria County Humane Society. Arrangements in the care of Gibbons-Houser Funeral Home Inc, Gallitzin. Condolences to the family may be given at www.gibbonsfunerals.com

Barbara E Mick

Barbara E. Mick, 83, of Madera, passed away Thursday, September 3, 2026 at Penn Highlands Dubois Hospital.

She was born October 22, 1942 in Bigler Township, daughter of the late Elmer and Margorie (Richardson) Caber. Barbara is survived by three sons, Randy Mick, James Mick, and Jerry Mick; twelve grandchildren, and eighteen great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two children, Kim Conway and Kevin Mick Services will be private and held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, or a charity of one's choice. Arrangements entrusted to Kruse-Spewock Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc., Madera.

Dwight Earl Close

Dwight Earl Close, 81 of Smithmill, and recently a guest of Heritage Ridge Senior Living at Windy Hill Village, Philipsburg, died Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at Heritage Ridge following a brief battle with pancreatic cancer.

He was born May 9, 1945, in Philipsburg, the son of the late John and Roberta R. (Robeson) Close. He was also preceded in death by an infant sibling. Surviving are numerous cousins. Dwight was a 1963 graduate of Moshannon Valley High School then received an Associates' degree in 1965 from Penn State-Altoona in Electrical & Electronics Technology. He then served his country from 1966-1971 as a Sargent in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. Upon discharge from the military, he graduated in 1976 from Penn State-Main with a degree in Industrial Arts Education. His teaching career began at Moshannon Valley High School for 10 years until 1989 and then he retired from Lock Haven High School after teaching from 1990 until 2000. He was a member of the Smithmill VFW and the AARP. There will be no viewing. A memorial Service is being planned for this October and will be announced at a later date. Arrangements by McQuown Funeral Home, Glasgow.

Kara Lee Wilson

Kara Lee Wilson, 49, of Houtzdale, passed away Saturday, September 5, 2026 at home, under the care of hospice, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born March 9, 1977 in Philipsburg, daughter of the late Debra A. (Rusnak) Slogaski. She was a 1995 graduate of Moshannon Valley High School and also graduated from the South Hills School of Business Technology in 2010. She worked as a Certified Recovery Specialist for the last three years. On January 26, 2007, she married Danny Wilson. He survives at home. Kara attended St. Barbara PNCC in Houtzdale. She loved her work as a certified drug/alcohol counselor, helping as many people as possible. In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by grandparents, Michael and Catherine Rusnak, Joyce Kephart, and Madeline Gardner. She is survived by her husband, a daughter Morgan Myers; brother, Eddie Gardner; sister Lynette Cutright; mother-in-law Linda Wilson, and her companion Paul Gardner; brother-in-laws Billy (Brandi) Wilson and John Wilson; one granddaughter; her mother's companion, Ed Gardner; and her loyal canine companion Savior. She was loved by so many of her cousins, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and beloved friends.

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- 1. Egyptian bull god
 - 5. A young canine
 - 8. North Carolina university
 - 11. "Oddbod" actor Tom
 - 13. Midway between northeast and east
 - 14. A place to shop
 - 15. Mysterious "Severance" family
 - 16. Single Lens Reflex
 - 17. Malaria
 - 18. Informal loan organizations
 - 20. Twitching
 - 21. Holm oak
 - 22. Willing to consent
 - 25. In an early way
 - 30. Stuck it out
 - 31. Language in Ghana
 - 32. Obtain
 - 33. Ancient Greek currency
 - 38. One point east (clockwise) of due north
 - 41. Popular baseball movie
 - 43. Group of islands
 - 45. Church building
 - 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
 - 49. Late AC/DC frontman Scott
 - 50. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
 - 55. Thick piece of something
 - 56. Breakfast food
 - 57. One mole of solute per kilogram of solvent
 - 59. Ancient Greek City
 - 60. Bitterly regret
 - 61. Don't forget it
 - 62. Dishonorable man
 - 63. Affirmative
 - 64. "___ and flows"

