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## Honoring Shinnston and Harrison County's Volunteer Emergency Responders



Shinnston Fire Department and other volunteer emergency responders have created a powerful legacy and tradition in both Shinnston and Harrison County

By Stephen Smoot

Few everyday citizens think much of area volunteer emergency services, outside of driving by a station, seeing their vehicles proudly roll past in a parade, or attending a fundraising event.

But then may come one of the many potential personal tragedies that most hope never happens to them. Wiring issues spark a fire inside a home. A bunch of kids try floating in a creek or a river after a major storm and get stuck and injured in a dangerous spot. A loved one feels the terrifying squeeze of pain in the chest that means "heart attack."

Or a massive wildfire breaks out requiring volunteer service assistance from other cities, counties, or even states, bringing hundreds in for days at a time to help.

Even then, when a trained professional volunteer shows up to rescue the kids, put out the fire, or treat and transport a medical victim, the feelings are those of relief because a committed team has come to do their best to make things right.

According to Donnie Lindsey, chief of the Shinnston Volunteer Fire Department, approximately 1,100 times last year, their house answered the call. It upholds in every instance what he calls "a deep and rich tradition"

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## County Commission Approves Community Requests For Project Support

By Stephen Smoot

Baseball, hiking, biking, history, and community fun dominated the Harrison County Commission agenda last week as community figures came to request funding to support a range of endeavors.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation, which said "we thank You for the individuals in this room" and their work to further the well-being of the area.

Funding requests opened with a short talk from Charlene Louk, representing the Nutter Fort city council. With the centennial celebration coming next month, the town has planned "a huge one day event" to commemorate the occasion. The council member said "we are hopeful that the commission can help us out some" because "our expenses are more than funds collected."

The commission approved the town's request for \$1,500. Next came a request to support the Lost Creek Community Festival. As Ron Watson explained, in its 26th year, "we have a big event planned." Plans include 70s and 80s style music events, food, and more. The festival requested and received \$3,000 to pay for entertainment at the gathering.

Lost Creek Community Festival organizers also requested on Facebook that those seeking to sell food or come as a vendor start to submit applications. The festival always takes place in the third weekend of

September. Sam Santilli represented District Five of the West Virginia Little League. He explained that "District Five has really stepped up to the plate" in terms of creating an event experience that players and families will always remember. Santilli also shared that the event created an important economic impact for the area with 11 of 14 squads staying in county lodging. He requested and received \$500 "to defer basic costs."

Finally, commissioners heard from Andrew Walker who represented the Mountaineer Trail Network Authority. He explained that "we've been working hard the last six months," to get trails set for use in 2024. The goal lies in providing "outdoor recreation across the 16 county network." and the funding would support "more research and infrastructure."

When questioned about the nature of the organization, Walker explained that it functions as an arm of state government. He provided a "letter of distinction" from the IRS that identified it as a state and not a non or for profit entity. The network sees the Hatfield and McCoy trail system as a model and has used an Appalachian Regional Commission grant for coal producing areas to support operations thus far. Walker said that the intention is to wean itself from federal funding as quickly as possible.

The funds would help to support the entire operation across

sixteen counties. Three counties gave \$5,000 while Wood and Monongahela provided \$15,000 a piece.

Afterwards, commissioners opened discussion on the best way in which to sell off loose dirt on county property. They concluded that it would be best to sell all of the dirt at once and at auction, then decided to create a request for proposal to start the process. Commissioners also decided to not take less than \$1,000 for the dirt. Purchasers would have the responsibility to take the dirt out with their own equipment.

Commissioners concluded with a discussion on the development of the West Virginia First Foundation, along with how best to work with the organization created to disperse opioid settlement funds.

They expressed concern about a development happening elsewhere, that the most populous county in the drawn up districts also ended up with the lion's share of influence within the district. One commissioner said "Monongahela County packed the vote." There was a suggestion to redress the district balance of power by joining with other counties "to create a bloc" to counter the influence of Monongahela County within the district board.

## West Virginia DNR's New Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide Features Changes From Last Year



By Stephen Smoot

As West Virginia hunters and trappers look forward to the 2023 seasons, the state Department of Natural Resources has released their new regulations guide. Some important changes have been made since last year.

Hunters of deer in four counties, Upshur, Barbour, Mason, and Jackson, have all been asked to bring deer harvested on November 20 and 21 to Biological Game Examination Stations, often set up at conveniently located gas stations or stores.

These stations are open between 9 AM and 8 PM.

According to Stephen Roush from the WV DNR, "we initiated a five year whitetail deer telemetry study" with 2023 being the third year. As he explains, the study provides information on the deer population. It will help to answer questions concerning the deer range and population. Much of it focuses on "specific mortality" of how deer are killed, not only from hunting, but also roadway deaths, natural

predators, disease, and more.

Roush adds that "this is the biggest study that Wildlife resources has ever done, especially with whitetail deer. Data will be used to assist in better herd management statewide.

The WV DNR in many areas adjusted the season schedule and also established different bag limits for different counties. In Harrison County, hunters will see archery and crossbow seasons extending from Sept 30 to Dec 31 with a maximum bag limit of three, among other restrictions and privileges. Buck firearms season lasts between Nov 20 and Dec 3 with a maximum season bag limit of two.

Additionally, antlerless firearms season in the county has four periods open, Oct 26 to 29, Nov 20 to Dec 3, Dec 7 through 10, and Dec 28 to 31. The maximum season bag limit is three. Finally, muzzleloader season lasts from

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### BUILDING AMAZING CITIES

By JIM HUNT  
author, speaker, consultant

## 100th Episode of The Amazing Cities and Towns Podcast!



Jim Hunt hands Mayor Victoria Woodards of Tacoma, Washington with an honor. She is also president of the National League of Cities

About the time that Covid was upending our lives, I began the Amazing Cities and Towns podcast with little more than a scant understanding of what it takes to do a podcast. I wanted to share some of the incredible people that I have met in local government and become a resource for Mayors. Council members and anyone that was interested in how their city hall works.

My first call was to my son-in-law, who had his own podcast and is a genius at technology and navigating the often confusing world of the internet and the various components that make a successful podcast. He asked me a lot of questions and gave me some insight on what I was attempting. We

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# OPINION

## Joe Manchin's Dilemma

Last week, US Senator Joe Manchin went to New Hampshire and made headlines even in Great Britain. The Daily Mail headline referred to the Senator saying “we’ll see” when asked if he would follow the Joe Lieberman model and switch his registration to independent. Of course, pre election year visits to locales such as New Hampshire or Iowa always have a heavy political tinge.

Manchin faces a unique career crossroads. Robert Maddox, the late Marshall University professor of US and state history, used to say the most successful US Senators from West Virginia were those who knew how to bring others together, whether within or between the two parties. He cited Jennings Randolph as a penultimate example.

Both Senators Manchin and Shelley Moore Capito have worked to fill that role while earning respect in their offices. Manchin, however, has paid a steep price over time. As a centrist who occasionally leans to the political right, he has for years taken slings and arrows from national Democrats who wish he’d be more leftist and West Virginia voters who see efforts at national compromise as working against the interests of his voters in the Mountain State.

The classical definition of a dilemma lies in having a set of choices, each one presenting a set of difficult problems to overcome.

He actually has four options. The first two, running once again for Governor or retirement, have not come up much in the general conversation.

Manchin could run for re-election in his current office. His centrism has made him vulnerable in a conservative state and the Republican Party has strong choices to put against him. Congressman Alex Mooney is an experienced, fearless, and relentless campaigner skilled at pointing out where opponents fall short on meeting the state’s conservative expectations. Governor Jim Justice and his mascot Babydog may be some of the best political branding one will find anywhere.

Either would push Manchin hard in a general election for US Senate.

The presidency looms as a political magnet for Manchin. No Democrat with national standing, including Biden himself, has the level of experience at both the state and federal level that Manchin brings. The problem for him there, however, is that his party at the national level has fallen into the hands of Jacobins.

National level Republicans and their media allies alternate in their like and dislike of Manchin depending on what he says or does on that particular day, but highly visible Democratic party Leftists and Team Biden despise his moderation.

Manchin’s problems in a presidential race are clear. Switching registration to Republican at this stage would fail to put him among the top rank of current GOP choices. As far as the national Democratic Left is concerned, the fact that a Manchin presidency would likely look more like that of Grover Cleveland or Harry Truman than an Obama or even a Clinton would earn their undying enmity.

Manchin seems to be exploring the “No Labels” option, but third party campaigns have tremendous challenges baked into the cake. His best shot, should he decide to run for president, would seem to be the hope that independents and a Democratic “silent majority” in key states would carry him past the bewildered Biden to his current party’s nomination.

