

Black & Teal opens arts, comedy

By Sarah Hayes
Staff Writer

Local business owners and Shinnston residents, Brendan Gallagher and Maria Cusack, are expanding their existing business, Black & Teal Concepts, to include a new creative arts venue. The Soapbox is located at 413 Pike Street in Shinnston. Gallagher and

Cusack said they aim to showcase art and culture in the small town of Shinnston. Patrons will be able to experience art, live music, and comedy shows. The Soapbox is working with local musicians on live music events and local artists for art galleries.

Rather than serving food for events, the owners said they have

decided to keep their focus on the arts and use local food trucks outside for concessions. In addition, The Soapbox has plans to have classes available to the public that will consist of painting and a variety of arts, along with yoga classes.

The Soapbox's opening event was scheduled for Saturday,

and featured a hilarious group of West Virginia comedians that go by the name of The Fearless Fools – West Virginia's Comedy Troupe. Not only did patrons get to enjoy a comedy show, but the Drifter Doughnuts food truck was parked right outside.

If you missed The Soapbox's opening

event, don't worry. On April 10, The Soapbox will be hosting their first pop-up shop with vendors Sunmoon Apparel from Bridgeport and 310 Soap Co. The Wonder Bubble Food Truck will be available for concessions during this event.

On April 22, BJewell Studio will be

holding an oil painting class. The dates aren't finalized yet, but there is also discussion about holding an entire watercolor series in the future with BJewell Studio.

Those interested in keeping up with The Soapbox can follow the venue on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TheSoapboxWV>.



U.S. Rep. David McKinley meets with City Clerk Kathleen Panek, owner of the Gillum House, at the Shinnston bed & breakfast. Courtesy photo.

Congressman McKinley tours Shinnston

Congressman David McKinley, a Republican representing West Virginia's 1st District, visited Shinnston, touring local businesses and speaking with city officials, last week. The entourage included Mayor Pat Kovalck, City Manager Chad Edwards, Councilperson Rodney Strait, and Maria Cusack & Brendan Gallagher of

Black & Teal Concepts, according to City Clerk Kathleen Panek.

West Virginia lost one of its three seats in the United States House of Representatives following the 2020 Census, so state lawmakers drew new legislative districts in the fall. The state now has two House districts, the 2nd District in the north and the 1st District

in the South. Previously, the state had the 1st District in the northern part of the state, the 2nd District in the middle, including Charleston and stretching to the Eastern Panhandle, and the 3rd District in the South. Shinnston, previously in the 1st District, is now in the 2nd District. Because one district was eliminated,

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A reluctant writer's tale



Building Amazing Cities

By JIM HUNT
author, speaker, consultant

After writing two books, hundreds of reports, posts and news releases, I reluctantly accepted that I am a writer. I say reluctantly because I have always thought of writers as old guys with pipes that peck out words on an old Smith Corona typewriter and stroke their chin, as they contemplate their next volume. I love to write and am always amazed when I reread something I wrote many years ago. When I was in school, I would stare at the blank sheet of

paper and wonder how I would fill the 200-word requirement for a class assignment. I would count the words a dozen times and add in an irrelevant sentence or two. It was also the days before computers and spellcheck, and I would use the white-out until my writing looked like a spotted leopard when held to the light.

When I entered politics, I would find myself writing rebuttals or position papers on issues and it seemed to come easy to me. I liked having

a subject to react to and often I could fill five or six sheets with my learned opinions. With the advent of social media, each day was filled with opportunities to expound on all sorts of topics and on occasion, I would go back and forth on issues of local, state and national importance. I would sometimes spend hours writing and re-writing and trying to find just the right words to make a point. Often, someone would stop me on the street and tell me how much they enjoyed something I had written. That feeling is one that rivals sinking a hole-in-one at Sunny Croft Golf Course.

I say all this because my daughter got me a gift for Christmas that involves writing. I

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Easter Egg hunt scheduled

Minigh Family Dentistry and Blackwell LLC are holding an Easter egg hunt on April 16 at 11 a.m. at Shinnston City Park.

Kids who participate

will also receive gift bags, according to LaDonna Murphy, executive assistant at the dentist office.

She said about 1200 eggs will be hidden. Last year, between 200 and

300 kids participated. Popcorn and lemonade will be available. Face painters and bouncy houses will also be on site.

-Erin Beck

Students present The Wizard of Oz

Lincoln High School's drama department is presenting The Wizard of Oz on April 8, 9, and 10. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. on April 8 and 9 and at 10 a.m. on April

Tickets are \$7.50 for students and \$10 for adults.

Students from Big Elm Elementary School will play the munchkins, said Lincoln's secretary,

Marcia Corder. Tickets can be purchased by calling the school office at 304-326-7400 or purchased at the door.

-Mary Heinrich

Harrison County student artists recognized

By Mary Heinrich
Staff Writer

The Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library was bursting at the seams on March 24 for the annual Harrison County Youth Art Month Art Exhibit reception. A large crowd gathered on the second floor to appreciate the display of well-honed talent, which included art

pieces from middle and high school students throughout the county.

The art pieces, chosen by the school art teachers, included multiple genres of visual art. The skill and talent on display in the room was breathtaking.

Only pieces from high school students were judged. The

winner are as follows:

9th/10th Grade Division

Honorable Mention: Kora Fowler- "Shy"- Robert C. Byrd

3rd Place: Josh Rose- "Calming Red"- RCB

2nd Place: Lillian Lewis- "After Bernini"-RCB

1st Place: Taylor Arnett- "Levitation"-

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A crowd admires local students' art at the Harrison County Youth Art Month Art Exhibit reception on March 24. Photo by Mary Heinrich.



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Be prepared for some election changes



OPINION

By Mac Warner

WV Secretary of State

West Virginia's May 10 Primary Election has begun as absentee voting began March 25.

For more than a century, the vast majority of West Virginia voters have participated by voting in person on Election Day and, in recent years, during the 10-day early voting period. For those who cannot vote in person at all, they can apply for and submit an absentee-by-mail ballot.

On March 25, all 55 county clerks were scheduled to start fulfilling accepted

applications by mailing absentee ballots to eligible absentee voters. With ballots landing in mailboxes, I want to inform voters of what to expect when voting this spring.

Most notably, the 2020 Census population survey required the Legislature to redistrict the state's political boundaries. The Legislature completed the process in late fall of 2021, and the district boundaries for Congressional, House of Delegates, and State Senate all changed.

In many counties, the county commissions redistricted county

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This week in West Virginia history

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history.

March 31, 1919: Governor John Jacob Cornwell signed legislation that created the West Virginia State Police. The governor appointed Jackson Arnold, grand-nephew of Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson and former executive officer of the 1st West Virginia Infantry, as first superintendent.

