

New Council to take office July 1

Just 9.6% of registered voters cast ballots

By Maralisa Marra

The winners of this year's Shinnston City Council election are W. Max Palmer representing Ward 1, Amanda Sayers in Ward 2, Pat Kovalck in Ward 3, and Julia Currey in Ward 4.

The results were scheduled to be made official on Monday evening at the City Council meeting.

With a population of nearly 2,300 residents and over half of them registered to vote—1,461 are registered to vote—the number of voters for this year's election was low. Of those 1,461 registered voters, only 140 voted, about 9.6%.

In Ward 1, East Shinnston, a total of 35 people

voted. Palmer landed 26 votes, and despite Jana-Kate Layton's resignation, she still landed 9 votes. Ward 1, Precinct 50, has a total of 480 citizens who are registered to vote. They have the highest number of registered voters out of all four wards.

In Ward 2, downtown, only 29 residents went to the polls. It was a close race between Sayers and Ashley Dytzel. Out of the 29 votes, Sayers landed 15, only beating Dytzel by one vote. Ward 2, Precinct 51, has a total of 365 registered voters.

In Ward 3, Pleasant Hill, there was a higher turnout of 43 votes with 33 of them for Kovalck. Ward 3, Precinct 52, has the second-highest number of registered voters, 437, with the highest overall votes for this election. However, 43 voters out of 437 is less than 10% of the voting population who made it to the polls.

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From left to right, Lilly McCarty, Taryn Freeman, Mathew Kerns, and Aaron Ramsey received scholarships in honor of deceased Lincoln faculty and staff. Courtesy photo.

Lincoln High Faculty Senate holds memorial service

By Maralisa Marra

The Lincoln High Faculty Senate held a memorial service for the deceased faculty and staff of Lincoln in the school's auditorium on the morning of June 6. They also presented scholarships for four deserving students of the class of 2022 in honor of the recently deceased.

Recently deceased faculty and staff who were memorialized included social studies teacher Richard S. Bailey, custodians James Edward "Jimmy" Starkey and Billie Shingleton, and cook Eleanor Thompson.

Mr. Robert Hawkins provided the welcome and Mr. Jeff Ramsey

provided the invocation at the celebration of life. Class of 2022 graduates Brooklyn Fazzini, Savannah Jones, and Kallie Shingleton took the stage to perform a touching rendition of the song "Hold on to Me." Next, Hawkins and Mrs. Jessica Freeman honored all 38 lives of deceased faculty and staff with candle lighting and the placing of flowers in a vase when each name was called.

After the flowers were placed with reverence, Hawkins took the time to speak about the four newly deceased.

Hawkins said Bailey was not only a social studies teacher, but he served as the tennis

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The Farmer's Market doubles in size



Addalynne Stewart, Little Miss West Virginia MSA, is the daughter of the owners of Stoney Knob Woodworks, which was among the vendors at the June 4 farmers' market. Photo by Maralisa Marra.

By Maralisa Marra

As the sun shined and the citizens mingled, the Green Space was filled with giggles of children playing tag, kiddos enjoying some Gibby's ice cream to cool down, and puppies taking a stroll around the booths at the June 4 farmers' market.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., vendors set up at the Green Space once again for the monthly market. It was a beautiful, warm, sunny day, and the number of vendors nearly doubled from the May 8 market.

Returning vendors included Garrett Fab Works, Mother & Son Candle Co., Mountaineer Bees, Soul Miner's Daughter, and Stoney Knob Woodworks and Custom Creations LLC. New vendors consisted of Hardman Homestead, HayCo. Creations, Kay's Kitchen, Golden Rose Creations, Three Little Buds, and many more.

Not only was ice cream enjoyed, but macarons from Kay's Kitchen were a major hit amongst the crowd as well. Owner and Pastry Chef Kayla Murphy was thrilled to share her baked goods with the Shinnston community.

Murphy said she has been baking since she was 16 and holds degrees in culinary and baking arts from Fairmont State University.

"I wanted to go and learn more about it [baking] and learn the science behind the baking so I know how to make certain things without having a recipe in front of me," she said.

Murphy plans to share her delicious creations

with the community for the duration of the farmers' markets.

On top of the addition of baked goods, Hardman Homestead sold fresh pasture-raised eggs and goat milk soap. They were also taking orders for fresh rabbit meat.

Owner and veteran Darren Hardman said, "My grandparents had a farm and cattle...but I really got into the goat business after I went to Iraq," where he learned and fell in love with how important goats are in Iraqi culture. He brought his love for dairy goats back home and uses their fresh milk to make soap.

He also has about 80 chickens which allows him to sell nearly 50-70 dozen eggs a month.

Handcrafted jewelry vendors like Golden Rose Creations and HayCo. Creations also made an appearance. Owner and artist of Golden Rose Creations, Elizabeth Marra, displayed a spread of handmade polymer clay earrings and hair barrettes. Her designs spanned from her summer fruit collection of delicate lemon studs, elegant oranges, and whimsical strawberries to her floral and stone collections that are suitable for all ages.

Little girls were in awe of the dainty fruit designs and some of the other vendors ventured over to snag a pair to best suit their style.

"I'm leaving my day job to pursue this full time, and I'm super excited to finally do what I love," Marra said.

Not only were eggs, baked goods, and a gift for an upcoming birthday or event right at the community's fingertips, Three Little Buds of Buckhannon Owner Joanna Webb set up to sell her homegrown flowers. She featured an array of beautiful pink, blush, and cream blooms to share with Shinnston. They were such a hit that she sold out well before 2 p.m.

To catch the next farmers' market at the Green Space, swing by on July 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Note: Elizabeth Marra is the reporter's sister.



Derrick and Tanya Steward, owners of Stoney Knob Woodworks, enjoyed a sunny day as vendors at Shinnston's second farmers' market of the season. Photo by Maralisa Marra.

County Commission updated on sewer and water upgrades

By Maralisa Marra

Among other updates, Thrasher Project Manager, Kylea Radcliff told the Harrison County Commission last week that the sanitary sewer project expanding services to 400 new customers in the Enterprise area is nearly complete, and that they would be submitting applications for federal funding for several sewer and water projects elsewhere in the county.

The Commission met to hash out a hefty agenda on June 8. Amongst some of the items on the agenda was an update on water and sewer projects in the county from Radcliff.

"We have about 1,000 feet left on the Enterprise sanitary sewer project, which was about an \$8.6 million job that got sewer service in Enterprise, West Virginia," Radcliff said, "The commission

has worked diligently on getting that project done."

She also said that Enterprise had been rated by the DEP as one of the worst areas in the state for sewer service. The majority of Enterprise residents rely on septic systems or directly discharge into local streams or tributaries of the West Fork, according to the DEP Intended Use Plan.

With the completion of the Enterprise project, Radcliff said it adds about another 400 customers to the district sewer system.

She also said that the phase two Route 73 sanitary sewer project is substantially complete. This phase consisted of the Clarksburg Country Club and Laurel Park, as well as the service that begins at the Auto Auction and runs to the Route 73 corridor with construction of a new 100,000 gallon per day wastewater treatment plant in the area from the Route 73 corridor to Boothsville.

