

Meter installation company requests meeting with city

By Maralisa Marra

Ferguson Waterworks, the company working on water meter installation in Shinnston, has requested a meeting with city officials to discuss complaints city officials have made about the installation process.

During the City Council meeting June 13, city officials said city workers have had to remedy

installation problems and that Ferguson workers are tearing up yards, when Ferguson workers should be responsible for the installation of meters and the restoration of the yards. City Manager Chad Edwards said at the time he planned to contact the company, which is based out of Columbus, Ohio.

Reached last week, Ferguson Waterworks

Public Relations Manager Peg Hall Williams provided this statement: “Ferguson is committed to fulfilling our contract with the City of Shinnston in the safest and most organized manner possible. We look forward to having open and transparent discussions to provide the highest quality of service and ensure the city is satisfied with the collaboration at the end of the contract.”

Asked whether those discussions would be public in open meetings, and about Ferguson’s plan to rectify the situation, Hall Williams said, “Ferguson was first made aware of any concerns on June 15 by Chad Edwards, City Manager, following the City Council meeting. We have requested to meet with the city manager. At this time, a meeting has not been scheduled.” Edwards was on vacation last week.

“We are happy to respond to your questions after that meeting when we have additional details,” Hall Williams said. “We look forward to meeting with him.”

The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal has named Kim Southern as Citizen of the Month, a recognition sponsored by Dorsey Funeral Home in Shinnston – locally owned and operated.

Kim Southern named Citizen of the Month

By Maralisa Marra

Kim Southern has devoted herself to serving her community through many different outlets, including volunteerism and working with young people.

Southern’s stout work ethic and determination flows through Shinnston, and not only is she devoted to making Shinnston a better place, but as a wife and mother, she has passed these values along to her family, as well.

For over 30 years, Southern has owned and operated the local Shinnston Subway alongside regularly lending a hand to the community and the schools.

“I’ve given a lot of kids their first job,” Southern said, “I believe in giving everybody a chance, and I do hire young kids that have done really well there [Subway] that went on to college and make something of themselves.”

While giving teens a



chance to excel, Southern as well as the new sign for the Shinnston Community Garden and three of the raised garden beds.

Southern said she became involved with the community garden at the beginning of this past fall. “Since then, we have got a full garden down there. We’ve gotten beds. We donate everything that comes out of that garden to The Luv gift wrapping,

Southern and her husband Mark Southern have sponsored basketball tournaments at Lincoln High School, Lincoln High students responsible for Angel Luv gift wrapping, *See “Citizen” on Pg 3.*



City Clerk Kathleen Panek slices the cake as the Woman’s Club celebrates West Virginia’s birthday on June 20. The club provided birthday cake, ice cream, and refreshments from 2-5 p.m. at the Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum. They also showed a film about the state’s start. Photo by Maralisa Marra.



BUILDING AMAZING CITIES
By JIM HUNT
author, speaker, consultant

“Bo’s Traveling Barber Shop”

Do you ever wonder if you were in need, would you have friends that would go the extra mile to help you? As our lives get busier and with the isolation of the pandemic, I have found that months go by, and I realize that I have not seen or talked to many people that I regularly would see. And often, when you do communicate, you find that you were unaware that they have had a major operation or dealt with some other major life event. Even relatives and close friends seem a little more distant than before we were plunged into the world of masks and social distancing. I had an experience recently that gave me some hope that all is not lost and there are still bright spots in what has seemed like a grey period in our history.

One of my dearest friends, Tom Flynn, who is now 93 years old, had a serious fall that caused bleeding of the brain and required brain surgery. While he made it through the surgery without serious complications, it limited his mobility and required physical therapy to restore his balance and coordination. For years, we would meet for breakfast every few weeks and it was some of the most enjoyable times, getting to catch up and spend time talking about politics, sports, and a myriad of other topics. We served together on the Clarksburg City Council for many years and became best friends and traveling companions. For many years, we would spend New Year’s Eve together with our wives and close friends, Pat and Lori Joyce, waiting for the ball to drop at Times Square in New York City. Tom’s wife, Eleanor, passed away a few years ago and we’ve missed the past several New Year’s celebrations.

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Anniversary of Shinnston tornado remembered

“Countless ordinary people” forever changed



Debra Herndon, director of Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum, provides introduction and background about the 1944 tornado at the June 23 anniversary program. Photo by Maralisa Marra.

By Maralisa Marra

June 23, 1944, changed Shinnston forever, and 78 years later, the community still honors the lives lost to the level F4 tornado and those who devoted their time to assisting the injured, restoring the town, and memorializing lost loved ones.

An F4 level tornado has estimated winds of 207-260 miles per hour, with the National Weather Service describing the intensity as, “Devastating damage. Well-constructed houses leveled; structures with weak foundation blown some distance; cars thrown; large missiles generated.”

On June 23, on the anniversary of the tornado, the Shinnston Historical Association recognized the tragedy at the Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum.

Debra Herndon, director of the museum, provided an introduction. Herndon said the tornado is “one of the things that our community is known for.”

Herndon also noted that the devastation of the tornado was coupled with the anxieties of World War II. Although, she said, “News from the war front was looking positive...positive for the allies.

The biggest worry that a lot of people had was whether their loved one was going to come home.”

Herndon said, “If a disaster was going to happen here, it was going to be a mining disaster,” in reference to the Katherine No. 4 Mine Explosion that took place on March 24 that same year. The citizens were unfortunately familiar with mining disasters.

The storm took place on a Friday night and residents went about their nightly routines. Some worked in their gardens, others fixed dinner, some were even at the movies or Bible study, and parents were putting their kids down for the night upon the tornado’s arrival; many observers described the sound as “100 diesel engines,” according to Herndon.

“From a distance many thought a great train was coming towards the town,” Herndon said, “The tornado was traveling at 30 to 40 miles per hour, and its path varied from 300 feet wide to 1,500 feet as it came up and down in the atmosphere.”

As the tornado devastated the area, Herndon said that some citizens did not run from the destruction, but instead, “an amazing number of them immediately started to make their way to the affected areas.”

She also said that the groups of people who started to help became “very organized very quickly.” They broke up into teams—some teams were dedicated to clear the debris while others were responsible for bringing bodies and the injured to the roadway to be recovered from the debris and identified, according to Herndon.

The power was out in the surrounding medical centers, so the injured were examined in candlelight and oil lamps, Herndon noted.

Herndon said, according to the accounts of the local doctor at the time, the injured were covered with black dirt that the tornado embedded into people’s skin. The soot prevented doctors from seeing injuries and wounds because of how deeply implanted it was into the skin.

Eventually, word made it to the Clarksburg and

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Guest Opinion

By Mike Caputo

Politicians shouldn't make decisions about parenthood

By Mike Caputo, D- Marion

I am so, so bitterly disappointed in our United States Supreme Court. The courts should be a place devoid of politics, but this decision and its majority opinions—both leaked and published—are overtly political.

Protections that have been in place for women and pregnant people for fifty years have been overturned. We have lost legal protections from government control of personal medical decisions and a person's right to choose their own future.

