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Club recalls a century of service

By Kara Linaburg

The Shinnston Woman's Club, which was established over 100 years ago, continues to be a valuable asset to the community.

The Woman's Club celebrated a century serving

the community last year and was honored for the milestone at a Dec. 12 City Council meeting.

The club began on Aug. 22, 1922, with 44 charter members. Their projects over these years have included contributing to the Red Cross, giving scholarships to high school students, donating items to the VA Medical Center, providing books for schools, and much more.

Wanda Ashcraft, historian for the club, and past president at various times, said that the club has been a huge part of her life these last 60 some years. From the friendships formed there, to birthday parties in the past that were held for her children at the clubhouse, to the bean dinners hosted each year, the club has continued to give

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Jennifer Poling, RN at the Clarksburg VAMC, is a strong supporter of offering veteran resources and education.

Nurse honored for respect and patience

Jennifer Poling, registered nurse, of the Louis A. Johnson Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Clarksburg, was recently honored with The DAISY Award® For Extraordinary Nurses. The award is part of the DAISY Foundation's programs to recognize the super-human efforts nurses perform every day, states a news release.

Poling, RN, was nominated by a co-worker who shared the following comments: Jennifer engages veterans with sincere attention and genuine compassion and puts forth extra time and efforts to provide high-quality care. She diligently works with patients to encourage and inspire them. Jennifer recognizes the

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For West Virginia's 159th birthday on June 20, 2022, Woman's Club of Shinnston members serve cake and ice cream at the Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum.



The Woman's Club, which recently celebrated 100 years of service, has put dedicated time and work into the Lowe Public Library, among other efforts. Photo by Erin Beck.

Council discusses new building inspector, dilapidated property

By Kara Linaburg

Shinnston City Council discussed 2023 goals, city improvement projects, and ongoing project updates at their Jan. 30 meeting.

One update that was discussed by the Council was the new building inspector who they hope will bring vast improvement to Shinnston. "He will be reporting to the police department as opposed to coming to the city hall," City Manager, Chad Edwards, said. "I'm hoping that by him working closer with the police department, that we can get more done."



Shinnston Mayor Rodney Strait, who updated councilmembers on the governor's tax proposal during the Jan. 30 meeting, listens during a previous Shinnston City Council meeting. Photo by Erin Beck.

The city is also moving forward with landlord inspections. "We will be shutting down landlords who aren't maintaining their properties. That'll be a two-prong thing, the building inspector and our fire inspector, Randy," Edwards said.

The Council also talked about dilapidated buildings in Shinnston, as well as the condemning and tearing down of said buildings. After considerable work in Charleston, \$112,000 has been awarded for the project as well as some money from the county, and members discussed why the condemnation of homes and buildings hasn't worked in the past and why it will now. "They don't

get this in Bridgeport," Edwards said. "And there's a reason for that. They stop it before it starts, and we're doing the same thing from here on."

Mayor Rodney Strait also brought updates from a meeting with Gov. Jim Justice earlier that day on a proposed tax plan by the governor which West Virginia lawmakers are currently considering at the ongoing 2023 legislative session. The plan to cut personal income taxes passed the House of Delegates but has hit a roadblock in the state Senate. Strait said that in the states surrounding West Virginia, their income taxes are lower. "And the states that don't have an income tax, Florida, Tennessee, and Texas are growing, and they're growing because more people are moving there, more businesses are moving there, which allows more money into the economy." He also said that the governor had assured that the plan has nothing to do with federal funding, but about a surplus of revenue that has come into the state, allowing the chance to give more money back to the citizens. "The main thing is, he wants to bring our money back to us."

Meanwhile, the left-leaning research and advocacy organization, the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy, argues that people move

based on job opportunities and that most people who move to West Virginia come from Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, and Florida. They've also said the surplus is in part due to extra funding from federal stimulus dollars.

Edwards also discussed the new app that will soon be used by citizens to read their water usage in their homes. He said that when it is released to the public, he hopes to have an event at the library to allow citizens to learn how the app works.

The council also discussed building a boat ramp sometime this summer, moving on with plans for a pickleball court, as well as replacing fire hydrants. Strait said that it is "imperative" that the work with the hydrants gets done.

In other Council news: The budget for 2024 will be in by mid-March.

Three new businesses are coming to Shinnston.

Councilmember Mary Ann Ferris brought up looking for a location for a dog park as well as replacing street signs.

A St. Patrick's Day parade is scheduled for March 17 with an emphasis on honoring first responders.



BUILDING AMAZING CITIES

By JIM HUNT
author, speaker, consultant



Jim Hunt, left, and David Kates, deceased pastor and mayor of Clarksburg, stand in front of the Harrison County Courthouse, with memorabilia of the Confederate general, Stonewall Jackson, behind them.

For Black History Month, remember Pastor David Kates

One of the most impressive people I have ever known is Pastor David Kates, the late minister at the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Clarksburg. Pastor Kates moved to Clarksburg from Columbus, Ohio about the time I was elected to the Clarksburg City Council in 1985 and was quite active in community activities and national political campaigns. He invited me to several events at the church and I soon became a regular visitor to the church and got to know Pastor Kates quite well. I would joke with Pastor Kates that when I visited Mount Zion, I told my wife that it might be several hours before I came home, as Pastor Kates loved to preach, and the choir loved to sing. On occasion, Pastor Kates would attend the Clarksburg City Council meetings and speak about issues in Clarksburg.

After being in Clarksburg for a few years, Pastor Kates ran for a seat on the city council several times and was not successful in any of these elections. Clarksburg had never had an African American on the city council and with a minority population of under 5 percent, it seemed unlikely that

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City Manager Chad Edwards, who provided an update on the goals of the city's new building inspector at the Jan. 30 meeting, participates in a previous Shinnston City Council meeting. Photo by Erin Beck.

The inspector started working in January, and Edwards is thus far impressed. He said that they had issues in the past with the previous building inspector not working together with the police department, and he's hoping that this



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OPINION

State is a leader in childhood immunizations – let’s stay protected

By Dr. Charles J. Mullett, Ph.D., FAAP, Chair, Department of Pediatrics, WVU School of Medicine; Dr. Kathryn S. Moffett, FAAP, Division Chief, Pediatric Infectious Diseases, WVU School of Medicine; and Dr. Lisa M. Costello, MPH, FAAP, Assistant Professor, Pediatrics, WVU School of Medicine

West Virginia has long led the nation in an important public health measure: school-age immunization rates. West Virginia has one of the most effective school immunization policies in the nation, resulting in high vaccination rates and low rates of vaccine-preventable diseases.

