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

Gary Hamrick Champions Drug Recovery and Education to Help Reclaim a Community



Gary Hamrick wears two hats in service to the community, executive director of the Day Report Center and also Board of Education president

By Stephen Smoot

These are not the times America's fathers wished for their daughters and sons. For almost 30 years, starting with opioids and branching to other substances, such as meth, the drug crisis in West Virginia has emerged as the number one social problem that undergirds all else. Horrific stories of lives wasted, children abused, and families distraught reverberate in statewide media almost daily.

In Harrison County, Gary Hamrick and the Day Report Center work to roll back the number of people trapped in that lifestyle. In appreciation of this work, Hamrick serves as the June Citizen of the Month.

The Day Report program in West Virginia intervenes with selected and qualifying non violent

offenders whose crimes stem directly or indirectly from drug use. Day Report maintains offender ties to employment and family while mandating therapy and treatment. It also rehabilitates offenders while holding them accountable in their home environment, rather than a costly regional jail cell.

Also, as the news this week has shown, anyone, even the most accomplished and famous in the Mountain State, can see their lives fall apart through the tragic catalyst of addiction.

Hamrick brings a lifetime of expertise to Harrison County community corrections. He was born and raised in the county and is a lifelong resident of Clarksburg. Hamrick earned his sociology degree at Fairmont State University, carrying that academic training into Child Protective Services work. After two years of investigating neglect and abuse, he started work as an investigator of Medicaid fraud.

From there, Hamrick took his experience into serving for 16 years as an investigator for the Harrison County Prosecuting Attorney. Now he serves as both executive director of the county day report program and also Harrison County School Board president.

His work with the school board stems from a deep appreciation of the role education has in his life and work. "I'm the first in my family of 20 grandkids to graduate from college," Hamrick explained, adding that "I am passionate about public education and what it did for me and my life."

"His work daily relies on "the accumulating expertise" from a career of investigation and a life of public service. His previous work in investigations leading up to court cases provides a solid foundation for directing day report, but in this case "I am on the other side, after the fact."

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Region VI Hears Presentation on Hazard Mitigation Planning, Discusses State Dilapidated Property Program

By Stephen Smoot

The Region VI Planning and Development Council held its quarterly meeting last Wednesday.

An invocation opened the meeting, with the prayer saying "we thank You for each person that has come out . . . bless their endeavors." Next came the serving of dinner, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The council then heard from Kevin Starner on the subject of hazard mitigation planning. Every five years, the Federal Emergency Management Agency mandates that local governments participate in this process.

Starner explained that hazard mitigation planning "basically looks at the type of hazards that this region is vulnerable to, then works to make them go away." Every five years, regional and local authorities must participate in a 10 month series of meetings to put the plan together.

FEMA incorporated more stringent mandates for the 2023 round of hazard mitigation plans. To remain eligible for related funding or other opportunities, such as the federal flood insurance program, each municipality must participate in at least two elements of the process. All entities must also adopt the plan. Starner warned that otherwise, they will be "on their own."

One of the key reasons why FEMA demands full participation comes from the fact that they also seek greater detail in the plans. Local governments must include specific details, numbers, and targets for change.

Next Sheena Hunt, Region VI executive director, delivered her report. She shared that she was working with the state on broadband issues.

Then she discussed the region's participation

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Council Answers Citizen Questions About Stormwater Ordinance



Two new ordinances were read aloud by the council in their latest meeting. Still a work in progress, the matter of the ordinances caused some tension as well as disagreements between several attending citizens and the council.

By Kara Linaburg

During the June 12 city council meeting, emotions ran a little high as the citizens of Shinnston questioned the new ordinances being read for a second time.

One of those being an ordinance about water runoff from houses' downspouts and drains and into the storm sewer system the into the storm sewer system, "stormwater ordinance."

City manager, Chad Edwards, said that while many are already in compliance with the ordinance, there is still a

lot of runoff water in the sewer systems. "There's several things the city is going to have to do on our end, such as seal manholes. So there's a lot of things we're going to have to do, and when I say 'we' I mean the city."

"And this (ordinance) will not apply to anybody who has already taken their storm drains or downspouts out of the storm sewer system," Mayor Rodney Strait said. "If you don't have them in, you don't have to worry about it."

One of the citizens who attended the meeting was concerned about

outside basement drains near stairs in homes built before 1990, but city manager, Chad Edwards, didn't seem overly concerned about those drains. He said he is focusing on water runoff from "roofs" and other large volumes of runoff water.

Edwards said about those who do not comply with the ordinance, "No one's going to get a bill without being notified. It's going to be a situation where we find someone who still has their storm drain still in the sewer. We'll ask them to remove it and then give them 30

days or something like that. And it doesn't have to be a fancy job."

Pat Kolvak said that he can already think of \$100,000 offhand that the city has spent from the general fund to restore stormwater damage. "We've been taking care of it at your expense out of the general fund," Kolvak said to the citizens.

He also assured that these ordinances written up are "shared" ordinances from the state and he doesn't write the rules and regulations from scratch. "It's part of the state family."

Edwards said that they will do everything they can to help people comply with these ordinances and won't simply "slap them with a fee" when cited. "That's the way we operate," he said.

A second reading of the high grass and grass clippings ordinance was also conducted that night. "When you cut your grass and blow it into the street, sweep it up," Strait said. "Blow it back into your yard."

"It's dangerous for

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Milking a Good Time Out of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin



Wisconsin welcomes anyone with a sense of adventure and a profound love of cheese

Other than the Green Bay Packers, I do not have a good sense of what is within the state of Wisconsin. I have been there one other time in my life, and I could not summon up a mental picture of my last visit, when I learned that I would be attending a summer sales meeting for one of our new clients.

The meeting was held at a beautiful resort on the shores of Lake Geneva, called the Abbey. I chose to fly into Chicago and have a car service pick me up and drive the 83 miles to Lake Geneva. The driver was an older fellow named Brad, who was a wealth of knowledge about "America's Dairyland". He pointed out the numerous farms and silos along the road and the hundreds of black and white cows,

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Guest Column

By Charlotte Lane
Chair, WV Public Service Commission

West Virginia Day: Find Rewards through Service

In 1861, as the Civil War raged and brother fought against brother, the counties in the western part of Virginia began the process of seceding from the eastern part of the state. Originally known as Kanawha, by the time President Lincoln proclaimed our official statehood the area had been renamed West Virginia.

Our state constitution was ratified in March 1863, and on June 20, 1863, West Virginia became the thirty-fifth state in the nation, allied with the Union forces in the war.

Today, June 20 is a state holiday known as West Virginia Day.

Even today, the roots of our citizens run deep in the values that our founders brought to this land. Making a life in these mountains and valleys was never easy. To endure, people had to be strong and independent. Mountaineers are always free, after all. At the same time, they understood the value of community and cooperation to survive and grow. Their work and sacrifice made West Virginia the wild, wonderful home we love.

I can think of no better way to honor that heritage than by serving the state and the citizens of West Virginia. In fact, I have dedicated my life to doing just that. I have worked hard and accomplished much, but I have done so alongside others who are equally committed to the welfare of West Virginia.

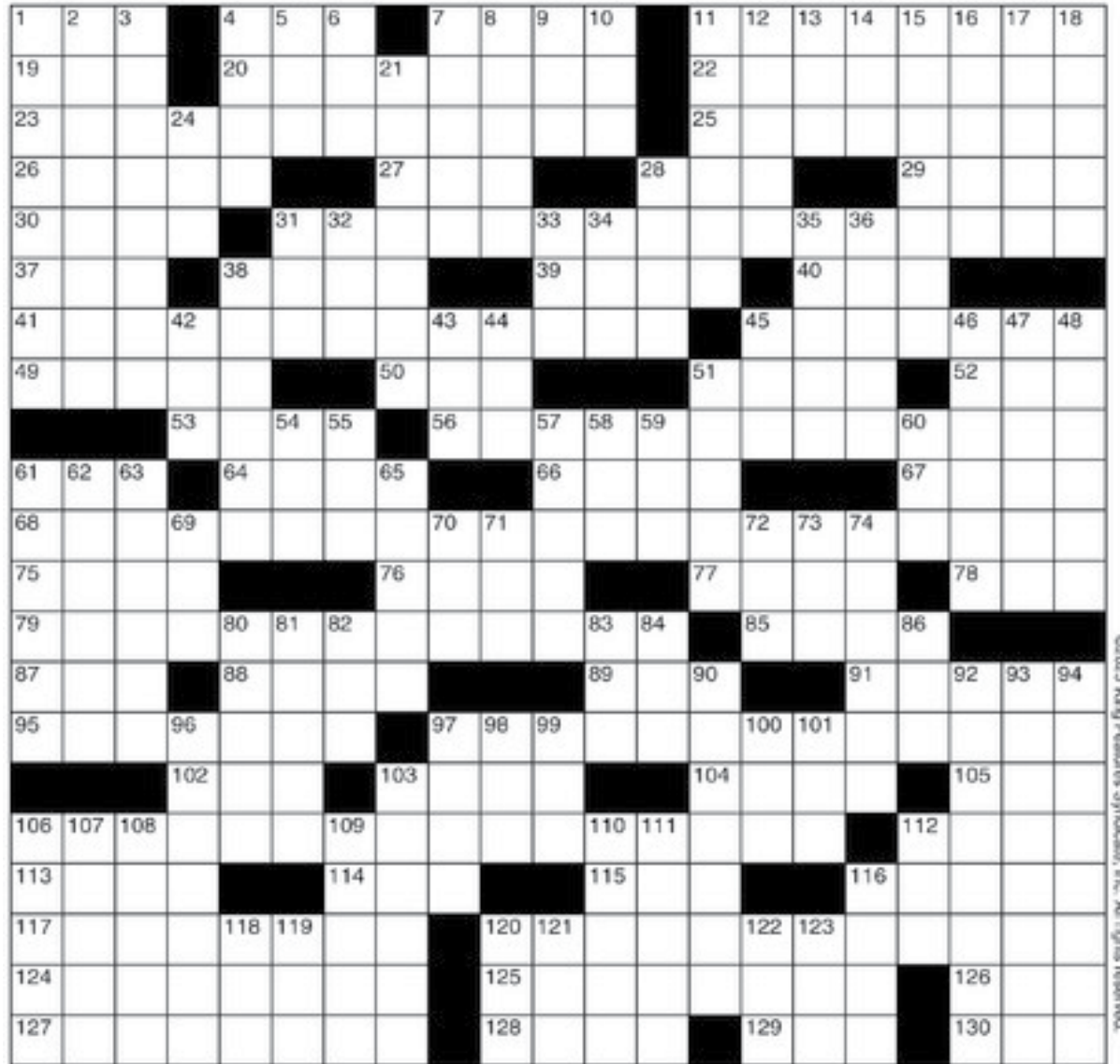
As we celebrate our beautiful state, I want to encourage you to consider doing the same. The state of West Virginia needs the skill of people from all areas of business. Most state agencies are headquartered in Charleston, but there are employees in every corner of the state. Job opportunities range from cooks and secretaries to attorneys and historians and everything in between. Some of you might even consider running for office to represent your fellow citizens in the state Senate or House of Delegates.