Being a parent and a grandparent has been one of my greatest joys in life. It is one of the best choices my wife and I ever made. But it was just that—a choice. I believe everyone should have the opportunity to decide for themselves whether or not to be a parent.

I believe every person should be able to control what happens to their body, and that decision should be made with a sober heart in the consultation of medical professionals—not politicians.

I am proud to remain pro-choice. I encourage constituents who are angered, saddened, or moved by the SCOTUS decision to take those emotions to the polls in November.

Mike Caputo is a delegate representing parts of Marion and Monongalia counties in the West Virginia Legislature.

THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

June 30, 1929: The Wheeling Symphony Orchestra gave its first concert at Oglebay Park.

June 30, 1944: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park was authorized as a national monument, the first in West Virginia.

July 1, 1937: Watoga State Park was opened to the public. The park in Pocahontas County is the largest of the state parks and among the oldest.

July 1, 1971: Southern West Virginia Community College was formed by joining the Marshall University branch campuses at Logan and Williamson. In 1995, the name changed to Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College.

July 2, 1829: Potter and businessman Alexander Polk Donaghho was born. He began a pottery operation in Parkersburg, creating hand-thrown, salt-glazed crocks, jars and other pottery that are avidly collected today.

July 3, 1863: At Gettysburg, Union troopers in the 1st West Virginia Cavalry took part in a fruitless cavalry charge against Confederate infantrymen during the waning moments of that great battle.

July 4, 1882: The steamboats Scioto and John Lomas collided on the Ohio River as they were returning from holiday excursions. The Scioto sank almost instantly, and 70 people drowned.

July 4, 1918: Poet Muriel Miller Dressler was born in Kanawha County. Her poem "Appalachia," published in 1970, was her signature piece.

July 4, 1938: Musician Bill Withers Jr. was born into a miner's family of 13 children in Slab Fork, Raleigh County. In 1971, Withers released his first album, "Just As I Am," including his first Grammy-winning song, "Ain't No Sunshine." In 2015 he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

July 5, 1896: Cartoonist Kendall Vintroux was born at Fraziers Bottom. He began his career with the Charleston Gazette when he submitted a cartoon about the town of Poca's first paved road. Many of his drawings are now in the collection of the University of Charleston.

July 5, 1950: Army Private Kenneth Shadrack of Wyoming County was the first U.S. serviceman killed in action in the Korean War.

July 6, 1806: Statesman Charles James Faulkner was born in Martinsburg. Faulkner served in the West Virginia Legislature, U.S. Congress (1851-59), and as U.S. minister to France.

July 6, 1848: Historian Virgil A. Lewis was born in Mason County. In 1905, Governor Dawson appointed Lewis as the first director of the Bureau of Archives and History.

July 6, 1883: Judge "R. D." Bailey was born at Baileysville, Wyoming County. Bailey came into wide prominence as the judge of the Matewan Massacre trial in 1921.

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Super Crossword

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Lurch Fest organizers announce music line-up

This year's Lurch Fest planning committee has announced, in a news release, the line-up of musical performances at the event in Philippi on Aug. 6.

Live music will begin at 12:30 pm and last until 9:00 pm. Festival-goers will be able to dance in the streets to the music of Kelly Lynott, Wilma Cutlip, Greg Short and Friends, Full Circle, and B Sharp. Times for each music set will be available on the Philippi Main Street Facebook page as August 6 draws near.

Main Street, the Museum, the Philippi Convention and Visitors Bureau, WV Preservation Alliance/AmeriCorps, Create Philippi, and the Barbour County Arts and Humanities Council are all partners in the planning and sponsoring of Lurch Fest. For questions about Lurch Fest, contact

Philippi Main Street Director Tammy Stemple at 304-457-3700, Ext. 226 or via email at hotpepperbabe@hotmail.com. To secure a food vendor or crafter registration form and to volunteer to help, contact Stemple at the aforementioned phone or email or visit the BC Historical Museum or Philippi Main Street on Facebook.



A local Lurch walks to the music stage during last year's inaugural Lurch Fest in Philippi. Courtesy photo.

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FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

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Used Booksale

June 22-July 2
Bridgeport Public Library
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The museum displayed a number of newspaper clippings, maps, and photographs of the 1944 tornado at the June 23 program. Photo by Maralisa Marra.

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Fairmont hospitals about the injured, and Herndon said funeral homes and other businesses dispatched their vehicles to transport the injured.

“Countless ordinary people worked hard into the next day,” Herndon said. Many accounts say that citizens searched for people through the night and well into the next day.

The First United Methodist Church was set up as an emergency first aid station, and The Shinnston News became the headquarters for the Red Cross, Herndon noted.

“It seemed there were people trained, ready, and eager to help in any way,” Herndon said.

It took days to recover all those who were lost, and the last victim was found in the Monongahela River in Masontown, Pennsylvania. She was identified by her class ring.

“Much of the pain and suffering of living through this event was alleviated by the quick response of both those trained and untrained,” Herndon said.

After Herndon’s introduction, Shinnston Historical Association President Bobby Bice spoke about those in the Shinnston community who have first-hand knowledge about the disaster.

Bice shared this snippet of irony and history with his audience.

“In the last couple of years, I found an 1888 Clarksburg Telegram Newspaper,” Bice said, “So, in the January 1888 edition of the Clarksburg Telegram, it mentions a drugstore in Shinnston...that drugstore was named The Cyclone.”

Bice also said that during WWII, weather news was considered a threat. “If the enemy out there knew which direction your wind was blowing, that could be any kind of threat to whatever they’re going to plan to make their next attack,” Bice said. Therefore, weather news was banned during the time the twister hit.

“They didn’t know a storm was coming back then. You had to look out the window,” Bice said, “My great grandfather up on Pleasant Hill, they were out doing something in their garden, and he said, ‘It’s a twister,’ so that’s when you knew. You didn’t plan for it.”

According to Bice, there were different tornadoes that took place over a two-day period on June 22 and 23 in 1944, called the Appalachian Tornado Outbreak. This outbreak consisted of four tornadoes that took

The Shinnston News article published just days after the disaster took place on display during the June 23 tornado anniversary program at the Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum. Photo by Maralisa Marra.



“Hunt” From Pg 1.

Tom and I had the same barber and when I would get a haircut, our barber, Bo Oliverio would always tell me that he had seen my buddy Flynn and there would be some funny story that he shared. As luck would have it, Bo retired in 2021, after many years cutting hair and we transitioned to occasionally stopping by Bo’s house and persuading him give us a trim in his garage. When Tom had his fall, venturing out for things like a haircut became difficult. I mentioned this to Bo, and he said, “Let me know and I will come to his house and cut his hair.”

Many people will say, “Call me if you need anything,” but rarely ever expect someone to take them up on it. When Tom called me and said he was needing a haircut, I decided to take Bo up on his offer. When I called him, he said, “Pick me up at 10:45

and we can go over and do it.” I packed my orange extension cord in my backseat and headed to Bo’s house. He was waiting with his little bag of combs, brushes and electric cutters and we headed to Nutter Fort. Tom used his walker to come out to the patio and we had “Bo’s Traveling Barber Shop” ready for business. After about fifteen minutes, Tom had his haircut and we sat, and we laughed and caught up on current events.

