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What's new at the Vue?

Message from the Manager

How are we able to overcome the obstacles that are in front of us? I will always bring baseball into my analogies so here we go. Your team has just lost 2 or 3 games in a row after winning 5 straight. What went wrong? What are we doing differently as we seem to be playing just as hard? The answer usually is to get back to the BASICS. We need to practice the little things over and over again to build confidence and get back on the winning track. I think that is why I enjoy working for the Marshall County Park and Recreation Board. Allow me to explain. Over the past 8 years we have been working on the basics here at Grand Vue Park. We provide our community a place where you can come and enjoy a clean and safe environment to play, learn and enjoy the outdoors. Think about the parks that are close by

you. What would your area be without them? They provide a resting place or gathering place for people to sit and enjoy each other's company while engaging in either passive or active recreation. A parks system helps educate people of all ages about nature, health and fair play through a variety of programs. They teach children to play together and to respect each other and others' property. One of the things that we have noticed is a sense of pride that our community has for Grand Vue Park. It has become "that place" and with the continued support from so many different partners, many

more people have been able to enjoy our wonderful park.

Your local park system plays a huge role in your communities' quality of life. When you are enjoying an activity, whether it be swimming, biking, hiking, birding, baseball, football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, lacrosse, tennis, golf, disc golf, flying a kite or just plain walking; where would you do this if your parks weren't there? In the future, I will discuss the impact that parks do have and the potential parks can have in our community. We will continue working on the BASICS here at Grand Vue Park, so that you, the community, can enjoy a winning season!

**-Craig White, General Manager
Grand Vue Park**

Cabin Fever String Band to play Banquet Hall February 13th



**Above: Cabin Fever String Band
February 13th 6:00 PM– 8:00 PM**

Virginia and the southern Appalachian region, sentimental songs from the days of early recorded country music, spiritual songs, traditional bluegrass favorites, and even the occasional blues, jug band, or celtic tune all are represented in an interesting repertoire that includes both commonly known and obscure material. Their eclectic mix of styles all played and sung with an undeniable respect for the tradition from which the music came has become a hallmark of the group. In a review of their first recording in Bluegrass Unlimited magazine, David J. McCarty praised the band for "presenting the music in its original unvarnished state". Cabin Fever String Band performances are accented by twin fiddle arrangements, strong

For 30 years, the Cabin Fever String Band has been entertaining audiences with their distinctive blend of old time, gospel, and bluegrass music while performing in a variety of venues including square dances, festivals, fairs, coffeehouses, churches, and concerts. Age old ballads, fiddle tunes from their native state of West

vocal harmonies, and the demonstration of clog dancing by fiddler, *Scott Black*. Other members include: *Richard Pollack* (clawhammer banjo, fiddle, bass, vocals, mandolin and Irish tin whistle), *Matt Hines* (bluegrass banjo and acoustic string bass), *Jim Simpson* (mandolin and vocals), and *Bob Heyer* (guitar and vocals). In addition to hundreds of local appearances, the band has made appearances on live radio broadcasts in Charleston, West Virginia; Athens, Ohio, on Jamboree USA, and on the Wheeling Jamboree. They were featured on the live broadcast of *Bluegrass In the*

Upcoming Events

- **FEBRUARY 6TH**
- PROJECT FEEDER WATCH**
- 10:00 AM-11:00 AM
- STARTING AT THE BANQUET HALL
- FREE**
- **FEBRUARY 6TH**
- BINGO AT THE POOL CLUBROOM**
- DOORS OPEN AT 3:30 PM
- BINGO STARTS AT 6:00 PM
- **FEBRUARY 13TH**
- WINTER CONCERT SERIES**
- CABIN FEVER STRING BAND
- AT THE BANQUET HALL
- 6:00 PM– 8:00 PM
- FREE**
- **FEBRUARY 20TH**
- CHILDRENS NATURE PROGRAM**
- "WINTER BIRDS"
- STARTING AT THE BANQUET HALL
- AT 11:00 AM
- FREE**
- **EVERY MONDAY**
- YOGA**
- BANQUET HALL
- 6:00 PM–7:00 PM
- \$5 PER CLASS / \$35 FOR 10 CLASSES
- **EVERY SATURDAY**
- BINGO**
- POOL CLUBROOM
- DOORS OPEN AT 3:30 PM
- BINGO STARTS AT 6:00 PM

Hills on WTOV television and were the subject of the program Center Presbyterian Church Presents: "An Evening With the Cabin Fever String Band" which has been shown on public access television in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area.