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Bridge-building degree
 - 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
 - 3. Lizard species
 - 4. Turkish leader title
 - 5. A way to bother
 - 6. Blank
 - 7. A fine, closely woven cotton fabric
 - 8. Sports broadcaster Ian
 - 9. Popular whodunit board game
 - 10. Alkali flats mineral
 - 12. Large African antelope
 - 14. It's delivered most days
 - 19. Satisfy
 - 23. Water soaked soil
 - 24. Of a past era
 - 25. Chest muscle (slang)
 - 26. Ribonucleic acid
 - 27. Doctor of Education
 - 28. Coffee receptacle
 - 29. Where rockstars work
 - 34. International airport in Connecticut
 - 35. Russian river
 - 36. It's used to make cabins
 - 37. OJ trial judge Lance
 - 39. A means to persuade
 - 40. Short poem
 - 41. A way to begin hostilities with
 - 42. Multi-function radar (abbr.)
 - 44. Joints
 - 45. Blatted
 - 46. Swedish rock group
 - 47. Millisecond
 - 48. ___ podrida: Spanish stew
 - 51. Doctors' group
 - 52. Trunk of a tree
 - 53. Tattle
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The Science Of The Swing: Data Now Drives Golf Club Selection

Millions of people love to play golf. Practice is essential to breaking 90, but avid golfers also recognize the importance of having the right equipment.

The right golf club can help any golfer improve their game. Club selection is no longer a matter of brand loyalty or choosing clubs that call to you on the store shelf. Finding quality equipment is paramount whether one is a beginner or an advanced player. According to Essential Golf, finding the right fit for clubs requires balancing personal feel with physics. Here are some tips.

Get a professional fitting

Modern golfers are moving away from buying clubs off the rack in favor of professional fittings. According to data from Club Champion, AI-enhanced fitting systems can use 50 million data points to match a golfer's swing to thousands of club combinations. Plugged-In Golf says statistics point out nearly 80 percent of AI-driven recommendations are accurate, but it is helpful to get a live fitting to confirm that the clubs really are the right fit.

Shaft flex

The speed of the swing will help drive the ball and determine one's game. Callaway Golf says that selecting the wrong flex in a club can lead to a "ballooning" ball flight or a loss in distance. Ballooning refers to a very high, spinning shot that starts low and climbs rapidly before stalling in the air and dropping straight down. Matching swing speed with the right flex will improve performance. Experts say a regular flex is ideal for speeds between 70 and 80 miles per hour; stiff flex for speeds of 80 to 90 miles per hour; and extra stiff (X-stiff) for swings above 90 miles per hour.

Gapping

Gapping is a technique to create the right distance intervals between the clubs. Golf Galaxy experts say the goal is to try to get 15- to 20-yard distance gaps between clubs for the long game. This involves a systematic arrangement of the 14 clubs so that each will hit the ball a distinct and predictable distance. A professional fitter can help a golfer determine the distance between their clubs.

Clubhead design

Golfers also want to pay attention to the design of their clubs to reduce the number of misses during a game. Cavity back irons will redistribute weight to the perimeter, creating a larger sweet spot, says Callaway Golf. This is good for mid- to high-handicappers who want to minimize off-center

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New designs unveiled for in-river rec park

CLEARFIELD — New three-dimensional design renderings unveiled by Clearly Ahead Development are providing the clearest look yet at proposed in-river recreational parks in Clearfield and Curwensville, marking a significant step forward in planning for the transformation of two existing low-head dam sites along the West Branch of the Susquehanna River.

The proposed parks would convert currently restricted areas of the river into public recreational assets featuring opportunities for paddling, tubing, fishing and river access. The designs also incorporate a central priority raised during community meetings: maintaining existing seasonal river elevations and traditional flatwater conditions outside the designated project areas.

To evaluate that priority, the project's engineering teams conducted extensive bathymetric studies and hydraulic analysis as part of the design process. The resulting design objective is a 0.0-inch change in surface-water elevations at both project sites, while also creating opportunities

to improve river safety, aquatic habitat, environmental conditions and public access.

The three-dimensional renderings were developed through collaboration among KCI Technologies, Stahl Sheaffer Engineering and Calibre Engineering. The engineering teams incorporated survey information, two-dimensional design and modeling, bathymetric data and hydraulic analysis to illustrate how the proposed recreational features could function within each project area.

The proposed designs also include public water-trail access points both upstream and downstream of the in-river features. These access areas are intended to provide ADA-accessible opportunities for river access, fishing and viewing along the riverbanks.