I’ve been blessed with great friends throughout my life, and I was so touched that when a friend was in need, Bo Oliverio took the time to lift the spirits of one of the nicest people you will ever meet. As I get older, I have come to realize that life is more than money and position. It is small things that mean the world to others. Have a great week and do something nice for someone. It will make you feel Amazing!

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Lord’s Pantry,” Southern said.

She also said that all of the plants and seeds were donated by various people and businesses throughout the city.

Southern said that the Boy Scouts and some of the National Honor Society students at Lincoln High volunteer in the garden alongside herself and others such as Kathleen Panek, Bethany Nuzum, and Phyllis Reger. Southern’s passion for helping the community and making it a better place is contagious for all generations.

Southern’s daughter, Ashley Wolfe, and granddaughters, Kinleigh Wolfe and Aralyn Southern, also lend a hand in the garden with her from time to time.

Southern and her husband are interested in Shinnston’s growth. They developed Riverdale Estates to bring more residential space to the city.

They are also interested in business growth in

the lives of 150 people across Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Maryland.

Out of the 150 people, Bice said at least 72 of them were from the Shinnston area. Shinnston was hit the hardest, but that was only a quarter of the number injured.

Over a number of years, Bice took the time to interview many citizens who had first-hand accounts of the storm, and he compiled a booklet titled “They Said It Couldn’t Happen: Memories of the Shinnston Tornado,” which he made reference to during the program.

“When I went around talking to people years ago trying to get their stories, a lot of people varied on the time,” Bice said, “Everybody’s story and description of what the sky was like that night was the same, but time was always different.”

When titling the book, Bice said he interviewed at least six people who said, “They always told us tornadoes couldn’t happen in West Virginia.”

He said that the times varied anywhere between 8:30 and 9 p.m. Since it was getting dark, everyone was searching through the debris in the dark and more than likely worried about whether or not another storm would hit.

Bice also noted that many children’s lives were spared that night because they were at the Baptist and Methodist churches for Bible school.

Bice reflected on many other stories like Geraldine Wiseman’s who was a telephone operator during the time of the storm, and Nancy Biggs’ account as a Girl Scout who helped find bandages for the wounded and assisted the ladies of the community with cooking. He also shared Jack Tetric’s story of what it was like to be a Boy Scout during the aftermath of the storm. The Scouts helped search for bodies the next day.

Melba Harmer was working the ticket booth at one of the Clarksburg theaters, and since the power went out, they had to refund the tickets for the evening, so they went around collecting candles, kerosene, and oil lamps to take to St. Mary’s Hospital in Clarksburg for more light to treat the injured, according to Bice.

Bice said the Harmer family shared stories of how funeral directors came together to assist in the tragedy, as well.

The full stories of these accounts can be accessed in the book referenced.

“Several people had said that the river was literally parted,” Bice said. He also said the outskirts of

Shinnston, “We bought the old State Police property in hopes to bring more business to our community,” Southern said. The property is for commercial sale.

Not only do Southern and her husband help the community through their businesses, but they passed the same desire on to their son Adam, who owns the local Ace Hardware.

Southern said as a family, Ace Hardware donated the lumber for the stage at the Green Space.

“We’re just a family who tries to better our community,” Southern said.

Southern’s daughter Ashley Wolfe reflected on her mother’s hard work.

“Growing up, I remember my mom working open to close at times at Subway. She has always been a hard worker and gives 100%, and she has always put our family first and has always been there no matter what...She has not only run her own business, but she dedicates her free time to do volunteer work to make Shinnston the best it can be.”

Shinnston, including Enterprise, experienced intense hailstorms. “A lot of people picked up the hail, froze it, and made homemade ice cream with it. They didn’t know a tornado had happened in Shinnston immediately because there was no way to know immediately,” Bice said.

Bice concluded his talk with interesting oddities. He said some barns were wiped out entirely, but the animals inside were left unharmed. In one instance, a tablecloth was pulled off of the kitchen table, but the butter that was on a plate was also left unharmed on top of the table.

The program concluded with members of the audience like Wanda Ashcraft and Maxine Weser sharing stories and accounts of the twister.

Ashcraft said she was 11 years old when the tornado touched down. “I had a box, a cigar box, and it had my rings and paper dolls. I carried that all night long. So, we stood there, and I can remember very vividly. We prayed because Grandpa told us it will take the house probably,” Ashcraft said.

Recovering from the horror of a Kansas-style twister took strength and resilience. Ashcraft was asked if she believed the tornado is one of the reasons why Shinnston is such a close-knit community, and she said that it could be. “Whatever it is, they come together...it’s a wonderful, together community. Whenever there’s trouble they’re there, and any differences are put aside,” Ashcraft said.

News clippings and pictures pertaining to the tornado will be on display at the Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum during regular hours until July 23 for the public to view.

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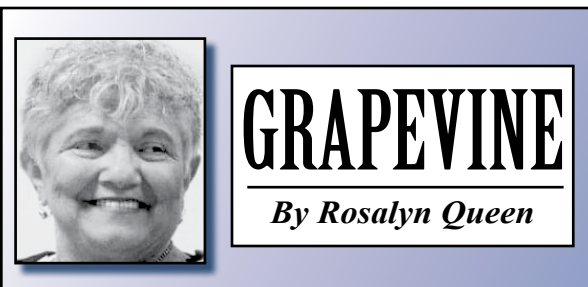
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GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

Never too busy to visit with neighbors

If you are a summer person, then I am sure you are really happy about the soaring temperatures we have been having. I am following the suggestions for older people to stay in a cool place and drink plenty of fluids. After being inside all day, it certainly makes me want to get out in the evening.

I want to offer a suggestion for those of you who are facing the same dilemma. This past week my son, Mike, picked up on an event he started last year. On Wednesday evening, he had a neighborhood get together. He sent out invitations to all the neighbors in his complex, and he hired a musician who furnished music for two hours. The invitation stated for everyone to bring a chair and whatever beverage they wanted to enjoy.

Last year when it got cool, he had a fire in his fire pit, but we did not need one this week. Approximately 35 people gathered, and some of the ladies prepared snacks for everyone to enjoy. It was so nice to catch up with friends we have not seen all winter, and it was especially nice to listen and sing along with the musician. I cannot wait for

the get together next month.

Sometimes we think that times have changed, and we are too busy to even have a friendly conversation with our neighbors, and yes, we are busy, but we should never be too busy to do a little visiting with neighbors.

There are twelve apartments in my building, and I only know four of the residents—shame on me. Try to get together and plan a neighborhood party and meet your neighbors.

My little friend, Janna Crowley, just moved into that neighborhood. Janna and I bonded when I lived in Old Farm, and I consider her my other daughter. She invited me to come early and enjoy a dinner she prepared which was delicious. After I got acquainted with her new puppy, Abby, we walked over to Mike's and enjoyed the neighborhood.