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BUILDING AMAZING CITIES

By **JIM HUNT**
author, speaker, consultant

Paying it forward

A couple of years ago, I was in the drive-thru lane at McDonalds and as I approached the window, the young lady told me that my bill was taken care of. I know I looked surprised, and she motioned to the car ahead of me and indicated that they had paid for my order. This had never happened to me before and for the rest of the day, I had a smile on my face and a general feeling of happiness.

A few days later, I was going through the same line, and I thought I would repay the kindness of my benefactor. When I got to the window, I said, "I'd like to pay for the person behind me." As luck would have it, the bill came to a little over \$15 and I paid for my coffee and the full breakfasts for the unknown family behind me. As I drove off the lot, I had that same feeling of happiness and wondered what the person was thinking when their breakfast was paid for by a stranger.

Over the years, I have continued this practice of paying it forward and I have never been disappointed by the outcome. I've found that it is always better if you don't see the reaction on the face of the recipient. When the old Eat'n Park restaurant was open, I would see a family that was passing through Clarksburg, and I would ask the waitress to give me their bill. It gave me such a good feeling and the waitress would sometimes tell me how surprised the family was when she told them someone had picked up their check.

While some might wonder what would encourage a person to do this, I have found that surprisingly, what comes back to me far exceeds any money that I have spent. I don't know how it works but when I started doing this, I have had an

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Guest Column

By Charlotte Lane

Public Service Commission helping make our highways safe

By Charlotte Lane
WVPSA Chairperson

Whenever you see a large truck pulled over to the side of the interstate or the turnpike, you probably see a silver law enforcement cruiser behind it. The officer driving that cruiser is one of the Public Service Commission enforcement officers. They patrol West Virginia's highways in search of commercial motor vehicles, such as semis and buses, which are not operating safely.

All our officers complete a 16-week training class at the West Virginia State Police Academy and are trained in the use of firearms. They are also required to pass psychological evaluations before they can be hired. Many of our officers are former municipal police officers, state troopers or military personnel. Some studied criminal justice in college. But every single one of them is a trained and certified law enforcement officer for the state of West Virginia.

PSC officers focus primarily on ensuring that commercial motor vehicles and drivers are in compliance with federal and state regulations that keep our roadways safe. Officers conduct inspections, issue warnings and tickets, and, when necessary, place drivers and vehicles out of service until the problems are corrected. However, they must also be prepared to deal with the same types of situations any other law enforcement officer might encounter.

At the end of his shift at the PSC weigh station in Winfield recently, one of our officers noticed a truck that, rather than pulling into the weigh station as it was required to do, kept heading down I-64. Our officer gave chase and when he pulled the truck over discovered three large boxes containing over 100 pounds of marijuana.

Our officers have rescued human trafficking victims and disarmed angry drivers. They have responded to domestic disturbance calls that happen within the confines of a semi-truck. They deal with drivers who are intoxicated or otherwise too impaired to be on the road. In 2021, our officers inspected over 17,400 trucks and buses and participated in numerous joint operations and blitzes to increase highway safety. The Governor's Highway Safety Program named the Public Service Commission the Top Specialized Enforcement Unit for 2019-2021.

We are extraordinarily proud of the fine officers of the Public Service Commission who dedicate their careers and put their lives on the line in order to keep our state's highways safe for the traveling public.

THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

June 16, 1842: Margaret Agnew Blennerhassett, wife of Harman Blennerhassett, died in poverty in New York City. She lived from 1800 to 1806 in a grand 16-room mansion she and her husband had constructed on an Ohio River island near present Parkersburg. She and her son, Harman Jr., were reburied on Blennerhassett Island in 1996.

June 17, 1813: General Thomas Maley Harris was born at present Harrisville. He rose to prominence after the Civil War, when he served on the military commission that tried conspirators who acted with John Wilkes Booth in the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

June 17, 1961: A Wayne County bridge was named in honor of TV newsman David Brinkley. The condition of the bridge had become a news item during the 1960 presidential primary; state officials closed the bridge, repaired it, and invited Brinkley to return for the ceremony to officially name it the "Brinkley Bridge."

June 18, 1937: Jay Rockefeller was born in New York City. He became West Virginia's 29th governor in 1977, and in 1984, he was elected to the U.S. Senate.

June 18, 1944: "It's Wheeling Steel" aired its last program. A half-hour musical variety radio program that drew upon talented Wheeling Steel employees and families, the show ran eight years and was broadcast nationally.

June 19, 1905: Senator Rush Dew Holt was born in Weston. At 29, Holt was the youngest person ever elected to the U.S. Senate, earning him the nickname "Boy Senator." Since the Constitution sets 30 as the minimum age for senators, Holt had to wait until his birthday in June 1935 to take his seat, nearly six months into the 74th Congress.

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43 Make repairs
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49 Sound systems

50 Agnus — (prayer)
51 Spy spoof of old TV
55 Saddle-making tools
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60 "The L Word" actress Kirshner
61 Sirs' counterparts
65 "Sheesh, no need to be so critical!"
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73 Attack like a cat
74 Means of thwarting software piracy
76 Futilely
77 Amazement
78 Linda Ronstadt's "— Easy"
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93 Winners' signs
94 Digital entertainment periodical