What's New at the "Vue"?



Activity of the Month

Yoga

Every Monday from 6:00 PM—7:00 PM located at the Banquet Hall in the park. Come out and enjoy a relaxing Yoga session to beat the cold.

The class is instructed by Dr. Carrie White from West Liberty University. The cost per session is \$5.00 plus tax or you are able to purchase a pass for 10 classes for \$35.00 plus tax. Some Yoga mats are available, but you are encouraged to bring your own. Call us today to purchase your pass or to get signed up for a session. You do not need to reserve a spot to participate. All walk-ins are welcome.

Nonprofit Status Granted At Grand Vue Park

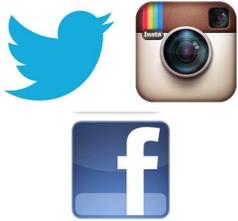


Moundsville's Grand Vue Park now has a new way to sustain itself through a separate foundation able to accept charitable donations. According to park manager Craig White, the park received an Internal Revenue Service determination letter Dec. 17, making the Grand Vue Park Foundation a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, making it able to receive tax deductible transfers and gifts. White added the idea for the foundation came from the park's "master plan," which will be revealed later this year and has been on the minds of board members for nearly a decade. "Our main goal in park systems is to try and figure out a way to sustain us and maintain our buildings," White said. "The foundation will be a separate entity from the park, which itself is a governmental nonprofit. People will now have the opportunity to receive naming rights to buildings or shelters and help maintain our park through charitable

contributions." Board members Don Mason, Nan Hartley, John Artimez and attorney Eric Gordon, along with Grand Vue staff, created a plan for the new nonprofit foundation. WLK Consulting President Bill Koegler, a former director of development at the Oglebay Foundation in Wheeling and board member of the National Association of Park Foundations, served as a consultant for the project. Koegler said individuals are more willing to donate to a private nonprofit, making the change a positive one for Grand Vue. "As part of my retirement, I do consulting with organizations to allow themselves to find potential funding that is available and normally not given to government agencies. A lot of agencies and individuals prefer giving to federally controlled nonprofits such as

foundations and it is not uncommon for individuals to not want to give to government agencies but instead to private organizations." Koegler added he enjoyed helping an area organization. "It's great to be able to help someone locally and Grand Vue has such an upside with new facilities and a new master plan," he said. "For most park systems, tax dollars are down and people are looking for alternative funding to help with maintenance and programming. The private sector dollar is a way to do that. It's nice to get gas money, but this is a step beyond that, so they're not waiting for the next rush of money to come in." Park operations manager Rick Vargo added the change will positively affect functions at the park. "This is a wonderful addition at the park," he said, "It will lay down a great foundation for the future of Grand Vue."

Photo Contest for February



This month at the park we are doing a photo contest that will earn your amazing shots some recognition. Each participant may enter one photo per category for a chance to win a photo op on our website. The four categories are: **Wildlife, Cabins, Zip line, and Trails.** We are looking forward to seeing some of your creativity

and sharing it on our website as well. Submit your photos for each category to our Facebook page by posting all of your photos labeled "photo contest" with a label for each category. We will choose one winner from each category. The winners will be announced on Facebook and in our next months news letter. We can't wait to see what our park patrons come up with.

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Above: The Scenic Overlook at Grand Vue Park. Photo taken by Tracy Simons.

50% off Cabin Rentals Sunday – Thursday Through Memorial Day!
Call us to reserve your getaway today!