I also attended a presentation from R. Scott Gregory, Milton Hershey School admissions counselor. He provided a delicious dinner for those present and presented a great movie about the school. His purpose was to introduce the school to families in our area with hopes of getting a few new students. It is almost unbelievable that this facility exists and is completely free to the students.

If you think you might be a potential family that would be interested, you can get more information by calling Gregory at 717-520-2104.

Nationally, we have a lot to think about with the Supreme Court's ruling on Roe v. Wade and the gun control bill being signed. I certainly know how I feel about both of these, but I will wait a while before discussing my opinion.

Stay cool, stay healthy, and until next week, "Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine."

United Hospital Center recognized for quality cardiovascular care

WVU Medicine United Hospital Center (UHC) has received three American Heart Association Get With The Guidelines achievement awards for demonstrating commitment to following up-to-date, research-based guidelines for the treatment of heart disease and stroke.

That commitment ultimately leads to more lives saved, shorter recovery times and fewer readmissions to the hospital, UHC noted in a news release, as studies show patients can recover better when providers consistently follow treatment guidelines.

Every 40 seconds, someone in the U.S. has a stroke

or heart attack, and heart disease and stroke are the No. 1 and No. 5 causes of death in the United States, respectively.

Get With The Guidelines put the expertise of the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association to work for hospitals nationwide, aiming to help ensure patient care is aligned with the latest evidence-

and research-based guidelines. As a participant in Get With The Guidelines programs, UHC qualified for several awards.

"WVU Medicine United Hospital Center is

committed to improving care by adhering to the latest treatment guidelines and streamlining processes to ensure timely and proper care for heart attacks and strokes," said Dr. Mark Povroznik, vice president of quality and chair of infection control. "The Get With The Guidelines programs make it easier for our teams to put proven knowledge and guidelines to work on a daily basis, which helps us ensure more people in North Central West Virginia experience longer, healthier lives."

This year, UHC received the following achievement awards

- Get With The Guidelines—Stroke Gold Plus with Stroke Honor Roll Elite and Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll
- Get With The Guidelines—Heart Failure Gold Plus with Heart Failure Honor Roll and Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll
- Get With The Guidelines—Resuscitation Gold

"We are pleased to recognize WVU Medicine United Hospital Center for its commitment to caring for those in their community who need cardiovascular care," said John Warner, M.D., FAHA, past president of the American Heart Association and executive vice president for health system affairs at UT Southwestern Medical Center, in Dallas. "Hospitals that follow the American Heart Association's quality improvement protocols often see improved patient outcomes, fewer readmissions and lower mortality rates – a win for health care systems, families and communities."

Crowd in Fairmont calls on Congress to pass budget reconciliation bill

On June 20, over 150 Mountaineers attended a concert and barbeque in Fairmont's East Marion Park to celebrate West Virginia Day and ask the U.S. Congress to support West Virginia with new legislation, according to a press release from the advocacy group Chesapeake Climate Action Network.

The audience listened to musical performances from Fletcher's Grove, Emmy of the Mountains, and other local acts in the "Jammin' for Jobs & Justice" event. The event was held to urge Senator Joe Manchin, D- WV, and Congress to pass a budget reconciliation bill that would allow Medicare to negotiate directly with big pharmaceutical companies, lowering the cost of life saving medicine. Advocates also want the bill to bring down energy costs by improving energy independence and deploying wind and solar energy

manufactured in West Virginia. The bill would also make investments to improve grid reliability, improve water treatment infrastructure, and reduce stormwater runoff, among other provisions.

"We have a real serious issue here with climate," said Lakiesha Lloyd, organizer fellow with Common Defense. "Now as a veteran, I have to sit and watch my brothers and sisters in arms who are serving today have to go and deal with the conflicts that will arise as we fight over resources, over climate refugee crises."

"When we experience more severe heat waves and floods, we are all hurting from the impacts of worsening climate change. It's past time for Congress to act and invest in climate solutions that will both lower energy prices while making our communities more resilient in the face of more frequent and intense weather events," said Morgan King, climate campaign coordinator with the West Virginia Rivers Coalition.



Local musician Mark Bradley plays at a West Virginia Day concert in Fairmont meant to encourage support for a budget reconciliation bill that includes climate change mitigation and clean energy provisions. Courtesy photo.

Sandstone Falls

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A Shinnston West Side Story

Submitted by Debra Herndon
Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum Director

While going through one of the many collections of newspaper clippings donated to the museum, I found my great-grandfather's obituary. Luther C. Swiger, born in 1866, died in September the year I was born, 1955, so I have no personal memories of him. The obituary states he had resided at 808 Hood Avenue for 66 years. I knew that house as my grandparents' home and lived my entire childhood just across the alley.



Dora Swiger Koon (daughter), Luther C. Swiger (father), Sally McIntire Swiger (mother), and Glenn Swiger (son) at 808 Hood Avenue, where the house still stands in present day. Courtesy photo.

Luther and his wife, Sally were parents to my mother's mother Dora. Dora married Wayne Otto Koon who became a dentist. In order to get their start, Luther co-signed a note and put up the Swiger family farm as collateral. Then the stock market crash occurred. The farm was lost. My mother would tell of having to move into the dental office as they could not afford to keep an apartment. Some years later, W.O. Koon and Dora would move into 808 Hood Avenue with Luther and Sally.

Luther was a retired carpenter, but there are still a few who remember him for having an ice cream store. Ralph Anderson remembers himself, Dick Gardner and Wilson Currey as youngsters waking up Luther to get him to open up the store. This

would probably have been in the early forties. The store was located where Walt's Service Station is. Our fuzzy pictures show a banner stating, "Telling's (Sealtest) Ice Cream Sold Here." A later picture has a sign, "Enjoy Sealtest Ice Cream."

The property also had what was referred to as a merry-go-round, a circular wooden platform on a pivot with handholds. A child would push the platform around in a circle until it built up enough momentum and then jump on for a ride. This was long before anyone gave much thought to the safety of such rides. Ralph remembers swings there, too. I don't know when Luther closed the store, but the building still stood in a picture of my sister during the great snow of 1950.

With the museum's collection of early banking in Shinnston, we have some of Luther's bank books and a leather pouch that the bank would give out for those businesspeople who would be dealing with a lot of coins. Luther purchased grave lots early in the cemetery's history. The Swiger stone would be the first upright one you see driving toward Clarksburg, next to the old State Police headquarters property.



Luther and Sally Swiger earlier in their marriage. Courtesy photo.

The Bice-Ferguson Museum is open through October on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., other times by appointment by texting or calling 304-677-6650. Come share your bit of history with us.



A Tale of Two, a jazz duo featuring Stephanie Adlington and Aaron Lessard, played to a full house at The Soapbox at 413 Pike Street on June 4. The sold-out show lasted two hours, said co-owner Brendan Gallagher. Courtesy photos.