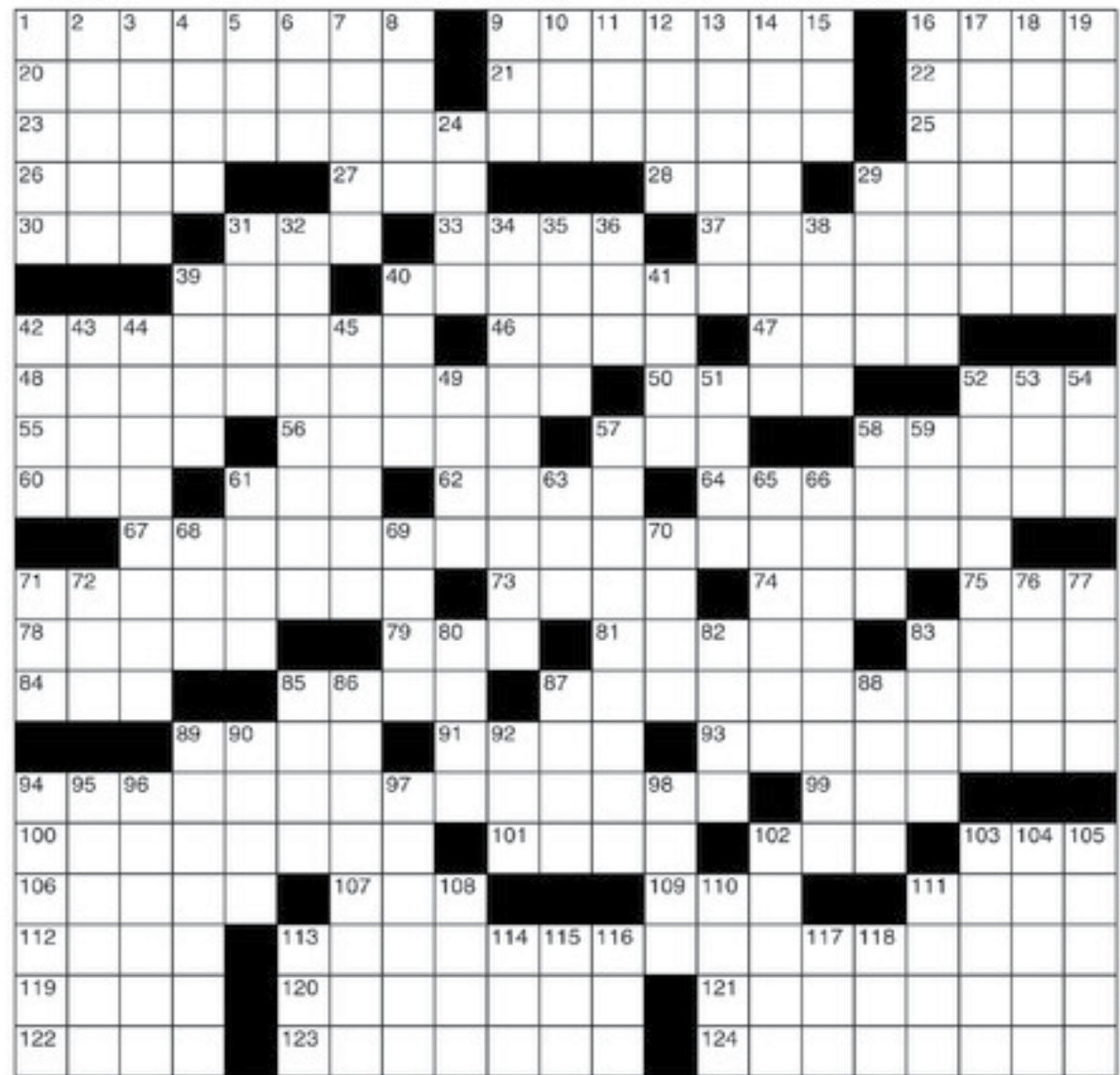
Overall, the biggest problem in American politics is the presidency itself. That office has grown powerful enough to directly affect people’s lives, which inevitably brings brinkmanship in politics because so many feel they have so much to lose.

A message of limiting the power of the presidency, promising the return of significant authority to state governments, and a Warren Harding “return to normalcy” style campaign could resonate with those on both sides tired of increasing DC dominance of the national landscape. These ideals lie within the Manchin political spectrum, but are they winning arguments in 2024 for a candidate like him, should he run?

# Super Crossword

## SHE'S OUT

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|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| <b>ACROSS</b>   | <b>48</b> Late-night host Jimmy's collection of TVs? [Zadora] | <b>85</b> Bit of change                                      | <b>122</b> Saloon casks   | <b>35</b> March day to "beware"                        | <b>77</b> "To be," to Augustus         |
| <b>1</b> Crux   | <b>50</b> Kissing target                                      | <b>87</b> Comparably dense to the one here? [Arden]          | <b>123</b> Not too soft, as pasta   | <b>36</b> Packers' org.                                | <b>80</b> Cuzco native                 |
| <b>9</b> Denver gridlers                                      | <b>52</b> Martini liquor                                      | <b>89</b> Bamboozle  | <b>124</b> 2014 Ben Affleck thriller that would make a good alternate title for this puzzle | <b>38</b> Tools with teeth                             | <b>82</b> "Behold," to Augustus        |
| <b>16</b> Butte relative                                      | <b>55</b> Tire trouble  | <b>91</b> "Later!"   | <b>DOWN</b>   | <b>39</b> Go no further                                | <b>83</b> "— never fly!"               |
| <b>20</b> "Later!"  | <b>56</b> Leafy recess  | <b>93</b> Guaranteed-to-succeed                              | <b>1</b> Cabinet wood   | <b>40</b> League                                       | <b>85</b> Tribal bunch                 |
| <b>21</b> 1990s Oldsmobile                                    | <b>57</b> Proscribe   | <b>94</b> Weep while excavating fossil fuel? [Ortiz]         | <b>2</b> Ear-relevant   | <b>41</b> Pueblo pot                                   | <b>86</b> Holiday-Earp gunfight site   |
| <b>22</b> "Downhill" star Novello                             | <b>58</b> Hot-air bath  | <b>99</b> Ballplayer Ripken                                  | <b>3</b> Twisted wit  | <b>42</b> Uncertain                                    | <b>87</b> Docile                       |
| <b>23</b> Going just the way one begged for it to go? [Curry] | <b>60</b> Tokyo cash  | <b>100</b> It's turned to go in and out                      | <b>4</b> Nape's place   | <b>43</b> Narrative                                    | <b>88</b> Lee of Marvel                |
| <b>25</b> Medieval peon                                       | <b>61</b> Family guy actor Scott                              | <b>101</b> Designer Saanen                                   | <b>5</b> "— found it!"  | <b>44</b> Like desks with sloping covers               | <b>89</b> Some ancient warships        |
| <b>26</b> Scrawny   | <b>62</b> "Happy Days" actor Scott                            | <b>102</b> Buddhist sect                                     | <b>6</b> Female rabbit  | <b>45</b> Intrinsically                                | <b>90</b> Pen fillers                  |
| <b>27</b> Former Common Market abbr.                          | <b>64</b> Luggage-screening official, for short               | <b>103</b> Rep.'s rival                                      | <b>7</b> Marine duck  | <b>49</b> 1930s-'40s pitcher Newsom                    | <b>92</b> Dot in la mer                |
| <b>28</b> 35mm camera abbr.                                   | <b>67</b> Headline after a Harley stalls? [Meyers]            | <b>106</b> Tools with teeth                                  | <b>8</b> R&B singer India.—   | <b>51</b> The "I" of ILO: Abbr.                        | <b>94</b> Dated music display case     |
| <b>29</b> Uruguay's — del Este                                | <b>71</b> Waits on hand and foot                              | <b>107</b> "Angie" actor Stephen                             | <b>9</b> Valise, e.g.   | <b>52</b> Question asked while covering someone's eyes | <b>95</b> Band gofer                   |
| <b>30</b> Tarzan actor Ron                                    | <b>73</b> Not yet final, legally                              | <b>109</b> "No more seats" abbr.                             | <b>10</b> Rival of LG   | <b>53</b> Hotel cousin                                 | <b>96</b> Joining, as oxen             |
| <b>31</b> Palme — (prize at Cannes)                           | <b>74</b> Family guy  | <b>111</b> Mrs., in Madrid                                   | <b>11</b> "Ex's & —" (Elle King hit)  | <b>54</b> "King" Cole                                  | <b>97</b> Fell in line                 |
| <b>33</b> "You could hear — drop"                             | <b>75</b> Lincoln-to-Topoka dir.                              | <b>112</b> Take — view of (frown on)                         | <b>12</b> Light bites   | <b>57</b> Singing group for lads                       | <b>103</b> "— know it!"                |
| <b>37</b> Property appraiser                                  | <b>78</b> Surrounded by                                       | <b>113</b> Cook another egg after cooking a dozen? [Tarbell] | <b>13</b> Bottom level  | <b>58</b> Verbalized                                   | <b>104</b> Set foot in                 |
| <b>39</b> Rabbit action                                       | <b>79</b> '16 Olympics site                                   | <b>119</b> French film theater                               | <b>14</b> Exceed, as a proper limit   | <b>59</b> Get riper                                    | <b>105</b> Taj —                       |
| <b>40</b> Reputation as a great pilot? [Salonga]              | <b>81</b> Group of sub-sub-athletes                           | <b>120</b> Demigods  | <b>15</b> Bummed out  | <b>61</b> Arctic floater                               | <b>108</b> "Look — now!"               |
| <b>42</b> "You're on!"  | <b>83</b> Retort to "You weren't!"                            | <b>121</b> Traditional Chinese drink                         | <b>16</b> Treats badly  | <b>63</b> French "here"                                | <b>110</b> Diana of "The Avengers"     |
| <b>46</b> Be a snitch   | <b>84</b> Tear  |  | <b>17</b> Nevertheless  | <b>65</b> Crooner Neil                                 | <b>111</b> China's — Xiaoping          |
| <b>47</b> Fleeceable females                                  |   |  | <b>18</b> In a sense  | <b>66</b> Unwillingness to yield                       | <b>113</b> Rx org.                     |
|   |   |  | <b>19</b> Kennel noise  | <b>68</b> Cackling bird                                | <b>114</b> Sweetums                    |
|   |   |  | <b>24</b> Raleigh loc.  | <b>69</b> Singer Amos                                  | <b>115</b> Suffix with exist or differ |
|   |   |  | <b>29</b> Certain toy dog, for short  | <b>70</b> — Field (Mets' home)                         | <b>116</b> Philosopher Lao- —          |
|   |   |  | <b>31</b> Knucklehead   | <b>71</b> Uber arrival                                 | <b>117</b> Half of twenty              |
|   |   |  | <b>32</b> Sign of total acceptance  | <b>72</b> Pal, in Paris                                | <b>118</b> Wide shoe width             |
|   |   |  | <b>34</b> Longtime New Yorker cartoonist  | <b>76</b> Je ne — quoi                                 |  |



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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.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

**July 27, 1896:** Clark Kessinger was born near Charleston. He was among the most prolific and influential fiddlers of the 20th century, and one of West Virginia's most important traditional musicians.

**July 27, 1909:** Coach "Dyke" Raese was born in Davis. He directed West Virginia University to its first major sports national championship, winning the 1942 National Invitation Tournament in basketball.

**July 28, 1915:** Frankie Yankovic (no relation to polka musician and comedian "Weird" Al Yankovic) was born in Davis, Tucker County. Yankovic did more to popularize polka music than any other performer.