The benefits of working for the state are considerable. State employees enjoy reliable health insurance packages, safe working conditions and a healthy retirement program. At a time when many corporations and public companies are cutting back on staff, the state has plenty of openings.

Most of all, there is a deep satisfaction that comes from knowing that you are part of the workforce that keeps West Virginia moving forward and growing stronger. In service to the state of West Virginia, you can build a rewarding career.

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 - 38 Neighbor of Vietnam
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 - 49 A noble gas
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 - 51 Top-notch
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 - 53 Major exhibition
 - 56 Perform gastric bypasses?
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 - 79 Contest to see who has the cleverest taunts?
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 - 97 Time of day for muscle spasms?
 - 102 That, in Lima
 - 103 Any day now
 - 104 "I goofed!"
 - 105 K-12 org.
 - 106 Expert at recognizing the finest strong string?
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 - 113 "— it grand?"
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 - 13 Ending for krypton
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 - 16 Oahu porch
 - 17 Virtual b'day greeting, e.g.
 - 18 Look at again
 - 21 Certain dried berry
 - 24 911 VIP
 - 28 Banned apple spray
 - 31 Body pic
 - 32 "Amazing!"
 - 33 Brynner on Broadway
 - 34 Plural "is"
 - 35 Brand of clog remover
 - 36 Oregon's capital
 - 38 Wildcats with ear tufts
 - 42 Caviar eggs
 - 43 Seine, for one
 - 44 Royal Botanic Gardens site
 - 45 Pan's cousin
 - 46 Corsage flower
 - 47 Get a whiff of
 - 48 In conclusion
 - 51 In regard to
 - 54 Fathers
 - 55 Eggs
 - 57 Bacterium in the gut
 - 58 Furry TV ET
 - 59 Small cask
 - 60 "So cute!"
 - 61 Easter animal
 - 62 Hurrier's cry
 - 63 Share a border with
 - 65 Give moral guidance
 - 69 Part of MoMA
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 - 93 Things unlike all the others
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 - 97 Stage award
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 - 99 Ending of some pasta names
 - 100 Debtor's slip
 - 101 "Says You!" airer
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 - 106 Florida city
 - 107 Use, as a tool
 - 108 Pakistan's longest river
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 - 111 Back column
 - 112 Kitten's cry
 - 116 Old Pontiacs
 - 118 Opp. of departure
 - 119 "Mazel —!"
 - 120 Pacers' org.
 - 121 Foe of Frodo
 - 122 Rambo's gun
 - 123 Grassy turf



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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

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

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

June 23, 1944: A tornado struck Shinnston and the surrounding area, killing 103 people and injuring hundreds more.

June 23, 2016: Eight inches of rain fell in a 12-hour period. The Meadow, Cherry and Elk rivers, as well as Howard Creek, flooded downtowns and The Greenbrier resort, killing 23 people.

June 24, 1842: Author Ambrose Bierce was born. Bierce found the setting for some of his famous short stories in the mountains of Civil War-era West Virginia.

June 25, 1811: Bridge builder Lemuel Chenoweth was born near Beverly, Randolph County. His many bridges also included the earliest covered bridge at Beverly and the famous Philippi covered bridge.

June 26, 1887: Sheriff Don Chafin was born in Logan County. Chafin was a bitter foe of union organizers and, with finan-

cial support from coal companies, used his many deputies to keep labor organizers out of Logan County.

June 26, 1892: Pearl Buck was born in Hillsboro in the home of her maternal grandparents. She received the Nobel Prize for Literature for *The Good Earth*.

June 26, 1936: Basketball star Hal Greer was born in Huntington. Greer was the first Black athlete to play at Marshall College (now University). When his pro career ended in 1973, he held the NBA record for most games played and ranked in the top 10 in points scored, field goals attempted, and field goals made.

June 27, 1897: Musician Maceo Pinkard was born in Bluefield. Pinkard became one of the most successful songwriters of the 1920s Jazz Era.

June 27, 1961: *Honey in the Rock* was first performed at Grandview State Park near Beckley. The play by Kermit Hunter depicts the founding of the Mountain State in 1863.

June 28, 1936: Athlete Chuck Howley was born in Wheeling. Howley played linebacker for 12 seasons for the Dallas Cowboys. He was an All-Pro six times and named to six Pro Bowls.

June 28, 2010: Robert C. Byrd died at the age of 92. He was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1958, and he served until his death.

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The Shinnston Community Band Independence Concert and Fireworks is back for another year!

Join us on Sunday, July 2nd at Ferguson Park The concert will begin around 8pm and feature a variety of patriotic and American favorites. The fireworks show will begin at dusk.

Admission is free and open to the public. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

The Cultural Foundation of Harrison County proudly presents the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra (WSO).

Join us at the Clarksburg Amphitheater on July 3, 2023, for the WSO annual Celebrate America tour!

A junior first responder academy will take place between July 10th - July 14th from 9:00am - 5:00pm. Applications will be accepted from ages 13-17 as of July 10. Location is Grant Town VFD/EMS 110 Ballah Ave, Grant Town W. Va 26574 with a cost of \$60

Salem Softball will be hosting a camp for local softball players of various age groups and skill levels at The Bridge Sports Complex. The camp will run from June 26th through the 28th. The camp will feature two different age groups with participants from ages 7-12 practicing from 9 AM to Noon each day, and participants 13 years of age and up practicing during the afternoon session from 1 PM to 4 PM. Both age groups will participate in all three days of the event.

Regardless of age group, registration for the camp is open to the public, and will require a \$100 registration fee in order to participate in the camp.

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grazing in the pastures. We did drive through some small towns, with well-kept houses and aging Main Street business districts.

As Brad arrived to the small town of Fontana, we could see the boats in the harbor and the distinctive A-framed building that housed the Abbey Resort. My colleagues had also arrived, and we headed to Chuck’s Seafood Bar, a seafood restaurant on Lake Geneva. I ordered an appetizer called “Soggies”, which was cut up French bread, dipped in au jus, with cheese and peppers cut up on top. It was delicious. The weather was a little cool and the rain set in after we made it back to the resort.

The sales meeting was for Duke’s, a company that works on underground infrastructure

for cities. It was the first time for us to meet the entire sales team and they were an interesting group of people. Duke’s operates throughout the country and the sales team calls on hundreds of cities, each week. Many of the salespeople have been with the company for over 25 years and are experts at keeping sewer lines clean and in operation. The company has been growing and introducing new services that promises to save cities millions of dollars in infrastructure costs. While you might not think that there is much technology involved in keeping the sewer system operational, Duke’s uses trucks, equipped with sophisticated cameras that can travel throughout the system and provide a video record of every inch of a sewer system.

On our part of the program for

the meeting, we walked through a case study of a business similar to Duke’s and pointed out how they grew and succeeded by approaching Mayors and City Managers, before calling on the Public Works Departments in the city. We also did role-play exercises to give the salesmen a taste of what it’s like to speak before a city council or at a conference with thousands of attendees. The session was a lot of fun and some of the Duke’s team said that it gave them a realistic view of the city sales process.

The meeting lasted three days and we were soon on our way back home. The weather was not the best, with rain and little sun, but it was still an enjoyable place to visit, with more cows than people. Goodbye Wisconsin!

Former Secretary of State Natalie Tennant Headlines Progressive Women’s Association Luncheon



The Celebrate America honorees, PWA representatives and those individuals making presentations. Pictured are the ten Women of Distinction who were honored by the Progressive Womens Association. Of Harrison County. The program was a luncheon to honor local women who make a difference in our community by their volunteer efforts. Those women honored were Judy Bonamico, Judy Hileman, Lyda Lister, Jacklyn Rominger, Mary Jo Flaherty, Donetta Ortenzio, Tracey Brady, Tracy Miller, Irene Sellas and Kathy Wagner. Pictured with the honorees are Clarksburg City Representative, Sponsor Davis Funeral Home Representative, Dixon Pruitt, Retired Harrison County Deputy and Betty Waddy, PWA President. Also assisting were Laura Davis, PWA Vice President and Sharon Twentier, PWA Secretary. Ruby Oldaker offered the blessing prior to the meal. The keynote speaker was Natalie Tennant.