West Virginia’s effective immunization policies should be kept strong by not allowing nonmedical exemptions.

However, there is a minority who want to loosen our state’s childhood immunization requirements to allow nonmedical exemptions. This is being presented to our state legislators now. Any nonmedical exemptions will place our children, residents and communities at an unnecessary public health risk for dangerous, yet preventable, diseases and illnesses.

Most of us have little to no memory of the afflictions associated with once-debilitating diseases such as polio, tetanus, measles and mumps. If you are under the age of 50 years, you probably don’t know anyone who has suffered from these diseases, and you haven’t seen the birth defects, hearing loss, paralysis and death that can result from them. The reason that we don’t have to talk about the effects of these childhood illnesses is because most children in the U.S. are immunized against these diseases. Even those who aren’t able to be vaccinated benefit from the general population’s increased immunity that results from immunizing most children.

West Virginia is one of six states including Mississippi, California, New York, Connecticut, and Maine, that only allow medical exemptions from school immunization requirements. Many of these states have used West Virginia’s immunization requirements as a model to strengthen their immunization requirements after those states experienced measles outbreaks.

In 2019, 31 states had measles cases, the highest number of cases diagnosed in our country since 1994. In the fall and winter of 2022, a measles outbreak in Ohio among unvaccinated children resulted in 80 confirmed cases with 36 of those cases requiring hospitalization. During these measles outbreaks, West Virginia did not have a single case.

In other parts of the U.S., where immunization rates have fallen to unsafe levels, outbreaks of preventable illnesses have posed an unnecessary threat to public health, particularly among the very young and others with compromised immune systems.

Since 2017, West Virginia’s kindergarten immunization rates have been at or above 96%, consistently exceeding the national averages and protecting our children, families, schools and communities from dangerous, yet preventable diseases, that are now frequently occurring in areas where immunization laws are not as strong.

The American Academy of Pediatrics strongly recommends immunizations as the safest and most cost-effective way of preventing disease, disability, and death. The AAP calls for the on-time, routine immunization of all children and adolescents starting at birth and through school-age years.

In order to safeguard our population at most risk, including those with a weakened immune system or those too young to be vaccinated, a large portion of the state’s residents need to be protected by immunizations. Having a highly vaccinated community protects not only the children who receive vaccines, it also helps to prevent the diseases from being spread to infants who are too young to be vaccinated, other children who cannot be vaccinated due to certain medical conditions, and other students and their family members who may be at risk of severe illness if exposed to vaccine-preventable infections.

As pediatricians, parents and residents of our beautiful state, we implore our legislators to not take risks with the lives of our children. West Virginia’s effective immunization policies should be kept strong by not allowing nonmedical exemptions. West Virginia school immunization requirements are keeping these diseases out of our communities and schools and protecting our children and the most vulnerable among us – let’s stay protected.

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Super Crossword

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Feb. 9, 1843: Republican leader Nathan Goff Jr. was born in Clarksburg. In 1888, Goff lost West Virginia's most controversial gubernatorial election to A. B. Fleming. Goff's initial 106-vote majority was challenged by Fleming, and both men were sworn in on inauguration day. The case dragged on until 1890, when Fleming was determined to be the rightful winner.

Feb. 9, 1900: "Aunt Jennie" Wilson was born near Henlawson. Wilson was a Logan County traditional musician, considered a master of clawhammer-style banjo playing.

Feb. 9, 1950: U.S. Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's speech to a group of Wheeling Republicans launched the 1950s red scare. McCarthy, a Wisconsin Republican, claimed in his speech to have a list of 205 communists who worked in the U.S. State Department.

Feb. 10, 1904: Jay Legg was shot and killed by his wife, Sarah Ann, in their home in Clay County. The trial, conviction, appeal and acquittal of Sarah Ann led to a popular West Virginia folk ballad, "The Murder of Jay Legg."

Feb. 10, 2010: Frederick Appleton "Fred" Schaus, West Virginia University basketball All-American, coach, and athletic director, died at age 84 in Morgantown. Schaus coached WVU from 1954 to 1960 to a 146-37 record.

Feb. 11, 1903: Artist Grace Martin Taylor was born in Morgantown. In addition to producing an immense body of work in a variety of styles, Taylor enjoyed a lengthy career at the Mason College of Music and

Fine Arts in Charleston.

Feb. 11, 1904: Clarence Watson Meadows was born in Beckley. His mother hoped he would become a Baptist minister, but he ultimately entered politics, becoming the 22nd governor of West Virginia.

Feb. 11, 1911: The Charles Town Opera House opened. The 500-seat theater ushered in an era of entertainment and service lasting more than 30 years.

Feb. 11, 1923: Eight members of the Black Hand were arrested in Harrison County. The Black Hand was the name and symbol of an underworld society of Italian immigrants that extorted money from other Italian immigrants.

Feb. 11, 1935: The first houses in the Tygart Valley Homesteads were ready for occupancy. One of three resettlement projects in West Virginia, the home- See "History" on Pg 3.

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FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

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steads were intended to provide a new start for unemployed farmers, miners and timber workers.

Feb. 12, 1867: Barboursville was incorporated by an act of the state legislature. Originally the county seat of Cabell County, it lost that honor after the C&O Railway was completed to Huntington.

Feb. 12, 1899: Karl Dewey Myers was born in Tucker County with severe birth defects. He never attended school but educated himself through persistent self-study. He was named the state's first poet laureate in 1927.

Feb. 13, 1800: General John Jay Jackson was born near Parkersburg. He served in the Seminole Wars as a member of Gen. Andrew Jackson's staff.

Feb. 13, 1913. Mother Jones was arrested in Charleston after supporting union miners on Paint Creek and Cabin Creek.

Feb. 13, 1923: Chuck Yeager was born at Myra, about seven miles from Hamlin. On October 14, 1947, in a Bell X-1 rocket airplane dropped from a B-29 bomber, Yeager became the first person to break the sound barrier by flying 700 miles per hour.

Feb. 14, 1866: Grant County was created and named for Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, who later became the nation's 18th president.

Feb. 15, 1898: Musician John Homer "Uncle Homer" Walker was born in Mercer County. Among the last in a tradition of Black Appalachian banjo players, he played the five-string banjo in the clawhammer style.