**July 29, 1873:** Malcolm Malachi "Mack" Day was born. As sheriff of McDowell County, he claimed that God had called him to enforce Prohibition, even arresting an uncle and his own son.

**July 29-31, 1915:** Camp Good Luck, believed to be the world's first 4-H club encampment, was held at Elkwater in southern Randolph County.

**July 29, 1918:** Novelist Mary Lee Settle was born in Charleston. Her literary reputation rests on the "Beulah Quintet," a sequence of five historical novels spanning four centuries.

**July 30, 1973:** The Frederick Hotel in downtown Huntington closed to transient trade. After it was built in 1905, it was touted as the most elegant hotel between Pittsburgh and Cincinnati.

**July 31, 1932:** Actor Theodore Crawford "Ted" Cassidy was born in Pittsburgh but was raised in Philippi. He was best known for his role as Lurch on "The Addams Family."

**Aug. 1, 1921:** Baldwin-Felts detectives shot and killed Sid Hatfield and Ed Chambers as they approached the McDowell County Courthouse in Welch. As Matewan's police chief, Hatfield had assisted the United Mine Workers campaign to organize Tug Fork miners.

**Aug. 1, 1940:** Justice Franklin Cleckley was born in Huntington. In 1994, he became the first Black justice to serve on the West Virginia Supreme Court. The Supreme Court once referred to Cleckley's handbooks on evidence and criminal procedure as "the bible for West Virginia's judges and attorneys."

**Aug. 2, 2009:** Golfers Sam Snead and Bill Campbell became the first two inductees into the West Virginia Golf Hall of Fame.



Phillippi honors the legacy of actor Ted Cassidy with its annual Lurch Fest, held on Aug 5 from noon to 8 PM

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All are welcome to the 2nd Annual Party on the Green for graduates or attendees of Shinnston and Lincoln High Schools. Event will take place from 2 to 11 PM at Green Space, Pike Street Shinnston

The City of Shinnston presents Shind, two days of music and fun on August 11 and 12

Lincoln Middle School is hosting new student registration on Aug 8 and 9 from 9 AM to 1 PM. Bring proof of residency, the student's last report card, immunization records, and any additional pertinent records

## "Hunt" From Pg 1.

spent hours on the phone and finally was ready to launch the podcast. Our first few episodes were challenging and I made some rookie mistakes, like not pressing "record" and having to call my guest and ask them to redo everything they had already done. Not a good move for gaining the confidence of your guests.

After about ten episodes, I had run through the original list of guests. We then started meeting over Zoom and dug deep into my friends list to get some future episodes scheduled. Since most of the prospective guests were very busy people, scheduling was becoming a nightmare. We persevered and gradually got comfortable with our process and had a few shows in the can.

After the first year, we had done about twenty episodes and Matt suggested trying to get authors and thought leaders from around the country who focused on local government in their writings. I was a little apprehensive, thinking that these busy people were going to take the time to do our fledgling podcast. As Matt

reached out to these people, I started to see the schedule, fill up with some pretty notable guests. Many would send copies of their books for me to review and my bookshelf was filling up with New York Times bestsellers and other great books on local government and the issues facing cities and towns across America.

One notable author was New York Times bestselling author, Sam Quinones, who wrote Dreamland, a riveting account of the Opioid Epidemic and The Least of Us, about the deadly rise of Fentanyl and Methamphetamine deaths in America. Sam had visited Clarksburg several times and wrote about the Clarksburg Mission and the compelling story of Dr. Lou Ortenzio, the director of the Mission.

On July 17, 2023, we released our 100th episode of the Amazing Cities and Towns podcast with National League of Cities 2023 President, Mayor Victoria Woodards as the guest. I have known Victoria for many years and have visited her in Tacoma many times. As luck would have

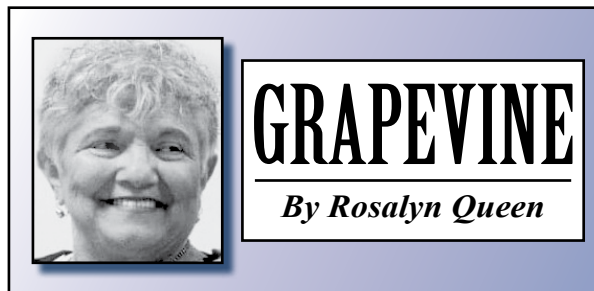
it, I was attending the National League of Cities Summer Board meeting and got to present a plaque to Mayor Woodards at a reception in the Tacoma Glass Museum. She was humbled to receive it and I was so thrilled that she was our 100th guest.

As we begin our next hundred episodes, I am excited that the podcast continues to grow and be a resource for local government officials. We now have people and organizations reaching out to us and suggesting interesting ideas for episodes. We have also been fortunate to have the continuing support of Bearing Advisors, who sponsor the podcast. Bearing Advisors works with companies and organizations that support local communities and we appreciate their support.

Excited for the next one hundred episodes of The Amazing Cities and Towns Podcast.

Note: The Amazing Cities and Towns Podcast is available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify and other popular podcast platforms.

## Basil, Birthdays, and, Unfortunately, Bronchitis



Please allow me to say this once again. "The Old Gray Mare, She Ain't What She Used To be."

After that wonderful wedding we had this past weekend and after nursing myself through bronchitis I certainly know that my age has taken a toll on my activity. I am still smart enough to know that I require rest and care to return to some sort of normalcy in my life.

I never knew bronchitis had such terrible symptoms, that it was contagious and took a while to get over it, getting it right in the middle of the wedding plans. Kind of put brakes on my activities. But now I think I am on my way to recovery and that normalcy will return soon. I am at the end of my medication and am curtailing my activities. I confined myself home for several days but learned that Marty had contacted it and then it seemed to pass on to Fray. So now that we will not reinfect each other, we wear masks, disinfect everything we touch and stay as far away from each other as we can.

In order to keep my strength up I decided to work in my little porch garden this morning. I had a few tomato plants that needed ties and I needed to trim my pepper plants. In the same container as my pepper plants are my basil plants and they are producing a bumper crop. I do not know what I like best - smelling them or eating them in a tomato salad.

While I was out there working, I remembered a Basil Book that Wanda Ashcroft sent to me several years ago. I keep it handy because not only does it have great recipes but it also has many other stories and uses of basil.

I wanted to share with you two ways to preserve

basil for use this fall and winter. First pick the large leaves from the tops of the plants, wash them and let them dry. Take a wide mouth pint and layer the leaves to the top of the pint. Cover the leaves with a good brand of oil and put the lid on the jar. If it does not seal, keep them in the refrigerator and be certain the leaves are covered at all times with the oil. This is a wonderful way to add fresh basil to your fall tomato salads. Also if you are making bruschetta.

I found another way to preserve basil in the book and this will certainly be easy for those of you who use the salt method in the crock. I would suggest getting as small a crock as possible. Pass on a hint, I get the crocks from discarded crock pots and they work well and are usually inexpensive. Place about 1/2 inch of salt-in the bottom, being sure to use canning salt and not table salt. Layer the dry leaves placing salt between each layer, when at the top, cover with a plate and place a weight on the plate. As you use it, it may be necessary to add salt to the top of the crock.

In future columns I will share with you some of the other uses of basil.

I wanted to thank Rose Scolopio who shared some of her vegetables from her garden with me. First I had a batch of that wonderful Swiss Chard and then a mess of hot peppers with cabbage and zucchini. There is nothing better than fresh vegetables from the garden.

A reminder that the Clarksburg Farmers Market is open and has a good selection of fresh vegetables and fruits.

A happy 95th birthday to Phyll Charnes. Many more in good health. Also celebrating birthdays are Laura Goff Davis and Betty Waddy.

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

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## Mazey to Step Down at WVU



### The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor  
Sports Editor

West Virginia University head baseball coach Randy Mazey has indicated that this next baseball season will be his last. Mazey put ink to paper on a new deal with the University that will span three years. Mazey will make it an even dozen on the diamond next season before sliding into a senior advisor role for the 2025 and 2026 campaigns.

Mazey started his coaching career at his alma mater, Clemson, in 1990. After getting his feet wet, Mazey elevated his status to head coach at Charleston Southern in 1996. Three years at Southern led to a stint at East Carolina. Mazey would guide the Pirate program from 2003 to 2005. The then veteran mentor would spend seven seasons as an assistant at TCU.

In 2012, the Mountaineer baseball program was going through a rough patch. The squad was coming off of a 23 and 32 record, and going back to add the two previous years and WVU had a 78 and 89 mark. The program was in dire need of a leader, and they found one in Mazey. Mazey would implement his principles, develop talent, and recruit top notch talent. It took three years to build a program from the ground up. Mazey built the base while his teams would produce near .500 seasons.

In 2016, the University would start to reap the benefits of Mazey's hard work, a 36 and 22 record that included a 20 win home total. The Mountaineers had some new home digs to promote

pride within the program in 2015 with the opening of Wagoner Field at Monongalia County Ballpark. The \$21 million ballpark featured state-of-the-art amenities that made some major league parks blush. It would have a 3,500 seat capacity that was shattered multiple times by Mazey's teams.

Three consecutive winning seasons led to his big breakthrough. Mazey would take the Mountaineers 16 games above .500 with a 38 and 22 record. They would host a regional game and claim an NCAA tournament win over Fordham. The pandemic put the clamps on a couple of campaigns, but two years ago, West Virginia would regain its footing en route to a 33 win season. It would be the fifth time in 10 attempts that Mazey's group would hit that total or higher. It would set the table for a remarkable season in 2023. The Mountaineers would garner 40 wins for only the second time (the first was in 1994 by the late Dale Ramsburg) in program history. A 40 - 20 final record was accompanied by the hosting of an NCAA Regional and a tie for first place in the Big 12 regular season standings as the highlight of a record breaking year.

Mazey owns a 336 and 250 record in his 11 year term. He has been recognized as the coach of the year twice in 2019 and 2023. As impressive as the above-mentioned accomplishments are, they pale in comparison to the amount of players that have gone to the next level. Overall, 37 of his players have been selected in the MLB Draft and eight additional would ink undrafted free agent deals. He would love to see several more, but there is one in particular that he has his eye on. His son, Wammer Mazey, had previously committed to the Mountaineer program and he is set to graduate from Morgantown High in 2025. It's another reason for Mazey to stick around town, and that would be the best news for the program.