April 1, 1884: Nurse Florence Aby Blanchfield was born in Shepherdstown. She served in the Army Nurse Corps during World War I, oversaw expansion of the corps from 1,000 to 57,000 during World War II, and became the first woman to hold a permanent commission in the regular army.

April 1, 1934: A sales tax went into effect in West Virginia for the first time. The tax of 2% helped fill the revenue void caused by the drop in property values during the Great Depression.

April 2, 1900: Marlinton was incorporated. The town is generally considered to be the location of the first white settlement in the Greenbrier Valley.

April 3, 1755: Frontier scout and "long hunter" Simon Kenton was born in Fauquier County, Virginia. Upon leaving home, Kenton first traveled north through present West Virginia to Pittsburgh and then explored, hunted, and trapped through much of the Ohio Valley.

April 3, 1908: Samuel Starks died in Charleston. Starks became the first African American in the United States to serve as a state librarian when he was appointed to the position in 1901 by Governor Albert Blakeslee White.

April 4, 1980: Musician Red Sovine died in Nashville.

Sovine, born Woodrow Wilson Sovine in Charleston, gained country music fame for his recitations, especially those incorporating sentimental truck driver themes.

April 5, 1856: Booker T. Washington was born a slave in Virginia. In 1865, he moved with his family to Malden to join his stepfather, who had escaped from slavery during the war.

April 5, 2010: An explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine in Raleigh County killed 29 workers. Only two men escaped from the mine alive. It was the country's worst coal mining disaster since November 20, 1968, when the Consol No. 9 Mine at Farmington, West Virginia, exploded, killing 78 workers.

April 6, 1938: The Civilian Conservation Corps established Camp Kanawha in the Kanawha State Forest. The CCC removed all of the abandoned houses, coal tipples, and other structures no longer in use, and constructed roads, the forest superintendent's residence, office, maintenance building, and picnic shelters.

April 6, 1944: Guitarist David Morris was born in Ivydale, Clay County. With his brother John on fiddle, the Morris Brothers founded music festivals, supported union and environmental causes, and promoted West Virginia traditional music nationwide.

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Super Crossword LOBBY GROUP

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 - 8 Not — (fair to middling)
 - 13 Gave a prize to
 - 20 Big name in cassette tapes, once
 - 21 Bad booze
 - 22 "Wouldn't It Be —" ("My Fair Lady" song)
 - 23 Start of a riddle
 - 26 Came after that
 - 27 Violin master Mischa
 - 28 Library no-no
 - 29 Aflame
 - 32 "Every day — new day"
 - 33 ETs' craft
 - 34 Brief tussle
 - 36 Riddle, part 2
 - 44 Not wholly
 - 45 "Cool" moola amount
 - 46 Bottom
 - 47 Pro-school gp.
 - 48 "Hi, Don Ho!"
 - 49 Tease in fun
 - 51 Store window info: Abbr.
 - 52 Smear all over
 - 55 Riddle, part 3
 - 57 — bah (big wheel: Var.)
 - 58 Reach as far as
 - 59 "On the Beach" novelist
 - 60 Jimmy Shute
 - 62 More furtive
 - 63 "Uncle Moses" novelist
 - 66 Riddle, part 4
 - 69 Gen — (millennials)
 - 70 Rental for relocation
 - 72 Flip out
 - 73 Feudal toilers
 - 75 Novelty
 - 77 Miniver's title
 - 78 Riddle, part 5
 - 82 Moon of Neptune
 - 83 Be the victor
 - 84 Sci-fi sage
 - 85 Lasso part
 - 86 Suffix with east
 - 87 "Oh, really?"
 - 89 Country singer Tillis
 - 90 Charge to run a promo
 - 91 End of the riddle
 - 97 Firebug's crime
 - 98 Possible reply to "Are you sure?"
 - 99 "That's the guy!"
 - 100 Calendar spans: Abbr.
 - 101 Tehran native
 - 104 Candle parts
 - 106 Dominion
 - 109 Riddle's answer
 - 115 Barbuda's partner island
 - 116 — two (a few)
 - 117 Books filled with maps
 - 118 Most sharp
 - 119 Space of "3 Women"
 - 120 Pedicure target
 - 12 — McAn (big name in footwear)
 - 13 Format of AP Radio Network
 - 14 "Alas!"
 - 15 Lemmon/Wilder comedy
 - 16 Take hold again, as a plant
 - 17 Three, in Munich
 - 18 Yale alumni
 - 19 Bit of force
 - 24 Try, as a case
 - 25 Turkish VIPs of old
 - 29 Wash gently against, as the shore
 - 30 Novelist Calvino
 - 31 Dice toss
 - 33 Infantry division
 - 35 1990s fitness fad
 - 37 Tom Cruise's role in "Mission: Impossible"
 - 38 Get — start (not begin on time)
 - 39 "Sure, put me down for it"
 - 40 Not in the country
 - 41 Neck and neck, scorewise
 - 42 Fix at the vet's
 - 43 Eva, Magda and Zsa Zsa
 - 49 Objects
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 - 51 Rhino's pair
 - 53 Canon camera series
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 - 58 Swiss canton or its capital
 - 60 Reject rudely
 - 61 Lay new turf on
 - 63 Her niece is Dorothy Gale
 - 64 Shepherd once of "The View"
 - 65 Sounding like a crow
 - 67 Bad blood
 - 68 Prefix with cuspid
 - 71 Zodiac feline
 - 74 Italian handbag brand
 - 76 Pouty states
 - 78 Shed feathers
 - 79 Composer Carmichael
 - 80 On the move
 - 81 Many minors
 - 83 Hot dog, informally
 - 84 Rural assent to a woman
 - 88 Feline in competitions
 - 89 Ailment with red spots
 - 90 Confess about
 - 92 Submit, as homework
 - 93 Emergency room sorting
 - 94 Waikiki wear
 - 95 "Alas!"
 - 96 Bites lightly
 - 101 "Out of Africa" writer
 - 102 Bit of Viking writing
 - 103 Poker post
 - 105 Corp. money handlers
 - 106 "Climb — Mountain"
 - 107 Make mad
 - 108 Israeli statesman
 - 110 Frat letters
 - 111 Calendar spans: Abbr.
 - 112 Onetime foe of the USSR
 - 113 Waikiki wear
 - 114 Immigrants' class, in brief

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VA Medical Center opens parking garage

The Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center parking garage opened Monday, according to a news release. The new \$11.6 million garage adds over 230 spaces for

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FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

This calendar of events listing is provided free of charge to churches and nonprofit organizations. Please submit your listing two weeks prior to the event. Send via email to newsandjournal@yahoo.com.