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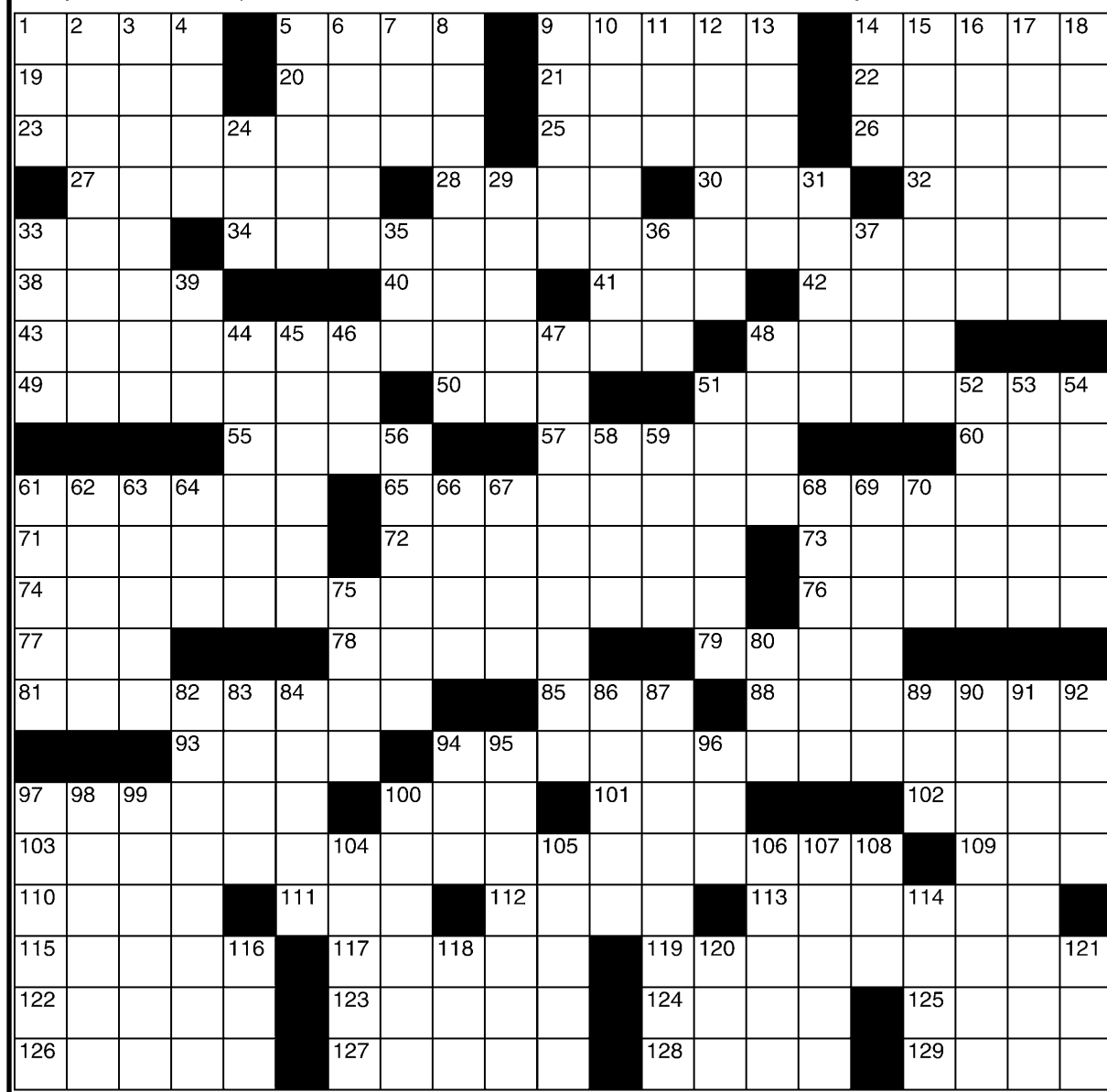
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15 At no cost, slangily
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17 Group beliefs
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39 Neither here — there
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45 TV doctor Doogie
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47 Pneumatic engines
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86 Ready to hit the baseball
87 Most tired
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90 Cosmetic accentuating the kisser
91 Not behind a firewall, say
92 Ovule, e.g.
94 Oom- —
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96 Miffed
97 It hasn't been seen before
98 Fiesta target
99 Bergman of film
100 Rocker Tyler
104 Snares
105 Type of fit
106 Forgo
107 — -crafts
108 Holiday tuber
114 Bowed
116 Green-lights
118 — -friendly
120 "Obviously!"
121 Chicago White —



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June 19, 1909: Oak Park, an amusement park in Preston County, opened. The park was an easy ride from Morgantown and helped to fill up trains on weekends and holidays. On one summer day in 1909, 14 trains brought more than 4,000 people to the park.

June 20, 1863: West Virginia became the 35th state. Arthur Boreman was the state's first governor.

June 20, 1932: The West Virginia capitol was officially dedicated. Construction had begun in 1924.

June 20, 1963: On the 100th birthday of West Virginia, President John F. Kennedy made his last appearance in West Virginia. Speaking in Charleston in a pouring rain, he said "The sun does not always shine in West Virginia, but the people always do."

June 21, 1920: Wheeling Steel Corporation was organized when La Belle Iron Works, Whitaker-Glessner Company, and Wheeling Steel & Iron Works combined. In the 1920s, Wheeling Steel employed more than 17,000 workers and ranked as the nation's third-largest steelmaker.

June 21, 1959: Musician Kathy Mattea was born in South Charleston but grew up in nearby Cross Lanes. In junior high school, she learned to play the guitar, and in high school, she practiced her vocal skills singing classical music in choir class.

June 22, 1926: Earl Olgebay died in Cleveland. He was one of West Virginia's most successful industrialists and a generous benefactor.

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FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

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American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31 monthly meeting

Thursday, June 16
7 p.m.
American Legion Post 31, Shinnston
All members are welcome.

Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Mission

408 Morgantown Ave, Fairmont
Rev. Sasha Nedich 724-966-7428
www.holytrinityserborthwv.org
Liturgy: Saturday, June 25 at 10 a.m.
Please check to make sure of no cancellations
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Fairmont State plans college preview events

Fairmont State University will provide rising high school seniors the opportunity to begin their college search at the university's Falcon's-Eye View events.

Events will be held on the Falcon Center Terrace overlooking the University's hilltop campus. Falcon's-Eye View "will provide an opportunity for college-bound students and their families to learn more about what to look for in a higher education institution, get to know other students engaging in the college decision process, meet with university faculty and staff and participate in a campus tour," according to a news release.

Attendees will be able to complete the fall 2023 application for admission to the university free of charge, prior to the public opening of the application on August 1.

Three Falcon's-Eye View events will be held throughout the summer on the following dates: Saturday, June 11 - 2 p.m.; Thursday, June 23 - 5 p.m.; Friday, July 15 - 5 p.m.

Refreshments will be provided.

For more information or to register, visit www.fairmontstate.edu/falcons-eye-view.

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In Ward 4, West Shinnston, Currey racked up 24 votes while opponent Peggy Barnett pulled in nine write-ins, resulting in 33 total votes. Ward 4, Precinct 53, has 179 residents who are eligible to vote.

City Clerk Kathleen Panek said the low number of votes was "very normal, unfortunately." She also said, "My grandparents' generation, my parents' generation...they voted every election because they understood how important the vote is."

She expressed concern for those who are not voting because she said people do not realize that "what happens in City Council affects them immediately" if they live within city limits.

"If you go up the ladder, the one that is most immediately important is the City Council. They can either make the city move forward or move backward or stagnate to the point that it dies...and if you don't have good councilmen, you can have problems in your city," Panek said.

She said there are "too many people who cannot see beyond the front door to know how important that vote is," especially in regard to the Ward 2 totals. Sayers won by just one vote; therefore, Panek said, "Do not think for one moment, 'My vote doesn't count,' because one vote decided, so every vote is important."

Panek also said she is looking forward to swearing in the new councilmen on July 1.

Currey, winner of Ward 4, said, "I would like to thank my neighbors who supported me in this process and for their faith in my abilities...I hope to live up to [their] expectations."

She also said that she is "excited about all of the things that are possible in the city of Shinnston," and she is "ready to come up with new ideas on how to achieve our common goals," like continuing upgrades to the sewer and water treatment plants.

"I'm just excited for all the options that are on the table, and I'm ready to go to work and see how we can make these things happen," Currey said.

She is also interested in spearheading a plan to make sure the Shinnston EMS responds to the 911 calls within the Shinnston area. She expressed concern about how the Shinnston EMS rarely takes Shinnston residents' calls, and instead the Bridgeport EMS or surrounding cities are responding to Shinnston emergencies.

Currey said that she found out that the Shinnston EMS is mainly responsible for running routes between UHC and Ruby Memorial Hospital, but she thinks that they need to be responsible for the

citizens of Shinnston first. "We have to figure out how to straighten that out," Currey said.

Currey said she plans to address voter apathy by encouraging those who are not eligible to vote to register.

"It's important for you to play a role in the city that you live in...your voice needs to be heard," Currey said.

Winner of Ward 3, Kovalck said, "I just would like to thank everyone for their support. I will continue to work hard over the next four years, as I have in the past, to make Shinnston a better place."

Kovalck plans to return Shinnston's police force to a full staff. "I'm hoping to get the number of police officers back up to keep the patrols as good as we've had them for the last four years," Kovalck said.