Feb. 15, 1930: Sara Jane Moore was born in Charleston. On Sept. 22, 1975, Moore attempted to assassinate President Gerald Ford in San Francisco.

Feb. 15, 1975: Elizabeth Kee, the state's first female member of Congress, died in Bluefield. Kee was elected to Congress in 1951 after the death of her husband, John. She retired in 1964 and was replaced by her son, James.

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this would change soon. Early in her second term, Councilmember Mildred Zink passed away and a vacancy opened on the city council. When a city council seat becomes vacant, by death or resignation, a person is chosen to fill the seat by a majority vote of the council and fulfills the remainder of the vacant seat's term. I immediately thought of Pastor Kates and proposed his name to fill the vacancy. Unfortunately, he did not receive enough votes from the council to fill the seat, but he received a good bit of media attention and when another vacancy occurred the next year, Pastor Kates was appointed to a seat on the city council, becoming the first African American in history to serve on the Clarksburg City Council.

In 1999, Pastor Kates was elected to the Clarksburg City Council and on June 3, 1999, Pastor Kates was elected by his fellow council members to be the first African American mayor of the City of Clarksburg. This was a great day for the City of Clarksburg, but it did not sit well for members of the Ku Klux Klan, who distributed leaflets throughout North Central West

Virginia and on Main Street in Clarksburg. While many expected Mayor Kates to vigorously oppose the Klan rally in Clarksburg, Mayor Kates recognized the right of free speech and said he would welcome the Klan to the city but wanted the citizens to be able to show the world that Clarksburg is an inclusive community. He proposed a "Unity Rally" to be held at a city park to highlight the good people of the city. On the day of the Klan rally, Mayor Kates hosted the Unity Rally at the VA Park and welcomed hundreds of citizens and visitors, who gave messages of peace and inclusion. Meanwhile, a small group of robed Klan members rallied on the Harrison County Courthouse Plaza with a small group of protesters. Clearly, the Unity Rally was the news of the day and news outlets throughout the state praised Mayor Kates for his response to a hate group.

Mayor Kates received widespread praise for his actions and was invited to present at an international conference in Caux, Switzerland. He was also elected treasurer of the West Virginia Municipal League and

was recognized by the National African American Mayor Association. After completing his term as mayor, Pastor Kates and I formed The Unity Project, an organization dedicated to spreading the message of building inclusive communities. As part of our efforts, we visited numerous high schools and worked closely with the Liberty High School Civil Rights Team. During that time, the Liberty High School Civil Rights Team was recognized by the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials as an exemplary program.

Pastor Kates passed away in 2005 at the age of 56 and is the only person ever to lie in state in the Clarksburg Municipal Building. He received several posthumous awards including being honored by the West Virginia Human Rights Commission on its Civil Rights Day celebration on Feb. 23, 2006. In addition to being a wonderful person, he was one of my closest friends and I miss him every day. Hopefully, these words will resonate with young people who will never get to hear his passionate voice or his kind demeanor.

"Nurse" From Pg 1.

importance of our patients' education and understanding; she is committed in taking the time necessary to ensure effective communication is used for managing their care appropriately. She is a dedicated nurse who takes pride to deliver a positive demeanor having the best intentions and outcomes in mind for everyone's welfare. She builds a good rapport with our veterans and staff; she actively engages people with respect and patience and always helps whenever possible. Jennifer displays empathy and genuine concern while serving patients.

Jennifer's co-worker noted that compliments are often shared with her from patients, with gratitude, regarding Poling.

The not-for-profit DAISY Foundation is based in Glen Ellen, California, and was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little-known but not uncommon auto-immune

disease. The care Patrick and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

Bonnie Barnes, FAAN, CEO and co-founder of The DAISY Foundation, stated, "When Patrick was critically ill, our family experienced first-hand the remarkable skill and care nurses provide patients every day and night. Yet these unsung heroes are seldom recognized for the super-human work they do. The kind of work the nurses at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center are called on to do every day epitomizes the purpose of The DAISY Award."

Dr. Piper Knight, associate director of Patient Care Services, stated, "The nurses here at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center provide the best care to our veterans and this is an outstanding example of the dedication, attention, compassion and engagement our nurses strive to provide to all veterans."

Mission trip planned for flood relief

The Ecumenical Mission Team formed in association with the Greater Fairmont Council of Churches in 2005 is planning a disaster relief mission trip to Southeastern Kentucky the week of March 12-17, according to a news release from Deacon David Lester. This is in response to the devastating 1000-year flood event of July 2022 that hit the area, destroying over 100 homes and leaving thousands in the six-county area unlivable. The group plans to travel to Letch-

er County with a focus of the work in and around Whitesburg.

Participants must be at least 18 years of age and these dates were chosen to coincide with spring break at West Virginia University. The size of the group is being limited to 12 persons. All people of faith are welcome

Housing and accommodations will be provided by a local group "Save His Sheep" working out of the former elementary school in Jenkins, Kentucky, which was renovated for this purpose. Letcher County has a Long Term Recovery Committee that will be helping with oversight and funding of the majority of building materials. The fee to participate in the trip is \$100 per person and we encourage those who cannot afford this to petition their congregation to help with it.

Those who would like to learn more about the trip may contact Deacon David Lester at 304-592-2693 or e-mail davidplester@aol.com. Texting is not available. Those wishing to make the trip may request an application.

Anyone wishing to make a donation toward the expenses for the trip may make donations to "St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church" with "Disaster Mission" in the notation line on the check.

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The greatest of all time retires again



The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

The competition in sports is the major motivator for the best player in every sport. The drive to be the best they can be while helping their team win is what it is all about. Fans enjoy debating who the best player is based on their likes and dislikes. A fan can also change their mind as time goes by and other variables come into play. Ironically, it is similar to a divorce when two people grow apart.

The majority of Tom Brady's career brought hate out of the average football fan. All he did was win and as the New England Patriots were teetering on the verge of a dynasty, most fans were cheering for their failure. Too much winning brings out the jealousy in people, and the haters wanted to see Brady's demise. It did not help that he was partnered with the NFL's least liked coach, Bill Belichick. He seemed to pride himself on answering questions from the media with as few words as possible. His stoic demeanor portrayed cockiness, which only seems natural for a team that beat up the rest of the league.