Rummage sale

Saturday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Lighthouse on 70 Rebecca Street in downtown Shinnston. To benefit Baptist Youth Fellowship. 304-592-0232.

Book and crafts sale

West Virginia Heritage Crafts
Exit 115 I-79 Quiet Dell School
March 23-April 2.
304-622-3304

US Department of State passport fair

April 8, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and April 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library 2nd Floor Conference Room
Free event to help first-time applicants apply for passports.
No appointment necessary.
For more information on required documentation, visit https://bit.ly/Passport_Fair.

Bake Sale

St. Ann's Catholic Church, 610 Pike St., Shinnston will be having a bake sale April 9 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Easter bread, cookie variety trays, & individual 12 galettes, 12 wedding cookies & 12 peanut butter balls. Can pre-order till Friday. 304-203-8905, 304-841-1487, 304-592-2243, 304-584-4376.
Breakfast served 8:30-11 a.m.

Basket class

Saturday April 9
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
West Virginia Heritage Crafts
Exit 115 I-79 Quiet Dell School
Make a quilt basket, all supplies furnished \$60.
Call 304-483-0858 to register.

Book sale daily

Bridgeport Public Library
1200 Johnson Avenue
Mon-Fri 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sat 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Buy one bag of books and or music CDs for \$3 get a bag free.
DVD single disc \$.50 series as priced, audio books \$1, puzzles \$.50.
304-842-8248

Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Mission

408 Morgantown Ave, Fairmont
Rev. Sasha Nedich (724) 966-7428
www.holytrinityserborthwv.org
Liturgy Schedule for April:
Saturday, April 16 at 10 a.m.
Saturday, April 23 at 10 a.m.
Please check to make sure of no cancellations
724-966-7428

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RCB
11th/12th Grade
Division

Honorable Mention:
Makayla Marple-
"Purple Rain"-Liberty
3rd Place: Dayla
Murphy- "Tropical
Storm"- RCB (tie)
3rd Place: Izzy
Simmons- "Misfit" -
RCB (tie)

2nd Place: Samantha
Beall- "Spring
Smiles"- RCB

1st Place: Gracie
Nardella- "Daised"-
Notre Dame

The last group of awards were the Advanced Placement awards. Advanced Placement art is a relatively new program in Harrison County Schools. Their awards are as follows:

Honorable Mention:
Jadeah Lownsbery-
"Turn the Page"-RCB
3rd Place: Tighe
Coleman- "Warrior"-
BHS

2nd Place: Morgan
Sprouse- "Stanford
Experiment"- BHS

1st Place: Dylan
Guthrie- "Boy with
Buttons"- BHS

Judge's Choice/
Best in Show: Bryce
Johnson- "Red
Square"- RCB

In addition to the phenomenal display of visual arts, Lincoln High School senior, Olivia Spino, was on hand to entertain family and friends to give everyone plenty of time to examine



Bryce Johnson, a student at Robert C. Byrd High School, won Judge's Choice/ Best in Show for "Red Square" in the annual Harrison County Youth Art Month Art Exhibit. Photo by Mary Heinrich.

all the art. An anti-bullying advocate, she began her performance by reminding everyone that there are good ways to handle bullies and that only you can stop them. She followed her message by broadcasting the YouTube video of her previously released song "Love Me."

She finished her performance with a rousing version of Tina Turner's "Proud

Mary." This song did create a very noticeable generational divide in the room. Many of the adults in the room enjoyed the song, clapping and even singing along. The students, on the other hand, seemed a bit confused.

Middle and high school art teachers were also recognized for all they do to enhance students' natural talent and

to inspire love of art in their students. The teachers were applauded by everyone in the room. Katherine Crim, representing the Cultural Foundation of Harrison County, provided each of the teachers with a portfolio for carrying their art pieces back and forth as a thank you.

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receive an email each Monday with another writing assignment. At the end of the year, they compile these weekly thoughts and put them into a book. The emails will pose a question, like "What was the happiest day of your life?" or "What was your biggest challenge as a parent?" I imagine that there are many people who receive this gift who write a story or two and then find the task a little too difficult to continue throughout

the year. As a writer, I would offer some encouragement to anyone who struggles with putting their thoughts on paper. Persevere. So many people lose loved ones and have only a birthday card or a short note to remember someone whose life mattered to them. Reading a story can give a window into the soul of someone and pass down the stories and thoughts of those long gone.

Writing also allows

us to address issues that might never come up in a conversation. Describing how you met a spouse or what thoughts went through your mind on the way to the hospital as your child was born are often hard to verbalize. Talking about difficult times is another area that is often better written down. You can edit and rewrite your thoughts and find just the right words to express your feelings.

While you may never win a literary

prize, your writing will live on when you are gone. It might end up being a couple stories on paper, in a folder or it could be a book, with chapters about different times in your life. The point is to begin and try to devote some time each week to writing. You might find it relaxing and a source of peace and contentment. Have an Amazing day!

Seniors gather for Bingo and prizes

Submitted by Donna Post

Shinnston Senior Citizens met at the American Legion on March 4 with Janet Dotson, president, presiding. After games of Bingo, they pledged allegiance to the flag

and sang the national anthem.

Nadine Holt was planning to bring homemade Easter eggs the next week made by North View United Methodist Church to sell as a fundraiser for the church.

Dotson advised they would celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 18.

Donna Post won cover all Bingo. Paul Shaver was the door prize winner and Violet Stout won the 50/50 drawing.

Members lunched on meatloaf prepared by Carla Wilfong. Dotson made an apple cake.

Those also attending not already mentioned were Enith Wright, Deloris Minor, Karen Flanigan, Carla Wilfong, Nanette Hixon, Dortha Parsons, Donna Yelich, Jean Hornick, Jeff Willis, Tom Willis, Joyce Miker and Jeanette Bonnell.

Seniors also congratulate member Dortha Parsons who was named the VA's Volunteer of the Year. She completed over 34,000 hours. Thank you, Dortha.

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Springtime reminds me of merry-go-rounds

GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen



As I sit here enjoying the warm spring weather and watching the buds popping out of the trees, my mind goes back to those spring days when I was just a little girl. Spring reminds me of the carnivals that I got so excited about. They came to the Norwood Park, or the fairgrounds as it was referred to at the time. My very favorite ride was the merry-go-round. I was afraid to ride the Ferris wheel and some of the other rides that went up high in the sky. We never had a roller coaster here, but I did become acquainted with them in later years when I went to some of the larger parks. And after one ride on them,

they were put on my do-not-like list.

Merry-go-rounds, or carousels, as they were referred to, originated in Europe. Many kings had them built to celebrate the birth of their sons. Most of the figures on the merry-go-rounds were horses. But occasionally you would find other animals added. The horses were attached to poles which made the horses go up and down and the merry-go-round would turn while music played. It really was a thrill for me to ride the horses.