Kovalck said that to address voter apathy, "My plan would be to get people more involved. It's easy to just sit back and take things as they come, but people need to get out and voice their opinions...they need to come and vote to let their voices be heard."

He also said, "If you want to change things, you have to start with a ballot."

"I would like to let the readers know that I'm happy to represent the third ward and work for Shinnston as a whole, but I will not be seeking reelection as mayor...someone needs to be in there with a fresh perspective...I think for now it's best for the citizens if we appoint a new mayor out of the new council," Kovalck said.

Neither Sayers nor Palmer responded to requests for comment.

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influx of kind gestures from strangers on a regular basis. I can remember going to the Super Bowl in Tampa, Florida, and a mix-up with the travel agency led to a delay in receiving our tickets. As the frazzled lady from the travel agency was getting an earful of complaints, I said to her that I trusted her to get our tickets and would be satisfied with whatever she could do. Much to my surprise, as I picked up the tickets from the will call window, I noticed that they were just a few rows up from the field, near the 50-yard line. I also happened to see one of the most disgruntled patrons, walking into the stadium and heading up to the top row, near the endzone!

I often tell my grandchildren that their grandpa has a special parking place that gives me the best parking spots, wherever I go. When we are out, I will sometimes see a car pulling out of a spot and tell them that the guy was waiting for me to get here and when he saw me, he pulled out. They will laugh and tell me that they didn't believe me. Surprisingly, most every time we go anywhere, I will park closest to the door and now, the grandkids call it "Grandpa's spot"! My hope is that they will adopt the pay-it-forward mentality and begin to view the world as a kind and loving place that operates on concern for others and belief that good works will come back to you in ways you can never predict.

I would ask my readers to "pay it forward" in the next week and see if they don't have a smile on their face and a pep in their step. Life can be Amazing and sharing your kindness is never a bad idea. Enjoy your week.

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coach and public address announcer. Bailey was the "voice of the Cougars" for so many years and he had a "soft spot in his heart for everybody," Hawkins said.

Hawkins also said that Starkey was always up for a conversation, and he loved the students. "He was more than willing to lend a hand," Hawkins said.

Although Starkey worked night shifts, Hawkins said he would always try to help the students in whatever way he could. If students were there late decorating for prom or homecoming, Starkey always lent a hand when needed, Hawkins said.

Shingleton was a Lincoln graduate, and he loved being a part of the school community, according to Hawkins. He said, "Anybody who knew Billie, knew that his true love was entertaining," because he would always perform during the school's talent shows, and "he made a great Elvis."

Hawkins also said, "Billie always had a smile for you."

Last, Hawkins spoke on Thompson's dedication to Lincoln and her unceasing friendly demeanor. He said, "Eleanor was one of those people who was loved by everybody."

Hawkins also said, "She was a great worker and had a great spirit..."

Eleanor was such a pleasant person to be around on a daily basis."

In honor of the deceased, Freeman recognized the 2022 scholarship recipients:

Taryn Freeman, Mathew Kerns, Lilly McCarty, and Aaron Ramsey.

Taryn graduated magna cum laude, and she plans to pursue a degree in exercise physiology in the fall at West Virginia University to equip her

for occupational therapy school in the future.

Kerns graduated with honors and seeks to major in neuroscience at West Virginia University in the fall.

McCarty graduated magna cum laude, and she plans to attend the United Technical Center this fall to seek a certification as a licensed practical nurse before pursuing her degree in registered nursing.

Ramsey also graduated magna cum laude, and he plans to pursue a degree in psychology or biology to achieve his goal of becoming a psychiatrist.

The service was concluded with the singing of the song "In Jesus' Name" by Fazzini, Jones, and Kallie Shingleton. Following the song, Mrs. Rebecca Jones closed the service with the benediction.



A memorial table displays photos of recently deceased Lincoln faculty members and staff during a service June 6. Courtesy photo.

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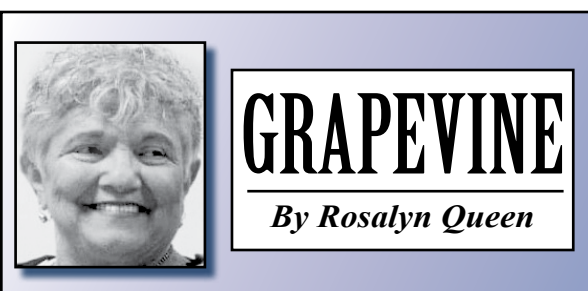
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GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

It's Back!

Betty Waddy, Progressive Women's Association president has announced that The Women of Distinction Luncheon will be held Thursday, June 30 at noon in the Uptown Event Center at 306 Washington Avenue, Clarksburg.

The program was started several years ago but has not been held for two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Increased interest in the program has pushed the PWA membership to reinstate the luncheon while still adhering to the pandemic restrictions.

Masks will be worn, and seating will be planned to meet the restrictions. Due to these plans seating will be limited, and it is recommended that reservations be made early.

The program honors women in our area who have careers and also find the time to volunteer and make a difference in our community. In February, the program honors African American women, and in June, they honor THE American Woman. In October, they honor Italian American women.

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The new wastewater plant in this area uses ultraviolet disinfection, and the Route 73 to Boothsville project alone serviced nearly 800 new customers, according to Radcliff. A UV disinfection system transfers electromagnetic energy from a mercury arc lamp to an organism's genetic material (DNA and RNA), and when the UV radiation penetrates the cell wall of an organism, it destroys the cell's ability to reproduce, according to the US Environmental Protection Agency.

She also informed the council that they are finishing up a water line extension on Stevens Run Road off of Route 20 that was 100% grant funded. "So that entire road [Stevens Run] will now have water service," Radcliff said.

Radcliff also updated the commission on future plans.

On June 10, Greater Harrison County PSD will be submitting an application to the West Virginia Infrastructure Jobs Development Council for the Quiet Dell Route 20 sanitary project which includes a new 250,000 gallon per day wastewater treatment plant.

Radcliff also said, "I'm happy to announce that as of Friday last week [June 3], the PSD now owns the property that the new wastewater treatment plant will be located on. We were able to work out an agreement with the property owner and purchase that property ahead of time, which is great."

They will be submitting this application with "the county's funds as leverage to seek grant dollars through the Infrastructure Council, the Clean Water SRF program, which is a fund allocated through the EPA, as well as trying to tap into the newly created Economic Enhancement Grant which was allocated through House Bill 4566," according to Radcliff.

The Economic Enhancement Grant is a fund consisting of \$250 million that state officials set up for federal American Rescue Plan Act infrastructure money.

She said certain criteria that has to be met to attain these funds, but she said there is support

A luncheon will be held for the honorees and each will receive a plaque to honor their accomplishments. Also partaking in the ceremony will be a representative from Davis FuneralHome, Event Sponsor, a City Representative, and the PWA president.

There is always a special keynote speaker, and this year's speaker is Marlee Feree, Marketing Director for the Chamber of Commerce.

The following women will be honored: Paula Flint, local Life Coach; Carrie Hill, Jewel Church pastor; Rosie Kane, Emergency Room Nurse; Angie Knight, Mission Food Service; Cheryl Mihaulic, retired Tax Supervisor; Mickey Petitto, Certified Real Estate Agent and accounting and tax practice; Rita Robinson, Evangelistic Minister; Becky Sands, preceptor for nurses and new department employees; Kathie Titus, retired director of Clarksburg Convention and Visitors Bureau; and Annette Wright, City of Clarksburg Clerk.