A key priority identified during public meetings in both communities was maintaining existing seasonal river levels. In response, an extensive bathymetric study and hydraulic analysis were conducted to evaluate the proposed designs and their effect on surface-water elevations.

The design objective is to maintain a 0.0-inch change in surface-water elevations at both project sites while preserving the traditional flatwater conditions outside the project areas.

“We listened to both communities and designed a proactive solution to convert restricted public waterways into public recreational assets while maintaining existing water elevations and traditional flatwater conditions outside of the project areas,” said Rob Swales, CEO of Clearly Ahead Development. “At the same time, the proposed designs provide opportunities to improve river safety, aquatic habitat and environmental conditions while preserving the historic importance of the river to our communities.”

The engineering design and hydraulic modeling are currently under review as part of the Pennsylvania regulatory and dam-safety permitting process to determine the appropriate methods and requirements for advancing the final design. Throughout 2025, Clearly Ahead Development and its project partners held town hall and public meetings in Curwensville and Clearfield to provide project

updates, answer questions and gather community input. While perspectives within the communities remain mixed, project partners continue to advance the engineering and planning process while incorporating feedback received during the public engagement process.

The projects are intended to enhance outdoor recreation opportunities for residents while also supporting regional tourism and economic development associated with Pennsylvania's outdoor recreation industry. Curwensville Borough and Clearly Ahead Development have partnered in submitting competitive grant applications to support future construction of the proposed in-river park features at Irvin Park.

Clearly Ahead Development is advancing what it has termed the “Pennsylvania Playbook” - a potential approach for communities seeking to address aging, non-flood-control low-head dams through dam removal and the development of new public recreational opportunities. The Pennsylvania Playbook concept extends beyond the two local projects. Clearly Ahead Development believes the approach could provide a framework for other Pennsylvania communities facing the same challenges.

The proposed Curwensville project could make the borough one of the first communities in Pennsylvania to remove a low-head dam and convert the former restricted water area into a public in-river recreational park.

“The Pennsylvania Playbook represents more than a local recreation project—it reflects a broader vision for how Pennsylvania can reimagine its waterways for the next generation,” Swales said.

“Across the Commonwealth, there is growing

momentum to remove or modernize non-flood-control low-head dams in ways that improve public safety, restore natural river function and expand outdoor recreation opportunities. By exploring innovative in-river water-park design solutions, our communities can contribute to Pennsylvania's broader strategy of embracing outdoor recreation as an economic driver while enhancing environmental stewardship, strengthening regional tourism and creating vibrant rivertown destinations that honor both our heritage and our future,” Swales said.

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Roaring Spring native making music dream reality

Curfman released debut song Aug. 28

By COLETTE COSTLOW
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Roaring Spring native Clint Curfman was destined for the stage. His experience performing goes back to dance recitals at Nichole Showalter’s School of Dance, acting roles in musicals at local playhouses, and home performances in his living room for loved ones.

“Music is a big part of my life, and it brings me a lot of joy,” he said.

Now going by the stage name Clint Westwood, he released his debut song, “Put Your Hips Into It!” on Aug. 28, blending 1970s disco and pop. His song is available on music streaming platforms such as Apple Music and Spotify.

As someone who moved to Richmond, Virginia, to chase his pop music career, he said taking a gamble on your dreams will make you proud.

“If it’s someone else’s reality, there’s no reason it can’t be yours, too,” he said.

Curfman’s first performance was singing in his church’s children’s choir when he was only 3 years old. His mother, Diane, recorded his stage debut.

“The first moments of performing are documented, and that’s cool to watch,” he said.

Growing up as an only child in Roaring Spring, Curfman spent his days dancing to music his parents played at home by artists like The Carpenters, Michael Jackson and Barry Manilow.

Soon enough, dancing turned into full-blown performances in their living rooms to Disney Channel Originals, “Hannah Montana,” “Camp Rock” and “High School Musical.”

His performances were far from amateur, Diane said, adding that he would invite family and friends to perform in his productions.

“He made costumes, sets by rearranging our house, and even outside events,” she said. “He had lights, fog machines, and would make displays. Even neighborhood productions.”

Curfman was born into a family of baseball players, so he naturally took up the sport as a kid. However, he didn’t resonate with the sport.