This event is presented three times a year and approximately 150 women have been named a Woman of Distinction over a five year period. Nominations can be made by contacting Director Elinda Carson.

The Celebrate America Women of Distinction were honored by The Progressive Women’s Association at a luncheon held at the Uptown Event Center. Those honored were Judy Bonamico, Tracy Brady, Donetta Ortenzio, Kathy Wagner, Mary Jo Flaherty, Judy Hileman, Lyda Lister, Tracy Miller, Jaclyn Rominger, and Irene Sella’s.

Natalie Tennant delivered a moving Keynote Address challenging the honorees and those present to continue volunteering in our community to make a difference.

Making a presentation to the honorees were Davis Funeral Home, sponsor of the event representative and City of Clarksburg representative, Will Hyman. Also presenting a flag and gift was Dixon Pruitt, who led the group

in the pledge.. Ruby Oldaker, PWA member offered the blessing prior to the meal.

The Women of Distinction program has been in existence for five years and has honored approximately 150 local women. Emphasis is put on the volunteer efforts of the volunteers and those organization which have been helped by these women include the Arc, United Way, Lions Club, Local churches, children’s charities, Shepards Corner, Mission, WVU medicine, Hope and the list goes on.

The sold out event included an all American Luncheon which would have been popular in the fifties when everyone observed the Fourth and other holidays with a picnic. Also assisting were Sharon Twentier, PWA Secretary and Laura Davis, PWA Vice President as well as members. Betty Waddy, president gave a welcome to those present.

Rosalyn Queen served as MC and encouraged the honorees and those present to observe the American holidays and to give rebirth to these observances. She also put emphasis on those young people who join our armed services to ensure our freedoms. Two of the women honored has served our country.

The next Women of Distinction will be held in October which is National Italian Culture and Heritage month. Italian American Women will be honored. To nominate a women contact Elinda Carson, PWA Director.

Have a safe summer and until next week “Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine.”

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The Role Models of Today



The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

Role Models play a major part in the development of young athletes. They are a motivator that provides a constant reminder of players that look up to them.

Youngsters emulate what they see on and off the court. As our society has changed, so have the attitudes of professional athletes. In a world that has moved to the “me first” philosophy, less pro athletes seem to care about what people think about them. Part of that attitude is the result of scrutiny that they are under from everyone, including the media, to the fans. It forces them to develop tough skin, becoming more callous with every verbal attack.

Social media has been a problem for professional athletes because of the accessibility it provides. Fans can track players from daylight to dark. Where they are going, what they are doing, even what they are eating, can be found out with the click of a button. Some athletes are more careful than others, while a handful of them don't seem to care.

Recently, Memphis Grizzlies star guard Ja Morant was suspended by the NBA for 25 games, Morant was posing with a gun in an Instagram Live Video. Morant will not be paid during the suspension and he will have several hoops, not to shoot, but rather to jump through during his time away from the league. Thorant has issued an apology to everyone he can apologize to, but his sincerity has to be questioned.

This isn't the first incident for the superstar. Morant was benched with an eight game

suspension this past March when he was caught appearing to brandish a gun at a Denver nightclub. Everyone makes mistakes, but a repeat offense of this magnitude is hard to handle. Morant hasn't broken any laws (that we know of yet) but he has broken the hearts of millions of little hoopsters that think the sun rises and sets with him.

Morant is arguably the second most popular player in the NBA behind Stephen Curry, but the league has to protect its image. It's public perception that drives the bus and NBA commissioner Adam Silver wants to protect his players. Silver found himself between a rock and a hard place with Morant. He wants to teach him a lesson, but he wants it learned as quickly as possible so that he can get back to the hardwood. If the lesson isn't learned, Morant could face stiffer penalties which would also affect the league.

This latest stunt moves Morant to the bottom of the role model barrel and the worst part is that I don't think he cares. The fact is that an extremely large number of athletes don't feel an obligation. Couple that with a low maturity level and you have a bad outcome. With age comes maturity and unfortunately the majority of the top players in every major sport are young. Morant is only 23 years old. Curry is an exceptional role model and he is 35, so maybe wisdom does come with age.

Here is the good news about role models. You can be one yourself. Coaches and mentors are always needed. People take for granted the influence they have over youngsters. Take the time to help a child learn a skill. Whether it's shooting a ball, casting a line, or how to plant a garden. There have been so many people that have taken time for each of us in one way or another. It makes a difference and the impact it has might help someone grow.

Who knows, that someone could grow up to be the next Ja Morant.



By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

Tee It Up Travels to Mont Clare for “Must See” Day On the Links

This week's “Tee It Up” article focuses on Bel Meadow Golf Club. Located in Mount Clare, this 18 hole championship tract has a long standing reputation of being one of the “must play” stops in the Mountain State. A former host of the West Virginia Open, Bel Meadow carries a great deal of notoriety. There are four tees with the tips playing 6,938 yards.

The front nine is slightly longer than the back side and it has “Big Daddy,” a 606 yard par five in the sixth hole. The front may be longer, but the back is harder with three of the top five handicap holes. Number ten is a par five that crosses water en route to an elevated green and is the fifth most difficult hole. Number 13 is a straightforward par five that is third in difficulty. Number 17 is a par four that doglegs over water. It is the classic example of risk versus reward. You can take an aggressive line, cutting the corner and leaving a shorter approach to the green.

That water hazard, along with others, comes into play on a dozen holes. Punishing rough, mature trees, and deep bunkers bring the level of difficulty to an extremely staggering pinnacle. The bunkers are some of the best in West Virginia. They are well-placed, deep, and they own huge lips that make quality exits from them few and far between.

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It's a fantastic day every day at the Bel Meadow Golf Course.

Megan Smith Lyon leaves after five seasons for same post at UNC

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – Marshall University Softball Coach Megan Smith Lyon has resigned her post with the Thundering Herd to accept the same role at her alma mater North Carolina.

Marshall Director of Athletics Christian Spears thanked Coach Smith Lyon for her five seasons with the Thundering Herd and said a national search for a new head coach would begin immediately.

“Megan will be missed, but we are immensely proud of her accomplishments and wish her well at UNC,” Spears said. “She has our utmost respect and we wish her and her family nothing but the best. We are extremely confident we can attract an amazing person to Marshall to lead our softball program and that process has already begun.”

The announcement ends Coach Lyon's successful five-year tenure with the Thundering Herd – one that saw her win 67 percent of her games with no season falling under the 60 percent win mark. Overall, she finished 160-70 in her five

seasons.

The 2023 season proved to be her most successful with the Thundering Herd as the team set program records for wins in a season (45) while also achieving the longest winning streak in program history (23).

Marshall's 45-10 mark in 2023 included a run to the Sun Belt Championship game in the team's first season in its new league. That 45-win total included the program's first win over a nationally-ranked team in 15 years on April 25 when they defeated No. 24 Virginia Tech, 2-1, at Dot Hicks Field.

The successful season also came with its fair share of national and conference accolades with catcher Autumn Owen being named a consensus All-American and five players being named as All-SBC First Team selections.

“Megan is the epitome of what we are trying to do at Marshall,” Spears said. “She has elevated our program, led it with passion and purpose while always keeping the overall experience of our student-athletes at the

forefront. Naturally, that led to competitive success, national recognition and a team that cares greatly for each other and our community.”

Coach Smith Lyon's records during her tenure included being the fastest head coach in program history to win 150 games. She achieved that feat in her 215th contest at the helm of the Herd – a 5-3 road win at Coastal Carolina on April 15, 2023.

She was also the fastest coach to 100 wins, achieving that mark in 2022.

Smith Lyon also coached Marshall University's first-ever student-athlete to earn the Senior CLASS Award as Aly Harrell brought home that distinction in 2022, as well.

The 1999 UNC graduate returns to her alma mater boasting a record of 553-335 all-time head coaching record. She was an assistant with the Tar Heels in 2004 and helped UNC to an NCAA Tournament before taking her first Division I head coaching job at Western Carolina

Bob Huggins Releases Letter of Resignation After Pittsburgh Arrest

Mountaineer Nation:

Today, I have submitted a letter to President Gordon Gee and Vice President and Director of Athletics Wren Baker informing them of my resignation and intention to retire as head men's basketball coach at West Virginia University effective immediately.

My recent actions do not represent the values of the University or the leadership expected in this role. While I have always tried to represent our University with honor, I have let all of you – and myself – down. I am solely responsible for my conduct and sincerely apologize to the University community – particularly to the student-athletes, coaches and staff in our program. I must do better, and I plan to spend the next few months focused on my health and my family so that I can be the person they deserve.

It has been the honor of my professional career to lead the men's basketball program at my alma mater and I take great pride in our accomplishments. But I am most proud of the tremendous young men who chose to spend their formative years with us, and who have gone on to do great things with their lives.

I was born in Morgantown, graduated from West Virginia University and had the pleasure of coaching here for seventeen seasons as an assistant or head coach. It will always be my home, and I will always be a Mountaineer.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our program over the years. It has meant more to me and my family than you could ever know.