Woman's Club meets, recognizes West Virginia Day

Submitted by Debra Herndon

The Shinnston Woman's Club met at the Clubhouse on June 20 at 6 pm. Co-President Mary Ann Ferris welcomed everyone. Devotions were presented by Secretary Wanda Ashcraft who read an article by Frank Jarman on the importance of connecting with individuals. You never know when a kind word, a note or even an acknowledgment of their existence may make a difference in someone's day.

Ferris presented a program on West Virginia Day. True to the teacher she is, Ferris' program began with a quiz. The group did pretty well in naming the state animal, bird and tree, but didn't fare as well with the symbols on the state seal. Ferris passed around several materials and gave a good history on the formation of the state, the shifting Capital, State Capitol Building itself and some of West Virginia's bests and firsts.

In its business meeting, building maintenance, program plans and membership were discussed as well as a recap of the West Virginia Day event at the Museum.

In attendance not previously mentioned were Mary Ann Spadafore, Deborah Starkey, Debra Herndon, Viviane Spagnuolo, Connie Leuliette, Donna Mick and Guest Carla Waters Keener.



During their June 20 meeting, members of the Woman's Club listen to Co-President Mary Ann Ferris speak on the importance of connection. Courtesy photo.

Shinnston Garden Club works on city beautification

Submitted by Debra Herndon

The Shinnston Garden Club members resumed their monthly luncheon meetings in March when they heard a report from Alexis Herndon, a member of Lincoln's DECA organization. The Garden Club was a sponsor of Lincoln's DECA participation in a competitive event in Charleston where Alexis placed first in Principles of Business Administration.

At the April meeting the Garden Club discussed beautification projects including the urns along Pike Street and upgrading the landscaping at the electronic sign and the welcome sign at the northern end of town.

The May 26 meeting was a going away party for member, Rev. Cindy Boggs, who has been re-assigned to Elm Grove. Members brought cards and Vice President Wanda Ashcraft presented Rev. Boggs with a handmade album to organize her cards and memories from Shinnston. President Dorothy Rota presented Boggs with a ceramic cross from the Club.

Rev. Boggs thanked the group for welcoming her in 2013 and making her part of the community. Members told stories and enjoyed fellowship over lunch where



Two Shinnston Mayors were in attendance at the Shinnston Garden Club meeting June 23 at Casey's in Shinnston. Current Mayor Patrick Kovalck and former Mayor Wanda Ashcraft, the only woman elected mayor in Shinnston, chat after the meeting. Courtesy photo.

the tables were decorated in red and white gingham. Dorothy Rota thanked Debbie Harbert for planting the urns. She also reported that the Club had helped to fund a beautification project in the circle in front of Lincoln High School, done by the National Honor Society.

Present, not previously mentioned in the May meeting were Shirley Bowen, Joyce Miker, Donna Post, Virginia Livingston, Letha Stutler, Susan Thomas, David Harbert, Paula Harrison, Beth Linn, Debra Herndon, Pam Pumphrey, Juanita Laughlin, Chad Edwards and Diana Snyder.



Members of the Shinnston Garden Club tell stories and socialize during one of their monthly meetings, which resumed in March. Courtesy photo.

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The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

WVU baseball left out of postseason play

West Virginia University's baseball team had its best season since 2019 when the Mountaineers went on an impressive late season run. Since then, Head Coach Randy Mazey and his squad has battled a pandemic and some stiff Big 12 competition. Coming into play this year, optimism was high, and this year's edition was poised to make a strong postseason run.

West Virginia finished with a 33-22 record that included a program best 14 Big 12 Conference regular season wins. Mazey and company had built an exceptional level of momentum heading into the Big 12 Tournament. A strong move accompanied by a handful of tourney wins would solidify the 'Eers an NCAA tournament birth.

The worst-case situation followed as WVU would lose back-to-back lock ups for an early exit in double elimination play. The opening game loss to eventual tournament champion, Oklahoma 6-4, was understandable, but a loss to Kansas State immediately following was disastrous. The Wildcats entered as the seventh seed and shocked the Mountaineers 8-5 to put an end to the season.

The RPI is the rating percentage index that was adopted back in the 1980s by the NCAA. It ranks teams based on their strength of schedule and includes a team's Division I winning percentage and the opponents' Division I winning percentage. These items carry various weights. The RPI is used to help

determine the at-large teams that garner entry into the 64-team field for NCAA play.

When the Big 12 Tournament began, West Virginia was hovering in the mid 30s in the RPI rankings. Selection Monday is to baseball as selection Sunday is to college basketball's March Madness.

By the time that big day in baseball rolled around, the Mountaineer's dropped to fiftieth. Unfortunately for Mazey and his squad, an at-large bid was not offered. It was a big kick in the gut for Mountaineer Nation. The fan base was set to shake off the pair of loses in the conference tournament and regroup in time for the NCAA's.

It appeared that everything that could go wrong for West Virginia did, and at the end of the day (selection Monday), an at-large bid was not in the cards. Mazey had just completed his tenth season at the helm of the Mountaineer program. Many feel that this was one of the best that he has had in teams of pure coaching, and it felt as if a golden opportunity was taken away from the veteran mentor.

Once the sting of being snubbed by the selection committee wears off, a positive aspect can be taken away for the team. Mazey will be able to use this lack of respect for his team as a motivator this offseason and next year. He will be able to push his players to work harder than before, and they will respond with more work ethic than they previously had. A hungry coach and hungry players have a different outlook than those that received previous opportunities.

It is also a lesson for current Mountaineers that will carry on past their playing days into their adult lives. The lesson is that life itself is not fair, and how you deal with the bad breaks defines players and adults alike.

Look for Mazey and his team to come back with a vengeance next season.

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

Tee it Up!

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

This week's edition of "Tee it Up" led us to Green Hills Country Club just outside of Fairmont. Green Hills is a semi-private course that possesses 18 impressive holes. Membership is known to have its advantages, and that is definitely the case at Green Hills.

I would strongly encourage others to play a round there. Public play is offered on Mondays, Wednesdays, non-tournament Fridays, and Saturdays. The staff is friendly and extremely knowledgeable, and they set the tone for a tremendous day of golf.

There are multiple tee boxes that ensure an enjoyable round of golf for players of all skill levels. The tract plays 6,223 yards from the tips and will challenge the low handicappers.

The course is in an unbelievable shape. Every hole owns the same characteristics: well-manicured tee boxes, perfect fairways, punishing but fair rough, smooth and quick greens, and remarkable bunkers which are the best I have seen this year.

The most impressive hole at Green Hills is the par 3 second hole. It plays 220 yards from the blue tees from an elevated tee box. The tee shot has to cover water to a larger green.

The greens are smaller which make them harder to hit, and they are heavily guarded by the previously mentioned larger bunkers. A low score is achievable, but it will have to be earned.

Green Hills is a must play that will become one of your favorites, if not your home course. I guarantee it will move to the top of your list, and once you make the trip to Green Hills, you will definitely go back!

Callaway Junior Tour celebrates West Virginia Day with golf

The Callaway Junior Tour celebrated West Virginia's birthday with a field of 102 golfers June 20 at Bridgeport Country Club, according to a news release.