My love of the merry-go-round became even stronger when I was given the pleasure in my older years to ride

famous carousels. The first was in Paris when I rode the carousel located at the base of the Eiffel Tower. I was visiting Europe with Leslie and when we saw the carousel, we ran to it and rode it for a long time looking up at the Eiffel Tower. My daughter Lisa took me on a trip to New York and our sightseeing tours led us to a carousel located beneath the Brooklyn Bridge. I cannot remember the exact location but when I was in San Francisco, I remember one located near the Navy Pier. Although I love the music played, I was always fascinated by the beauty of the painted horses which were works of art with their fascinating colors. In the early years in Europe, individuals were commissioned to design the horses. It was an art few people could do.

I know that many of you will have the opportunity to ride a

merry-go-round when you visit Disney or some of the other parks and I encourage you to look at the details of the animals and enjoy them as you go around as though you were on a ride through the countryside.

Guess what? I got my container of pansies. There is a lot of purple and white in them and I think they are beautiful. I must share a secret with you. I talk to their little faces. No replies yet, but that's ok. You know when you are 82, you can dream of merry-go-rounds at Norwood Park, and you can talk to pansies.

Be sure to place your orders for Easter Bread or chocolate eggs at the PWA by calling 304-624-6881.

Enjoy spring, get ready for Easter, stay safe and until next week "Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine."

"Be prepared for election" cont. from page 2

magisterial boundaries and precincts.

For voters, if the location of your in-person polling place changed as a result of redistricting, you will receive notice in the mail from your county clerk before the election. The notice will include the address of your new polling place. If you do not receive a letter or notice, you vote in the same location as in past elections.

I want to encourage West Virginians to check out the new interactive map to identify their new political boundaries. Powered by GIS mapping technology, voters simply enter their home address and can pinpoint their exact precinct and House, Senate, Congressional, and Magisterial Districts. Voters can access the online map by visiting GoVoteWV.com.

The several changes to political boundaries were caused primarily

by West Virginia's changes in population. As a result, we lost one seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Legislature also had to balance population equality while creating 100 single-member House Districts, changing from the multi-member districts we've had for decades. While some counties were impacted by redistricting more than others, voters can expect the same processes as before. The main changes some voters can expect are different polling locations and political districts on the ballot.

Voters whose polling locations changed can expect their notice of the new polling place in the weeks leading up to election day. County clerks are checking and double-checking the accuracy of hundreds of thousands of records changed by redistricting. While some counties are already complete, others

are working around the clock to complete the redistricting process and get notices in the mail.

If you will turn 18-years-old by or before November 8, 2022, you are eligible to register and vote in the May Primary. You can register online at GoVoteWV.com, or contact my office or your county clerk for a paper voter registration application. The deadline to register or update a voter registration is April 19.

Also at GoVoteWV.com, you can access a calendar showing important election dates and deadlines. As always, you can call my office or your local county clerk for more information or assistance.

The May Primary also marks the first opportunity for voters to utilize our newest election security campaign known as the "See Something, Text Something!"

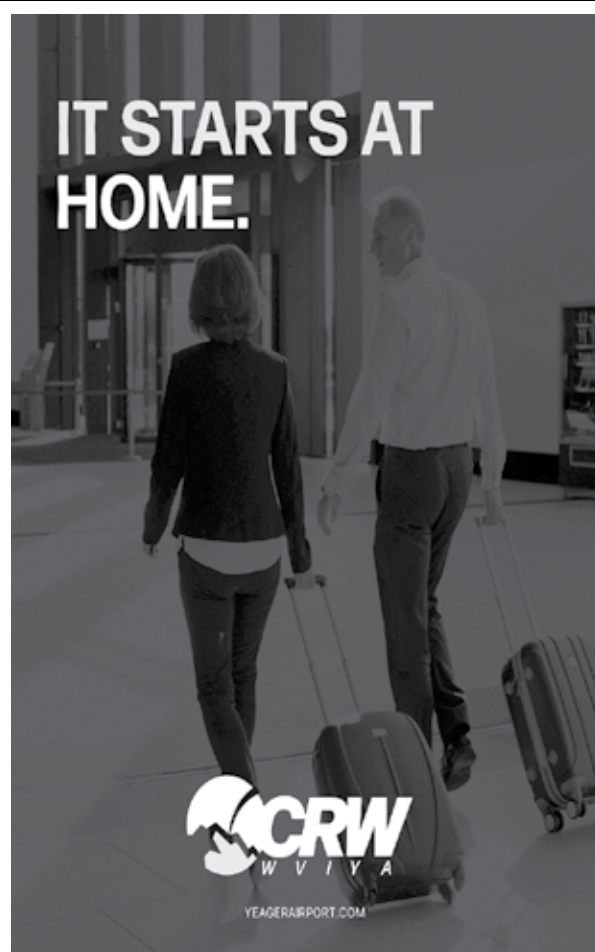
initiative. Voters and election officials are the first line of defense against election fraud, and now you can report suspicious activity and apparent improprieties quickly and discretely without fear of retribution. Voters can simply text "WV" to 45995, click on the link in the response, and follow the simple instructions.

Stay tuned for more information from my office as the election draws near to be informed with the latest news. And, importantly, support and be patient with your county clerks and their staff as they prepare for the Primary Election. Their jobs are significantly more difficult with completing redistricting on top of holding the best elections in the nation. As always, we will have another successful, fair, and secure election thanks in large part to the clerks' tireless efforts.

Youth wrestler recognized



Shinnston City Council presented Nick Glaspell with a resolution recognizing his first-place win in the 11-12-year-old age group and 100-lb weight class at the state wrestling championship in Charleston last month. Pictured at the March 14 meeting at the Woman's Club, from left to right: Bill Watson, City Manager Chad Edwards, Kevin Wiles, Nick Glaspell, Mayor Pat Kovalck, Rodney Strait, Maryann Ferris. Photo provided by City Clerk Kathleen Panek.



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City manager: Shinnston plans warm-weather events



OPINION

By Chad Edwards
City Manager

While we are sure to have one or two more snows before it is all over with, actual spring weather is almost upon us. With that, I

would like to tell you about some dates to remember. It is going to be a fun year.

Our very own Minigh Dentistry will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on April 16

from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Ferguson Memorial Park.

We will be hosting a Shinnston Farmers' Market on the first Saturday of every month from May to September from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This will be in the Shinnston green space and local vendors and artists are more than welcome to set up. Email Maria Lynn Cusack for more info: blackandtealconcepts@

gmail.com

Wind Down Wednesdays will kick off on May 18 at 6 p.m. with Last Year's Model providing entertainment. After the first one, we will resume the first Wednesday of every month.