Sincerely,
Bob Huggins

Summer Parks Programs Opens with Solid Numbers



From The World of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

As the summer officially kicked off last weekend, the opening of Harrison County's Parks and Recreation Summer Program welcomed kids between the ages of 6-to-15 years of age on Wednesday, June 21st. With part-and-full day camps to choose from, the free program will offer families a chance to take children to a site during the work week which can save them in daycare costs as this program is offered free of charge.

Director Mike Book, who has been a part of the program since the beginning, has seen plenty of changes through the years. Those include the nutrition side of feeding the kids as well as the safety aspect of things. But overall, his goal to provide a safe and fun atmosphere for the kids in Harrison County has never strayed as he explains.

“It is such a great program simply because it helps the citizens in the county on both an economic and social level. Kids can maintain their friendships with fellow classmates and the parents do not have

to worry about the cost, and safety, of kids who sign up for the program.”

Newly appointed Wilma Carder will spearhead the program this year as her promotion to full-time in March gave her this opportunity to be the Summer Parks Director. Her experience with the program alone made this a good fit for the department and the program. Personally, being one of my first hires, she has been the “go to” person and her work ethic moved her to our enrichment programs up to the current position she attains currently.

“We really hit a homerun with Wilma (Carder),” said Book. “She has been around the parks program for over a decade and has done everything we have asked. It is great to see her come out of her shell a bit and go from a little reserved to being in charge. It was a no-brainer decision putting her in this position. She has all the tools to be a success and will do great for us.”

While online registration has already begun, parents still have plenty of time to get their kids enrolled even if the program has already started. There is no required amount of days to stay but the sign-in / sign-out process is taken very seriously. Only those on the registration form will be allowed to do this and do not be surprised to show a form of picture ID if staff does not know you.

While some sites are full-day, those working with the Board of Education will be for just half the day. The summer program for the BOE requires education to be a part of the grant earned and parks and recreation will cover that. The BOE program lasts only four weeks and the park staff is responsible for kids after 12-noon. To add, the program is Monday through Thursday only.

You can find those sites located at Compton Park, Big Elm and Nutter Fort. Please contact the board office to see if registration is still available.

Full time sites include the Recreation Complex where the HCPR offices are located as well as West Milford at the elementary school. Full time hours for these two places are from 730-530.

North View, which is a host site for Energy Express, will play a dual role as the summer reading program at the school and a playground site at the North View Park located behind Saint James church.

For all sites, food is included as kids will get a breakfast and a lunch during the day. Kids will be familiar with the food as it is consistent with the school calendar food program. This is a federal grant through the board office and the same kitchen staff will provide the meals for the kids.

For more information, please contact the parks department.



Good Health Guide

Reimagining cancer care in West Virginia: WVU Cancer Institute receives \$50 million state investment to fund expansion of research and treatments

PRINCETON, W.Va. – West Virginia University's efforts to reimagine and expand cancer care received a \$50 million boost as Gov. Jim Justice joined WVU academic and Health System leaders to announce state surplus funding that will support investment to attain National Cancer Institute Designation – a first for West Virginia.

“Our goal is to place the WVU Cancer Institute in the top 2 percent of cancer centers nationwide, which will improve the health and wellness of the people in our state, particularly in southern West Virginia, by reducing cancer occurrence rates and increasing cancer survival,” WVU President Gordon Gee said.

Justice made the announcement at WVU Medicine Princeton Community Hospital flanked by Gee, WVU Health System President and Chief Executive Officer Albert L. Wright, Jr., WVU Health Sciences Chancellor and Executive Dean Dr. Clay Marsh, and WVU Cancer Institute Director Dr. Hannah Hazard-Jenkins.

The funding was included in House Bill 2024 as part of the Fiscal Year 2024 budget passed by the West Virginia Legislature. These dollars will be used for comprehensive research programs, faculty and facilities that will directly lead to innovative approaches in cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment for all West Virginians.

Cancer is a devastating disease that affects one in 10 adults in the state. West Virginia has the highest cancer death rate in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in part due to high tobacco usage, lack of access to nutritious foods, limited physical activity, and environmental influences such as poverty. Cancer occurrence and death rates in the state are well above the national average for nearly all types of cancer.

“There is a cancer epidemic in West Virginia,” Marsh said. “As West Virginia's land grant

institution, it's our duty and honor to make sure our state's citizens have access to the most advanced clinical trials, treatments, and care for cancer, and we are working closely with our WVU Medicine and state partners to bring this level of care to West Virginians. We are grateful to our state legislature and governor for recognizing the need that exists and for supporting a solution.”

National Cancer Institute Designation – research and innovation that will benefit the entire state

The National Cancer Institute leads cancer research across the country and recognizes cancer centers with an official NCI designation, the highest federal rating a cancer center can achieve. This designation is awarded to cancer centers that are leading in innovative research and treatments and is the gold standard for cancer programs.

According to Wright, NCI designation will allow the WVU Cancer Institute to expand beyond the traditional model of diagnosis and treatment to a more integrated and comprehensive approach with a stronger emphasis on cancer prevention, especially in underserved populations.

“Our long-term vision includes building the infrastructure necessary for a new NCI-designated Cancer Institute in Morgantown and for our existing network of Cancer Institute sites across the state to become NCI designated to bring patients increased access to better treatments, public education, pioneering research, and national clinical trials,” Wright said.

Currently, there are 71 NCI-designated cancer centers in 36 U.S. states, and centers with this designation represent the top 2 percent of cancer centers in the country. The WVU Cancer Institute would be the first NCI-designated cancer center in West Virginia.

“I am thrilled to deliver this \$50 million check to the West Virginia University Cancer Institute in their pursuit of an

official cancer center designation by the National Cancer Institute,” Justice said. “I want to express my deep gratitude to the West Virginia Legislature for allocating these crucial funds, and to WVU Medicine for pursuing this incredible goal, because we all recognize the importance and significance of obtaining this recognition from the NCI, as it is only bestowed upon the nation's top cancer centers. This funding will serve as a catalyst to jumpstart our progress towards that goal, and I couldn't be more proud.”

According to the National Cancer Institute, cancer is one of the critical issues causing economic and financial burden. Globally, the total annual economic cost of cancer is estimated at approximately \$1.16 trillion, according to the Union for International Cancer Control. West Virginia cancer-related medical costs are more than 2.4 times the national average.

Investment in cancer prevention and early detection, diagnosis, and control is critical to helping save lives, but it can also potentially provide significant savings in treatment costs – both for patients and healthcare organizations.

By working toward enhanced access to cancer care and programs in West Virginia, additional research staff and personnel infrastructure, and a future statewide, comprehensive NCI-designated Cancer Institute, the health and well-being of the people in the state affected by cancer will continue to improve by reducing cancer occurrence rates and improving long-term cancer survival rates.

“Our long-standing mission is to provide excellent care to patients with cancer and their families, while strengthening our research, education, and service programs to address the cancer health inequalities unique to the state of West Virginia and Appalachia,” Hazard-Jenkins said. “Together, we will work to build science that saves lives.”

United Methodist Church Foundation Announces Grant Awards, Deadline For Next Round of Applications

The United Methodist Foundation of West Virginia, Inc. awarded grants in April of 2023 totaling \$89,100 to several ministries across the Annual Conference. The Foundation's Grants Committee reviews applications and awards grants to help fund innovative programs that address acute needs in communities. The Foundation awarded grants for the following:

Benton's Ferry UMC for their ramp replacement and enhancement project to create an accessible entrance to its building.

West Virginia United Methodist Disaster Relief for the purchase of a Disaster Relief truck.

Kenova UMC for its Spectrum Worship Ministry allowing those on the spectrum to more easily participate in worship.

Cornerstone Ministries Grace Recovery Church for the purchase of a van.

Trinity UMC in Fairmont for the purchase of a sound system replacement after their church was vandalized.

House of the Carpenter to fund a stress

management program for their staff.

Diamond UMC to purchase food for its feeding ministry.

Fairview UMC for its dinner church ministry. Cheat Lake UMC for its dinner church ministry.

The Welch Charge for its Coalfield Immersion Experience.

Johnson Memorial UMC in Huntington for its Requiem for the Living service.

Barrackville UMC for its ministry to connect with its community during the Barrackville Covered Bridge Festival.

Forrest Burdette Memorial for its Project LAUNCH which provides high school students with college preparation experiences.

Hardy County Helpers for the purchase materials for ramp building projects.

If your church is planning a new or innovative ministry and is in need of funding, consider applying for a Foundation Grant. The final deadline for 2023 is July 31st.

VBA Regional Office PACT Act Claims Clinic

The Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center will host a VBA Regional Office PACT Act Claims Clinic on Thursday, July 13 from 1 PM to 7 PM in the main entrance lobby of the medical center in Clarksburg. (No appointment necessary) The Huntington Regional Office will provide a one stop shop for claims processing. Individuals can file new claims, check the status of pending claims, or receive guidance on benefits.

Please note, we anticipate longer wait times when the clinic opens at 1 PM and invite Veterans to arrive anytime up until 7: 00p.m. on July 13th.

Over 1,200 New Businesses Open in the Mountain State in May

Charleston, W. Va. – The WV Secretary of State's Office registered 1,253 new businesses statewide during the month of May, according to Secretary of State Mac Warner.

Braxton County led the state in the percentage of new business growth through May with a total of 14 new business registrations, a 3.11% increase. The Secretary of State's Business & Licensing Division reported that Taylor, Webster, Summers, and Clay Counties also experienced notable growth during the month.

A total of 15 new business entities were registered in Taylor County in May of 2023. Webster County successfully registered six businesses. Summers County reported 14 registrations for the month and Clay County registered five new businesses with the Secretary of State's Office.