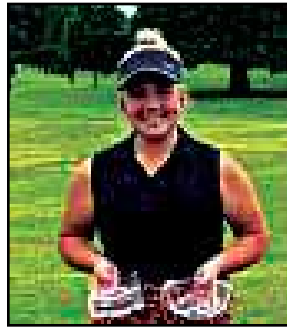
Bobby Kincaid

Bobby Kincaid of Nampa, Idaho, scored a two-over par 74 on his way to winning the Tri-State Roofing and Sheet Metal Round of the Day for boys. He said, "I made some putts out there which is what you need to happen to win a golf tournament."

Kerri-Anne Cook of Oceana won the Tri-State Roofing and Sheet Metal Round of the Day for girls. She said, "The course is in great condition, and I played well today."

Highlights of the day included four birdies for Ethan Cook of Glen Dale and three birdies for Bobby Kincaid and Sammy Shy of Huntington, who birdied three consecutive holes.

The event was sponsored by Tri-State Roofing and Sheet Metal and hosted by the West Virginia Golf



Kerri-Anne Cook

Association (WVGA).

"Today was a great day for golf and Bridgeport is always challenging for the players," said WVGA Tournament Manager – Youth Operations Lucas Ware.

Division winners were:

- Boys 12 & under: Matthew Riggelman of Petersburg;
- Boys 13-14: McCartney Hinkle of Bluefield, VA;
- Boys 15-16: Jack Woodburn of Scott Depot;
- Boys 17-18: Bobby Kincaid of Nampa, Idaho;
- Girls 10-14: Audrey Kerr of Bridgeport; and
- Girls 15-18: Kerri-Anne Cook of Oceana.

The Callaway Junior Tour is in action again June 27 at Guyan Golf and Country Club. For more information, please visit wvga.org.

Players keep the Jaycee basketball legacy alive

By Maralisa Marra

Shinnston Summer Basketball League President Erik Ferris is devoted to keeping the league, originally Shinnston Jaycees, alive for generations to come.

"This is a free league. We don't charge," Ferris said, "You don't have to have a uniform. You don't have to have money. You just have to have heart."

In the early 1960s, the late Paul "Bubba" Ayers was the founding president of the Shinnston Jaycees and built the original basketball courts by the Little League field in Shinnston, according to Ferris.

Men like Merrill Bray, Benny Barksdale, Jimmy Scudere, and Jeff Osbourn were some of the firsts to play in the league, Ferris said.

"These older guys paved the way for us to keep having this," Ferris said, "We look forward to those days when we play." Ferris has been playing since 1992, and he said he is committed to sustaining the league and building it for the future.

Soon Tyler Romeo will take over as president, Ferris said.

Ferris said they play four on four, each team has a captain, and it's always competitive and fun.

"For as long as I can remember, every game is tooth and nail, a battle to the end," he said.

He also said that it is a call-your-own-foul league, and every shot is worth one point. They play two games a week from the beginning of June into late July, one being on every Tuesday and the second one occurring anywhere between Thursday and Sunday. They play between 7:30-8 p.m. at the new courts by the Little League field.

Men like Ferris, Andy Sorine, and Chris Morris have kept the league alive, as well, and they continue to pass on the founders' legacy.

In reference to the championship game, Ferris said, "It's all about the yearly bragging rights for the winner at the end of the year," because the league does not play for trophies or awards. They play because they love it. They play with heart, purpose, legacy, and most of all, they play for fun.

Ferris said to try to catch a game on Tuesday nights if interested in being a part of the league. "If you're man enough to come and play in the Shinnston league," Ferris said, "Come try your luck. Come sign up and test your skills and toughness and have fun with basketball."

The league has sign ups every May at Casey's in Shinnston, Ferris said, and they are one of the oldest basketball leagues in the area.



Walker Fowler earned his third win of the ATV racing season at Snowshoe on Saturday. Courtesy photo by Ken Hill.

Fowler continues Snowshoe domination

The Grand National Cross Country (GNCC) Series presented by Specialized, an AMA National Championship, kicked off round nine of the 2022 ATV racing season atop Snowshoe Mountain Resort in Snowshoe with the Yamaha Racing Snowshoe GNCC on Saturday, according to a news release.

Getter Nissan/Kenda/Action Off-Road/Richardson Racing's Cole Richardson led the way throughout the first lap, but he would soon have company from The Original Formula 88/Ithaca Recreation Sports/Maxxis/Fly Racing's Hunter Hart as he came through to make the pass for the lead on the second lap of the race. Hart and Richardson would continue to battle up front but lurking just behind them was the number one machine of WFR/GBC/Fly Racing/Yamaha's Walker Fowler.

Fowler would execute the pass for the lead on lap three and continue to push on for the remaining two laps to earn the Yamaha Racing Snowshoe GNCC.

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Battlers sweep summer league

Jeff Osbourn's Battlers held off a late surge by Tippy Powell's Yellow Jackets to capture the championship of the first annual "Shinnston Shootout". The season ending double elimination tournament was the finale for Shinnston's second summer basketball league. The Battlers, behind the dominating play of Osbourn, captured the "Charles Street Classic", the regular season, and the "Shootout". Team members are Osbourn, Dude Boggess, Steve Hamrick, Davey Swiger, Greg Bray, Donnie Bates and Paul Ayers.

The 1983 All-League team is as follows: Jeff Osbourn (Battlers), Matt Osbourn (Pioneers), Tippy Powell (Yellow Jackets), Phil Vernon and Ed Daniels (Senators) and Ron Kiss (Rams). The Hustle Award goes to Mike Wable of the Rams and the most improved player award to Jay "Chicken" Richards of the Senators. Hot Sam Boggess is this year's Sportsmanship honoree.

Battlers claim championship

Behind the stellar play of Jeff Osbourn, the Battlers were Duke Boggess, Steve Hamrick, David Swiger and Greg Ayers who played a double elimination tournament to the original season will be held to the regular season games. The champion.

Charles Street Champs—The Battlers won the Charles Street Classic basketball tournament last Sunday by advancing through the losers brackets to take the championship with a pair of wins over the Cardinals. Team members include (front row, l-r) Dave Swiger, Greg Bray and Paul Ayers. Back row - Dude Boggess, Jeff Osbourn, Steve Hamrick and Donny Bates.

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OBITUARIES

Rita Kay (Moore) Scott

John Eugene Guido

William Edward "Bill" Malcolm, Sr.



Rita Kay Scott, 75, of Shinnston, passed away on June 11, 2022, in St. Cloud, MN. She was born in Clarksburg on June 7, 1947, to the late Wilson Summers Moore and Rosetta Mae (Crites) Moore.

She worked as a secretary for Mark Richards Racing, Lee Reiger Builds, and WHAR Radio. She was an active member of the Lowe's Library Book Club in Shinnston and a member of Women's Auxiliary in Shinnston. Rita donated to several organizations.

