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Apryl Dawson

## 'Things do get better'

### Apryl journeys into Pathways and stays

JIM KING Review Staff

Hampshire County Pathways, the addiction recovery program that's moving so it can expand, is a lifeline for some victims of the opioid epidemic that has ravaged West Virginia.

#### ON THE MOVE

Pathways set to grow in new home

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Just ask Apryl Dawson. She grabbed that lifeline 3 years ago and now she's helping orchestrate the program and the move.

"It was exactly where I needed to be," the 1994 Hampshire grad said. "It's not everyone's story, but it's definitely mine."

Dawson thought she hit rock bottom when she went back to jail in Winchester in See **BETTER** page 7A ■



Karen Borrer

## Support pours in for Karen

JIM KING Review Staff

That friendly face that has doled out prescriptions for more than a quarter century needs help — and those who know her are rallying to the cause.

Karen Borrer, 54, was seriously injured in a 2-vehicle wreck Aug. 21 a half mile north of the Slanesville General Store.

The other driver, Terry Lee Weasenforth, 53, of Leesburg, Va., died when his 2010 Chrysler Sebring crossed the centerline and hit Borrer's Jeep Grand Cherokee head-on.

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#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Send a check or drop off cash at any FNB Bank location for the Rebekah Heavener-Karen Whiteman Borrer Medical Fund.
- Buy a meal at Lost Mountain BBQ on U.S. 50 just east of Romney the weekend of Oct. 2-4. Ten percent of sales go toward her expenses.
- Send a card to Karen Borrer, 22592 Cacapon Road, Paw Paw, WV 25434

## BACK TO CLASS



## 1st DAY

▲ Inside our schools  
4th-graders line up, wearing masks, at Slanesville Elementary School.

► Around Hampshire  
Leigha Simms is ready to start 2nd grade at Augusta Elementary.



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## Bond funds back on track

EMMA JUNE GROSSKOPF Review Staff

ROMNEY — In the wake of passing the school bond in June, the planning, design and construction of the new schools will be moving forward right on schedule, if not ahead of it.

On Aug. 13, school board president Debbie Champ sent a letter to the School Building Authority in Charleston to make a case that the funding for Hampshire County Schools be given consideration on a "normal" schedule.

Since 2020 has been anything but normal, COVID-19 threw a wrench into the SBA's meeting schedule, and

it originally looked like the consideration for the funding wouldn't be given until April 2021, setting the county pretty far behind the 8 ball.

Ernie Dellatorre, architect with McKinley Architecture and Engineering said there was a chance the approval could happen as soon as this month, but with a response from David Roach, director of the WV SBA presented by Champ at Monday night's meeting, it's more likely the timeframe will be right on schedule, with Hampshire County's approval set for the SBA's December meeting. "Please be advised that the SBA is

having a December quarterly meeting, which was not previously announced on our website," Roach wrote. "While we are unable to put your request on our September agenda, I am pleased to announce that it will be placed on our December agenda, if not sooner."

Also at Monday night's meeting, the board approved fundraisers at Augusta Elementary, Romney Elementary, Romney Middle, Springfield-Green Spring Elementary and Hampshire High.

The HHS fundraisers were the only See **BOND** page 7A ■

## 'There's been a lot of adapting'

### Romney library connects with users, even during the pandemic

EMMA JUNE GROSSKOPF Review Staff

ROMNEY — The Hampshire County Public Library has been busy these days, even amid a global pandemic, trying to reach the community through their various creative and inclusive programs.

When the library levy appeared on the ballot in June, it was almost as if no one expected the result. The levy, which came about in 1987, has passed every year.

Until now. "It's not a new thing, and the tax rates are actually going down

## LEVY LIBRARIES



lately," said HCPL director Megan Shanholtz. "We've had quite a few people who said they were surprised it didn't pass. Quite a few people said that they didn't know that it needed to pass by 60 percent. There's been a lot of adapt-

ing." The library levy received 58 percent of the vote in June, missing the mark by an infuriatingly small percentage.

"I think there was just a sense of shock and surprise," Shanholtz said. "I know I was certain-

#### NEXT WEEK

- Inside Capon Bridge
- Kanawha's librarian makes the case

ly surprised."

The levy is going back on the ballot in November, but even if it passes then, it won't go into effect until the following July, meaning both the HCPL and the Capon Bridge Public Library will have to operate without that money for the year beginning July 1.

Right now, the Romney library is working hard to maneuver around the obstacle of the pandemic, leaning into virtual options for community programs.

"We're doing a weekly virtual story time, and we've been doing little grab-and-go bags to accom-

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## Viral worry

### Schools in 3 nearby counties report cases

#### Numbers rise here

Review Staff

Schools in 3 neighboring counties have reported cases of COVID-19 since the weekend.

Hampshire County students and staff are still clear, after a 2-week lull in August, cases are again rising here.

Two new cases confirmed Monday brought Hampshire County's total to 96 overall with 3 active. One person here died of the virus in April.

The 2 new cases followed 1 on Friday and 1 on Thursday. That's the most since 4 were reported between Aug. 15-19.

Hardy, Mineral and Grant

#### Our toll

- 96 Positive results
- 1 Death
- 92 Recovered
- 3 Active cases

counties all announced school-related cases in the past 3 days. In Mineral County,

a student at Burlington Primary School has tested positive for the virus.

Superintendent Troy Ravenscroft confirmed the case Monday after the Mineral County Health Department said Sunday only that someone at the school had tested positive.

Grant County Schools reported cases connected to Union Educational Complex in Mount Storm and at Petersburg High School. The school system did not specify whether the case at Union was connected to a student or staff member. At Petersburg, the positive test was a family member of a high school staffer.

"An individual associated with Moorefield High School" has tested positive. Hardy County schools told parents Sunday night in an au-

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### Gov. paints by numbers

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