Counties that lead the state in total businesses registered for May were Kanawha, Berkeley, Monongalia, Raleigh, and Cabell. Kanawha County successfully registered 125 businesses while Berkeley County reported 102 new registrations. Monongalia County had 90 businesses register. Raleigh County registered 81 new businesses while Cabell County totaled 72 new registrations for the month.

Statewide, West Virginia registered 13,354 new businesses in the previous 12-month period, from June 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023. Jefferson County led all 55 counties with a 19.37% growth rate during the one-year timespan.

National Safety Council Reports Post COVID Rise In Injuries

Following a record low number of sports and recreational injuries reported in 2020, injuries increased 20% in 2021. The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reported that in the first seven months of the COVID-19 pandemic, amid the majority of shelter-in-place restrictions, visits to emergency departments for consumer product-related injuries fell 24% (see the consumer product injury page). The largest decreases in injuries were sports-related. Injuries associated with track and field, lacrosse, hockey, soccer, baseball, softball, football, and basketball all saw reductions of more than 60% from March through September 2020. Sports injuries saw the largest decreases in the younger to late teen ages in the 2020 period. The CPSC attributes these large decreases to the suspension of school and youth sports leagues in the spring and summer months of 2020, in response to the pandemic.

Because the sports and recreational injury data presented here reflect only emergency department visits, and not injuries that are self-treated, or treated in doctor's offices/urgent care centers, it is not clear if injuries actually decreased in 2020 or if just visits to emergency departments to treat the injuries decreased.

In 2021, 3.2 million people were treated in emergency departments for injuries involving sports and recreational equipment. The activities most frequently associated with injuries are exercise, cycling, and basketball.



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Now he strives to help adult men and women bounce back from, for many of them, the worst crisis of their lives. In essence, he wants to make day report their “rock bottom” before they slip deeper into either the system or crime and addiction.

As Hamrick explains, community corrections is “also a day treatment and counseling center that employs my earlier experience in social work.” He also shared that “I really do like this role because there’s such a need for it.”

Hamrick’s assessment of the drug abuse and related criminal environment echoes that of other officials and experts. He stated that “99 percent of everything we do involves drugs.” In other words, almost every crime is related to drug use, abuse, sales, or acquisition, but “we can’t arrest our way out of the problem.”

Day report reflects the realistic notion that “we’re not going to save them all, but we do it one at a time.”

One of the big changes over the past several years lies in social attitudes across the state regarding addiction, recovery, and criminal justice solutions. Hamrick says “the stigma is leaving” and that “even the most adamant anti-drug person who years ago would say ‘lock him up’” has likely seen one or more family members in addiction since, and now supports efforts like community corrections.

He said “it’s sad that’s what it takes.”

Hamrick takes issue with calling the crisis “opioid,” because he says it creates a false perspective. Putting the “opioid” category on it, he says, does help to keep the focus on the source of the problem from the pharmaceutical sector, pressuring them to continue to help.

That said, Hamrick explains that calling it an “opioid” problem unintentionally takes public focus off drugs that are non opioid, but are just as, if not more dangerous. It glosses

over the fact that an addict will take his high from the path of least resistance, whether that path leads to Oxycontin or methamphetamines. The difference is, Hamrick says, one cannot get recovery funds from a meth dealer.

“There is opioid addiction and there is drug addiction,” he says, “but we have to fight it on all levels.”

Hamrick also advises that the current problem is not that drug recovery efforts do not provide enough beds. The problem, he says “is lack of people willing to go to those beds,” but “we have to find ways to get people to those beds.”

Day report helps to provide that motivation, but also gives individuals tools to cope after they graduate from the program. Appropriate day report staff also function as the county drug court treatment team. Often confused with each other, day report is a separate organization that supports the drug court’s work with higher risk offenders. They also teach DUI classes to help offenders get their drivers’ licenses back.

One major goal lies in getting participants “re-employable” or “to save their job” so they can either remain or become self-sufficient again.

Hamrick explains that the Harrison County center “is very fortunate” in that it is one of the few in the state that operate self-sufficiently. In other words, they operate on revenues driven by participants and do not need to ask for support from entities such as the county commission.

On a personal note, Hamrick shares that his dedication to elected service comes in part from his roles in public work. “I’ve made a great living and career as an employee of the government. This is my way of giving back.”

And regardless of whether the goal lies in helping addicts recover one at a time or improving public education, “all it takes,” he said, “is all of us.”

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in the West Virginia Dilapidated Property Program.

Many West Virginia communities saw the number of dilapidated properties skyrocket in recent decades. Properties sold for back taxes often went to out of state owners for pennies on the dollar of the actual value, only to fall into unsightly disrepair. In recent years, the state changed the law on tax sales to substantially reduce the practice.

The State of West Virginia also launched a program to help communities redevelop through tearing down dilapidated structures that create eyesores, inhibit development, and attract crime. Hunt informed the council about the program, then announced that she wants to hold a meeting to inform regional communities about it.

“It’s going to be hard to find a date that’s good for everyone,” she said, then added that “we’re probably looking at mid July.” Participation in the program begins with surveys, passing ordinances, and taking inventories. The state added \$10 million in the fund to jump start the process.

Hunt also informed the council about an energy efficiency grant for communities. The deadline for

application was extended from last April to July 28.

Barry Pally, one of the Morgantown based representatives, also shared some potentially positive news concerning Monongahela River transport. “This is a great success I am going to mention,” he said.

A Morgantown based policy group recently approved a proposal to request that the Monongahela River be classified as a marine highway. This would encourage further development of multi-modal transportation along the navigable lengths of the river. Redesignation would allow owners of terminals, loading areas, and other river freight infrastructure to apply for federal funds to upgrade.

The next and final step in the process will be the approval of US Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg. Pally said that he expected Buttigieg to grant approval and said “I’m delighted this passed.”

Communities can also take advantage of a new on call consulting program. Council members learned that the service comes at no cost and can assist on issues as different as broadband and sidewalks.

The next full council meeting will take place on Sept 20.

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motorcycles,” Edwards going to get you fined.’ If it’s an eye sore and when the snakes can live in it.”

During the reading, one of the citizens questioned what the ordinance meant by “high grass,” and stated that there were “no inches” listed there.

“Seems to me to be 8-10 inches,” Strait said. He said that he doesn’t know for sure until they speak with the code enforcer.

Edwards said he said he felt the question was “splitting hairs,” but also added, “I said, let’s be clear when we cite people for high grass we’re not citing people because they’re seven inches instead of six inches. People with grass that’s up to your neck, those people are getting cited. We’re not going out with tape measures and saying, ‘nope, nope, it’s 6.5 inches, we’re

exchanged, but they want to do it just because it’ll just be faster. (But) then we won’t get the money for distressed utilities.

Edwards said that he won’t budge and is determined that if this purchase is to continue, he wants the distressed utility money from the state.

“If we have to go the long way, that’s what we’ll do. I had fully planned for the state to pay for some line upgrades and putting new meters in. That was part of the plan.” Edwards said,

“We can’t spend our citizens’ money,” Mary Ann Ferris added about the possibility of not receiving distressed utility money with the purchase of the Hutchinson water system.

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OBITUARIES**Donald Lee Phillips**

Donald Lee Phillips, 77, of Clarksburg passed away on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at United Hospital Center. He was born September 18, 1945 in Barbour County, a son of the late Ray and Augusta Bennett Phillips.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Kawaskay Phillips whom he married on December 20, 1984. Also surviving are his children, Laura Boggess and husband Jeff of Hurricane; Christine Freeman and husband Brady of Taylor County; David Phillips and wife Robecca of Clarksburg; and Donald Benjamin Phillips and wife Willa also of Clarksburg; 12 grandchildren, Michael Phillips and wife Callie; Brittany Meadows and husband Roy; Kameron Langston; Gabriel Freeman; Bailey Freeman; Theodore Boggess; Jeffrey Boggess; Anakin Phillips; Lillian Phillips; Jamey Wood; Jonathan Wood; and Jack Phillips; 10 great-grandchildren, Allana Phillips; Amelia Phillips; Jordan Phillips; Ja'cari Phillips; Austyn Freeman; Ariella Freeman; Aria Devart; Hailey Meadows; Levi Meadows; and Tucker Meadows; as well as 4 siblings, Junior Phillips; Juanita Brown; Midge Rowan; and Sis Shaver.

In addition to his parents, Donald was preceded in death by his siblings, Effie Haught; Martha Dyer; Edwin Phillips; and Edward Phillips.

Donald retired as a Control Room Foreman at the Harrison County Power Station in 2002. He enjoyed playing pool, fishing, and hanging out with his friends in his garage. Donald really loved spending time with his

family.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation services were provided by Perine Funeral Home. There will be no services at this time. Online memories and condolences can be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com.

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

**Ronald Lee Hardesty Sr.**

Ronald Lee Hardesty Sr., 87, of Shinnston, passed away on June 15, 2023 at Harmony at White Oaks. He was born in Shinnston on June 22, 1935 to the late James Hardesty and Edna Hartsell Hardesty.

He is survived by his sister, Lucille Strait of Enterprise; sister-in-law Wilda Hardesty-Owings; and several nieces and nephews.

Ronald is preceded in death by his wife Juanita Hardesty; sons Danny, Ronald, and Donald Hardesty; brothers James "Bub", Paul, and Harland "Skip" Hardesty; and sister Mary Hayes-Shears.