“I was terrible at it,” he said with a laugh. “I didn’t understand it. I would go from home plate to third base.”

Diane recognized his disinterest and enrolled her 7-year-old son in dance classes at Nichole Showalter’s School of Dance instead. Starting with jazz, he eventually added ballet, tap and hip hop to his area of expertise.

Teaching Curfman in class, Showalter noticed his passion for music, mentioning that he knew what he wanted, even when he was a little kid.

“You could tell it came deep down from his soul,” she said.

Curfman is grateful he had the opportunity to take dance classes as a kid.

His dad told him that, “Putting me in dance classes was the best money ever spent, and I think that’s a nice thing to think about.”

Dance was just the beginning. Curfman was also heavily involved in community productions as a kid with Kids Cove Theater and Missoula Children’s Theatre. He also participated in productions with the Altoona Community Theatre, the Cresson Lake Playhouse, P&J Productions and the Allegheny Ballet Company.

“When asked by his kindergarten teacher what he wanted to be when he grew up, Clint told her that ‘he wanted to be on Broadway.’ Other classmates wanted to be firemen, policemen, but not Clint,” Diane said.

“My mom deserves the credit for getting me involved in other things,” he said. “Sometimes, these drives are 20 to 40 minutes (away), and when I look back, there wasn’t any difficulty getting me to these things or keeping me involved, and they saw how much I enjoyed it.”

Dream chasing

Aside from participating in dance and community theater, Curfman attended Spring Cove School District from kindergarten to senior year.

Curfman was only able to perform in one middle school production, playing Lumiere in “Beauty and the Beast” (2015), as their high school musical program was cut due to budget reductions.

“It was nice to be involved in something with my classmates,” he said.

Wishing his school had a drama department, he eventually choreographed his middle school’s production of “The Little Mermaid” as a junior, something he was excited to be part of.

He went on to be the school’s mascot, head of

student council and class president before graduating from Central Martinsburg High School in 2020 amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

Social Studies teacher at Central High School, Joe Logan, described Curfman as an exceptionally outgoing student.

“Count on Clint to participate,” he said. “He wasn’t afraid to talk.”

With dreams of pursuing music full-time after high school, Curfman said many people advised him to create a backup plan.

“I knew I didn’t want it (music) to be my hobby, and at that point I was like, ‘I don’t want to do anything but perform,’” he said.

Auditioning for Shenandoah University’s vocal performance program, he packed his bags at 18 years old and moved to Winchester, Virginia. Living about two hours from home, he said it was “just far enough to branch out and see the world.”

Curfman studied vocal performance at the university level, learning how to train his voice over many genres from his professors. But he didn’t start writing music until his sophomore year of college.

Inspired by a recent breakup, he channeled his anger into lyrics while working with his classmate, who was a production major. They created original songs together for the remainder of his time at Shenandoah University before graduating in 2024. He was also recognized with the Cecilia Award for Vocal Excellence.

“I feel like I was able to grow so much in college and become a different version of myself,” he said.

Becoming ‘Westwood’

He moved to Richmond, Virginia, in fall 2024 after graduation to continue working on his art. To pay for studio sessions and writing sessions, he secured a restaurant job.