A luncheon will be served prior to the ceremony. It is the mission of the PWA to call attention to the many contributions to our community that women make through volunteerism. All of these services are done without pay or recognition, and the PWA wants to thank them for the many hours they invest in our community. We hope the community will join us in honoring these individuals.

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from the community and other agencies in the area. They have had some legislative letters of support written for this project, Radcliff said.

"We are going to do our best to get other grant funds and kind of match the county's funds with some of that \$250 million with some other agencies to create a sanitary sewer project in the Quiet Dell area," Radcliff said.

They are also seeking funds for an overall water project for the Greater Harrison PSD which will try to tap into some of the Economic Enhancement Grant funds to expand service throughout Harrison County, according to Radcliff.

The Coon's Run PSD is now under managerial contract "with the intention of merging with the Greater Harrison County PSD," Radcliff said.

She also said there are some upgrades that are necessary to the Coon's Run system. The original line connection to Monongah needs to be replaced, and Radcliff said there are some sections that are in critical need of replacement to make sure water can pass through.

Radcliff said they are hopeful that the application going in on June 10 will help to improve the infrastructure, as well.

Radcliff also works with the Sun Valley Public Service District, and she said they are hoping to use some of the county's funds to improve the infrastructure of that area, too. She said there are some sanitary sewer extension areas that were cut off from the original Sun Valley extension project that was done about 10 years ago.

The Sun Valley project would extend service to areas that are in need of public sewer as well as upgrades to some of the facilities.

She said the application for funding for this project would be turned in on June 10, as well.

"That commitment to infrastructure is really going to sustain future growth, not just commercially or industrially, but also for residential...if you can continue to position Harrison County to be the county where people can work and live, that will continue to grow and sustain the county's prosperity," Radcliff said.

Fairmont State and Wheeling University establish physical therapy partnership

On June 6, representatives from Wheeling University and Fairmont State University signed an agreement to establish a partnership between the institutions to produce more quality physical therapists, according to a news release.

"This partnership will allow eligible students from Fairmont State University to make a seamless transition each year into Wheeling University's Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program," said Ginny R. Favede,

president of Wheeling University. "More importantly, by producing well-trained physical therapists, there will be more health care professionals grounded in our mission to serve others in Appalachia and in our region."

The agreement between the two institutions will allow for up to three students per year from Fairmont State's Exercise Science program to be accepted into Wheeling University's Doctor of Physical Therapy program, pending qualifications and academic requirements.



Shinnston's new fire chief, Donnie Lindsey, has said he hopes the department will be more involved with community outreach during his tenure. Lindsey is pictured with his daughter, Kalli. Courtesy photo.

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Triton Construction will be closing the North 13th Street Bridge in Clarksburg on July 14 at 7 a.m., according to a news release.

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WATER SAFETY



Drownings rank fifth among the leading causes of unintentional injury deaths in the United States. **Parents should always do the following:**

- Supervise children when in or around water, and a responsible adult should be present while constantly watching the children swim,
- Teach kids how to swim-formal swimming lessons can protect young children from drowning,
- Learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and
- Install a four-sided fence around home pools.



PLAYGROUND SAFETY



Each year in the United States, Emergency Departments treat more than 200,000 children ages 14 and younger for playground-related injuries. **Parents need to do the following:**

- Check to ensure that the surfaces under playground equipment are safe, soft, and well maintained—you want to ensure that soft materials are used, such as wood chips, sand, or mulch,
- Read playground signs and use playground equipment that is right for your child's age,
- Make sure there are guardrails in good condition to help prevent falls, and
- Look out for things in the play area that can trip your child, such as tree stumps or rocks.



SUN SAFETY



Make sure to apply sunscreen. Sunburns can increase your child's risk of skin cancer later in life. Their skin needs protection from the sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays whenever they are outdoors. **Remember to do the following:**

- Cover up. Clothing covering your child's skin helps protect against UV rays, and
- Use sunscreen with at least SPF (sun protection factor) 30 and UVA (ultraviolet A) and UVB (ultraviolet B) protection every time you and your child go outside.



BIKING AND ATV SAFETY



You can help protect your child or teen from a serious brain or head injury by ensuring that a helmet and other protective gear fit appropriately. **However, helmets should be:**

- Well-maintained,
- Age-appropriate,
- Worn consistently and correctly, and
- Appropriately certified for use.



The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) urges the riding community to follow these safety tips to keep children safe:

- Make sure children younger than 16 operate only youth model ATVs appropriate for their age, and
- Never let children younger than six on an ATV.



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The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

Flying Eagles finish baseball campaign

Robert C. Byrd made history this season. The Flying Eagles earned their first ever trip to the Baseball State Tournament. Robert C. Byrd Head Coach Tanner Hill and his team proved on the field that they belonged in the spotlight after a pair of impressive wins over Herbert Hoover in regional play. The Flying Eagles garnered the respect that they deserved when they were dubbed the #2 seed out of the four Class AA squads that made the trip to the state capital.

Hill and company drew familiar foe and #3 seed Fairmont Senior in their opening game. Unfortunately for Robert C. Byrd, they went into play versus the Polar Bears with a major injury to one of their top players. Nick George proved his toughness by battling through constant pain while battling the persistent injury.

Hill opted to send veteran hurler Luke Sperry to the hill. The senior pitcher had been a dominant force all season long and was coming off of a four-hit shutout over Herbert Hoover in regional play. Sperry came out strong versus Fairmont Senior, not allowing a run until the fourth inning. The Polar Bears plated a run to break open the scoreless affair. Senior would add three more to take a 4-0 lead into the bottom of the fourth frame.

The Flying Eagles did not second their first base runner until the fourth when center fielder Tanner

Cook reached on an error junior infielder. Brayden Thomason collected his team's first hit of the evening. Thomason delivered a triple which was the lone extra base hit in the lock-up for Robert C. Byrd. The big blast not only got the Flying Eagles on the board as Cook would come in to score, but it also provided a spark to the team.

Bryce Byrd picked up an RBI with a fielder's choice bunt that sent Thomason home. Heads up baserunning provided Byrd with a stealer second base. Waylon Dodd walked and advanced to second due to a lack of bag coverage by Fairmont Senior which put runners at second and third. An errant toss to first base went out of play scoring a pair of runs that would tie the game at 4-4.

The exceptional come-from-behind effort made by Robert C. Byrd took its toll. The Polar Bears would bounce back and score three runs in the top of the next inning. The Flying Eagles did not have any more fuel in their tank; thus, the valiant comeback effort fell short, and the 7-4 final score put an end to a remarkable year.

Additional Robert C. Byrd players joining Thomason in the hit parade were Rylan Rock and Dodd. Rock was 1 for 3, and Dodd was 1 for 2. Senior pitcher Nathaniel Junkins pitched the sixth inning and suffered the loss. George also came in relief and threw a scoreless seventh inning.

The record season for the Flying Eagles included five winning streaks of three games or more. A season-high six game win streak propelled Robert C. Byrd to their regional title. The Flying Eagles ended the season with a 24-10 mark that included a pair of meaningless losses in practice matchups played between the regional and state tournament games. All in all, it was a season to remember for Hill and his top-notch team!