Ronald worked for Belko Glass for forty-two years. He was a member of the American Legion, and enjoyed hunting, the outdoors, and playing jokes. Ronald was in the United States Army and served in the Korean War.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Monday, June 19, 2023 from 2:00PM-8:00PM. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 11:00AM with Pastor Ron Johnson officiating. Interment will follow at I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Enterprise.

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

Older West Virginians Deserve Better Customer Service From the Social Security Administration

By Gaylene Miller, AARP West Virginia State Director

Most of us have experienced long hold times or dropped calls when trying to get through to a customer service agent. You may have even received incorrect information the first time you called and had to start the process all over again. Unfortunately, this is what many people who are trying to reach the Social Security Administration (SSA) experience.

Millions of older West Virginians, people with disabilities, and their families rely on Social Security. And they should also be able to rely on quality customer service to get their questions answered or get information on the status of their disability claim – whether online, in-person, or over the phone.

Last year, almost half of the 151 million calls to the SSA's national 1-800-number and field offices went unanswered, including 16.4 million callers who gave up while waiting. So far this year, almost one-third of calls to SSA's local field offices across the country have not been answered. For those who have been able to get through, they are waiting an average of 34 minutes for someone to pick up on the other end – more than ten times longer than a decade ago. Americans who file for disability assistance now wait over 200 days on average for an initial decision.

And no one wants a repeat of last year, with customers having to wait

in long lines outside of SSA field offices in the heat of the summer.

Seniors, people with disabilities, and AARP are fed up with the SSA's poor service. There is no excuse for failing to provide people with the services they need and answers to questions about the Social Security they've earned and now need to pay for basic living expenses. Nearly one in four West Virginians – more than 474,000 people – receive Social Security benefits, and 52 percent of Mountain State residents 65 and older rely on the program for at least half of their income.[PE1]

Over the past year, AARP members have sent Congress more than 200,000 emails urging increased funding for the SSA to improve customer service. Now, AARP is asking Congress to provide at least \$15 billion in funding for long-overdue improvements to their egregious customer service problems, so seniors and people with disabilities can get accurate information when they need it. It's about time.

Gaylene Miller is the West Virginia State Director of AARP, the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering people 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With a nationwide presence, AARP strengthens communities and advocates for what matters most to the more than 100 million Americans 50-plus and their families: health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment.

West Virginia State Supreme Court of Appeals Announces Passing of Former Justice Warren McGraw

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Former Supreme Court Justice Warren McGraw died Wednesday, June 14. He was 84.

A public servant for more than 50 years, Justice McGraw most recently was a circuit judge in the Twenty-Seventh Judicial Circuit (Wyoming County). He retired on June 21, 2021--the West Virginia Day holiday--and died on Flag Day.

Also a former president of the West Virginia Senate, he was one of only a handful of people who served at the top of two separate branches of gov-

ernment.

At the time of his retirement, he indicated physical impairments due to Parkinson's Disease led him to make the decision.

Judge McGraw was born on May 10, 1939, in Wyoming County. He attended Wyoming County public schools and graduated from Morris Harvey College (now the University of Charleston) with a bachelor's degree in political science, history, and economics in 1960.

He attended graduate school at West Virginia University and earned his law degree in 1963 from Wake Forest University.

He was elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates in 1968 and 1970 and the West Virginia Senate in 1972, 1976, and 1980. He was President of the state Senate from 1980 to 1985. He was honored by Rutgers University's Eagleton Institute of Politics as a National Outstanding Legislator in 1971.

In 1986, he was elected to the Wyoming County Board of Education; in 1996, he was elected Wyoming County Pros-

cuting Attorney; in 1998, he was elected to the Supreme Court and was selected as Chief Justice in 2001; and, in 2008, he was elected circuit judge in Wyoming County and re-elected in 2016.

In addition to being an attorney in private practice, he was also a steel and chemical worker, a U.S. Department of Justice trial lawyer, a legal services attorney, and an instructor at the West Virginia University Extension Agency.

He was a member of the Wyoming and Raleigh County Bar Associations and Rotary International.

He was a Paul Harris Fellow and a recipient of the Friend of Education Margaret Baldwin

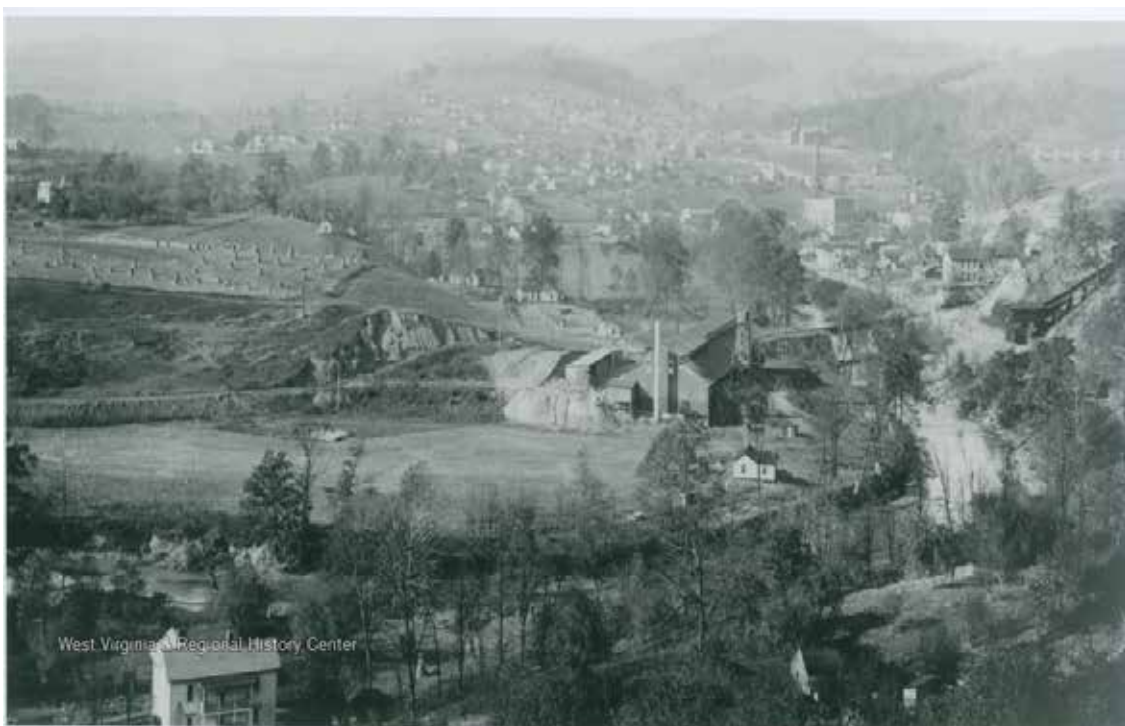
Award from the West Virginia Education Association. He received the 2022 Fred H. Caplan award from the West Virginia Association of Justice in recognition of his lifetime

of service to West Virginia.

Judge McGraw was married to Peggy Shuffeberger, and they have three children.

Out of the Past

Memorable photographs from around Harrison County



An undated photo of early industry in Lumberport, courtesy of the West Virginia and Regional History Center at West Virginia University

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HCSCC Board of Directors Shares News and Information



Bill O'Field installs Carol E. Brown as a new board member.

In the May 10 meeting of the Harrison County Senior Citizens Center the board appointed and installed Carol E. Brown to fill the remainder of the late Sandra Mossor's term ending June 2025. The assembled members also authorized the Board's president to sign documents that would have been signed by the Secretary, who was Sandra Mossor, retroactive to her death.

The annual meeting took place on June 22. Remaining board meeting dates scheduled for 2023 are: September 28, and October 26.

Seniors from Harrison County also enjoyed a number of exciting and fun activities as late spring faded into early summer.

On June 1, Harrison County Parks and Recreation Staff led the HCSC Game Day Ac-

tivities in the Kinley Café. In addition to senior center game equipment, the staff brought and "field tested" games made from everyday household items that will be used during the summer Energy Express program.

The seniors really enjoyed the activities and laughter filled the café.

Harrison County Senior Center participates monthly in Clarksburg First Friday activities by providing a shuttle service from venue to venue in the downtown area.

On the First Friday Event held on May 5, Chris Lane, owner of Service and Supply

Solutions, thanked us for our shuttle service and offered to support the center's efforts by sponsoring the Free Shuttle Banner to replace the smaller signs that had been used.

HCSC would like to thank Chris Lane, and Frank Baker, Manager, for their support of the senior center transportation program.

For those who cannot get enough of locally grown and produced foods, Harrison County Senior Center is distributing Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program Produce Coupon Booklets from the West Virginia Department of Agriculture.

Want to join friends having fun and excitement at the senior center and with all of the other amazing activities? HCSC Membership is \$10 yearly and open to those age 50+.

Activities and services available include, fitness room, Exercise group, Toning group, Tai Chi class, Bingo-cize class, Line Dance group, Ceramics class, Bingo Fun Club, Senior

Olympics, daily cards and game playing in the café, puzzle & TV room, computer lab, transportation, food box programs, in home caregivers, socialization, and Kinley Café food service.

The center is open M - F, 8 AM - 4 PM

In addition to the main center in Clarksburg at 500 W. Main St., there are 12 senior center satellite groups in Harrison County that meet at various times and locations throughout the Month.

For more information on senior center activities, services, or satellites, call 304.623.6795, or visit our Harrison County Senior Citizens facebook page or website at www.hscwv.org

2023 Board Members:

Bill O'Field, President, Ryan Kennedy, Vice President, vacant, Secretary, Donald Burton, Treasurer, Carol E. Brown, Janet Dotson, Franklin Hairston, Sharon Hamilton, Will Hyman, Harley Jeffries, Bill Phillips, Donna Stuart, Susan Thomas, and Betty Waddy.