## Get Hooked On The Highlands at Fisher Mountain While Teeing It Up



A golfer for the Pendleton County High school varsity squad last fall lines up a shot on a fan favorite hole on The Highlands at Fisher Mountain

This week's edition of Tee It Up focuses on The Highlands at Fisher Mountain. Built in 2016 by Bill Ward, this 18 hole championship course ranges 6,796 yards from the tips. The backdrop of the Potomac Highlands is spectacular and is the perfect scene-setter for a tremendous round of golf in Franklin.

This was my first trip to The Highlands and I was thoroughly impressed. I was extremely fortunate to play with local legend Charlie Burgoyne. Charlie is one of the nicest men I have ever met and he knows the course like the back of his hand. At least 50 times during our round, we would ask Charlie a distance and would double-check it, only to find that he was spot on.

This golf venue's breathtaking, but don't get caught gawking, or this monster will take your lunch money. This is one of the most challenging venues in the Mountain State and if the most difficult pin placements are utilized, it will provide a long day in the office for even the lowest handicapped golfers.

Every hole at The Highlands has character and its own intricacies. This is a detail driven course that possesses an island green in its signature hole, number 10. It's a downhill par four that is surrounded by a five acre lake. Number 12 caught my eye, a par five that plays 515 yards from the championship tee. From the middle of the fairway, you can look straight up at the mountain and see the cutout of a hole in the distance.

The Highlands is in impeccable condition. There are only 20 to 25 members so the course doesn't see too much play. The staff is friendly and their work ethic is evident everywhere you look. According to Charlie, the four workers are the most they have ever had on staff and it's hard to imagine how they accomplish so much.

This is a special place that I dub a "must play." If you have ever played this gem, you need to make The Highlands a priority. I'm already planning a return trip this fall.



## Jackson Wolf Called Up by San Diego Padres

By Adam Grossman

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – Former West Virginia left-handed pitcher Jackson Wolf has been called up to the Major Leagues by the San Diego Padres, the club announced on Saturday.

Wolf is set to make his major-league debut, Saturday evening as he will get the start on the mound against the Detroit Tigers at Comerica Park, just about 200 miles away from Wolf's hometown of Gahanna, Ohio. Wolf is making the jump straight from Double-A San Antonio where he went 8-8 with a 3.39 ERA in 17 starts. He has struck out 104 batters while walking just 20 in 85.0 innings.

Wolf, a fourth-round pick by the Padres in 2021, has logged 229.2 innings in three minor league seasons with 270 strikeouts and a 3.92 ERA. He is San Diego's 16th-ranked prospect.

In four years with WVU, Wolf pitched in 50 games with 33 starts, going 12-11 with 205 strikeouts in 208.2 innings. He was named to the All-Big 12 Second Team in 2021 after going 6-5 with a 3.03 ERA and 104 strikeouts.

The left-hander will become the 28th in WVU baseball history to play in the major leagues. He'll join Alek Manoah (Blue Jays) and Michael Grove (Dodgers) as former Mountaineers on a big-league active roster this season.

Wolf is the 18th player from the 2021 MLB draft to reach the majors. He is also the highest pick by the Padres to make his debut from that class and just the second after pitcher Alek Jacob, a 16th-round pick.

## Hammond Announces Signing of Barnick

By Chris Coombs

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – West Virginia University rifle coach Jon Hammond has announced that Gavin Barnick has signed an Athletic Grant-In-Aid for the 2023-24 academic year.

"I am delighted to welcome Gavin to the Mountaineer family, and I hope we can provide a wonderful home for him during the next two years," Hammond said. "He has a lot of experience and has been competing for USA this summer including the World Junior Championships in Korea at the moment. He will be a great addition to our team and were excited to start working with him on the range this fall."

Barnick comes to WVU after spending his first two collegiate seasons with Alaska-Fairbanks. There he helped guide the Nanooks to the 2022-23 NCAA National Championship and a third-place finish at the same event a year earlier.

Last season the then-sophomore posted an aggregate score of 1187 twice which marked his season high. He added season highs of 592 in smallbore while hitting a high of 597 in air rifle twice.

Internationally, Barnick managed gold at the 2022 ISSF World Championships in the Junior Men's 50m Rifle 3 Position Team. He added a silver at the 2022 Winter Air Gun Championships in the Men's 10m Air Rifle while earning bronze at the 2022 USA Shooting Rifle National Championships in the Junior Men's 50m Smallbore.

He took home bronze at the 2021 ISSF JR World Championships in the Men's 50m Smallbore Team, Mixed Team 50m Prone and the Men's 50m Smallbore. He added a silver medal at the 2021 JR Pan American Games. Before his collegiate career, he claimed a silver medal at the 2019 USA Shooting Rifle National Championships in the Junior Men's Air Rifle class.

## Splash Zone keeps improving safety standards through diligent staff



### From The World of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

The splash zone located at Veterans Park took a couple heavy hits at the beginning of the pool season with regards to kids getting foot abrasions by the rough services located at certain sections of the facility. Working hard with maintenance and pool staff as well as the company involved in applying the coats to the pool service, numbers have drastically dropped in terms of the number of injuries.

"This was a challenging year at the beginning," said one pool employee. "But the upside is that the Board, the management team and the company involved in this work, put together an action plan making the conditions better and allowing for fewer incidents to happen."

With close to a month now without a recorded

incident, the parks board has been trying to stay out in front of this by implementing a chart recording the date an injury was reported, the location and the result. This will help shrink the number of rough surfaces and hopefully eliminate this situation for future days at the pool. It is a team effort and management has been adamant of relaying the info onto lifeguards and others on how they are to handle these situations moving forward.

With over a week of total closures at the pool throughout the summer, numbers have taken a dip compared to seasons before. But, as stated by both the Board and management, the safety of the kids and families comes first. Getting things straightened out and fixed has been the goal and the action plan has worked out as best as it can.

Long term planning will involve a possible complete draining of the pool, contracting a company to come in and do a complete sanding and cleaning of the areas of concern before we fill a portion of the area up as the winterizing

of the property will start in mid-fall. Closure of the pool for the season will be based on the availability of staff as most kids are still in school.

"Lifeguards and other departments normally are kids who are still in school, and this is their summer gig," related pool staff. "Scheduling gets harder and harder once we get into August as most will go to college, play fall sports in high school or other things not allowing them to work. But sometimes we alter the hours of work or find alternatives to keep the pool open – especially on the weekends."

With less than a month of the pool being open at regular hours, families still have an opportunity to spend a vacation day right here in their backyard. The Splash Zone offers a lazy river, diving well, water slides and splash pad. A great facility where all families can enjoy a scorching summer day doing all sorts of activities. A full-service snack bar and mini-golf caps off a fun-filled day here at the Clarksburg Splash Zone.



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## Historian Bice Shares Sports and Shinnston High School Stories At Women's Club



By Debra Herndon

Co-President Mary Ann Ferris opened the July 17, 2023 Womans Club of Shinnston meeting, welcomed those present and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Wanda F. Ashcraft gave a devotional message and led the group in prayer.

The evening's speaker was Robert P. (Bobby) Bice III. Bice had many interesting pictures of buildings and sport teams from the high schools

located within Shinnston and led the group through the mystery of "when did Shinnston High School actually BECOME Shinnston High School?"

In a short business meeting, Alexis Herndon was presented a scholarship check from the Womans Club, Mary Ann Spadafore gave an update of Club funds and Fall Conference was announced.

First place Arts and Crafts entries to be

sent forward to Fall Conference included a photography entry from Mary Ann Spadafore and five first place items from Viviane Spagnuolo in categories of knitting, crochet, sewing, jewelry and recycled item.

The evening's refreshments included hot dogs, potato salad, beans and three homemade desserts.

Those present, not previously mentioned were Donna Mick and Chad Edwards.

The Woman's Club would welcome new members. For Information call or text Debra Herndon at 304-677-6650.

## Artists Sought For Local Museum Exhibit

By Debra Herndon

The Bice-Ferguson Museum will once again host an art exhibit for local artists. Charlie Cowger, his art students and former students will be displaying. Local artists who wish to participate, may bring in a piece on the set-up day of Thursday, August 3rd, between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. The exhibit will be shown through August during normal museum hours of Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10- 2, and will conclude with an artists' reception on Saturday, August 26th, when a small cash prize will be given for People's Choice Award. Work should be original, "G-rated" and should be free standing whenever possible.



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## Ashcraft Shares Stories of State History with Shinnston Garden Club

By Debra Herndon

The Shinnston Garden Club met on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 1 pm at the Sunset-Ellis Restaurant with President Dorothy Rota presiding. She welcomed all. Wanda F. Ashcraft, Vice-President, gave devotions; "Garden Time" and "The Master's Garden." The Pledge to the United States Flag was said in unison.

Ashcraft shared a picture and article from the Inter-Mountain Newspaper showing the Emma Kemper Garden Club – it won the "Best Garden Club in WV" at this year's State Convention. Congratulations to our fellow Garden Club which performs a multitude of good works in Elkins. Ashcraft also shared an article wherein Sen. Joe Manchin is proposing U.S. Flags be purchased in the U.S. using U.S. materials. This brought applause from the members.

Ashcraft presented a program on famous and well-known women from West Virginia who made big impacts on the history of WV. The program was well received, gathering applause and favorable comments. Ashcraft was attired




in the State colors, and she stated that although she had lived for some years in Texas and Mississippi while her husband was with the Air Force, they had always used Shinnston as their legal domicile and she was always proud to say she was a West Virginian and Shinnston was her home town.

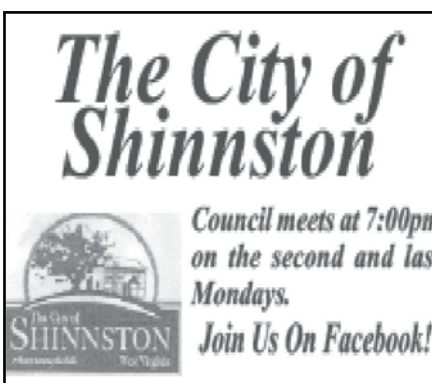
Secretary Letha Stutler read the minutes of the last meeting. Those ill or in distress were remembered and the Club sent several cards of sympathy. Debbie Harbert was thanked for her and David's work in planting the urns downtown and keeping them beautiful throughout the summer.