That will do it for now. Until next week...take care and God Bless!

Harrison County EMS



Athletes of the Week

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 final award winners for this year's Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal Athletes of the Week Award are Robert C. Byrd's Brayden Thomason and Luke Sperry. Both players stepped up and played well in their school's first ever appearance in the Class AA State Baseball Championship.

Flying Eagle fielder Thomason led his team at the plate in a loss to Fairmont Senior. Thomason had RCB's lone extra-base hit and an RBI triple in the bottom of the fifth.

Flying Eagle pitcher Sperry struck out three Polar Bears in five innings earning a no-decision effort. Sperry allowed four runs in the affair.

Congratulations to Robert C. Byrd's Brayden Thomason and Luke Sperry for being named the Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal Athletes of the Week!



From The World of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

Parks Department to help Board of Education this summer

Parks and Recreation has a long-standing relationship with the Harrison County Board of Education for years now. Whether it is with enrichments, after-school programs or end-of-year field days, the duo has always worked together to help educate the kids. That is why we are here – to work for the betterment of our children.

In our second year of the Aim High Re-Teach program, the department will once again be called upon with our recreation expertise to a few sites in Harrison County. Right after lunch, buses will travel to Compton Park to give the kids some post-lunch exercise at the playground while Big Elm and Nutter Fort will continue programs at their respective playgrounds. The BOE's registration numbers have been steadily increasing over the past couple weeks for its June 21 start, which is the same beginning date as the Parks and Recreation summer program and its host sites.

For those not aware of the summer program provided by Harrison County Schools, it is a 4-week program that operates four days a week as there is no program on Fridays. AIM is an acronym for Achieving Instructional Milestones as it will provide fun, challenging and innovative intervention opportunities that focus on reading and math. Like our Energy Express Program that helps prevent the summer slide with reading levels, the program is similar, but it also includes math. They want to provide a positive environment for those who are registered to attend.

"Our relationship has been a good one over the years," said Director Mike Book, "and to be able to help them (the Board of Education) over the summer months just cements what we have. Our mission has been to provide safe and fun for the kids during the summer and now that we have both a nutrition program and a section of the Aim High program, things are stronger than ever."

With full-day sites located in a couple areas in the county, staffing will be provided in the afternoon for those who register with the school's program. While sites like the Recreation Complex will receive a breakfast and a lunch, which is delivered by Parks and Recreation's staff, the Aim High program will provide the meals on-site at the cafeteria. The federal grant to provide feeding sites for the kids puts Book's concerns for summer food at ease as he explains.

"With the free lunch numbers so high throughout the county, knowing where the meals come from for the kids is something I take very seriously. Childhood hunger is something that affects everyone in the world and knowing that we are doing our part by providing breakfast and lunch for them is something that makes us very proud."

For more information about the program or to register your child to participate in the AIM project, feel free to find the registration link and basic information on the county's school board website.

Bill O'Field sworn in as NARFE president

North Central West Virginia resident William "Bill" O'Field was sworn in as president of the West Virginia Federation of National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) at the Federation's Biennial Conference held on May 18 – 19 in Martinsburg.

"I am honored that the WV Federation's membership has faith in my leadership abilities to head up the organization for the next two years," stated O'Field. "NARFE is 100 years old and is facing challenges that need to be addressed. With the membership's help, we can implement a plan that will continue to move WV NARFE forward."

NARFE is a national organization solely dedicated to protecting and preserving the pay and benefits of all federal workers and retirees and represents their interests before appropriate authorities.

O'Field serves as the president of NARFE Chapter 1579 in Clarksburg and had been serving as the senatorial leader and public relations officer of the WV Federation. While president, he will continue to serve as the Federation's senatorial leader.

Outside of NARFE, O'Field is currently serving as president of the Board of Directors of the Harrison County Senior Citizens' Center, serves on the Region I Northwestern Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board, and is co-chair of the North Central (WV) Walk to End Alzheimer's.

The WV Federation holds a conference every two years to conduct business and receive reports from the Federation's leadership.

Other officers elected at the conference and their NARFE chapter affiliations are: Immediate Past President Barb Kuennecke (Chapter 2263), First Vice President for Membership and Congressional Leader Robert Hardesty (Chapter 0166), Second Vice President for Legislation and NARFE-PAC Coordinator Steven Sosson (Chapter 1236), Treasurer Betty Jo Monday (Chapter 0166), Secretary Judy Cross (Chapter 1236), Public Affairs Officer Brenda Gill (Chapter 1579), Sergeant At Arms Gary Bailey (Chapter 0166), Service Officer John Sheely (Chapter 1236), and Alzheimer's Chair Jeffrey Merz (Chapter 1614).

District Vice Presidents were also appointed, which included Barbara Kuennecke (District I), Jeffrey Merz (District II), and Shirley Miller (District III, Chapter 2226).



Some of the officers elected at the West Virginia Federation of National Active and Retired Federal Employees Biennial Conference, held on May 18 – 19 in Martinsburg, were, from left to right: Jeffrey Merz, Judy Cross, Betty Jo Monday, Barb Kuennecke, Steven Sosson, Bob Hardesty, and Bill O'Field. Courtesy photo.

Town & Gown Players to present "Matilda The Musical"

Submitted by Fairmont State University

The Fairmont State University Town & Gown Players will present the Tony Award-winning Roald Dahl's "Matilda The Musical" in the Wallman Hall Theatre on the campus of Fairmont State.

Tickets are on sale now for a night of revolting children and exciting and powerful live entertainment. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Fairmont State Box Office in Wallman Hall or by calling 304-367-4240. "Matilda the Musical" will be performed on the following dates:

- Friday, June 17 – 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 18 – 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 19 – 2 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 22 – 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 23 – 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, June 24 – 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 25 – 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 26 – 2 p.m.

"Matilda is a really fun, but it's also a complex musical. Like Roald Dahl's writings, its primary audience is kids, but there's also a message in it for adults," said director, Troy Snyder. "This is also the biggest show that Town & Gown has presented since we did 'The Music Man' (in) 2014."

"Matilda the Musical" is a wildly funny, joyous power romp with a clever story, catchy songs and dynamic dance numbers. Inspired by his twisted genius, Roald Dahl's "Matilda The Musical" is a captivating masterpiece that revels in the anarchy of childhood, the power of imagination and the inspiring story of a girl who dreams of a better life.

Matilda, played by Olivia Boddy and Ella Hatten, is a young girl with astonishing wit, intelligence and hidden power. She's unloved by her cruel parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wormwood, played by Christian Cox and Ashley Morgan Fink, respectively. Matilda impresses

her schoolteacher, the loveable Miss Honey, played by Shannon Yost. Matilda's headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, played by A. Shawn Dunn, despises children and delights in finding new ways to punish them.

Matilda is joined by a group of talented classmates played by Kavon Newman, as Bruce Bogtrotter, Mia Kopske, as Lavendar, Jack Santee, as Nigel, Joanna Dugan, Savannah Farcin, Eva Moore and Simon Scanlon.

The older students are played by Franky Satterfield, Wesley Benson, Parker Bombard, Salem Pollastrini, Shaila King, Sara Jo Martin and Colton Daft.