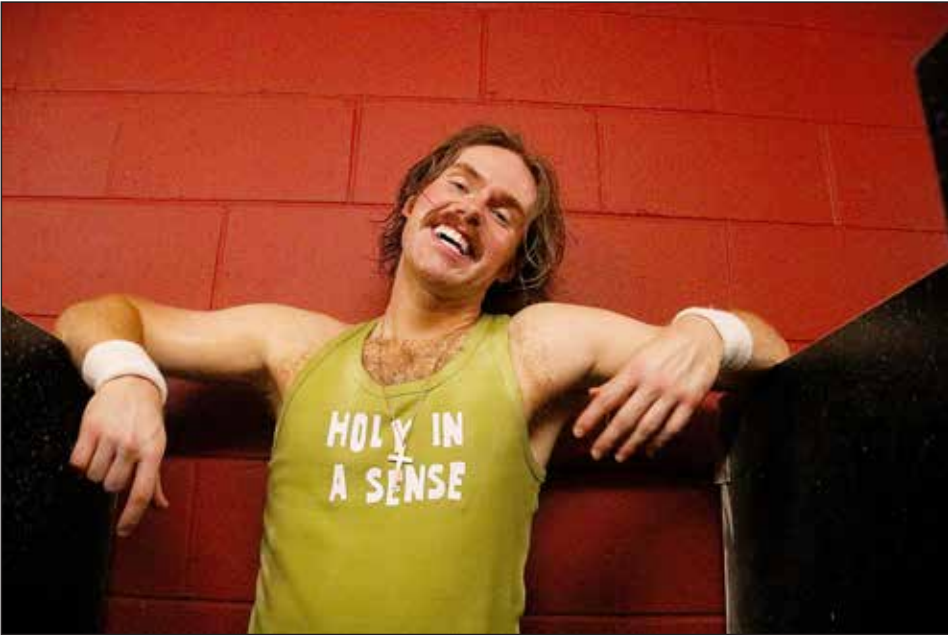
After shifts, Curfman said he’d come home and immerse himself in 1970s disco while assembling Pinterest boards for a stage persona. About a year later, Curfman met his collaborator and co-writer Danny Aghdam, a Richmond-based producer.

“I felt like I was able to talk to him, and he understood what I was going for, especially bringing in that I wanted it to be 70s, have religious references and openly express my identity as a gay man,” Curfman said.

“Clint Westwood” was a joke at first, he said, mentioning that actor Clint Eastwood inspired the name. Some of his friends found the name interesting, while others hated it.

“I was like, people know this name, even if they haven’t seen an Eastwood film, and there’s a recognition to it,” he said.

Curfman said the new name isn’t a persona but more of a character, instead of writing music



Courtesy photo

Roaring Spring native Clint Curfman, now known as Clint Westwood, is currently promoting his debut single, “Put Your Hips Into It” with 1970s disco and pop influences.

as the young boy from a small town.

“I can write things a little more ambitious and out of my comfort zone,” he said.

Their first song was “Put Your Hips Into It,” inspired by the disco group Village People and the R&B, soul and funk band Kool & The Gang. They developed the chorus first, then came the instrumentals, he said.

His next song will be released in a few months.

He hasn’t performed much in Richmond because he was waiting on his final product. He’s been rehearsing with his band for months, focusing on his original songs and ’70s and ’80s covers.

“I have ambitious goals, and I think live performance is the key to that,” he said.

Showalter knows Curfman is driven by his passion for music, so she hopes he continues to work hard and pursue his passions.

“It’s a hard career, so I hope he doesn’t feel defeated, that he keeps going,” she said.



Courtesy photo

Roaring Spring native Clint Curfman, now known as Clint Westwood, participated in dance classes and community theater growing up.

Logan said his former student will keep working toward his dreams. He hopes Curfman isn’t content with one song and strives to make more music in the future.

Logan said, “100% he was going to do this.”

Catching a glimpse into her son’s dreams with his debut song, Diane hopes that he continues to do

what makes him the happiest.

“He can do anything he sets his mind to,” she said. “So if he wants to be a star, he will be. I know he has a supportive family, friends and his Cove roots to help him succeed.”

Mirror Staff Writer Colette Costlow is at 814-946-7414.

The Curfman file

Name: Clint Curfman

Stage name: Clint Westwood

Age: 24

Hometown: Roaring Spring

Education: Spring Cove School District (2020), bachelor’s degree in voice performance and a minor in dance at Shenandoah University (2024)

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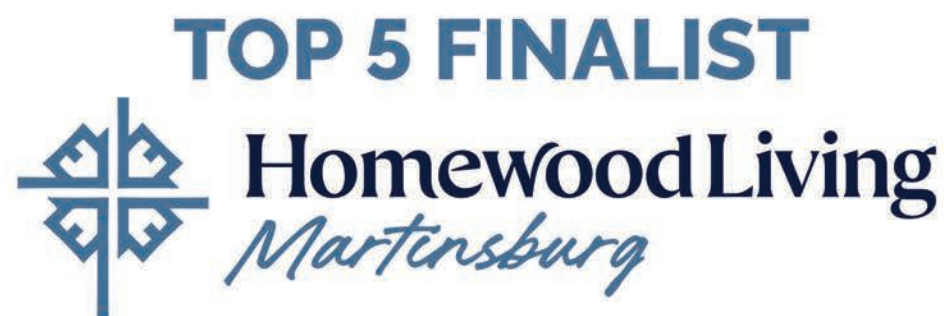
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- Blair Family Solutions, LLC
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- Kurtz & Kurtz Family Dentistry
- Pleasant Valley Dental PC
- Tipton Family Dentistry
- Zimmerman Family Dentistry