From 2001 to 2019, this dynamic duo was the creators of the "Patriot Way." A total of 19 consecutive winning seasons, 17 divisional titles, 13 AFC Championship games, nine Super Bowl appearances, and six NFL championships are the proof in the pudding for fans of this franchise. That is a whole lot of winning and that means while the Patriots are busy beating the brakes off of the entire league, the frustration mounted for the other 31 teams and their fans. They, in turn,

took their frustrations out on the Patriots. Brady was in the bullseye of the hatred since he was the face of the team.

Brady seemed to relish the spotlight, and he used the negative vibes that were cast his way as motivation. He dedicated his life to the game, making sacrifices for the betterment of his team. That is when I became a Brady fan because I realized how much he wanted to win. From relentless workouts to a strict diet, Brady was all in while pursuing excellence. He even took less money so that New England could land more talent.

All was well until the Patriots stopped bringing in the pieces that Brady needed to win. Sure, he was an MVP of five of the six Super Bowl victories, but he could not do it all, and it was time for a divorce. The irreconcilable differences led to Brady going to Tampa Bay in 2020. The doubters always motivated him all the way back to his college days in Michigan. At the time, he decided to head to Tampa, fans said he couldn't win without Belichick. Once again, he proved everyone wrong by garnering his seventh Super Bowl win becoming only the second signal caller to win the big game with two different teams.

Brady retired in early 2022 and then unretired 40 days later. His return to the game led to another divorce, this one was from the mother of two of his children. He literally sacrificed everything in both his professional and personal lives for the game.

This past week, Brady retired for a second time, and this time he says it is for good. I do not think that I am alone in hoping that he makes one more run at an eighth championship. There is something special about being able to watch the greatest of all time, and one more year just feels right.

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.

This week's winners of the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal Athletes of the Week award are Bridgeport's Amelia Romano and Robert C. Byrd's Quinten Cooley.

Indian swimmer, Amelia Romano, had an exceptional day at the swimming regionals held in Bridgeport last Saturday. Romano won the 100 butterfly, claimed second in the 200 freestyle, and played on integral part of the winning 200 free relay team.

Flying Eagle basketball player, Quinten Cooley, helped his team to a win over Preston last Thursday. Cooley netted a game-high 20 points and hauled down a game-high six rebounds in just 16 minutes of play.

Congratulations to Bridgeport's Amelia Romano and Robert C. Byrd's Quinten Cooley for being named the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal Athletes of the Week!

Fairmont State football signs 16 players

The Fairmont State football team welcomed 16 new Fighting Falcons to their squad as part of National Signing Day on Feb. 1, according to a news release.

"Our coaching staff is thrilled about the student-athletes we have added to our family," said Fairmont State Football Head Coach Jason Woodman. "This group includes a number of state champions, all-state and all-conference players. We are looking forward to seeing this class build on our culture as a program and are excited for what they will bring to our team."

The 16 high school signees arrive from six states – West Virginia (5), Virginia (5), Maryland (3), Georgia (1), Kentucky (1) and Pennsylvania (1).

Listed by position, the Fighting Falcons added to its roster – three apiece at defensive back and defensive line, two apiece at offensive line, quarterback, tight end and wide receiver and one placekicker/punter

Among the 16 players added during National Signing Day include:

- **Cameron Attard (WR) | Stafford, Va.** – All-State first-team slot receiver and returner for St. Michael the Archangel High School in Fredericksburg, Va. His team went 9-3 and won the state championship. Tallied 450 receiving yards in eight games and averaged 20 yards per reception. Scored two kick return touchdowns and picked off a pair of passes on defense. Off the field, he is a member of the National Honors Society.

- **Ben Brzezinski (DL) | Erie, Pa.** – First-team all-state nose guard his senior season at Cathedral Prep in Erie, Pa. Was a three-year varsity starter and was selected as a team captain his senior year. Two-time all-conference on the offensive side of the football. While at Cathedral Prep, he led the Ramblers to a state runner-up in 2020 and a region and district championship in his senior season in 2022. Racked up 67 tackles, 10 tackles for loss, three sacks, a pair of fumble recoveries and one batted pass his senior year.

- **Trenton Cross-Lee (DB) | Stafford, Va.** – Played wide receiver and cornerback at Colonial Forge High School in Stafford, Va. Honorable mention Commonwealth District All-District team member.

- **Grant Egan (OL) | Stafford, Va.** – Played offensive and defensive line at North Stafford High School in Stafford, Va. Was named second-team all-district center his senior year.

- **Mark Erinna (DL) | Woodbridge, Va.** – Led Freedom-Woodbridge High School to VHSL Class 6 State Football Championship his senior year at defensive line.

- **Austin Fleming (TE) | Parkersburg, W.Va.** – Collected 36 receptions for 535 yards and five touchdowns as a tight end for Parkersburg High School in Parkersburg, W.Va. All-state honorable mention at tight end. Also plays basketball for the Big Reds.

- **Jahan Gasemy (OL/DL) | Frederick, Md.** – Made 50 tackles in 11 games his senior season at Urbana High School in Frederick, Md. Tallied two sacks, four tackles for a loss, one forced fumble and a fumble return touchdown.

- **Jameer Hunter (WR) | Martinsburg, W.Va.** – First-team all-state wide receiver and defensive back at Martinsburg High School in Martinsburg, W.Va. Recipient of the 2022 Fulton Walker Award from the West Virginia Sports Writers Association, which awards the state's top special teams player. Led Martinsburg in scoring (114 points), all-purpose yards (1,512) and interceptions (seven). Averaged 22.3 yards per reception on 37 catches. Hauled in 13 receiving touchdowns his senior season.

- **Brian Mbutia (QB) | Germantown, Md.** – MPSSAA Honorable Mention winner at quarterback for Frederick High School in Germantown, Md. Led the Cadets to two 10-win seasons, which marked the first time Frederick won 10 or more games in two consecutive seasons in 70 years. Was 20-4 as a starting quarterback. Completed 104 of 170 pass attempts for 1,735 yards. Was the lone MPSSAA quarterback to throw for 20 touchdowns or more in 2021 & 2022. Totaled 3,576 yards and 40 touchdowns in two years at quarterback.

- **Dawson Price (TE) | Mathias, W.Va.** – First team all-state tight end at East Hardy High School in Baker, W.Va. Four-year varsity player in football and basketball for the Cougars. Totaled 1,882 receiving yards, 101 catches and 22

touchdowns in four seasons at East Hardy.

- **Zaky Roberts (DB) | Ona, W.Va.** – Played cornerback and running back at Cabell Midland High School in Ona, W.Va. Snagged a 102-yard pick six his senior season.