Harrison County Senior Center will be CLOSED on July 4, 2023 in observance of Juneteenth, West Virginia Day, and Independence Day respectively.

HCSC Attaches Banners for First Friday Shuttle Courtesy of Service and Supply Solutions



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Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program Produce Coupon Booklets Available While Supplies Last

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

Produce Coupon Booklets are here!

Distribution daily at the senior center from:
8:15 AM - 11:15 AM
& 12:45 PM - 3:15 PM

While supplies last

Due to Staffing at Lunch Time
We will suspend
Distribution between
11:15 am - 12:45 pm

You are welcome to wait in the café until distribution time resumes.

Harrison County Senior Center
500 W. Main Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301
304-623-6795

Thank You

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

2023 Income Guidelines

To be eligible to receive Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program benefits, you must be at least 60 years old, and your income may not exceed:

Household Size	Monthly	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	Twice-Monthly	Annual
1	\$2,248	\$519	\$1,038	\$1,124	\$26,973
2	\$3,041	\$702	\$1,404	\$1,521	\$36,482
3	\$3,833	\$885	\$1,769	\$1,917	\$45,991
4	\$4,625	\$1,068	\$2,135	\$2,313	\$55,500
5	\$5,418	\$1,251	\$2,501	\$2,709	\$65,009

GROSS INCOME - before taxes
(The income limit is 185 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines, as adjusted).

West Virginia
Department of Agriculture
Kent Leonhardt, Commissioner
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East
Charleston, West Virginia 25305
304-558-2210

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Those who have questions about qualification may call (304) 623-6795 for more information.

Federal Agencies to Host Economic Development Presentations

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will partner to host an economic development series in Fairmont, WV at the Robert H. Mollohan Research Center Tuesday, June 27, 2023 from 8 am to 4 pm.

The series, titled "Path to Prosperity," provides individuals, small businesses, including agriculture enterprises (farmers and ranchers), and communities, useful information, tools, resources, and an opportunity to engage in dynamic discussions intended to create economic progress.

The no-cost series features panel discussions with economic and lending experts, government contracting, and community partners and stakeholders, and cybersecurity experts who will identify challenges, share best practices, and innovative solutions to accessing capital, contracting opportunities, and operating securely online.

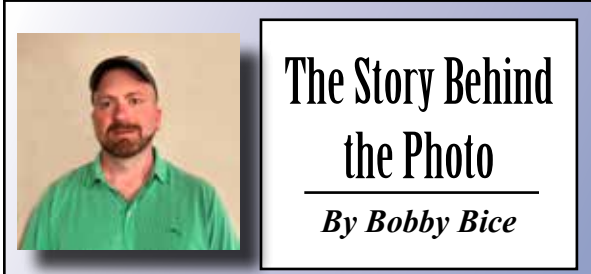
This event, ninth in a national series, includes lenders from local, regional, and national financial institutions helping to expand bank referrals of small businesses for technical assistance from business development organizations. Attendees include financial institutions, CDFIs, trade groups, local and federal government staff and nonprofit organizations who support the small business community.

There is no cost to attend the event in person or virtually, however registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the event calendar at www.sba.gov/wv. Questions should be directed to Terri Billups, (202) 368-4674 tbillups@sba.gov, or Jake Perryman, (202) 740-5610, jhperryman@sba.gov.

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Picturing Realities of the Past Through Poignant, Yet Also Painful, Photographs



The Story Behind the Photo

By Bobby Bice

Many people have stories related to Friday evening June 23 rd, 1944 when one of nature's most violent storms—a tornado—devastated Shinnston. Through my historical research, I recently came across an 1888 Clarksburg newspaper. In it contained an advertisement for a drugstore in Shinnston named “The Cyclone”.

WOW! Little would the townspeople of 1888 have known that a real cyclone would visit the town fifty-six years later.

In my collection of photos, I have several images pertaining to the tornado, but the one shown here is one of my favorites. It was taken on Pleasant Hill and shows the remains of the last three homes on Second Street, before turning down Howard Street. The old Lucas farm on West Side is visible in the distance. The porch at far left is from the Pillo home and the home at right is the Storage home.

The middle home was where my maternal great grandparents, Herb and Olive Andrick, lived. My great grandmother is seen sitting on [what's left of] her front porch. As a collector, it's always interesting to find photographs pertaining to historic events.

In addition to the tornado, I also have several photos of the aftermath of the Monongah Mine Disaster along with other mine disasters as well as floods. However, this image forces me to grasp the depth of reality: someone was going around with a camera, taking photos of my grandparent's distress. The person taking the photo still had a camera, still had film, still had a home to go to, still had a roof over their home, still had all of their furniture, and still had their loved ones.

My grandmother was sitting on her porch, most



A thorough look at photos from the past can reveal incredible truths about their times.

likely wondering where they were going to live, how would they make it through the summer with their garden destroyed, what furniture would be salvageable and where would they get the money to replace the furniture that wasn't, how would the cleanup begin, would they be able to keep their four children fed and well?

She was facing a level of hardship that she had never experienced before and here was someone wanting to capture it on film. Little did she know that 79 years later, her great grandson would be holding the snapshot that this stranger was taking as he walked passed her.

I'm thankful for photographic history, but I'm also in touch with the lesson to be learned while looking at each image. I know that my great grandparents had worked through the night, helping uncover bodies—both dead and alive—from piles

of debris. My grandfather was most likely still providing help when this image was taken. They had lost friends and neighbors of all ages.

This photograph, which was taken the day after the tornado, depicts a woman I knew many years later. I'm sure my great grandmother had many thoughts going through her mind when this image was taken, but I'm also certain that she was singing praises for the lives that were spared.

At the time the tornado struck, her four children were at the joint Baptist-Methodist Bible School closing program at the Methodist Church in town, along with many other children and families whose lives were shown mercy.

My grandmother was tired. She was broken-hearted. She was in distress. Most of all, she was thankful. And that is the story behind the photo.

U.S. Senator Manchin Announces \$270,000 for Aviation Center at Fairmont State University

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Senator Joe Manchin, D-WV, member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$270,000 from the Department of Education (DOE) to purchase equipment for Fairmont State University's Aviation Center for Excellence. This federal funding is one of the Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests Senator Manchin secured on behalf of West Virginia through the Fiscal Year 2023 funding bill.

“As our nation faces a workforce shortage in the aviation industry, programs like Fairmont State University's Aviation Center for Excellence are as important as ever,” said Senator Manchin. “I proudly secured this funding to provide state-of-the-art equipment to the Center to properly train and prepare students for a career in the industry. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue advocating for funding through Congressionally Directed Spending and other programs to ensure West Virginia universities have the resources they need to help our students thrive.”

The Senate Appropriations Committee allows

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Request for Proposals for Engineering Services. The City of Shinnston is requesting proposals from qualified engineering firms to provide engineering study, design, and construction management services for improvements to the existing water distribution system. Professional services requested will include: (1) Preliminary planning, secure funding, final design, and preparation for construction contract award; (2) Participation in the evaluation of bids received; and (3) Monitoring and inspection of construction activities to ensure compliance with approved plans and specifications. Procurement of said services shall be in accordance with The West Virginia State Code §5G 1-3. All consultants interested in being considered for this project must submit five (5) copies each of: (1) Letter of interest; (2) Statement of Qualifications and Experience of staff persons who will oversee the project; and (3) References. Additionally, proposals must include the experience of the firm with state and federal grant programs and the experience in engineering and construction management of this type of project. The objective of the competitive process is to objectively select the firm who will provide the highest quality of service for the specified project. Accordingly, technical qualifications and experience will be weighed heavily. The firms judged most qualified will be invited to be interviewed by the City of Shinnston. Please submit all requested information to the City of Shinnston, Chad Edwards, City Manager, 40 Main Street, Shinnston, WV 26431, postmarked no later than Friday, June 30th, 2023. Attention is directed to the fact that the proposed project is to be undertaken through various state and federal government grants and loans, and that all work will be performed in accordance with the regulation issued by those agencies. The selected firm will be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, Executive Order 11246, Section 109 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Conflict of Interest Statement and Access to Records provisions, any other agency-specific requirements, and all other requirements as they relate to HUD-funded projects. The City of Shinnston will afford full opportunity to disadvantaged business enterprises to submit a show of interest in response to this invitation and will not discriminate against any interested firm or individual on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin in the contract award. This contract will be awarded to the responsible offeror whose proposal is judged most competitive and determined to be most advantageous to the City of Shinnston. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Chad Edwards, City Manager, 40 Main Street, Shinnston, WV 26431, (304)592-3076.

Harrison County Board of Education Recognizes Attendance Accomplishments

By Stephen Smoot

Harrison County's school board last week held its second meeting of the month of June. Business opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, then special recognition of awards to local schools from the State of West Virginia.

The word of the day in special recognition was “graduation” and the news was good. All area high schools earned certificates of award given to those who met or exceeded state goals in that field.

Lincoln High School earned a certificate for their five year graduation rate, as did Robert C. Byrd High School. Bridgeport, Liberty, and South Harrison all received accolades for both the four and five year attendance rate.

United Technical Center graduated 88 students with a rate of 95 percent.

David Decker, Lincoln High School principal, thanked the school board for the credit recovery program. This policy allowed students to recover lost credits to help them graduate in a timely fashion.

He added that he appreciated the school board's support for career and technical education programs at United for “kids who do not fit” the traditional school and classroom environment.