Rita enjoyed reading, travelling, and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Rita is survived by her son, Robbie Scott and wife Megan of Shinnston; two daughters: Cheryl Wheeler and husband Joey of Shinnston and Tina Richards and life partner Jeff Wildung of Nassau, MN; three grandsons: Josh Richards, Ty Wheeler, and Evan Scott; two granddaughters: Kristin Marchese and Morgan Withee; two great grandsons: Jace McCoy and Cason Withee; two sisters: Deborah Starkey and husband Brad of Owings and Patty Byrd and husband Ron of Shinnston; two brothers: Ronald Moore and wife Jackie of Rivesville and Jeff Moore and wife Sandy of Stafford, VA; her life partner, Bob Thomas of Bridgeport, as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her first husband, Roland Gochenour; her second husband, Robert Scott; and fiancé, Chuck Knotts.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to: Humane Society of Harrison County 2450 Saltwell Road Shinnston, WV 26431 Family and friends were received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, from noon to 7 p.m., the time of service, with Pastor Kevin Nuzum officiating.

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

John Eugene Guido peacefully passed away on June 17, 2022. John was born in 1936 in Worthington, West Virginia to Salvatore and Mary Aldren Guido.

After graduating from Shinnston High School, he played football at Fairmont State University and then attended West Virginia University where he earned his master's degree in education.

Relocating to Florida, he taught and coached in the Duval County School system for 31 years. He had many championship teams at Landon, Paxon, and finally JEB Stuart Middle School where he was the Athletic Director and taught physical education.

He was passionate about the impact athletics could play in a young person's life and kept up with students from several decades. John loved reminiscing about football games, often saying, "We didn't lose, we just ran out of time."

He loved spending summers in the West Virginia mountains of his youth, watching collegiate football in the fall, collecting and trading coins with the Numismatic Club, and entertaining with tall tales and magic tricks.

John is preceded in death by his wife, Ann, and lovingly remembered by children Elizabeth Romero, Samantha Stokes (Joseph B Stokes III), John Guido Jr., and Anthony Guido. John will be greatly missed by his grandchildren: Mitsy Romero, Emmaline Stokes, Elizabeth Stokes, Landon Guido, and Avelyn Guido, as well as great grandchildren: Jacqueline Romero, Ciera Rybak, and Alexandria Romero-Stienman. Grandson, Shane Romero, also preceded him in death. Additionally, John will be missed by his faithful nurse and companion, Theresa Dunn.

Friends and former students and athletes are invited to join the family to celebrate John's life at TAE on Talbot, 1816 Talbot Avenue Jacksonville, FL 32205 Saturday, July 9th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to support youth athletics to Westside Middle School Athletic Department (Formerly JEB Stuart) attn: Katrina Bledsoe 4815 Wesconnett Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32210.

William Edward "Bill" Malcolm, Sr., 85, of Stonewood, passed away on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at the United Hospital Center.

He was born in Stonewood, WV on June 27, 1936, the son of the late Virgil Malcolm and Beatrice Kilmer Malcolm Gump. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary Ann Lopez Malcolm, who resides at their home in Stonewood.

Also surviving are daughter Belinda Vismans and husband Tom of Bridgeport; son Eddie Malcolm and wife Debbie of Stonewood; three grandchildren: Thomas Vismans, Michael Vismans and wife Sarah, and Marrison Ashburn and husband Matt all of Bridgeport; four great grandchildren: Tenley and Brady Ashburn and Cohen and Hayden Vismans; one sister Ginny Malcolm of Clarksburg and several special nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents, he was also preceded in death by his twin sister, Irene Davis and two brothers: Neil & Willis Malcolm.

He was a graduate of Roosevelt Wilson High School and retired as a printer after 47 1/2 years from the Clarksburg Publishing Company/Exponent Telegram. He was a fan of the New York Yankees and loved fishing, hunting, golf, and gardening, but most of all, he loved his grandchildren and was known to everyone as "Poppy."

Family and friends called at the Amos Carvelli Funeral Home, 201 Edison Street, Nutter Fort, WV on Sunday, June 19, 2022, from 2-8 p.m. A Vigil Service was held at 7:30 p.m. to conclude the visitation. The Funeral Service was held at the funeral home on Monday, June 20, 2022 at 11 a.m. with Father Walt Jagala presiding. Interment followed at the Holy Cross Cemetery.

Out Of The Past

Memorable Photographs from around Harrison County.



The June 23, 1944 tornado destroyed the Hope Natural Gas compressor station along Rt 73 in Bridgeport, although the remains, pictured, were replaced within six days. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice.

Sandra Sue Sayre Fletcher



Sandra Sue Sayre Fletcher, 83, of Bridgeport passed away on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at her home surrounded by her family. She was born June 15, 1939, in Shinnston a daughter of the late Herbert and Georgia Murray Sayre Cunningham. Sandra is survived by her children Nancy Perotto and her husband Louie of Peora; Vickie McCoy

and her fiancé Mark Kisner with whom she made her home; Christine Shelton and her husband Ray of Otter Lake, MI; Harold Stalnaker and his fiancé Sherri of Taylor, MI; and Mitchell Stalnaker and his fiancé Kerri of Flat Rock, MI; two sisters: Dot Kanios of Fairmont and Sharon Burcham of Bridgeport; her grandchildren: Jessy McCoy of Shinnston, Matthew McCoy of Shinnston, Brandon Stalnaker, Megan Stalnaker, Jordan Stalnaker, and Mary Ann Meyer all of Michigan; as well as eleven great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Sandra was

preceded in death by her grandson Neil McCoy and her brother Ronald Sayre.

Sandra was a hard worker and was employed by Ross Chemical and Kay Automotive in Michigan, as well as Westinghouse in Fairmont and St. Barbara's Nursing Home in Monongah. She enjoyed animals, dancing, and watching movies. Sandra's passion was taking care of her family.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation services were provided by Perine Funeral Home. A graveside memorial service will be held at a later date.

The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Fletcher family.

Attorney general representative to stop in Shinnston, Clarksburg

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced, in a news release, that a representative from his office will meet with North Central West Virginia residents in Clarksburg and Shinnston in July, among other locations, to discuss consumer-related issues.

Pam Krushansky, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host an event on July 11 from 11

a.m. to noon at the Harrison County Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Main St., Clarksburg. She'll also be available July 11 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Lowe Public Library, 40 Bridge St., Shinnston.

For information on additional requirements specific to any location, attendees are encouraged to contact Krushansky at 304-741-5834.

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Satire show planned at The Robinson Grand

The Cultural Foundation of Harrison County and the Barbara B. Highland Fund for the Arts, in partnership with The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center, are bringing the touring troupe The Second City to downtown Clarksburg.

The legendary improvisational comedy enterprise will perform on Friday, Sept. 23, at the historic Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center, located at 444 W. Pike St., according to a news release.

“The Second City’s Touring Company is back, live and in-person with their new show, ‘Out of the House Party,’” organizers said. “Join the raring-to-go cast of comedians for a laugh-packed adventure. From improv games to classic sketches from the archives, this experience is a great way for us all to laugh our way into the new normal.”