- **Azalix Rose (DL) | Haymarket, Va.** – Second-team all-district defensive lineman at Battlefield High School in Haymarket, Va. Won regional title and led team to a semi-state appearance. Racked up seven sacks, one forced fumble, 32 tackles, 14 tackles for loss and three pass deflections. Was placed on the honor roll twice.

- **Cooper Stone (QB) | Bardstown, Ky.** – Dual-sport athlete at Bethlehem High School in Bardstown, Ky. First-team all-district quarterback. Ranked No. 3 in the state in passing yards per game. Accumulated 2,515 passing yards and 27 touchdowns in 10 games his senior season. Also pitches on the baseball team.

- **Ethan Vargo-Thomas (K/P) | Oak Hill, W.Va.** – Two-time all-state and three-time all-conference specialist at Oak Hill High School in Oak Hill, W.Va. Ranked the No. 1 specialist in West Virginia and was named to the Hammer Kicking Academy Top 40 list. Racked up 23 touchbacks and averaged 40 yards per punt. Made four field goals from

42 yards. In addition to his kicking duties, Vargo-Thomas rushed for 365 yards and 6 touchdowns, hauled in four receiving touchdowns and tallied 200 receiving yards. Threw one passing touchdown and collected a trio of interceptions, which included one pick-six. Earned four varsity letters in basketball. Off the field, he is a member of the National Honors Society, student council and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

- **Karron Watties (DB) | Frederick, Md.** – Two-time varsity letterman at Urbana High School in Urbana, Md. Helped the Hawks on the field to an 11-2 record his senior season. Received all-county honorable mention accolades. Recorded two interceptions and six pass breakups in his senior season. Totaled 29 tackles, two forced fumbles and a defensive score. Was also a member of the ROTC at his high school.

- **Amarion Yarbough (RB) | Stockbridge, Ga.** – Regional champion and led the team to a 12-2 record his senior season at Dutchtown High School in Hampton, Ga. Rushed for 16 touchdowns and made 109 tackles on defense. Awarded first-team all-conference honors on offense and defense. Listed on his high school's honor roll.

Online Master

Gardener training to begin in March

Harrison County West Virginia University Extension is once again offering online Master Gardener training classes starting March 2 and running through June 29, according to a news release.

Participants in the program will have the opportunity to learn more about gardening and horticulture in areas such as plant propagation, garden animals, pest management, composting, and many others.

Contact your local WVU Extension Office to sign up and complete all necessary paperwork. All prospective trainees must undergo the WVU Extension Volunteer Selection Process. This process includes background checks, references, and an interview. The registration deadline is Feb. 15 for Harrison County participants.

Specific to Harrison County, participants will have the opportunity to interact face-to-face with other Harrison County class participants during monthly check-ins throughout the course. During these face-to-face class viewings, participants will also learn more about the Harrison County Master Gardeners and programs that they offer.

Learn more about the WVU Extension Master Gardener program at: <https://extension.wvu.edu/lawn-gardening-pests/master-gardener-program>. For more information or to make an application for the class, contact the WVU Harrison County Extension Office at 304-624-8650 or email Jennifer Friend, jefriend@mail.wvu.edu.

HCSCC SPOTLIGHT

Featuring news from the Harrison County Senior Citizen Center

Senior Olympians practice at Gore Fore



Pictured are Senior Olympians practicing archery at Gore Fore. From left to right they are Margaret Davis with bow and arrow, Curt Leiden of Gore Fore, Cliff Marshall, Kim Harvey with Lucy of Gore Luxe, Virginia Harding, and Bill O'Field, HCSC board president.



Pictured are Senior Olympians at Gore Fore. From left to right they are Cliff Marshall, Margaret Davis, and Virginia Harding.

Prior to the pandemic, Senior Olympians from senior centers all over West Virginia competed in field events, other games, and competitive activities. Sadly, this annual event was canceled for 2020, 2021, and 2022 for safety reasons.

It will resume this June at a location in Mineral County, organized by Scott Mallery, director of Aging and Family Services of Mineral County.

The HCSC director donated a gift card to Gore Fore for the Olympians to practice their skills in a virtual setting. HCSC thanks Curt Leiden of Gore Fore for his assistance with the equipment.

The Gore Fore has 35+ sports and 45+ international golf courses in the virtual selections. Senior Olympians practice almost every Thursday afternoon at the senior center and are hoping for another virtual session at a later date.

For more information on Senior Olympians, call the center at 304-623-6795.

Notice:

Harrison County Senior Center will be closed on Feb. 20 for the Presidents Day Holiday.

Board keeps Kinley Café prices

The next HCSC board meeting will be on Thursday, March 23, at 9:30 a.m. in person and on Zoom.

The board took the following actions on Jan. 26, at their meeting:

- Adopted the Harrison County Senior Citizens' Center, Inc. Mobile Devices Policy.
- Approved keeping the lunch price in the Kinley Cafe at \$5 and breakfast items at .50 each and the prices will be reviewed by the board later this year.
- Approved an increase in the executive director's salary by \$1,000 per year.

Remaining board meeting dates scheduled for 2023 are March 23, April 27, June 22, Sept. 28, and Oct. 26.

Board Members

Bill O'Field, president; Ryan Kennedy, vice president; Donna Stuart, secretary; Donald Burton, treasurer; Janet Dotson; Franklin Hairston; Sharon Hamilton; Will Hyman; Harley Jeffries; Sandra Mossor; Bill Phillips; Susan Thomas; and Betty Waddy.

Nazareth Farms volunteers assist senior center



Nazareth Farms volunteers, from left to right around the table, include John Ahearn, Ashley Bound, Gizelle Wong, Camille Desjardias, Cassidy Manti and Eileen Campbell.



Nazareth Farms volunteers include, in the back row from left to right, Ben Breschi, Dan Conover, Cameron Francois, and Liz Downey. In the front row are Roni Zacarias, Sister Rose, and Leticia Fabene.

HCSC welcomed organizations or stuffing packets for back volunteers from complete projects from an upcoming service, Nazareth Farms Retreat low-income applicants. and playing bingo Program. In addition At the center, they and socializing with to retreat programs, assisted with painting, the seniors. HCSC participants volunteer sorting and organizing is thankful for their for local non-profit books and puzzles, assistance



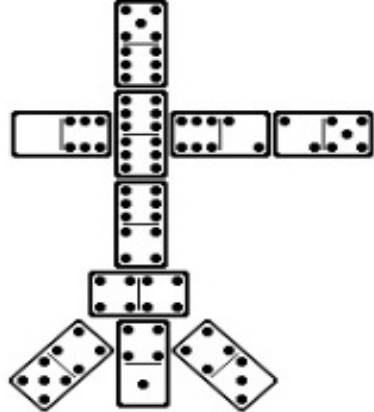
Michael Gorzka, the "Tech Wizard," in full costume, captivates the audience with his talk about his series of books to help the technology shy.