The Shinnston pool will open on May 28 at 11 a.m. (Get your season passes now.)

We will be having a Juneteenth/West Virginia Day Culture

and Arts Festival on June 18 at the Ferguson Memorial Park.

The Community Band will be playing in Ferguson Memorial Park on July 1 Events kick off at 6 p.m. followed by fireworks.

Frontier Days is happening this year Aug 11-13 in the downtown area. We were not able to get amusement rides,

but we will have plenty of great music, games, and vendors for you to

check out.

There will be a Beer Fest and Gravel Grinder brought to you by Pike Street Bikes on September 17.

More events will be announced such as Shakespeare in the Park, various concerts, a few midnight swims at the Shinnston pool, and of course the Citywide Yard Sale. Stay tuned for more as the weather gets warmer.

The founding of the Emeralds, Part II

By Michael D. Swiger, May 15, 2011
Provided by Debra Herndon, Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum Director



The debut performance of the original Emeralds occurred at the Farmerette in 1957, Enterprise. From left to right: James Swiger, Michael Swiger, Steven Sturm, Jack McIntire and Marvin McIntire. Courtesy photo.

This is the second in a three-part series on the Emeralds. The first part ran on Feb. 24 and the third will run April 28.

The original Emeralds were comprised of five ordinary guys who were rooted in music all their lives – their talents stemmed from music lessons, recitals, church choirs, gospel groups and even high school bands and concerts – they loved good music and each one brought their unique talents to the group. The original members were me, Michael Swiger, drums, Shinnston; Marvin McIntire, guitar and voice, Enterprise; Jack McIntire, guitar and voice, Enterprise; Steven Sturm, piano and voice, Enterprise; and Jim Swiger, saxophone and piano, Shinnston. I was the one member with only one job so when the group needed a manager I got elected – now we were complete, and each member had at least two jobs.

Our first public appearance as a group was at the Farmerette. It was so crowded that night that when people danced the support

beams located in the downstairs area of the building began to move so the owner had to control the number of people using the dance floor upstairs. They actually opened up part of the restaurant downstairs for dancing since the music could be heard everywhere in the building. Our debut to the public and hundreds showed up to hear us play. It was a great experience and we started playing every week. As we began to get recognition as a group, we joined the American Federation of Musicians, which elevated us to professional status. We were now a legitimate group for hire with contracts and all the business trappings that go with it. We even ordered Emerald Green formal jackets to ensure we had our own unique identity. We got the idea of the jackets from watching Dick Clark's

American Band Stand. It was also the in-thing at that time for most of the "Doo Wop" groups.

One of the earlier events I remember was an all-night fundraiser held at the newly opened WBOY television station in Clarksburg, WV. It was a great opportunity and gave us recognition around the area. The headliner group was the "Skyliners" from Pittsburgh, PA who were at the top of the charts during that time. We also got to meet Pancho, the famed partner of the Cisco Kid in the late 50s and early 60s. The only problem with Pancho is that he must have partied too much because as hard as they tried, they could not get him on his horse. OOOOH Pancho!!!

You could fill a book with all the memories, friendships, and wonderful dances

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"Congressman McKinley" cont. from page 1



U.S. Rep David McKinley, right, tours Home Style, among other businesses, last week in Shinnston with Mayor Pat Kovalck.

McKinley the old 2nd District, District. will face U.S. Rep. Alex in the May Primary, -Erin Beck Mooney, a Republican in a race to represent currently representing the newly-formed 2nd

Library Notes

Submitted by Director Deborah Starkey

National Library Week is April 3-9. National Library Week is a week to reflect on the importance of libraries. It also allows us to promote local libraries and their workers. Now is the time to get a library card to check out books, e-books, audios, periodicals and more online from the *West Virginia* Downloadable Entertainment *Library* Initiative digital collection. It's that easy and is also free. Visit your local library this week and show them your appreciation.

April events

Thursday for Toddlers: April 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 1 p.m. Ages 2 -5. Craft and story.

Hungry Caterpillar Book Club: April 19 at 2 p.m. Bring a recipe for a chance to win a prize. We will be discussing the different books that were read and sharing ideas.

Events will also be posted on our Facebook page.

Best-sellers available for check-out at this time include: "Run Rose, Run" Dolly Parton and James Patterson; "Shadows Reel" C.J. Box; "High Stakes" Danielle Steel; "The Lightning Rod" Brad Meltzer; "The Last Thing He Told Me" Laura Dave; and "The Love of My Life" Rosie Walsh.

Services we provide: inter-library loans from most libraries in WV, seasonal reading programs for children, holiday parties, monthly book discussion (every third Tuesday at 2 pm.), four public computers, genealogy room, fax, copier, notary, Facebook, crafting with Ms. Carrie and reading with Ms. Debby. Contact us or visit us if you are interested in any of the services we provide.

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Pioneers claim biggest win of the season



The Bottom Line By Bill Nestor Sports Editor

Glenville State's women's basketball team started the season on a 29-game win streak. The Pioneers made it through the treacherous Mountain East Conference regular season unscathed. They didn't suffer a loss until the conference championship game. The University of Charleston ended their bid for a perfect campaign with an 80-77 win in Wheeling.

The setback didn't burst GSU's bubble. It took the pressure off the Pioneers, and it provided more motivation for this team. That is where head coach, Kim Stephens, shows her true value. Stephens has now just completed her sixth year as head of the Pioneer program. Stephens is a proud alum that coaches with a lot of passion for the game and her alma mater. Some

coaches will excuse a loss, saying it serves as a pressure reliever. Stephens took this one to the Golden Eagles as fuel to power her players. Don't let her million-dollar smile and friendly demeanor fool you. Her competitive hunger and desire for domination are present in each and every player on the roster and most of them get the opportunity to display it. Fifteen players average over four minutes or more per outing. Stephens is known for substituting five players at a time all of the time. The Pioneers pressure full court the entire game providing constant stress to opponents until they crack. It's the recipe for success and nobody in Division II basketball can duplicate it or even come close. In the first five years of Stephens' tenure her

team has scored over 100 points 70 times and this year they have found the century mark a dozen times.

Stephens and company shook off the loss and moved into NCAA play with a chip on their shoulder. A pair of double digit wins over Lincoln University (Pennsylvania) and Shepherd would lead to another lock-up with UC in the Atlantic Regional Championship. Stephens would serve up a plate of revenge. They say it is best served cold and it came as a 31-point drubbing. It was the first of three consecutive wins where Glenville State would hold its opposition to 58 points or less. The average margin of victory was 34 points, and that impressive stretch of play landed the Pioneers in the NCAA Division II National Championship game.