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- Cornerstone Caregiving
- Nason Home Health
- The Village at Morrisons Cove
- UPMC Home Healthcare of Central PA
- Village Caregiving Altoona

Hospice Care

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- Grane Hospice
 - Pinnacle Palliative Care
 - UPMC Home Healthcare and Family Hospice
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Med Spa

- Ember Aesthetics
- Raystown Wellness
- Refresh Med Spa
- Revive Infusion & Injection Services
- Augment Aesthetics

Nursing Home

- Garvey Manor
- Hollidaysburg Veterans' Home
- Homewood Living Martinsburg
- Maybrook Hills Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center
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- Giant Eagle Pharmacy, Roaring Spring
- Thompson Pharmacy
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- Nicole Cian - Alternative Community Resource Program
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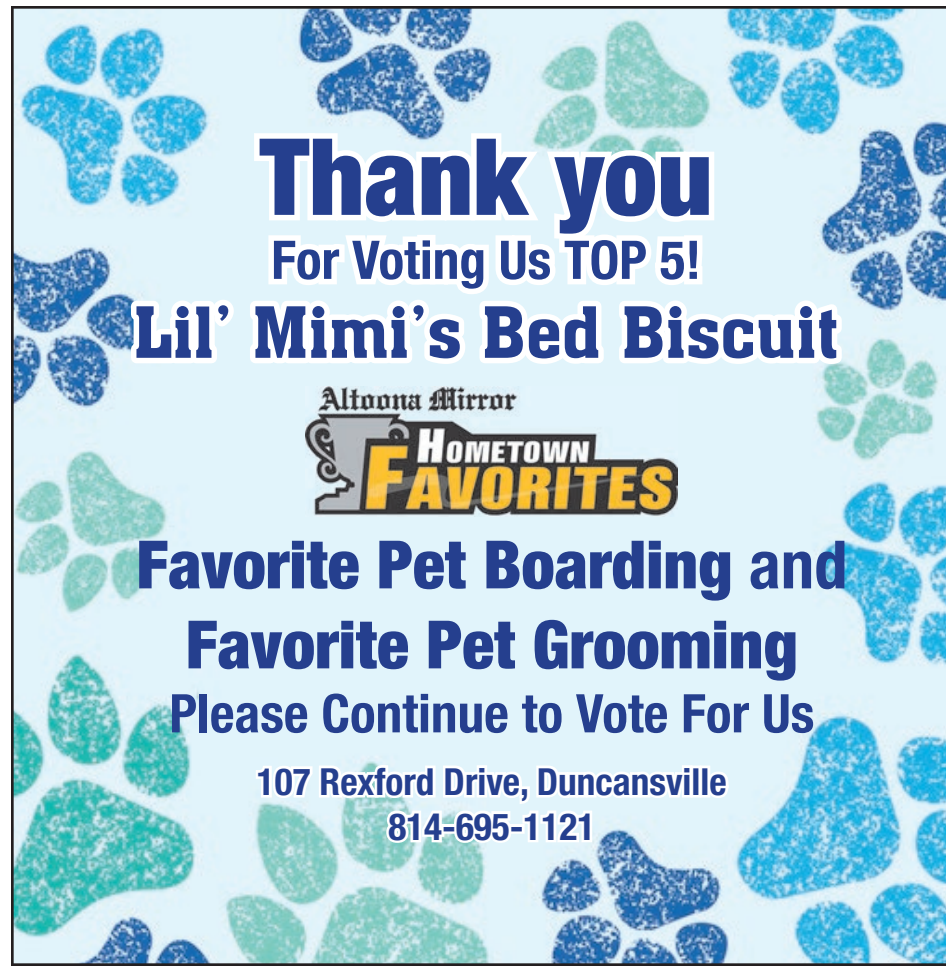
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