Book Talk held with "Tech Wizard"

Michael Gorzka, Clarksburg author, Center and the Cultural Foundation presented a Book Talk at the Harrison County Senior Center (HCSC) on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 11 a.m.

The Book Talk was hosted by the HCSC Book Club and co-sponsored by the Harrison County Senior Center and the Cultural Foundation of Harrison County. For more information on future Book Talks, contact Book Club facilitator Bill O'Field at 304-623-6795.

Kinley Café Card & Game Group seeks players



Need a mid-week activity to fight the winter blues? The Wednesday HCSC Card & Game Group are seeking new players for Skip Bo, Phase 10, and Dominos – Chickenfoot games. No experience necessary. Group members will teach you the games! Call Sandy at 304-672-0903.

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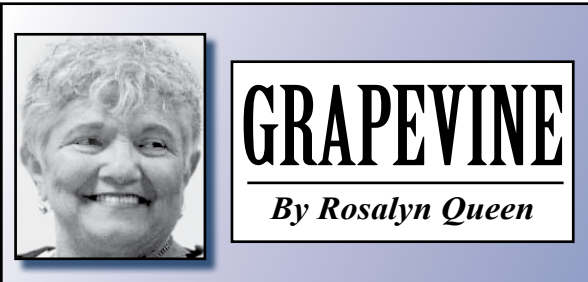
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From Clarksburg to Cincinnati

Locally born community leader to keynote luncheon



GRAPEVINE
By Rosalyn Queen



Rhonda Holyfield Mangieri will be the keynote speaker for the Women of Distinction Luncheon Friday, Feb. 24, at the Clarksburg Uptown Event Center. Rosalyn Queen says Mangieri is sure to deliver a meaningful message to the group.

Betty Waddy, president of the Progressive Women's Association of Harrison County, has announced that they have been able to secure Rhonda Holyfield Mangieri as the keynote speaker for the Women of Distinction Luncheon in honor of Black History Month. The luncheon will be held Friday, Feb. 24, at noon at the Uptown Event Center. Ten African American women will be honored for their volunteer contributions in our area. This event has become very popular in our area, and it is suggested that reservations be made as soon as possible. For reservations or information call 304-624-6881.

Rhonda Holyfield-Mangieri is the daughter of the late Rev. Paul Holyfield and the late Mavis Jones-Holyfield, lifelong residents of Clarksburg. She attended Towers Grade School and Central Junior High School. She graduated from Washington Irving High School in 1970; West Virginia Wesleyan in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in education; and from Slippery Rock University in 1977 with a master's degree in education.

She is currently a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio. As a community volunteer, she serves as vice-president of the Cincinnati Association, as well as co-chair of that organization's Excellence in Arts Panel and a member of its Inclusion Panel, which has specifically focused on understanding and addressing housing insecurity in the Greater Cincinnati region since 2017.

She is also a member of the Age Friendly Cincinnati Advisory Council and a member of the board of directors of the FBI Cincinnati Citizens Academy Alumni Association. She also volunteers for International Friendship Inc. and provides resume and career support for individuals and leadership development training to nonprofit organizations.

Over the years she has been recognized for her outstanding service. She received an Outstanding Pittsburgh Society of Association Executives Award and Slippery Rock University's President's Award for Outstanding Service. In December 2021, she received AARP's Ohio's 2021 Andrus Award for Community Service. She has been an AARP volunteer since 2014 and has been featured in several AARP articles. She also received numerous recognitions during her years obtaining higher education degrees.

For the past 36 years, she has been active in her churches, teaching Sunday school, developing curriculum, serving as a youth and missions leader, and teaching adult Bible studies. She has kept true to her father's guidance "Always find something constructive to do and help others achieve their goals."

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The Region VI Workforce Development Board (RVI WDB) is requesting proposals for the provision of a program of activities and services for youth in the thirteen-county area of Region VI.

Beginning February 1, 2023, interested organizations should contact the RVI WDB at (304)-368-9530 to obtain a copy of the Request For Proposal (RFP), OR a copy of the RFP can be downloaded from the RVI WDB website at www.regionviwv.org.

The period of service provision is from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024 with the possibility of a renewal contract negotiated for an additional two years, based on yearly performance and cost effectiveness. All parties interested in submitting proposals in response to this RFP **MUST** attend a bidder's conference to be held at 1:00 p.m. on February 13, 2023, at the Region VI Workforce Development Board offices at 17 Middletown Road, White Hall. Further information on the bidder's conference is included in the RFP.

The proposal in response to this RFP is due by 4:00 p.m. on March 2, 2023 and must be received by post or by hand delivery in to the RVI WDB offices located at 17 Middletown Road, White Hall, WV 26554. Fax or email submissions will not be accepted. Refer to the RFP information for the complete details on the process for the submission of a proposal.

The RVI WDB reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals submitted.

For more information, contact Amy Hall at the Region VI WDB office at 304-368-9530.

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The Region VI Workforce Development Board (RVI WDB) is issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the provision of Assessment and Case Management/Employers Services Assistant for Adults, Dislocated Workers, Youth, and employers in the thirteen-county area of Region VI.

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OBITUARIES



Juanita Jo DeBerry

Juanita Jo DeBerry, 66, of Meadowbrook, passed away Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023. She was born Oct. 1, 1956, in Clarksburg to the late Offie Ruck Heater and Nellie Blanche Bunnell. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by eight siblings.

She is survived by her husband Marvin DeBerry; children John (April) Sims of Salem, Chris (Jenny) Sims of Parkersburg, CJ (Shannon) Sims of Clarksburg, Brian (Tiffany) Sims of Montana, Kevin (Frieda) DeBerry of Meadowbrook, and Alvin (Teena) DeBerry of Ohio. Also surviving are two brothers, Roy Heater and Ruck Heater, both of Shinnston; nephew Fred (Kim) Hawkins of Cambria; sister-in-law Lois DeBerry; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Juanita was a member of the North Shinnston Baptist Church. She enjoyed crocheting, baking, spending time with her family, playing games on her iPad, and going to church.