There was a discussion regarding a derogatory post about the Club on Facebook.


Thanks to Linda Comer for bringing some delicious cookies. Winning door prizes were Beth Linn, Virginia Livingston and Tori Drainer.

Present not previously mentioned were: Chad Edwards, Donna Post, Marjorie Jackson, Susan Thomas, Paula Harrison, Joyce Miker and Kathleen Panek.



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dating back many years “to our founding fathers.” Harrison County as a whole can thank the Shinnston department’s “forefathers” who played key roles in establishing modern emergency services and communications as part of its “deep, long history.”

Shinnston, like other departments across the nation, has seen significant struggles. According to a Feb 2022 National Public Radio interview, “the National Volunteer Fire Council’s most recent count shows a 17 percent drop in the number of volunteer firefighters since 1984, but calls for service have tripled in that time.”

Lindsey agrees that the primary challenge lies in “a shortage of volunteers,” adding that “that’s always been prevalent. Volunteerism has fallen off significantly in the past several years.”

In 2000 Harry R. Carter, a contributing editor to the Firehouse trade journal, noted that his dissertation research revealed five reasons for the drop in participation. These included issues in leadership, organization, the personal lives of volunteer responders, and also economic and interpersonal issues.

Lindsey echoes other fire chiefs in citing the impact of increasing training demands in West Virginia. “It takes 180 hours just to ride the truck,” he said. Lindsey also described the impact of lengthy trainings held in areas of the state convenient for some, but not

for most, regardless of where held. It “takes a lot of time for someone with a full time job and a family,” Lindsey noted. He added that “career side” fire services also have struggled with recruiting and retention in recent years.

The very challenges that keep many from joining also make those who can and do answer the call that much more special to the service and valuable to the community. “You have to get up in the middle of the night to fight a fire, then go to work the next day,” Lindsey described, then added “you have to be truly passionate about making a difference in the community.”

In rural areas, even ambulance calls can keep paramedics on a call for six to eight hours, with hour or longer one way trips between patient pickup and the hospital.

He also described how firehouses also rely heavily on family legacies and traditions. “It’s so near and dear to people’s hearts,” Lindsey shared, adding that “a lot of the newer people have dads and grandfathers who have been in it.” Also he stated that “a lot of it is people who simply care. They care about the community. They’re a team player, committed to themselves and others. They want to simply make a difference.”

Burdens and challenges will only increase on volunteer fire and emergency response services. The future “has become very sketchy,” Lindsey admits, saying “a lot

of small EMS agencies have shut down due to lack of staffing.” They are facing a critical shortage of paramedics, which is a “big deal. They need to have a good amount.”

Another issue lies in the ballooning cost of basic equipment, such as beds, heart monitors, and other devices. A single cardiac monitor now costs about \$40,000. Ambulances and fire trucks have also shot up in price. Biden Administration mandates forcing future limits on heavy gasoline powered vehicle use have made all emergency response vehicles, and even school buses, incredibly difficult and expensive to procure.

Fundraising has always been vital to sustaining operations, especially as state and local funding remains stagnant.

All that said, the volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services do not only need men and women who will race into a burning building or drive to a remote area to save the life of a patient. “You are always looking for help. Just come and be a part,” Lindsey asked. He added that volunteers can help to keep the house clean, to assist with paperwork, or other needs normal to almost any organization. “If you know someone interested, let us know. Send them our direction.”

Lindsey closed with, “It’s a team effort to find people. If you want to give back, be a part, talk to us. There’s a lot

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Dec 11 to 17, with a maximum bag season limit of two.

Hunters traveling to other counties should check the guidebook to make sure they comply with the specific rules for each county.

Bear hunters will also see some changes, starting with a special split youth season. Young hunters, ages eight to 17, can participate if they hold a Class Q or Class XS license. The first segment occurs on Sept 16 and 17 “in all or parts of 26 counties open to bear hunting with or without dogs.”

The second segment takes place on Oct 21 and 22 in the 51 counties open to “a firearms deer hunting season.” Dogs may only be used when tracking a mortally wounded bear. The state considers this action an extension of hunting and all applicable laws and regulations apply.

Wild turkey season has seen adjustments in open counties and dates during the fall. Harrison County’s fall season takes place between Oct 14 to 22 and also Oct 30 to Nov 5.

Some changes in the laws and regulations came from acts passed by the West Virginia State Legislature in the last general session.

First, HB 3122 allows that those legally entitled to hunt “may hunt with a rifle using an encapsulated propellant charge that loads from the breech, with the bullet loaded from the muzzle, during any muzzleloader season,” but not “during Mountaineer Heritage Season.” The rifle must have a bore diameter of .38 caliber or larger.”

Also, SB 733 created nonresident lifetime licenses. Applicants may contact WVDNR offices, license agents, or go online at WVDNR.gov.

Manchin Raises the Alarm on Debt Crisis Excessive Government Spending

Washington, DC— Yesterday, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, expressed his serious concerns about our country’s debt crisis and its harmful effects on our economic and national security during an Appropriations Committee markup.

“Let me remind all of you that for 21 straight years, the United States government has spent more money than it took in. There’s not one person sitting in this room that can operate that way, not one business in America can operate with a deficit for 21 years, spending more than they take in. But yet we do it with no recourse whatsoever,” Manchin said in part. “For the first 220 years of our

country’s existence, we accumulated about \$10 trillion worth, and now we are at \$32.5 trillion right now. We’ve done more damage in the last 20 years than in the first 220 years. And we’re not batting an eye at it or slowing it down.”

“We shouldn’t be paid, if we’re causing additional cost to the people of our country, and putting our future generations in more debt that they can’t carry. I hope that we would come to an understanding here today that we have got to be responsible for our own financial house that we were sent here to do for all the constituents that we have around this great country of ours,” Senator Manchin continued.

Capito Visits Novelis Facility in Fairmont

FAIRMONT, W.Va. – Today, U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW), traveled to Fairmont, W.Va. where she visited Novelis, a world leader in aluminum rolling and recycling. During the visit, Senator Capito met with company leadership to discuss recycling and tax policies, including the Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act of 2023 and the American Investment in Manufacturing (AIM) Act, that have the potential to help the industry become more efficient and provide innovative solutions to market challenges.

“It was great to get a firsthand look at the creative ways Novelis is working to provide innovative solutions to the recycling, aerospace, automotive, and packaging markets in West Virginia

and discuss different approaches to make the industry more efficient and create more jobs,” Ranking Member Capito said. “I look forward to working with Novelis through my work on the EPW Committee to improve policies that maximize the value of industry leaders in West Virginia and across our country. The operations happening at this facility are incredibly important for many sectors of our economy, and I thank Novelis for the great work they are doing in our state.”

“Novelis enjoyed hosting U.S. Senator Capito and members of her staff at our aluminum rolling and finishing facility in Fairmont,” Ryan Falkenstein, Novelis Fairmont Plant Manager, said. “Novelis appreciates the senator’s continued focus on those issues of importance to Novelis and the aluminum industry, including recycling and tax policy.”

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# OBITUARIES



**Ricky Lynn Pennington**

Ricky Lynn Pennington, 72, of Bridgeport, passed away on Sunday, July 16, 2023 at United Hospital Center. He was born August 11, 1950 in Clarksburg, a son of the late Wilco Emerson "Bud" Ganoe and Owena May "Penny" Pennington Shreves and Ben Fitzwater.

Ricky is survived by his loving wife, Nancy Paulette Gregory Pennington, whom he married on September 30, 2012.

He is also survived by his sons, James Losh and his wife Angie; and Adam Losh, both of Mill Creek; his daughter, Tammy Losh Barnett and her husband Jerry of Clarksburg; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his sisters, Debra Yoder and her husband Rick of Nutter Fort; Jenny Hagan; Sandra Martin and her husband Dick; Soundra Audia and her husband Jim; and Becky Knight and her husband Chris; all of Lumberport; his brother, Larry Ganoe and his wife Missy of Doddridge County; his aunt, Sue Carr and her husband David of Lamberts Run; his sister-in-law, Linda Shreves of Wolf Summit; and his niece-in-law, Sara Lyon of Cross Lanes; and as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Ricky was preceded in death by his broth-

ers, David A. Shreves, Wilco Emerson "Buddy" Keener, and Howard Keener; as well as his nephew, Bradley A. Lyon.

Ricky was known for his great sense of humor. He loved spending time with family and friends.

Friends will be received at Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St. Shinnston, on Thursday, July 20, 2023 from 11:00 am until the time of the funeral service at 1:30 pm. Pastor Roger Fontaine will officiate the service. Entombment will follow the Shinnston Memorial Mausoleum. Online memories and condolences can be shared with the family at www.



perinefunerals.com

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

**JoAnn Maley Rife**

JoAnn Maley Rife, 81, of Shinnston, WV, passed away July 19, 2023 in her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Enterprise, on January 27, 1942, to the late Frank Wade and Daisy Fury Maley.

She graduated from Shinnston High School in 1960. JoAnn married Glenn A. Rife in 1975. Shinnston Construction Company was established and served the area for many years before expanding from coast to coast, still in

operation today.

In 1986, JoAnn was a co-owner with her daughter Cindy of Glenna Jo's Video. After Cindy passed in 1988, the business remained open until the spring of 2003.

JoAnn was a huge supporter to the local schools, sports fan of high school, college, and professional football. Most of all, JoAnn loved NASCAR and enjoyed watching and traveling to the races with her son. She was also a long-time member of the Shinnston Moose and Legion where she enjoyed laughing and dancing with her family and friends.

JoAnn and Glenn have one daughter, Glenna Jo married to Andy and their sons Ashton and Aubrey Hursey, she has a son Michael "Moe" wife Dana, Mikey and Kaylee Moschella; daughter Kim and husband Yancey Weaver, Derek, Courtney, Kennedy (Linville), Laine, Parker Jo Rogers, Cody Rogers sons of the late Michael "Mike" Rogers.