Good news also came from the area of career and technical education, particularly the increasingly popular aviation technology efforts in Harrison County Schools. _____ (Ask Hamrick) provided a report of development of education and internship programs that help to steer students toward one of the area's fastest growing and more financially lucrative fields.

“I have good news. Everything I will tell you is good,” she exclaimed.

First, she described the impact of a Perkins collaborative grant that funded a hands on aviation education experience at Pierpont Community and Technical College. In its second year, the \$75,000 award paid for instruction, transportation, and materials, including use of a flight simulator.

“We're trying to improve the awareness of aviation in this area,” she explained.

School officials came out to observe the project to learn more, but the next step lies in getting aviation officials into the schools to recruit for the program. “These opportunities,” she said, “are really important and we want to come to every middle and high school.”

She then discussed the development of key partnerships with both the Harrison County Chamber of Commerce and also the United Way.

Work with the Chamber includes plans for financial literacy education, including the “Get a Life” program that teaches middle school students how to live on a budget with a minimum

wage salary. In the student's second year, they get “promoted” and are allowed to budget on a somewhat expanded salary.

The Chamber also seeks other opportunities for collaboration, including mentoring programs, competitions, and other ideas. Many businesses seek specific information on how they can best help the school system and its efforts. As part of this collaboration, WVU Nursing has stepped forward with a job shadowing proposal which “will start small and grow” either in 2023-24 or the subsequent school year.

“The United Way has been a godsend,” she reported. They promote opportunities for students looking to go into human services fields, including nursing and education. Job shadowing and other forms of mentoring have given students insights beyond what they might learn in a traditional classroom.

“Programs that offer job shadowing and internships are the future of education,” she explained.

Next came discussion of a collaboration between Liberty High School, the Clarksburg Water Board, and the West Virginia Rural Water Association. Gary Hamrick, school board president, shared his excitement about the memorandum of understanding that will combine efforts to train water plant staff.

Pamela Knight, principal of Liberty High School, shared more details, saying that “this is an exciting time.”

Two students so far have taken part in the program with “one of the young men . . . so over the top to do this.”

The program's goal lies in training interns to work as level two staff. This puts them on an accelerated track for both employment at a water plant, or also heading one. Managing an entire plant requires that the worker attain level four status.

School board members, however, also heard less positive news about technology in current use. I pads used by elementary and middle school students are approaching their “end of life” after six years of use. Other school systems try to replace them between three and four years of use and age.

The report revealed an incredible amount of usage with 114 million separate site visits. Devices also have streamlined the process of taking state mandated examinations. Dora Stutler, Harrison County superintendent, stated that they should be “used as an aid for instruction, not as instruction.

Board members also said that old devices could be sold and that the cost of new shall be researched.

Secretary of State Mac Warner Reminds Business Owners of June 30 Annual Report Deadline

Charleston, W.Va – WV Secretary of State Mac Warner is issuing a notice to business owners to file their Annual Report by the statutory deadline of June 30th. Businesses that miss the June 30th deadline will be flagged in the state's database as out of compliance. Late filers will be assessed a \$50 late fee as required by law.

With West Virginia boasting the highest number of registered businesses recorded in state history, more Annual Reports will need to be filed than ever before. Almost 99% of all Annual Reports are filed online. Online filings can take less than five minutes at the WV One Stop Business Portal found at Business4.WV.gov. Guest filing is available for business owners who prefer not to establish an online account.

The fee to file an Annual Report is \$25. Warner encourages business owners to be wary of third-party solicitations that charge as much as \$375 to file the Annual Report on behalf of the business. A third party is not required to file.

For assistance, call the WV Secretary of State's Office during regular business hours at 304-558-8000 to speak to a Business & Licensing specialist, or use SOLO, our new virtual assistant, accessible from the bottom right corner of wvsos.gov.

Bishop Mark E. Brennan of the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese Announces June Appointments

Father John Rice is reappointed as chaplain of the West Virginia State Council of the Knights of Columbus for the Fraternal Years 2023-2024, effective immediately. This is in addition to his current assignment as pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Parkersburg and St. Monica Mission in Lubeck.

Father Martin Smay is reappointed as chaplain to the Boy Scouts of America, effective June 12, 2023, for a term of three years. This is in addition to his current assignment as pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Thomas and Our Lady of Mercy Mission in Parsons.

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members of Congress to submit CDS requests, which provides an opportunity for state and local governments, non-profits, and other public entities to receive targeted funding for projects that bolster their communities and directly support West Virginians. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Manchin works to ensure taxpayer dollars are allocated to priorities that benefit all West Virginians, boost economic growth and support the needs of communities across the Mountain State while remaining fiscally responsible.

Agritourism Training Opportunity Now Available

A recently approved Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) grant will support an agritourism training project taking place in West Virginia.

"Agritourism and Land Use: Good Neighbors and Good Business for Rural Resilience" is led by project leader Jodi Richmond from WVU Extension - Mercer County Commission.

The project received \$149,900 through Northeast SARE's Professional Development grant program. The Professional Development Grant Program funds train-the-trainer projects that develop the knowledge, awareness, skills and attitudes among the full range of service providers who work with farmers.

Richmond and team will train 300 agricultural service providers and to advise agritourism operators in the liability of their

operation, risk management coverage and zoning issues. The long-term impact of the program will be increasing the profitability and sustainability of Agritourism operations.

Agritourism operations increasingly encounter conflict with neighbors over noise, parking, traffic, and other issues, as well as with local government regulators on issues involving zoning and land use. The definition of "agritourism" differs from state-to-state and is often unclear. Although the term implies a connection between the farming operation and tourism activities, operators increasingly employ bounce houses and other party games, haunted houses, petting zoos, hay rides, concerts, movies and other activities that lack a clear connection to the agricultural operation. Neighbors are increasingly complaining about the impacts of these

operations.

Over the course of the project, Richmond and team will gather information about this important but often overlooked aspect of agritourism, and educates producers, service providers and others on how to minimize conflicts while maximizing returns to the operator. Innovations include targeting land use planners, local government officials, and attorneys in the education efforts.

This project is one of 69 grant projects, representing \$7.1m in funding, recently reviewed by teams of farmers, researchers, educators, and industry and nonprofit representatives and approved by Northeast SARE's Administrative Council. The Administrative Council is a governance body representing a broad constituency of the Northeast agricultural community.

Harrison County Sheriff's Department Announces Citizen Sheriff's Academy

Harrison County Sheriff Robert Matheny is pleased to announce the opening of the first Citizen Sheriff's Academy. This academy will allow business, religious, civic, and community leaders an inside look at the operation of the Harrison County Sheriff's Office. The academy will consist of eight weeks of instruction and information, beginning on August 10, 2023, and conclude with a graduation ceremony on October 5, 2023. There is no charge for the academy.

Classes will meet on consecutive Thursday's from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Most will be held at the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Headquarters, located at 609 W. Main Street, Clarksburg, although a few classes will be held off-site. Please do not apply unless you are able to commit to all eight sessions.

The mission of this academy is to foster a greater understanding of the role of the Sheriff and his staff throughout Harrison County. The academy will consist of a series of demonstrations, lectures, PowerPoint presentations, videos, interactions, hands-on, guest presenters, and frank group discussions. Through this interaction, the Sheriff hopes to strengthen relationships with the citizens and thus, be able to better respond to community issues and concerns. For the participants, they will

have a look into, and an understanding of, the inner workings of the Sheriff's Office like no other.

There will be a variety of topics covered, but not limited to court room procedures, court security, the role of a Bailiff, Processing and Staging, Tax Division, and the work of the Detectives from crime scene processing and evidence gathering, crime scene reconstruction, to hands-on with a mock Crime Scene. The Patrol Unit presentation will consist of the many scenarios deputies face every day in the field from routine traffic stops to violent crimes.

Off site classes will feature the K-9 Team, training, and demonstration, a tour of the 911 center, and the North Central Regional Jail. In addition to these, members will visit a court room, hear from a local judge, and tour the local staging area where persons are held before being transferred to the North Central Regional Jail or waiting for a court appearance.

There will also be presentations and demonstrations from the Greater Harrison County Drug and violent crime Taskforce and the Sheriff's SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) Team, including a look inside the SWAT truck, tactics, weapons, and procedures. Furthermore, members of the Youth Outreach Unit which include School Prevention Resource Deputies, and the Deputy Sheriff Reserve Unit (volunteers) will be available for one session, explaining their role within the county.

In addition to the eight sessions, one additional optional session will be held on a Sunday afternoon. Participants will meet at the Deputy Sheriff's Association's Range for a safety briefing and demonstration of the weapons used and relied upon by the Sheriff's Office. Following those two stages, members will have an opportunity to fire those weapons, with an instructor right beside them.

At the conclusion of the academy, graduates will be given an opportunity to join the 'first' Harrison County Citizen Sheriff's Academy Alumni Association, for the purpose of strengthening relationships and improving understanding between the Sheriff's Office and their communities, now and in the future. As a graduate, one will become an Ambassador for the Sheriff's Office, and a direct link to that office for the communities in which they live.

Note: To be eligible, one must live in Harrison County.

You can secure an application in several ways: Download from the Sheriff's Office Facebook page, "Harrison County Sheriff's Office, WV." Visit the Law Enforcement Headquarters at 609 West Main Street, Clarksburg. Stop by the Tax Division in the Harrison County Court House. Or, ask a member of the Deputy Sheriff Reserve Unit.

If you have any questions, please contact the Harrison County Sheriff's Office at 304-423-7722.

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