Friends were received at Harmer Funeral Home on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023, from noon to 4 p.m. A funeral service was held at the funeral home on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023, at noon with Pastors Mathew Keith and Fred Hawkins officiating. Interment followed at I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Enterprise.

A service of Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston.



Ann Perry

Ann Perry, 76, of Haywood, went to be with the Lord on Monday, Jan. 30, 2023. She was born in Haywood, May 15, 1946, a daughter of the late Charles Lester and Mary Mae Stout Carnes. On Oct. 31, 1964, she married Samuel Bryant Perry who survives.

Also surviving are three children: Patricia A. Bennett and her husband Dave, Lumberport; Cheryl Suan, Haywood; and Mary Beth Carder and her husband Stephen, Haywood; six grandchildren: Brittany Campbell, Lumberport; Abby Deitzel and her husband Zack, Shinnston; Amanda Brook Curry and her companion Tim DeBerry, Saltwell; Alyssa Tillman and her husband Michael, Bridgeport; Ryan Pierce and his companion Georgia Cain, Clarksburg; and Nicci Leggett and her husband William, Haywood; eight great-grandchildren: Haileigh, Mackenzie, Mattie, Slade, Reese, Jamison, Elyah, and Rowan; her siblings: Karen Shaver, Harrisville; Foster Carnes and his wife Bambi; Margaret, her half-sister; Betty Quinn, Mesa, AZ; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Ann was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles L. Carnes and David Carnes, and one half-sister, Shirley Riffle.

Ann was a member of Jewel City Church where she served as the custodian for many years. She had a very caring heart. She took in and helped raise several teenagers

that were in need. Ann loved her dogs, Duncan, Ajax, Fern, Cooper, and Buster, but most of all, she loved and took care of her family. She will be sadly missed.

The family received friends at Jewel City Church, 511 Jewel City Blvd, Meadowbrook, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 3, 2023, where funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, with Pastor Robert Shingleton officiating. Interment was in the Lion's Club Cemetery in Lumberport.

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



Richard Lee Collins

Richard Lee Collins, 86 of Rocky Fork Road, Orlando, WV (Gilmer County), departed this earthly life in the early morning hours of Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023 at the United Hospital Center in Bridgeport following a brief illness.

He was born Mar. 27, 1936, in Sand Fork, WV, son of the late Harley and Hazel Radcliff Collins.

Richard is a former Bus Driver for the Gilmer County Board of Education and a well tender for several local oil and gas companies. In his spare time, he enjoyed playing softball, coon hunting, watching wrestling on TV, spending time with family and friends, spoiling his grandchildren and great-grandchildren whenever possible. He was also a Methodist by faith.

On June 25, 1960, he was united in marriage to Helen Riffle Collins who preceded him in death on June 10, 2015. Helen and

Richard shared 54 wonderful years together.

Surviving are 5 sons and 1 daughter: Timothy Mark Collins of Orlando; Danial "Boone" Collins and wife Kimberly of Shinnston, WV; Bessie Mae Collins of Orlando; Bradley Dale Collins and wife Kristie of Linn, WV; Darrell Collins of Orlando; and Brian Keith Collins and companion Betty Gregory of Linn; and 5 siblings: Charles and Agnes Collins of Orlando; Pauline Grimes of Bristol, WV; Mary Wilfong of Chester, WV; and Kathleen Mick of Portersville, PA.

Also surviving are 12 grandchildren: Kellee Hope Davisson (Wayne Strobe), Danial Ty Collins (Ali), Tammy Blair (Kenny), Stephanie Rucker, Joshua Rucker, Olivia Collins, Jessica Minney (Luke), Brian Lee Collins (Sarah), Caleb Morgan Collins (Magaira), James Kearns, Christeallia Marie Amorosi, and Rebekah Linn Amorosi; 11 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many other wonderful family and friends.

Along with his wife and parents, Richard is preceded in death by 7 siblings: Brooks, Junior, Raymond, Alvin, Michael, and Opal Collins, and Mildred Riffle, as well as a daughter-in-law, Marie Collins.

A funeral service was conducted at the Ellyson Mortuary Inc. 2 Vanhorn Drive, Glenville, WV, at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 2023, with Pastor Robert Shingleton officiating. Burial followed in the John Shiflet Cemetery on Turkey Fork Road. Friends called from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023, at the mortuary in Glenville.

Ellyson Mortuary Inc. is honored to assist the family of Richard Lee Collins with burial arrangements.



Eleanor Joan Scotchie DeLuca

Eleanor Joan Scotchie DeLuca, 81, of Clarksburg, WV, passed away on Friday, Feb. 3, 2023, at Stonerise Nursing Facility.

She was born in Clarksburg, WV, on July 29, 1941, a daughter of the late Joseph and Ann Kulina Scotchie.

Ms. DeLuca is survived by two children: Kimberly A. DeLuca and husband Mike Robinson of Camden, SC, and Matthew J. DeLuca and wife Vicki of Bridgeport, WV; grandchildren, Brandi Robinson, Christopher Robinson, Hailey DeLuca, and Zachary DeLuca; great grandchildren, Avery and Jordan Robinson. She is also survived by her brother, Joseph Scotchie and his wife Regina of NC.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Martha A. Yambrick.

Eleanor was a retired registered nurse from the United Hospital Center. She was a devout Catholic and loved to attend Mass at Our Lady

of Perpetual Help with her daughter in South Carolina and with her son at All Saints Catholic Church in Bridgeport. In her younger days, she was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Stonewood.

She spent her retirement years being an active grandparent to her grandchildren, keeping all of the hummingbirds in Clarksburg well fed, and adoring an always present dog in her home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Alzheimer's Association, 1299 Pinewind Drive #3, Morgantown, WV, 26505 or donate online at <https://act.alz.org/donate>.

Family and friends called at the Amos Carvelli Funeral Home, 201 Edison Street, Nutt Fort, on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. There was a Prayer Vigil at 7:30 p.m. to conclude the visitation. She was taken to All Saints Catholic Church, 317 E. Main Street Bridgeport, on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, where she laid in state from 9 a.m.

to 10 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10 a.m. with Father Walt Jagela as celebrant. Interment followed in the Holy Cross Cemetery.

A service of Amos Carvelli Funeral Home.