Cast members also include Wesley Benson, as Michael Wormwood, Kathy Dunn, as the friendly librarian, Geoff Coyle, Sarah Lemley, Scott Moore, Matthew O'Neill, Ashley Bainbridge, Devon Neptune, Miki DeMary-Andrew, Matt Scanlon, Dani DeVito, Bryce Weaver, Mathew O'Neill, Franchesca Aloji and Shaila King.

"Matilda the Musical" is choreographed by Kim Bell and Ashley Morgan Fink and produced by Leigh Anne Riley. The artistic team and crew include Troy Snyder, Trina Byard, Kurtis Dennison, Ashley Doyle-Sine, Franky Satterfield, James Spears, Brady Dunn and Justin Z. Allan.

"The cast works hard, but no one is working harder than the student actors who have five big dance numbers and are in most of the scenes of the play. I'm amazed by how hard they can work and still smile at the end of rehearsal," Snyder said. "Town & Gown Summer Theatre is glad to be back."

Fairmont State celebrates more than 60 years of Town & Gown Players summer theatre and is thrilled to have live theatre back in Wallman Hall. Each Town & Gown Players production features a cast, crew and artistic team comprised of community members, students and professionals who commit their time, talent and steadfast dedication to each performance.

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with her two children and spending time with her family.

She was a member of United Methodist Women's Group and Lumberport United Methodist Church. She was a fitness walker and enjoyed gardening and loved reading books.

Friends and family were received at the Harmer Funeral Home, 300 Pike Street, Shinnston from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 7. A funeral service was held at Harmer Funeral Home 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 8 with Rev. Sam Cale officiating. Interment followed at Lumberport Lions Club Cemetery.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at www.harmerfuneralhome.com.

A service of Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston.

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John Marchio



John Anthony Marchio, 73, of Shinnston, passed away Saturday, June 4, 2022 at his residence. John was born on July 11, 1948 in Clarksburg, the son of the late John and Charlene Pulice Marchio.

John is survived by his wife Marie Marchio of Shinnston and two daughters, Gina Tate (Mickey) of Shinnston and Julie Arnett (Gary) of Bridgeport, five grandchildren Anthony Tate, Sofia Tate, Nicholas Tate, Connor Arnett, and Cole Arnett; his three sisters-in-law, Betty Caraway (Henry), Kathi McLendon (Lennox), and Jeanne Howell. He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Annette Marie Marchio and his in-laws George and Laura Howell.

John was a graduate of Fairmont State College and achieved a master's degree in education administration from West Virginia University. He retired from the Harrison County Board of Education where he served as a teacher and coach at Lumberport High School, assistant principal at the following schools, RW High School, Lincoln High School and Principal at Lumberport Middle School. After retirement, he owned and operated Dynamic Designs, a local business offering printed shirts, hats, and sports clothing. He was the founding member of Shinnston JC's, a former

Shinnston City Council member, presently a member of the Shinnston Park Board, and was chosen onto the Shinnston-Lincoln Alumni Hall of Fame.

He was a member of the St. Ann's Catholic Church and was the St. Ann's men's group President. He was a golf and sports enthusiast, following all his grandchildren's sports activities.

Family and friends were received at the Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston on Wednesday, June 8th from 4-8 p.m. and Thursday, June 9th from 2-8 p.m. A Vigil Prayer service was held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the St. Ann's Catholic Church at 10:30 a.m. Friday June 10 with Father Chris Turner as Celebrant. Interment followed at the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

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Elwood Clay Toll



Elwood Clay Toll, 90, of the Francis Mine Community, passed away Saturday, June 4, 2022 at his residence. He was born November 13, 1931 to the late Joseph Toll "Fransis" and Hazel Selby. Elwood is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Toll, whom he would have celebrated 64 years of marriage with on June 22, 2022. He's also survived by his son James Williams Toll of Lamberts Run; daughters Sarah Davis (Criss) of Enterprise, Deborah V. Musil (Michael) of Philippi, Connie L. Bailey (Rod) of Buckhannon; grandchildren Criss Davis II (Meredith) of Grafton, Shawn Davis (Katie) of Fairmont, Melissa Peele (Geoff) of Shinnston, Patrick Stalnaker of Clarksburg, Alex and Gia Musil of Philippi, Heather King of Fairmont, Dillon Stalnaker of Philippi, James Joseph Toll (Chelsia) of Clarksburg; great-grandchildren Summer, Dakota, Zoey, Betty, Catherine, Christopher, Kylee and Keylee, Arabella, Kinsley and Kingston, Grayson, Easton, and Sydney, Piper, two great-

Out Of The Past

Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



Bob and Shirla Richardson in the early 1940s. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

great-grandchildren; sister Wanda Carpenter; special niece Marlene Connor; and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by sister Mary Frances, brother Clarence Toll, and granddaughter Tara Toll.

He retired from the Pepsi Cola Co., was a member of the VFW, and a previous member of the Everson Baptist Church. Elwood served in the Air Force, has a Korean Service Medal, loved to spend time with his family and drinking coffee at Casey's with his special friend Gibby Abbruzzino every morning.

Friends were received at Harmer Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 from 2-8 p.m.

Military Honors were held at the West Virginia National Cemetery on Thursday June 9, 2022 at 11 a.m.

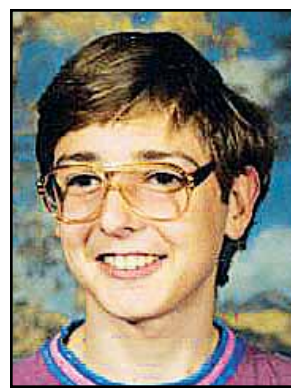
The family would like to thank the VA and Hospice nurses for the special care given to him.

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Kenneth Wayne Martz



Kenneth Wayne Martz, 45, of Philippi, passed away at Ruby Memorial Hospital on Saturday, June 4, 2022. He was born in Clarksburg on November 15, 1976, son of the late Steven Jackson Martz and Lois Jean Craig Martz.

He worked at the Philippi Inn as a busboy and loved bowling.

Kenneth is survived by his brother, Sammy Joe Martz of Clarksburg; five

aunts: Shirley Martin of Shinnston, Barbara Martin and husband Charles of Mannington, Alice Morgan and companion Dennis of Lumberport, Brenda Quinn of Worthington, and Pam Drain and husband Mike of Shinnston; three uncles: Bruce Craig and companion Marla of Shinnston, Brad Craig and companion Rhonda of Shinnston, and Dr. Michael Roy Martz and wife Sharon of NC.

In addition to his parents, Kenneth is preceded in death by two uncles: Terry Martin and Richard Craig.

Graveside service was held on Friday, June 10, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery with Pastor Brian Plum officiating.

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

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Maud Louise Sterling, 83, of Lumberport passed away on Thursday, June 2, 2022. She was born April 2, 1939, a daughter of the late Junior Stout and Jaunita Bennett Stout.

She is survived by her Daughter, Becky Sterling, Son, Rodney Sterling, Brother, Danny Stout, and Grandson, Ricky Hedrick.

Preceded in death by her Parents Junior and Jaunita Stout, Husband, John E. Sterling, Jr., Twin Sister, Virginia Stout, Brothers, Luther and Gary Stout, and Sister, Sandra Kearns.