Another championship game and teams of lesser mental or physical strength might have had flashbacks to the MEC Tournament finale. This is the point where Stephens proves her importance to Pioneer

Nation. It is a major accomplishment to just get to this game. There is no shame in finishing runner-up. You're playing a powerhouse in Western Washington and the Vikings held a two-point halftime lead. When the going gets tough, the tough retaliate and punch the opposing team right in the chops. Stephens pulled her team together during the break. GSU came out with guns blazing in the second half. They hijacked the lead by outscoring Western Washington by seven points in the third period. There was more of the same in the final period as the Pioneers held the Vikings to just 10 points to run away with an 85-72 win.

Winning championships is never easy. The best part of this one is that the team and Coach Stephens received what they deserved. Congratulations to Glenville State and their veteran mentor on a season to remember! That will do it for now. Until next week...take care and God bless!



It's that time once again to acknowledge the efforts of Harrison County's student-athletes. Each week we review the performances of the athletes from the six schools (Bridgeport, Liberty, Lincoln, Notre Dame, Robert C. Byrd, and South Harrison) in our county.

The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal's Athlete of the Week award is an avenue to promote the youth of our county while bringing attention to their athletic accomplishments.

The winners of this week's Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week Award are Lincoln's Delaney Haller and Notre Dame's Anthony Rogers.

Cougar softball player Delaney Haller started off the season

with a bang. Haller was nine for nine from the plate with eight RBIs, six runs scored and 10 stolen bases. Haller also went 3-0 in the circle including a perfect game against Elkins.

Fighting Irish baseball player Anthony Rogers had an exceptional week. Rogers was seven of 12 from the plate with at least one hit in each of the four games played. Rogers scored nine runs, stole six bases, and drove in three runs. He also had two extra-base hits (a triple and a double) on the week.

Congratulations to Lincoln's Delaney Haller and Notre Dame's Anthony Rogers for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week.

Annual dinosaur exhibit opens to public



From The World Of Parks & Recreation By Doug Comer



Harrison County parks officials say the dinosaur exhibit, which opened to the public last weekend, is always a big hit. Courtesy photo.

A meteor hits the earth and wipes out all living creatures. The remains are planted inside the earth only to fossilize and adhere to the minerals in the ground.

Millions of years later, a person trips over what is presumed to be rock, only later to realize that it is the nose of a triceratops. Hundreds of years later, those

same remains are on display at the Harrison County Recreation Complex.

Finding the remains of some of the largest creatures to ever walk the planet can be just like finding a needle in a haystack. In 1812, Mary Anning, one of the most influential scientists ever, stumbled across the remains of a marine reptile that live nearly 200 million years ago off the coastline of Lyme Regis, England. She was 12 at the time. Today, the parks department proudly presents her findings on the walls of the Seas Room at the complex. Director Mike Book explains the perspective of findings like Anning's.

"No matter where you are in the world, there is always a possibility

of finding a fossil of some form," said Book. "Walk the shorelines of vacation spots and you are pretty much guaranteed of finding a shark's tooth. But, to find the remains of something like a T-Rex or Stegodon, there is science, but a little luck goes a long way too."

Sue Hendrickson unearthed "Sue," the most celebrated representative of the T-Rex family, on an excavating trip in South Dakota. A replicated mold of her can be found at the park's exhibit. The original was purchased for a staggering \$8.4 million dollars and given to the Field Museum. McDonald's Corporation, Walt Disney World and private donors provided the funding to purchase.

The six-week exhibit, named Moments in Time – The Age of the Dinosaurs, gives the guests who visit the chance to see a few full-sized formed fossils and thousands of individual real and replica fossils to read up on.

"Besides the ordinary questions like who would defeat who in a battle, the kids want to know what is the primary period that the dinosaurs walked the planet. That time frame is important as we have bivalves from 500 million years ago as well as the Stegodon from the Ice Age. There is a wealth of knowledge to walk away with, but most importantly, there are a lot of cool fossils to look at."

Last weekend was the

opening. Historically, we have had upwards of 15,000 people attend the weekend program and we anticipate that number to be there again, especially with all the mandates being lifted. Masks are optional now, but the staff still practices proper disinfecting at the close of the day.

The hours of operation for the public are Saturday and Sundays only between the hours of noon to 6 p.m. If you have a club, group or home school group and wish to have an evening tour, please contact the parks office to schedule your evening. The department is very accommodating, but group sizes do have limits and other restrictions apply.

Lincoln cheerleaders recognized



Lincoln High School cheerleaders, coached by Amanda Brown and Candis Toothman, are the 2021 Region II Class AA champions and 2021 East Fairmont Fall Classic champs. They also took fourth place in Class AA in the state competition in December. Shinnston City Council members recognized them with a proclamation March 14. Courtesy photo.

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Harold David Dwane Mayfield, Jr.,



Harold David Dwane Mayfield, Jr., 32, of Gypsy, passed away on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at his residence. DJ was born on August 11, 1989 in Lenoir, NC to the late Harold David Dwane, Sr. and Karen Mary (Joyce) Mayfield. DJ was a carpenter by trade. He went to Lincoln High School. He loved his family and had the biggest heart. He was an avid hunter and loved fishing and being in nature.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his Charles "Uncle Bud" Crayton; two aunts: Sheila Crayton-Church of Lenoir, NC and Donna Francine Crayton of Hepzibah, and grandmother, Mary Mobley Mayfield of Gypsy.

DJ is survived by his grandparents, Cactus Dwane Mayfield of Gypsy and Donna Warila of Lenoir, NC; two sisters, Amanda Mayfield of Lenoir, NC and Sarah Bowser of Leominster, MA; one brother, Roger Lee Mayfield of Lenoir, NC; three nieces: Emma Mayfield and Fiona Mayfield-Greene and Lilly Curley; one nephew, David Mayfield of Lenoir, NC and many other family members. Also, he leaves behind his beloved dog "Choppers," who was always by his side.

In keeping with DJ's wishes, he will be cremated. A family & friends gathering was held on Friday, March 18, 2022 at 3:30pm at the Hepzibah Cemetery. Friends and family are all welcome to share in memories.

Dorsey Funeral Home is honored to be handling the arrangements for the Mayfield family.

Douglas Allen Tresize



Douglas Allen Tresize, 45, of Anmoore, passed away on March 11, 2022 at United Hospital Center. He was born in Clarksburg, WV on January 31, 1977 to the late Lester Franklin Tresize and Virginia (Barker) Tresize.

Douglas was employed as a cook at IHOP and had worked numerous other jobs prior. He enjoyed camping, fishing and watching television.