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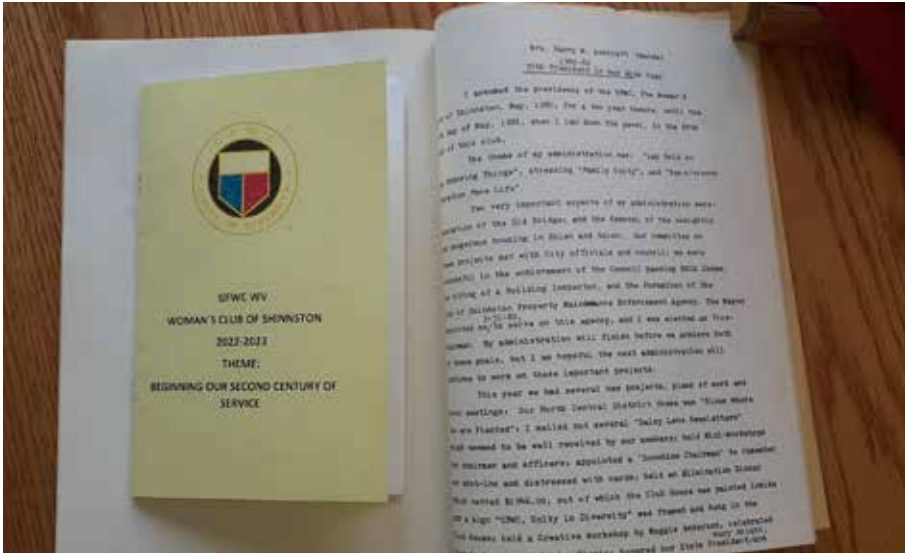
Out of the Past

Memorable photographs from around Harrison County



This 1960s image shows Blackwater Falls, completely frozen. Photo submitted by Bobby Bice.

“Club” From Pg. 1



The Woman's Club yearbook for 2022-2023 contains memories and aspirational quotes. Photo by Kara Linaburg.

her many fond memories. During her tenure as president in 1980-1982, Ashcraft stressed family unity, and her theme was, “Lay hold on enduring things.”

She said that Woman's Club has “provided a lot of support to a lot of causes,” but one of the assets it has provided for the community is the work they have put into the Lowe Public Library at 40 Bridge St. “It's just a fixture in Shinnston,” she says.

Co-president of the Woman's Club, Debra Herndon, would

agree. “It's hard for me to think of the history of the Shinnston Woman's Club without thinking of how the ladies of the club affected my life,” she said. “In the mid-60s, as an elementary school student, I found the most wonderful place – the library that the Woman's Club organized.”

She went on to say, “I was a voracious reader and would check out my limit most visits. Eventually, through junior high and high school, I volunteered at the library and worked with

these ladies. They gave me a lot of good advice, and I developed many friendships with women who had been my Sunday school teachers, teachers and friends of my parents. Because of the experience, I minored in Library Science and spent seven years as Shinnston's librarian – this time with many volunteer helpers from the membership of the Woman's Club.”

Another project the Woman's Club focuses on each year is sending a girl to Girls State. In 1972, Herndon was one of those girls. “The week at Girls State was dedicated to learning about leadership, service and government. That training would come in handy some 20 years later when I became the city clerk and began a career with the city that lasted for two more decades, ending with nine years as the city manager.”

The clubhouse, originally the Columbia Theatre, was purchased in 1958 for \$2,000, and a ceremony was held in 1962 to celebrate paying off the building. Since then, it has undergone multiple renovations and facelifts, one of the latest being in 2020 with

the help of the community and Jewel City's youth group. The clubhouse has continued to serve the citizens as a meeting hall and community center, and the women hope this carries on for many years to come.

The club's theme for this year is, “Beginning our second century of service,” and the quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson placed at the front of their yearbook for 2022-2023, sums up who they are and the work they continue to do, the best: “To laugh often and much; to win the respect of the intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find beauty in others; to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know that one life has breathed easier because you lived here. This is to have succeeded.”

For those interested in the Woman's Club, they can be reached at 304-669-3504. They are always looking for members that want to serve their community.

Family establishes scholarship for student-athletes

A prominent Marion County family has donated \$25,000 to create a scholarship for Fairmont State University student-athletes, according to a news release. The Mary Jo and Coach Rusty Elliott Endowed Athletic Scholarship is intended to retain established players to ensure they can complete their degree.

“The most important thing for any student-athlete is to graduate,” said James “Rusty” Elliott, a 1979 graduate of Fairmont State. “They're working hard for four or five years, and the end product should be a degree to help them get a job in the field that they love.”

The community of Fairmont State University, and greater Marion County, fostered Elliott's career as a student-athlete, local high school coach, coach at Fairmont State, and Fairmont State's director of athletics for 27 years.

“I loved every minute of it. It was an opportunity for me to fall in love with the school even more

after all of those years,” said Elliott. “Mary Jo and I wanted to give back to help students graduate and better their lives, because Fairmont State bettered my life.”

“With the rising costs of higher education combined with the desire to field competitive athletic teams, athletic scholarships are vital to the success of the teams and ultimately the success of the student-athletes at Fairmont State,” said Greg Bamberger, current director of athletics.

The Mary Jo and Coach Rusty Elliott Endowed Athletic Scholarship will be available for full-time undergraduate student-athletes in a Fairmont State University Athletics program. Students must be a junior or senior and a graduate of a Marion County, West Virginia high school.

For information about the Fairmont State Foundation and ways that you can provide support, visit www.fsufoundation.org or call 304-534-8786.



Mary Jo and Rusty Elliott, who recently created a \$25,000 scholarship for Fairmont State student-athletes, want to give back to Fairmont and surrounding communities.

FFA members visit Capitol



WV Legislative Photography, Photo by Perry Bennett

At the West Virginia Capitol on Jan. 30, at the speaker's podium, are from left to right, Emma Hitt; Harris Holden; Delegate Clay Riley; Spencer Nolan; Mahalieg Mearns; Delegate Mickey Pettito; Olivia Marshall; John Lockhart, agriculture instructor; and Delegate Laura Kimble.

Members Emma Hitt, Harris Holden, Olivia Marshall, Mahalieg Mearns, and Spencer Nolan of the South Harrison FFA Chapter were at the State Capitol Complex in Charleston on Jan. 30 to participate in the Agricultural Day at the Capitol. Members attended meetings

with Harrison County delegates and senators to advocate for agricultural education alongside 200 other members from various chapters across the state, according to a news release.

Members toured the University of Charleston Campus and attended the West Virginia Farm Bureau's Dinner Reception.

Super Crossword

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