“The Cultural Foundation is thrilled to have this unique opportunity to bring world-class sketch comedy to Harrison County,” said Andy Walker, president of The Cultural Foundation of Harrison County. “The Second City has made a tremendous cultural impact not just nationally but internationally.”

The Second City is known for over six decades of political and social satire. Since its debut, The Second City has consistently been a starting point for many comedians, award-winning actors, directors, and other in show business, including Del Close, Alan Alda, Alan Arkin, Harold Ramis, Bill Murray, Gilda Radner, John Candy, John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Eugene Levy, Catherine O’Hara, Chris Farley, Tim Meadows, Colin Mochrie, Ryan Stiles, Mike Myers, Nia Vardalos, Steve Carell, Jordan Peele,

Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Stephen Colbert, Aidy Bryant, and many others.

“The Second City is the Harvard of improv and sketch comedy,” said Jason A Young, the Robinson Grand’s consulting program manager. “The players coming to our Grand stage with this touring troupe are likely to be the comedy superstars we will all be seeing on SNL, and in tv shows and movies in the future.”

The Second City’s legendary satire can sometimes relate to issues and situations more appropriate for an audience aged 17 and older. However, to make this hilarious show as accessible as possible The Cultural Foundation has requested a profanity-free show.

In addition to the laugh-packed show, The Second City troupe members will be offering two workshops during their stay in Clarksburg. An afternoon session on September 23 for local high school students, and a morning session on September 24 for adults from the community.

“The Cultural Foundation has always prioritized providing artistic educational opportunities for students in the community. During the pandemic that became challenging, so we are very excited to offer both high school students and adults in our community an opportunity to learn first-hand from the team at The Second City,” said Walker.

Tickets for “The Second City’s Out of the House Party” start at \$18. Presale for Cultural Foundation members began on June 22. Tickets went on sale to the general public on June 24. All tickets can be purchased online at tickets.therobinsongrand.com or by calling the Robinson Grand ticketing center at 855-773-6283.



The Second City’s Touring Company, which will perform Sept. 23 in Clarksburg, has trained and fostered the creativity of some of the most recognizable names in comedy. Courtesy photo.



The beans, tomatoes and other types of produce are sprouting at the Shinnston Community Garden. Those interested in helping may contact City Clerk Kathleen Panek, who is also the owner of the Gillum House Bed and Breakfast. They may also message the Shinnston Community Garden Facebook page. Courtesy photo.

WATER OPERATOR

The City of Shinnston, WV is seeking applicants for the position of Water Operator in a WV Class 2 facility. This employee performs a variety of semi-skilled and skilled technical work in the operation and maintenance of municipal water production. The position requires rotation of on-call and weekend and will be expected to work overtime as required. Under the direct supervision of the Chief Water Plant Operator, the worker is responsible for operating and maintaining equipment at the water treatment plant; assisting in gathering data, performing tests and generating reports; assisting in ordering materials and supplies; and performing other related functions as assigned or apparent. Assists in the operation and periodic inspection of equipment at the water treatment plant. Maintains equipment, process tanks, buildings, and grounds in a clean and orderly manner. Obtains water samples and performs simple standard chemical and process control tests. Monitors and/or inspects numerous process control parameters for proper operations. Assists supervisor in maintaining and reviewing accurate maintenance records and monthly reports.

Minimum Requirements: High School Diploma or equivalent; Valid WV driver’s license with clean record, a valid Class 1 Operator license in the State of West Virginia or ability to obtain Class 1 Operator license within 6 months. Class 2 water operator license preferred.

Desirable Qualifications: Experience with water & sewer piping/repair. Operation of large equipment; mechanical / technical skills experience in water / wastewater. Prior experience working for a municipality (public works, public utilities).

Starting wage range will be dependent upon licensure. Obtain an application from the City of Shinnston website @ <http://www.shinnstonwv.com/>. Interested candidates are required to submit an application with supplemental information to: City of Shinnston, 40 Main Street, Shinnston, WV 26431. Applications will be accepted until the vacancy is filled with those received by July 21st earning first consideration.

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The Second City’s Touring Company, a political satire comedy group, will perform at The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center on Sept. 23. Courtesy photo.

Doris Ann Atkins



Doris Ann Atkins, 73, of Shinnston, passed away on June 21, 2022, at Stonerise Nursing Home in Bridgeport with her sister, Rose, by her side. Doris was born in Clarksburg on January 9, 1949, daughter to the late Robert Thomas Atkins and Nora Estelle “Maggie” (Wallace) Atkins and her foster parents, whom she came

to live with at the age of 16, Virgil Woofter and Alice (Day) Woofter.

Doris was a graduate of Bristol High School (1969) and the Clarksburg Beauty Academy (1972). She worked several jobs in Strongsville, OH before coming back to live in WV around 1985. She attended Enterprise United Methodist Church since 2011.

She is survived by one sister, Rose Cole and husband James of Salem; one brother, Curtis Atkins and wife Linda of Valley City, OH; one aunt, Madeline W. Payne and family of Henrico, VA; one foster brother, George Woofter of Porters Falls, WV; three foster sisters: Brennie Woofter

Nichols of Shinnston, Julia Woofter Rife of Shinnston, and Joyce Woofter Moore of Wallace, as well as several nieces and nephews and foster nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and foster parents, Doris is preceded in death by three brothers: Calvin Atkins, Robert Atkins, and Wayne Atkins; one foster sister, Hester Woofter Gaston, and one foster brother, Ernest Woofter.

Family and friends were received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston on Saturday, June 25, 2022, from 6-8 p.m. and on Sunday, June 26, 2022, from 2-6 p.m. Service was held on

Monday, June 27, 2022, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Brian Plum officiating. Interment followed at Sunset Memorial Park.

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

and attended Fairmont State College for two years. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy as Aviation Ordinance on the U.S.S. America during the Vietnam War. He worked at Hertz. He married his sweetheart, Mary Jane “Janie” Nardella, on October 4, 1975. He was a member of Sigma Phi Fraternity and the Bible Baptist Temple.

In addition to his wife, Ron is survived by his son, Kevin Scott Diamond; two grandchildren, Keaton M. Diamond and Kinley R. Diamond; brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Mickey Nardella of Clarksburg; and sister-in-law and brother-in-law Becky and Adrian Smith of West Milford,

as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Ron was preceded in death by his brother, James Diamond.

Family received friends at Davis Funeral Home, 124 Olen Thomas Dr., Clarksburg, on Sunday, June 26, 2022, from noon until time of the Funeral Service at 4 p.m. with Pastor Charles “Chuck” Madaus presiding. A Graveside Service was held at the West Virginia National Cemetery on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 11 a.m. with military honors accorded by the Harrison County Honor Guard and the US Navy Honor Guard. Davis Funeral Home is honored to serve the Diamond family.

Ronald “Ron” Charles Diamond



Ronald “Ron” Charles Diamond, 78, of Bridgeport passed away at Fairmont General Hospital with family by his side on June 23, 2022. He was born April 6, 1944 at St. Mary’s Hospital in Clarksburg, son of the late Thomas Diamond and Edna Friend Diamond.

Ron graduated from Bridgeport High School

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