In addition to his parents, Douglas is preceded in death by one brother, Chester Tresize and one sister, Sylvania Virginia Tresize.

Douglas is survived by one son: Carmine Tresize of Anmoore; two daughters: Alyssa Barr and McKenzie Barr, both of Lumberport; two brothers: Lester Tresize, Jr. and Harry Tresize and wife Heather, all of Haywood; and Brad Barker, whom he considered as a brother.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to his Care Fund on his memorial page.

Dorsey Funeral Home is honored to be handling the arrangements for the Tresize family.

Robert Keith "Katt" Rush



Robert Keith "Katt" Rush, 64, of Fairmont, passed away on March 11, 2022 at United Hospital Center. He was born in Fairmont on October 3, 1957 to the late Charles Gene Rush, Sr. and Goldie May (Willie) Rush.

Robert was employed as a safety manager for Asplundh and JAFLO. He proudly served in the United States Navy.

Katt never met a stranger and was well loved by many.

In addition to his parents, Robert is also preceded in death by one brother, Charlie Rush, Jr. and two nephews: Brent Carpenter and John Lawrence Marra, Jr.

Robert is survived by one daughter, Cassandra "Kassy" Rush and fiancé Austin Richards of Fairmont; one stepson, Shawn Keener, Sr. and wife Miss Heather of Cocoa, FL; one brother, David Rush of Fairmont; two sisters: Barbara Carpenter of Monongah and Nancy Antill and husband Jack of OH; two grandsons: Jordan Wayne and wife Krishna Bura of Austin, TX and Shawn Keener, Jr. of Cocoa, FL; one granddaughter, Brianna Johnson and husband Bryant of Mantua, OH; one great grandson, Cayson Johnson; three nieces: Frankie Wilson of Fairmont, Drew Antill of OH and Katy Rush; three nephews: Casey Carpenter and Robert

Marra both of Fairmont and Robert Allen Rush; one great niece, Ella Llesis; one sister in law, Denise Patterson of Ventura, CA; as well as several other nieces and nephews. Also surviving Katt is Shirley Keener, his significant other, of Fairmont.

In keeping with Robert's wishes, cremation services were provided.

Dorsey Funeral Home is honored to be handling the arrangements for the Rush family.

Robert Dale Wise

Robert Dale "Bob" Wise, 83, of Lumberport, passed away on Monday, March 14, 2022, at the Tygart Center in Fairmont. He was born in Harrison County, December 10, 1938, a son of the late Clarence E. and Ethel E. Hawkins Wise. On June 21, 1969, he married Alice M. Nutter Wise who survives him.

Also surviving are his brother-in-law, Gary Nutter and his wife Connie, and several nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by a brother, Ernest Wise, and two sisters, Naomi Cunningham and Martha Goldsmith.

Bob was a Vietnam Veteran having served with the United States Army. He was a lifetime member of the D.A.V and a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the American Legion Post #31, Shinnston.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved to run his rabbit dogs. He formerly was an antique dealer and a baseball coach. Bob was kind to everyone he knew.

The family received friends at the Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St., Shinnston, from 2-8pm, Wednesday where funeral services were held at 11am, Thursday, March 17, with Pastor Tim Sandy officiating. Interment was made in the Lion's Club Cemetery in Lumberport where full military graveside rites will be accorded. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Harrison County Humane Society. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com.

Ada Evelyn Tonkery



Ada Evelyn Tonkery, 84, of Shinnston, passed away peacefully at Clarksburg Nursing and Rehab on March 19, 2022. She was born in

Out Of The Past

Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



Bernie Joyce, Scott Brewer, Phil Ebinger, Thad Meredith, and "Mac" Bennett gather in April 1973. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

McMinnville, TN on June 9, 1937 to the late Dorssie and Georgia (O'Neal) McBride. She married her late husband, Paul Tonkery Jr. on June 8, 1957. Evelyn is also preceded in death by her baby daughter Vicky Sue and daughter Darcy Ann (DeeAnn) Kincaid; son-in-law Robert (Bob) Kincaid; brothers Robert McBride and Wayne McBride; and sister Shirley Elco.

She is survived by two granddaughters Lynne Kincaid of Fairmont, and Patricia Kincaid of Shinnston; great-granddaughter Kagin Canfield of Fairmont; brother Frank (Jean) McBride of Burton, OH; sisters Joan Carpenter and her late husband Earl of Middlefield, OH, Gladys (Roger) Komandt of Winterhaven, FL and Sharon (Mahlon) Gingerich of Galloway, OH; sister-in-law and best friend Betty Jane Tonkery of Shinnston, and several nieces and nephews.

Evelyn started her own hair salon in 1964, Evelyn's Beauty Salon, in Huntsburg, OH. She worked as a stylist for 55 years. Ada was a member of Jewel City Church. She loved spending time with her family, shopping, and enjoyed cooking and

traveling. Friends were received at Harmer Funeral Home Wednesday, March 23, 2022 from 11:00am to 12:00pm. A funeral service followed at the funeral home, with Pastor Robert Shingleton officiating. Interment followed at Shinnston Mausoleum. Online condolences may be sent to Harmerfuneralhome.com

Shelley Lynn Arcuri



Shelley Lynn Arcuri, 58, of Clarksburg, passed away at her home on Saturday, March 19, 2022. She was born in Detroit, MI, March 3, 1964, a daughter of Thelma Jean Arcuri Valerio and the late Clyde Earl Freeman.

Surviving are two sons, Alan Elswick and his wife, Kaitlynn and Dustin Watkins and his wife, Stormy, both of Clarksburg; her grandchildren, Ben, Willa, Isabella, Julia, and Giavanna; her brothers, David Rouleau and his wife Kairy, Butler, PA, and James

Arcuri, Detroit, MI; her nieces and nephews, Lucas, Madison, Ethan, James Jr., Casey, Chase, and Taylor. Shelley had some very special people that she considered family, Luke Littles, Robert Herron, Delores Gillespie, and Paul Herron. She is also survived by several aunts, uncles, and other extended family.

Shelley enjoyed scrapbooking and was a die-hard Elvis fan. She was a loving and caring mother who also filled the role as father for her sons. She loved her animals and had a wonderful heart to help anyone who needed it. She was a Christian by faith.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation services were provided by the Perine Funeral Home and no public services will be held at this time. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com.

Answers

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we played in the early days in places such as “Blanches Grill,” Idamay, WV; West Virginia University, at Morgantown; Shinnston Women’s Club, Shinnston; Moose Lodge, Shinnston; The Cove, Shinnston; Billy’s Meadowbrook, Worthington, WV; Bridgeport Civic Center, Bridgeport, WV; New Martinsville Yacht

Club, New Martinsville, WV; etc. The group owes many thanks to our buddies who not only had drivers’ licenses, they actually had cars. People like Michael Riley who purchased our first sound system and hauled us to many of our events as well as David Winter, Jim Hess and Tom Moore who also helped with

transportation on many occasions. Special recognition belongs to Steve Sturm’s mom who let us use her car ALL the time. We could have never made it without that help!!