JoAnn is survived by brother Woody Maley and wife Mary "Cookie", Adam and Wade Maley, Laura and Alex Seybold; and grandchildren of the late great Murray M and Retha Maley. Other surviving family members Barb Maley, Tonya Gallo, Scott & Faith Maley, late Steve Gallo, Ruth Ann, Bryan, Little Bryan, McKinley, Brianna, (late) Charles "Shotgun" Gregory, Kelso "Bruz", Judy, Rick, Stephanie, JD Noah Charles (Molina), Kelsey, Austin, Kellie, (late) Frankie Jr. Maley, Louis Looney, Flo Starkey, Nancy, Tom, Tom-

my, Murray, Anderson, Dave, Sharon, Natalie, Jacob (Baker) Hensley, as well as many other surviving and late family across the country from the Maley's.

She is preceded in death by her daughter Cindy Moschella; brother Johnny Maley and sister Puggy; in-laws Bob and Annabelle Rife, and brothers-in-law Mike and Bruce Rife.

Also survived by Glenn's family, Terry, Victor, Clint, Amanda, Teigan George, Kristen, (late) Richie and Radley Domas, Keely, Bill, Peyton, Gavin Tichenor, Annabelle, Russ, Kirt, Kelli, Camden, Caiden Harbert, Becky, Doug, Collin, Sydney, Dillon, Alexis, Addison Swiger, Jessica, John, Tylor, Olivia, Baylee Yost, Melinda, Mike, Michael and Emily Yost, and her sister-in-law Caroline Moschella

The Rife family would like to give a special thanks to JoAnn's top notch hospice team, Amanda, Tori, Kelly, and Shianne. As well as a special thanks to Aunt Barb Maley, Woody and Cookie Maley, and Ruth Ann Gregory for the help, love and support.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Sunday, July 23, 2023 from 1:00PM-8:00PM. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Monday, July 24, 2023 at 11:00AM with Pastor Ron "Butch" Johnson officiating. Interment will be held at Enterprise Cemetery.

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

A service of Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston.



**Rev. Aulbert "Pete" Leroy Roberts**

Rev. Aulbert "Pete" Leroy Roberts, 95, of Shinnston, went to be with the Lord on Friday morning, July 21, 2023, at his residence. He was born December 1, 1927, in Berryburg, WV to the late Joseph and Jettie Nicholson Roberts

Surviving are his wife of 73 years, Ladoris "Tee" Ruth Casto, whom he married, April 29, 1950; his daughters, Wanda Kay Dressler and her husband Bill, Martinsburg, and Beth Ann Huffman and her husband Kevin, Stephens City, VA; 6 grandchildren, Laurie Dressler, Debby Dressler, Susan Dressler, Matthew Dressler and his wife Claudia, Jessica Davidson and her husband Alec, Jeremy Huffman and his wife Tesia; 8 great grandchildren, Paz Dressler, Luna Dressler, Logan Esswein, Johnathan Huffman, Lydia Huffman, Alec "Will" Davidson, Jr., Phoebe Davidson, and Nora Davidson; sisters, Joyce Myers, and Mildred Belcastro; and a close nephew Joe Roberts and his wife Debbie, and numerous beloved family and friends.

Pete was also preceded in death by three sisters, Nancy Fazio, Velma Hawkins, and Wanda Spadafore; and three brothers, Henry Roberts, Joseph Roberts, and one in infancy.

Pete was a WWII Veteran having served with the United States Army Air Force. He enlisted on January 25, 1946, at Fort Hayes, OH and was honorably

discharged on July 17, 1947, at Chonute Field, IL. He attained the rank of Sergeant and served as a Med Tech. He was awarded the WWII Victory Medal.

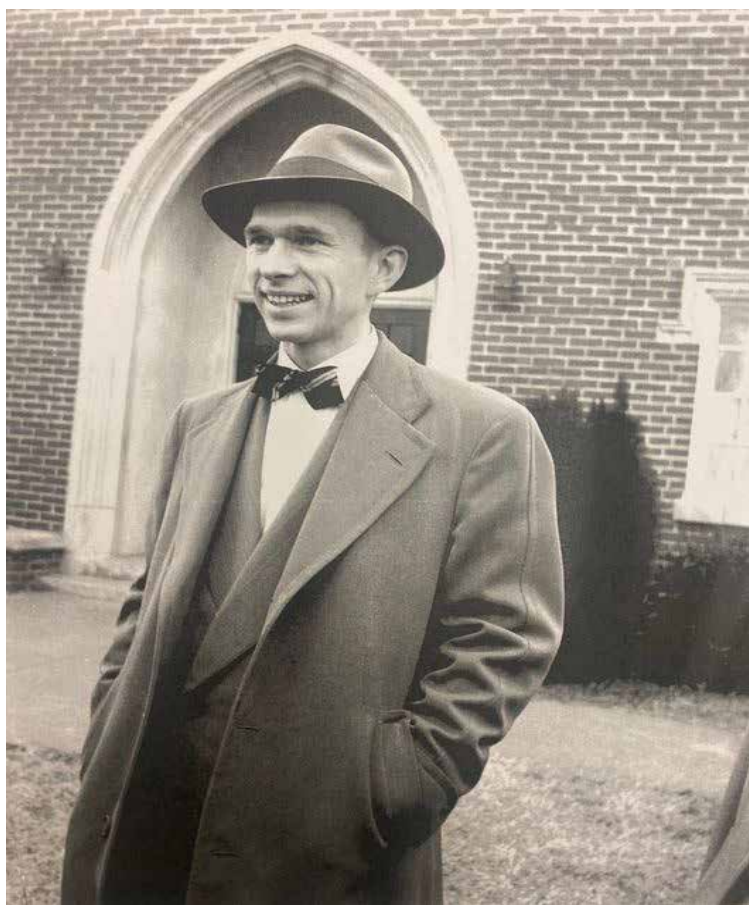
In June 1992 after 31 years of service, "Preacher Pete" retired from the United Methodist Church. He pastored churches in the Rhinehart Charge, Buckhannon Circuit, South Chestnut Street Charge, Mt. Nebo Charge, and the Shinnston Charge. He was named Minister of the Year in 1981.

He was a member of the St. John's Lodge #24 A.F. & A.M. a 32-degree Scottish Rite Mason with membership in the Charleston Body. He was a member of the American Legion, Post #40, Mannington, and a former member of the Harrison County Mental Health Association and a former member of the Religious Committee of the United Hospital Center.

The family will receive friends at the Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St., Shinnston, from 2-8pm, Wednesday. A funeral service will be held at Otterbein United Methodist Church, 800 Clark St., Shinnston, on Thursday, July 27, at 1pm, with Rev. Sam Cale and Rev. Dale Waters officiating. Rev. Roberts will lie in state one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Lord's Pantry, 77 Church Court, Shinnston, WV 26431 and WVU Medicine Hospice, 2673 Davisson Run Road, Clarksburg, WV 26301. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Roberts family.

## Out of the Past

Memorable photographs from around Harrison County



Clarksburg native Robert Sylvester Graetz Jr. was a civil rights activist during the 1950s and 60s. He was the only white minister to help to organize the critical Montgomery Bus Boycott. This led to a bombing attack on his family home by the Ku Klux Klan. Photo courtesy of the West Virginia Humanities Council.

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# Capito, Stabenow, Menendez, Wicker Reintroduce Bill to Improve Early Assessment, Diagnosis of Alzheimer’s

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) and Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.), along with Senators Bob Menendez (D-N.J.) and Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), today reintroduced the Concentrating on High-Value Alzheimer’s Needs to Get to an End (CHANGE) Act, bipartisan legislation to encourage early assessment and diagnosis of Alzheimer’s. Companion legislation was also introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Representatives Linda T. Sánchez (D-Calif.) and Gus Bilirakis (R-Fla.).

“Now more than ever, as new treatments are being approved and there is new hope on the horizon for those living with Alzheimer’s and their families, action at the disease’s earliest stages is needed,” Senator Capito said. “By prioritizing early assessment and diagnosis, the CHANGE Act will allow patients to play a more active role in their treatment and care planning.”

“Alzheimer’s is a heartbreaking disease that affects the whole family,” Senator Stabenow said. “Our bill helps encourage early diagnosis, relieves the burden on caregivers, and improves care for patients. We have strong partners in the fight against Alzheimer’s in the House and Senate, and I will continue working across the aisle to move this bill forward.”

“As someone who has witnessed and cared for a loved one live with Alzheimer’s, I understand how much the CHANGE Act and early diagnosis can impact the trajectory of this devastating disease,” Senator Menendez said. “This legislation would not only allow for earlier screenings and diagnosis, but it would also afford patients and families the time to plan care and treatments early. By increasing early detection and intervention, patients, families and caregivers will be in a better position to care for a loved one with Alzheimer’s.”

“Many Americans have felt the crippling impact and high cost of Alzheimer’s disease,” Senator Wicker said. “For the sake of those who will be diagnosed, we must do everything possible to find a cure. The CHANGE Act would move us in the right direction by improving access to early assessment and diagnosis, helping patients receive care earlier when it can make a bigger difference in their lives.”

The CHANGE Act is supported by the following

groups: UsAgainstAlzheimer’s, Alliance for Aging Research, Alzheimer’s Foundation of America, AMDA The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine, and US Aging.

“There has never been a more important time to pass the CHANGE Act than now. New treatment options, such as leqembi, which the FDA approved earlier this month, are most effective for patients in the early stages of Alzheimer’s. By requiring CMS to develop a uniform and reliable detection tool, and incentivizing healthcare providers to put an emphasis on early detection, the CHANGE Act could open the door for millions of Alzheimer’s patients to access medications that slow the progression of the disease and preserve their quality of life for a longer period of time,” George Vradenburg, chair and co-founder of UsAgainstAlzheimer’s, said.

This year alone, approximately 6.7 million Americans age 65 and older are living with Alzheimer’s disease. That number could grow to a projected 13.8 million by 2060. The direct financial costs of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias will also continue to increase exponentially, with projections indicating they will reach \$1 trillion by 2050.

The CHANGE Act would better utilize the existing Welcome to Medicare initial exam and Medicare annual wellness visits to screen, detect, and diagnose Alzheimer’s and related dementias in their earliest stages.