Maud was employed at Westinghouse in Fairmont in the 1960's and at the Harrison County Power Station in the 1970's. The best years of her life was being able to be home

“American Idol” finalist to perform in Clarksburg

Submitted by the Robinson Grand

The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center is excited to announce “American Idol” finalist and Tony-nominated Broadway rockstar Constantine Maroulis and the band Foreigner’s Journey are coming to downtown Clarksburg on Saturday, September 17, at the historic Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center, located at 444 W. Pike St. in Clarksburg, WV.

Constantine was the sixth-placed finalist on the fourth season of “American Idol” and received a nomination for the Tony Award for Best Performance by a Leading Actor in a Musical for his role in “Rock of Ages.” He also starred as the title role in “Jekyll and Hyde” on Broadway, for which he received a Drama League Award Nomination for a Distinguished Performance Award. On the big screen Constantine has appeared in “Dark State,” “Either Side of Midnight,” “5th Borough,” and the film version of “Rock of Ages.” He has also performed with Steve Adler of Guns ‘N Roses, Rocktopia, and Scott Bradlee’s Postmodern Jukebox.

“Constantine Maroulis is the definition of a rockstar. With a soulful, pure, intense voice, he’s devilishly charming, and dangerously sexy,” said Jason A. Young, the Robinson Grand’s consulting program manager. “Having him in downtown Clarksburg as the frontman for Foreigner’s Journey is going to be ‘blow your hair back’ awesome.”

When Foreigner’s Journey takes the stage, the music and energy of two legendary stadium rock



Constantine Maroulis

bands come together in one electrifying show, with the two-time nominated star of Broadway’s Rock of Ages and American Idol icon Constantine Maroulis at the microphone. Their repertoire of classics by Foreigner and Journey provides a crowd-pleasing night of unforgettable music and is heightened to new face-melting levels by Constantine. Audiences should expect smoldering sexiness, dancers, production and “Rock of Ages” mash-ups that will take you right back to the Sunset Strip. In addition, Foreigner’s Journey unleashes some of Constantine’s critically acclaimed original material on sold-out audiences nationally. Expect heartwarming power ballads like “Faithfully,” “I Want to Know What Love Is,” to anthems like “Hot Blooded,” “Don’t Stop Believin’,” “Cold As Ice,” and “Any Way You Want It.”

“Foreigner’s Journey with Constantine Maroulis is more than a tribute band. They’re a time machine, and their energy is infectious,” said Young. “Get your wine coolers, mullets, and stone washed jean vests ready for a night of sing along debauchery and dance grooves that will pop you from your seats.”

A recent \$15 million renovation has transformed the beautiful historic local theater into one of the state’s most spectacular small theater destinations in which to experience an event. Preserving the distinct historical charm of the 1913 theater, the Robinson Grand boasts the most modern updates and conveniences of any local performance venue. The comfortable 1,000-seat size of the theater makes every seat feel intimately connected with the onstage performance.

Tickets for Constantine Maroulis and Foreigner’s Journey start at \$20 and go on sale on Friday, June 10, at 10 a.m. They can be purchased online at tickets.therobinsongrand.com or by calling the Robinson Grand ticketing center at 855-773-6283.

The Farmer’s Market



Hardman Homestead was a vendor at the second farmers’ market, which brought out lots of new vendors on June 4. Hardman Homestead is owned by Darren Hardman, left, who also brought his son. Photo by Maralisa Marra.



Elizabeth Marra, owner of Golden Rose Creations, participated in Shinnston’s second farmers’ market of the season on June 4. Little girls loved her handcrafted, fruit-themed jewelry. Photo by Maralisa Marra.

Harrison County students among YCF scholarship recipients

Submitted by Your Community Foundation

Your Community Foundation of North Central West Virginia, Inc. (YCF) is pleased to announce 110 scholarships totaling \$327,000 have been awarded for the 2022-2023 academic year. Of those, 28 students are from Harrison County. Applications were evaluated by scholarship committees of more than 100 volunteers from across the North Central West Virginia region.

YCF currently manages over 40 scholarship funds. New scholarship endowment funds may be established with a minimum donation of \$20,000, which donors may pledge over three years. The principal is invested, and the earnings provide scholarship dollars – forever. Donors may suggest award criteria, and the funds are often named in honor or memory of loved ones.

“We are grateful for the generosity of our donors, who help make higher education more accessible to the students in our community,” said YCF President Patty Showers Ryan. “We also extend gratitude to our scholarship committee volunteers who donate their time to review applications and recommend scholarship winners.”

The Dorothy, Lewis, Anthony and Hilde Betonte Scholarship made its inaugural award this year. The scholarship serves to honor the Betonte family’s value for learning and their hope to encourage residents of Harrison County to pursue higher education. This fund provides an annual scholarship to a Harrison County resident pursuing post-secondary education at a trade or vocational school, or a two-year or traditional four-year college or university. The inaugural recipient is Chloe Shoemaker of Robert C. Byrd High School.

The following recipients for the 2022-23 academic year are from Harrison County:

- Bobby Lee Secret Memorial Scholarship – Bella Rock, Robert C. Byrd High School
- Catherine Flynn Morrison Memorial Scholarship – Madison Louk, South Harrison High School
- Dorothy, Lewis, Anthony and Hilde Betonte Scholarship – Chloe Shoemaker, Robert C. Byrd High School
- Flora O. Corpening Scholarship – Darrell DeMoss, Bridgeport High School; Ezra Myers, Bridgeport High School
- Frances Scarcelli Tyler Scholarship – Anthony Rogers, Notre Dame High School
- J. Cecil Jarvis Memorial Scholarship – Margaret Lohmann, West Virginia University; Emily Ogden, West Virginia University
- Jim Dunn Memorial Scholarship – Darrell DeMoss, Bridgeport High School
- Lillian A. Devison Scholarship – Samuel Martino, West Virginia University
- PFC Andrew Martin “Bo” Harper Memorial Scholarship – Anthony Rogers, Notre Dame High School
- Rusty Mazzie and Seth Nicholson Memorial Scholarship – Elizabeth Renzelli, West Virginia University
- William Charles Davis and Dorcas Regina Davis Educational Scholarship – Laura McCray, West Virginia University
- Woodrow W. Woods Scholarship – Mason Betler, Bridgeport High School; Maci Cook, Bridgeport High School; Amelia Duarte, Bridgeport High School; Matthew Howe, West Virginia University; Bryar Huff, Bridgeport High School; Gene Hutchinson, Notre Dame High School; Madison Lamb, South Harrison High School; Margaret Lohmann, West Virginia University; Samuel Martino, Notre Dame High School; Laura McCray, West Virginia University; Abigail Rinschler, Notre Dame High School; Anthony Rogers, Notre Dame High School; Kallie Shingleton, Lincoln High School; Chloe Shoemaker, Robert C. Byrd High School; Brooke Wagner, West Virginia University

YCF’s mission is to promote philanthropy and build endowment funds to benefit our communities. Through financial resources, YCF extends assistance to qualified people, programs and projects in the form of grants and scholarships. Primarily serving North Central West Virginia, YCF’s underlying goal is always to enhance the quality of life for those the organization serves.

For more information please call (304) 296-3433 or visit YCF’s website, www.ycfwv.org.



Chloe Shoemaker, recipient of the inaugural Dorothy, Lewis, Anthony and Hilde Betonte Scholarship and the Woodrow W. Woods Scholarship, is pictured with Martin Howe, YCF Board Chair, at the Robert C. Byrd High School senior awards event. Courtesy photo.

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