Note about the author: Swiger is a native of Shinnston. Born at St. Mary’s Hospital in Clarksburg in 1942, he spent his formative years at Hood

Ave on the West Side. He graduated from Shinnston Grade School and Shinnston High School (class of 1960) as well as attended Fairmont State College. He was one of the five original members of the Emeralds as well as their business manager from 1957 through 1960.

Lincoln High School names Students of the Month



Santino Louis Loretta

Submitted by Holly Hawkins, Lincoln High School assistant principal

Lincoln High School has named the students of the month for February.

Santino Louis Loretta

Santino Louis Loretta is a senior at Lincoln High School and is the son of James and Joelle Loretta of Shinnston. He is the grandson of Viviane and the late Ralph Spagnuolo of Shinnston and Josephine and the late Louis Loretta of Bridgeport.

Santino has continually maintained status on the Perfect Honor roll and currently has an above 4.0 GPA. He has earned numerous academic

awards, which include being recognized as a Top Scholar in College Algebra and is ranked in the top 10 of his graduating class. He completed numerous honors, Advanced Placement, and collegiate level courses by means of the dual credit program and on his own time. By the end of his senior year, he will have earned over twenty-four college credit hours. In addition to being dedicated to academics and college preparedness, Santino has also focused on developing trade skills by taking 2 years of welding training at the United Technical Center. In May, he will achieve his welding certification.

Santino has been previously active in school organizations

including the Drug-Free Club, Student Council, and Key Club, and is a current member of the National Honor Society and tennis team. Contributions to his community include participation in city-wide clean-up days, volunteering for church and civic organization fundraisers, and collecting items for local food banks. Last year, Santino initiated, organized, and led an effort to honor veterans for Memorial Day by placing over 1,000 flags on graves in the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery of those who served. Additionally, Santino was recently awarded the Voice of Democracy Scholarship from the Meuse-Argonne VFW Post 573.

While school is

certainly a priority for Santino, his passion is racing. He’s been competitively racing go-karts since he was five years old and is now racing full-size dirt track cars as well. He’s won seven out of eight track championships in which he’s competed and works diligently to stay on top of his game – both in the garage turning wrenches and behind the wheel. Santino plans to attend West Virginia University, major in mechanical engineering, and become an active member of the WVU Formula SAE race team.

Victoria Rhayne Andrick

Victoria Rhayne Andrick is the daughter of Tiffany Somazze and Jamie Andrick, and the granddaughter of Hope and Randy Andrick and Pat and Jim Swiger.

Academically, Victoria earns Perfect Honor roll each six weeks. She has received multiple Top Scholar awards in classes.

Athletically, she is a four-year member of the marching band where she has earned multiple awards at parades and concerts.

Victoria’s future plans include attending Marshall University for nursing. She hopes to enroll in UHC’s radiology program to continue her education.



Victoria Rhayne Andrick

Service group screens kids for vision impairment

The Shinnston Lions Club offered free vision screenings to students at Big Elm Elementary School on March 10.

David Minor, president of the club, has said the Shinnston Lions Club offers eye exams to Big Elm Elementary School and Lincoln Middle School each year. The group offered a similar screening at the middle school in December.

Members used the “Spot” electronic

device, which quickly scans for signs of vision problems. Kids can then follow up with eye doctors for more comprehensive exams.

Kids with vision problems have to work harder to learn, and may experience eyestrain, headaches and fatigue, the American Optometric Association states. Early detection is important.

-Erin Beck

Expect traffic delays on U.S. Route 50

The West Virginia Department of Transportation reports there will be traffic delays on U.S. Route 50 eastbound and westbound, near West Virginia Avenue exit and Sycamore Street exit, from 7 a.m. to 7 a.m. March 28 through June 1 for construction of the new Northview Overpass Bridge. Road workers will conduct 24/7 operations, according to a news release.

A temporary concrete barrier will be placed on U.S. Route 50 eastbound and westbound near the West Virginia Avenue exit and Sycamore Street exit. Traffic will shift toward the existing median barrier with two 11-foot lanes, each direction. Both

Sycamore Street and West Virginia Avenue eastbound off ramps will be closed. Eastbound traffic to Sycamore or West Virginia Avenue, follow posted detour. Northview Overpass Bridge single lane will be closed going towards Northview (northbound). Sycamore Street will be restricted to eastbound only for traffic coming from Northview. Both West Virginia Avenue off ramp and on ramp westbound will be open. Alternate routes are West Pike Street exit and WV 20, Joyce Street exit. Work will be performed throughout the project.

Inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances could change the project schedule.

Pandemic help offered for homeowners

A new program provides assistance to West Virginia homeowners who experienced a financial hardship related to COVID-19, according to a news release from Gov. Jim Justice’s office.

The program provides help with past-due mortgage payments of up to \$15,000, past-due utilities of up to \$2,500, past-due insurance, property tax payments, and other housing costs of up to \$5,000, \$300 in internet assistance, and \$500 of assistance on certain down payment loans.

People who have mortgages and people who own their homes

outright may be eligible.

Applicant’s income cannot exceed 150% of the area median income for their county. Their primary residence must be in West Virginia, and the home can be a single-family home, a condo, a townhouse, a mobile home, or a duplex.

The West Virginia Housing Development Fund began accepting applications on Monday. For more information, visit www.wvhd.com/west-virginia-homeowners-rescue.

The phone numbers for the West Virginia Housing Development Fund are 304-391-8600 and 1-800-933-9843.

LEGAL NOTICES

(2020-S-00000002 - Harrison County - AMANDA CROSBY)

To: CITY OF CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA ATTN: KIM KARAKIOZIS, DONALD HALL, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 30 PARCEL 0037 0000

You will take notice that AMANDA CROSBY, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000002, 1 LOT 474 E CLARKSBURG, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of BARKER CURTIS, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Harrison County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 5th day of November, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after May 16, 2022, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, May 15, 2022, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to May 15, 2022. \$ 664.14

Amount of subsequent year’s taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to May 15, 2022. \$ 389.73

Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2021, following the sheriff’s sale to May 15, 2022. \$ 980.93

Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff’s sale to May 15, 2022. \$ 86.26

Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to **The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.** \$ 2,121.06

Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to **The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.** \$ 35.00

You may redeem any time before May 15, 2022, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Return this letter and both certified funds to the WV State Auditor’s Office, County Collection Division 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305.

Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2