Now, as new treatments are approved and glimpses at what could be on the horizon for those living with the disease emerge, ensuring screening and diagnosis is taking place is more essential than ever. An early documented diagnosis communicated to the patient and caregiver enables early access to care planning services and available medical and non-medical treatments and optimizes patients’ ability to build a care team, participate in support services, and enroll in clinical trials. It also would allow this devastating disease to be caught in its earliest stages, and ensure appropriate access to treatment.



## LEGAL

### ADVERTISEMENT (MR-34-BR)

Notice is hereby given that WVDEP OFFICE OF SPECIAL RECLAMATION, 601 57TH SE, CHARLESTON, WV 25304, has submitted an application for the **reissuance** of Article 11/WVNPDES Permit No. WV1027051 to the Department of Environmental Protection, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1150 in order to operate a treatment facility in N/A seam/mineral bed.

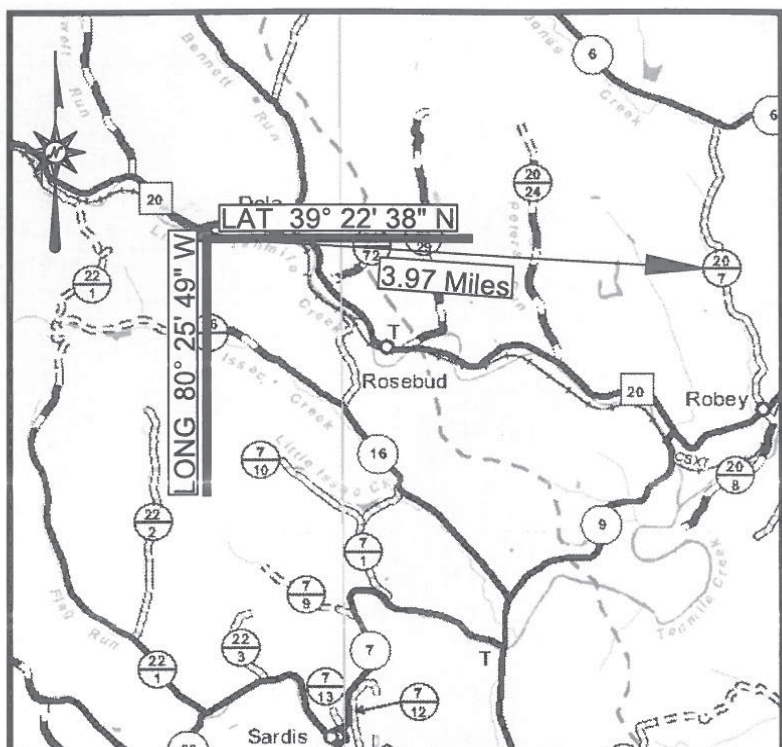
The operation will discharge treated stormwater into Little Tenmile Creek of Tenmile Creek of West Fork River and is located 3.97 miles west of Lumberport, in Sardis District of Harrison County, Longitude 80° 25' 49" and Latitude 39° 22' 38" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map)

The Department of Environmental Protection is seeking information on private surface water intakes for human consumption located in the above listed receiving streams and located down stream of this operation. Please provide your name, phone number, mailing address, the name of the stream being with the intake, and the physical location of the intake. This information needs to be submitted to the address above.

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Comments on the Article 11 WV/NPDES application or requests for a public hearing regarding the Article 11/NPDES application shall be in writing and if a public hearing is requested shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Such written comments or requests should be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above, and must also reference the Article 11/NPDES permit number shown above. Comments received by 8/26/23, or thirty (30) days from date of publication, will be considered. A copy of the Article 11/WVNPDES application, draft permit, rational page, and fact sheet (if required) will be available for inspection and obtaining copies during normal business hours at the DEP Regional office located at the address above.

DEP Telephone No. 304-457-3219 Article 11/NPDES Permit No. WV1027051



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Harrison County Highway Map - Scale: 1"=1 Mile  
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Wallace 7.5' USGS Quadrangle  
Nearest P.O.: Lumberport  
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# Heros and Kids Event with United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties and Hart Kitchen

Clarksburg, WV - Excitement is building as United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties and Hart Kitchen announces its upcoming event, Heroes and Kids taking place on August 13th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Jackson Square. This unique event brings together 10 local First Responders and children from the Healthy Grandfamilies program for a friendly cooking competition, all under the expert guidance of renowned local chef, Anne Hart.

This event will feature teams of First Responders and children working together to cook the best meal, showcasing their culinary skills and creativity. With the support and guidance of Chef Anne Hart, the participants will be preparing a delicious Minestrone Style Summer Harvest Soup, serving up to four people, accompanied by Grilled French Demi Baguette.

The locally sourced ingredients for this delectable dish will be provided by Santa Croce Farm, owned by David and Martha Lester, ensuring only the freshest produce is used in the meal preparation.

“Anne Hart is as passionate about helping her community as she is about teaching her craft so this event is a perfect way for her to marry the two. We are so blessed that she thought of us as the beneficiaries,” said Aimeé Comer, UWHDC Fundraising & Community Development Director. “And the enthusiasm from the first responders that have signed on has been awesome!”

UWHDC and Hart Kitchen invites the community to get involved and support this wonderful cause in the following ways:

1. Place Your Orders: Individuals interested in enjoying the Minestrone Style Summer Harvest Soup can

pre-order meals for \$20. To guarantee your meal, please place your orders by August 8 th by visiting [www.unitedwayhdc.org](http://www.unitedwayhdc.org).

2. Sponsor a First Responder Team: Show your appreciation for the local heroes by sponsoring your favorite First Responder team. Visit [www.unitedwayhdc.org](http://www.unitedwayhdc.org) to contribute and support the cause.

3. Attend the Event: Join them at Jackson Square on August 13 th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to cheer on these brave souls as they cook for a cause. Your presence and support will make a significant difference in the lives of these deserving children and their dedicated mentors.

Heroes and Kids is an opportunity to showcase the culinary talents of our local First Responders while fostering positive connections between them and our Healthy Grandfamilies children. Through this event, we aim to raise awareness about the importance of this program and show support for our First Responders who are on the front lines, taking care of our community.” Stated Brad Riffe, Executive Director at UWHDC.

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Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service ([www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com)) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until August 8, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

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Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors’ license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must submit electronically with their bid a Proposal Guaranty Bond for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferral, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on [www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com)

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.



## Gov. Justice thanks Secretary Jeff Sandy for his service after announcing retirement; appoints Mark Sorsaia as Secretary of Dept. of Homeland Security

CHARLESTON, WV – Gov. Jim Justice announced today the retirement of West Virginia Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeff Sandy, effective July 31, 2023.

“Jeff Sandy has done an amazing job as Secretary of Homeland Security,” Gov. Justice said. “He’s an honorable man who’s helped my administration in countless ways, and we will greatly miss his tireless work. I can never thank him enough for his service these past seven years and I wish him the absolute best in his retirement.”

Gov. Justice presented Sandy with a Distinguished West Virginian Award earlier today.

Gov. Justice also announced today that he has appointed Mark Sorsaia as Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Homeland Security, effective August 1, 2023.

“Mark is incredibly qualified to take the helm of this important agency, and I look forward to working closely with him,” Gov. Justice said.

### About Jeff Sandy:

Sandy is a Wood County native and former partner in Perry Forensic Investigations LLC, after working 25 years as a Special Agent with the U.S. Treasury’s Criminal Investigation Division. He is a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) and a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist.

During his tenure as Secretary of Homeland Security, he has overseen many agency successes. He oversaw the reorganization of the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety as the Department of Homeland Security in 2020. He also oversaw the consolidation of our jails, prisons, and juvenile centers into one unit.

### About Mark Sorsaia:

Mark Sorsaia started his career as an assistant prosecuting attorney in 1988 and was elected as the Prosecuting Attorney of Putnam County West Virginia in 1996. Mark

is currently serving in his fifth term as Prosecuting Attorney.

Mark has served in leadership positions in various organizations relating to the criminal justice system. He is a past vice president of the West Virginia Association of Counties. He has served on the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Prosecuting Attorneys Association and has served as the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the West Virginia Prosecuting Attorneys Institute. Mark has served as West Virginia’s representative on the Board of Directors of the National District Attorneys Association and was also a member of The Board of Regents of the National College of District Attorneys and the National District Attorneys Association.

As a prosecutor, Mark has focused his attention over the years on continuing legal education for the law enforcement community in general. Mark regularly participates as an instructor in continuing education programs for the state prosecuting attorneys association, as well as for law enforcement at the West Virginia State Police Academy. He has also been a guest lecturer at West Virginia State College, as well as at the FBI Academy located in Quantico VA, and at the FBI District Field Office Pittsburgh Division, and the FBI National Academy Associates West Virginia Chapter. Mark was very active for several years as a legal instructor at the National Advocacy Center, which was a national training center for America’s Prosecutors, located on the campus of the University of South Carolina. As a legal instructor, Mark’s focused on the use of forensic science in the courtroom, trial advocacy, the prosecution of homicide and sexual assault cases, and professional ethics.

Mark is married to Cynthia, who is a Communities In Schools program coordinator at the West Virginia Department of Education. Mark and Cynthia have two children.

## Cardinal Zuppi brings President Biden a letter from Pope Francis

### From L’Osservatore Romano

The Pope’s Envoy, Cardinal Matteo Zuppi, President of the Italian Bishops’ Conference, concluded his mission in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, 19 July. The Holy See released a statement saying that Zuppi traveled to Washington on a three-day visit accompanied by an official of the Vatican Secretariat of State, to meet with United States President Joe Biden, thus continuing the peace mission Pope Francis had entrusted to him.

Upon arriving on Monday evening, 17 July, Cardinal Zuppi met with Archbishop Timothy Broglio, President of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (usccb), at the Apostolic Nunciature. They exchanged thoughts on the war in Ukraine and on the Holy See’s initiatives to help victims and promote peace.

The following morning, at the Rayburn House Office Building, the Vatican delegation, joined by Apostolic Nuncio, Cardinal-elect Christophe Pierre, and Monsignor Séamus Patrick Horgan, Counsellor of the Apostolic Nunciature, met with some members of the United States Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission), to whom he presented the nature and development of the mission entrusted to

them by the Pope. They reflected together on the way in which said mission could be rendered more effective.

In the afternoon later that day, the pontifical envoy and the other members of the delegation went to the White House, where they were greeted by President Biden. Cardinal Zuppi gave him a letter from the Holy Father underlining the Pope’s sorrow for the suffering caused by the war. The meeting, which began a little after 5 p.m., lasted for over an hour, and took place in an atmosphere of great cordiality and mutual listening. During the conversation, readiness was assured to support humanitarian initiatives, especially those dedicated to children and the most vulnerable people, to respond to urgent needs and to foster paths of peace. The morning of 19 July the Vatican delegation participated in the Senate Prayer Breakfast at the U.S. Congress House, during which Cardinal Zuppi had the opportunity to brief participants on his meetings during the various stages of his peace mission. At this event, appreciation was expressed for the Holy See’s efforts, and the responsibility of every individual to work for peace was emphasized.

“The meeting with the President was quite good”, Apostolic Nuncio Pierre told Vatican News in an interview. “The Cardinal insisted a lot about the fact that we want to contribute, but we have not the potential to resolve immediately all the problems. We know their complexity. So he insisted about the humanitarian dimension and the desire of the Holy Father to contribute in every possible way, but in particular, to the situa-

tion of the children, the children who have been transported to Russia from Ukraine”. The Cardinal-elect noted the Holy See’s responsibility to take action, since it is part of the world. “The consequences of the war are terrible for the people”, he said. “I speak about the refugees, the people who have died, the trauma, especially in particular the question of the children”. He also explained that “in the diplomatic world, we have to work step by step”, adding that “one of these steps is precisely what the Cardinal [Zuppi] is doing, without the pretension to resolve everything. And we have a lot of hope for the future”, he concluded.

In a separate interview with Vatican News, Archbishop Timothy Broglio also commented on the Holy See’s initiative and on Cardinal Zuppi’s mission. He said the meeting with President Biden was “not mediation, but an opportunity to see what the Holy See could do to help in an eventual end of hostilities in Ukraine”. Expressing concern for a potential escalation, Archbishop Broglio stressed the importance of the statement from the Committee on International Justice and Peace, which “decried the use of cluster bombs, aligning ourselves with the position that the Holy See has taken about those kinds of weapons which are [...] indiscriminate in the victims”. The Archbishop also shared that seeing the destruction and suffering taking place in Ukraine, “Catholics in the United States tried to respond the best way we could”, which he said was through prayer and humanitarian assistance.

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## Spicy Shrimp and Scallop Skewers

Submitted by Debra Smith

One of the favorite parts about our beach vacation is enjoying a delicious plate of seafood. Instead of waiting for your family vacation to eat seafood this year, try grilling some up in your own backyard to make every day feel like an afternoon by the beach. Grilling is one of the best ways to get flavorful food during the heat of summer. We will take any excuse to bypass turning on the oven, especially when it tastes this good!

### Ingredients

2 tablespoons butter  
 ½ teaspoon chili powder  
 ¼ teaspoon dried oregano  
 ¼ teaspoon ground cumin  
 1/8 teaspoon dried thyme  
 1/8 teaspoon each white pepper, cayenne pepper and black pepper  
 18 uncooked large shrimp (about ¾ pound)  
 12 sea scallops (1 ½ pounds)

### Directions

In a small saucepan, melt butter. Stir in seasonings; set aside and keep warm. Peel and devein shrimp, leaving tails on. On six metal or soaked wooden skewers, alternately thread shrimp and scallops. Using long-handled tongs, moisten a paper towel with cooking oil and lightly coat the grill rack. Grill seafood, covered, over medium heat or broil 4 inches from the heat for 3-5 minutes on each side or until shrimp turn pink and scallops are firm and opaque, basting occasionally with butter mixture.

Remember, readers, if you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share, we welcome your submissions. E-mail your recipe to us at [debra@mountainmedianews.com](mailto:debra@mountainmedianews.com). And don't forget to stop by your local Price Cutter to purchase all of your cooking and baking needs.

## WVDOH on call around the clock to clean up following storms

West Virginia Division of Highways cleanup crews worked well into the night on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, to clear fallen trees, dig out mudslides and reopen roads following heavy storms that struck much of the Mountain State.

Isolated cases of trees down or roads blocked by water or slides were reported throughout the state Tuesday night, but Gilmer, Kanawha, Putnam, and Mason counties were hit particularly hard. WVDOH work crews were out in force to clean up downed trees and other debris.

"Our crews are first responders in every sense of the word," said Joe Pack, P.E., WVDOH Chief Engineer of District Operations. "In most cases we have to be out before police and fire and ambulance, in rain and wind and bad weather, to make sure roads are open."

In Gilmer County, downed trees cut a few major routes in several locations, and also fell on smaller rural routes. District 7 Engineer Brian Cooper, P.E., said all routes were open again by 11 a.m.

Fallen trees were also cleared up Tuesday night in Kanawha, Putnam, and Mason counties, although another tree fall was reported on the morning of Monday, July 19, 2023.

However, WVDOH crews cannot clear trees that are entangled in power lines. Removing trees from active power lines requires specialized equipment and special training that only power company employees have.

When WVDOH repair crews discover a tree entangled in power lines, they immediately contact the power company.

Approaching downed power lines without the proper protective gear and equipment can be lethal. Crews for First Energy recently demonstrated how dangerous power lines can be at a presentation for WVDOH crews in Burlington.

If you come upon a downed power line, do not attempt to approach it. Downed power lines on the ground can kill people 30 or 40 feet away. Contact the power company immediately and leave the area.

## YNST Magazine Spotlights Appalachian Creatives in #YesWV

Meet Adam Payne, the Editor in Chief of "YNST Magazine." This captivating media outlet aims to bridge the gap between creatives in Appalachia and the rest of the world. In this conversation, Payne sheds light on his motivation behind starting the magazine, the incredible talent he discovered in West Virginia, and the thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem in the region.

Adam Payne's journey with YNST Magazine began during his time at West Virginia University. While there, he witnessed an abundance of exceptionally talented individuals: musicians, theater makers, designers, photographers and dancers. The depth of skill he encountered left him astounded. Payne's firsthand experience made him question why such incredible talent was not receiving the recognition it deserved.

YNST Magazine serves as a platform to amplify the voices of artists, entrepreneurs, and visionaries hailing from Appalachia. By sharing their stories, projects, and achievements, the magazine aims to foster connections between the region and the global creative community. Through both print and digital formats, YNST Magazine provides a space for creatives to gain exposure, network, and collaborate.

Payne highlights the flourishing entrepreneurial ecosystem in West Virginia. Emphasizing the importance of supporting small businesses and startups, which often face unique challenges in Appalachia. Learn how resources such as Vantage Ventures, the West Virginia Small Business Development Center, and WV Business Link provide guidance, funding opportunities, and support to aspiring entrepreneurs in the region.

By bringing attention to the exceptional creativity and entrepreneurship found in the region, the magazine plays a pivotal role in connecting Appalachia with the global creative community. Through print and digital content, YNST Magazine uplifts artists, entrepreneurs, and visionaries, providing them with a platform to be heard and celebrated.

As the magazine continues to thrive, it is paving the way for the next generation of innovators and change-makers in Appalachia.

## Mooney, Capito, Miller Lead Amicus Brief on Restarting Mountain Valley Pipeline Construction

WASHINGTON, D.C. – West Virginia Republicans Congressman Alex X. Mooney, Senator Shelley Moore Capito, and Congresswoman Carol Miller joined Chief Deputy Whip Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA) and 5 of their colleagues in filing an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in support of the Mountain Valley Pipeline's completion.

On July 11, 2023, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit again halted construction of the 303-mile pipeline, which is nearly 95% complete, despite Congress and the President's explicit approval of the project through the passage of the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission green-lighted the construction on July 9, 2023.

If completed, this pipeline will help reduce energy costs for hardworking Americans in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia. It will also stimulate the economies of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia with thousands of construction jobs, millions in royalties to landowners (including \$150 million per year for Pennsylvania), and direct investments into rural communities.

"Liberal activist lawsuits and bureaucratic red tape have long held up the Mountain Valley Pipeline, despite the project already clearing several agency permitting hurdles. Congress was clear when it said that judicial review of the Mountain Valley Pipeline was over," said Congressman Mooney. "This pipeline is as much about West Virginia jobs as it is about American energy independence. The Supreme Court should recognize that Congress already resolved this matter."

"By filing this amicus brief, my colleagues and I are speaking directly to the Supreme Court, urging them to uphold the clear intent of the language we included in the bipartisan Fiscal

Responsibility Act, which was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Biden," said Senator Capito. "Unfortunately, activist judges on the Fourth Circuit and radical environmental groups will stop at nothing to delay the Mountain Valley Pipeline, and it's necessary to once again fight for the completion of this critical, job-creating energy project."

"Because of the bipartisan Fiscal Responsibility Act, the Mountain Valley Pipeline will be completed. The Fourth Circuit no longer has any jurisdiction over the Mountain Valley Pipeline and Republicans are fighting back," said Congresswoman Miller. "While it is unfortunate that this amicus brief and case are necessary, I look forward to the Supreme Court coming to a swift decision confirming Congress' intent to increase domestic energy production, particularly in West Virginia. I continue to encourage the parties involved with construction of the Mountain Valley Pipeline to ignore the fourth circuit and complete production as scheduled."

"The Fourth Circuit judges are not supreme rulers and lawful orders issued by the legislative and executive branches must be followed," said Congressman Reschenthaler. "Congress was well within its power to restart the Mountain Valley Pipeline construction and usher in a new era of energy independence for the region. Instead of halting the pipeline, I urge the Supreme Court to plug up the ludicrous activism seeping out of the lower court so American families can enjoy lower energy costs, substantial land royalties, and most importantly – law and order in America."

Joining Mooney, Capito, Miller, and Reschenthaler in this effort are Representatives Jeff Duncan (R-SC), Bill Johnson (R-OH), John Joyce (R-PA), Mike Kelly (R-PA), and Dan Meuser (R-PA).

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