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## Director of Fairmont State's Folklife Center selected for prestigious AFC research award

On July 17 Director of the Frank and Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center Dr. Lydia Warren was announced as a recipient of the American Folklife Center (AFC) Gerald E. And Corinne L. Parsons Fund Award for Ethnology at the Library of Congress. This year the award was split between Warren and one other researcher, Dr. Everardo Reyes.

The Gerald E. and Corinne L. Parsons fund was founded by AFC reference librarian Gerry Parsons (1940-1995) to honor the memory of his parents Gerald and Corinne Parsons. The fund allows individuals to come to the Library of Congress to pursue research at the American Folklife Center and other Library of Congress divisions with ethnographic holdings.

"I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to continue the hammered dulcimer research started by our other Folklife Center staff and faculty," said Warren. "Researching at the archives of the American Folklife Center will allow me to learn more about the history of our own regional music tradition, and this will shape our own archives and courses at Fairmont State."

With the award, Warren plans to support her research on 'Preserving the West Virginia Hammered Dulcimer Tradition at the Frank and Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center.' During her visit, she will explore AFC and Library holdings on hammered dulcimers and hammered dulcimer music.

"Our long-term goal is to become the foremost research center for students, scholars, and musicians interested in the regional hammered dulcimer tradition," said Warren. "With this grant, our tradition and our research are being recognized on a national scale."

Warren describes how having access to the AFC Library will help her and her colleagues work on a major project, digitizing collections from Appalachian musicologist Patty Looman.

"At the Frank and Jane Gabor Folklife Center, we're working to preserve and promote our regional culture, and one of our major projects is digitizing and providing access to our Patty Looman Collection," said Warren. "Looman was a prolific song-catcher, performer, and teacher and we are lucky to have her

recordings and papers at our archive, thanks to traditional music expert and adjunct professor Lynette Swiger. Professor Swiger, librarian Charley Hively, and I are working on phase one of online access to Looman's items, and this grant will enable us to provide rich, detailed contextual information in our finding aids and LibGuides."

Housed in an award-winning repurposed historic barn building on the Fairmont State University campus, the Frank & Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center is home to the Ruth Ann Musick folklore archives, the Phyllis W. Moore West Virginia Authors archives, and the Patty Looman collection. These collections and additional archival materials can be made available for scholars and student researchers. The Center is part of the College of Liberal Arts and houses the University's undergraduate programs in folklore and museum studies. The Center serves the University and the broader community through scholarship, publications, workshops, exhibitions, and outreach events.

## WV WIC Celebrates National Farmers Market Week

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (West Virginia WIC), within the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' Bureau for Public Health - Office of Nutrition Services, celebrates West Virginia farmers as part of National Farmers Market Week, August 6-12, 2023. National Farmers Market Week is an annual celebration that highlights the vital role farmers markets play in the nation's food system.

Governor Jim Justice has also proclaimed August 6-12, 2023, as Farmers Market Week in West Virginia.

"West Virginia farmers provide residents with access to healthy, locally grown fruits, vegetables, and herbs," said Heidi Staats, Director of DHHR's Office of Nutrition Services. "West Virginia WIC recognizes the importance of expanding agricultural opportunities that assist and encourage the next generation of farmers, generate farm income to help stimulate business development and job creation, and build community connections through rural and urban linkages."

West Virginia WIC Farmers Market season began on June 1, 2023. So far this year, with the transition from paper vouchers to electronic benefits, redemptions have surpassed previous years' season totals. More than 14,000 West Virginia families have received these additional benefits to spend at authorized farmers markets throughout the state. There are 115 participating farmers in 43 counties.

## Clarence Lin named to medical staff



his residency in general surgery at Yale New Haven Hospital (Connecticut) and an additional year at Brown University Medical School (Rhode Island), as an associate in their Mastery in General Surgery Program where he focused on advanced laparoscopic and foregut surgery.

Dr. Lin brings with him much research experience, publishing in various scientific journals, teaching experience, and volunteer work.

He is certified by the American Board of Surgery and a member of the American College of Surgeons and the American Medical Association.

In his spare time, he is an avid tennis player, likes improvisational comedy, and using computer design software as well as creating scientific illustrations for multiple publications. Dr. Lin enjoys art, drawing, and graphic design, particularly portraiture with the media of charcoal, graphite and conte (he minored in Fine Arts while at Johns Hopkins).

Dr. Lin joins UHC General Surgery, the practice of Jeffrey W. Madden, M.D.; Benjamin A. Raymond, D.O.; and Sugam B. Vasani, M.D. UHC General Surgery is located at 527 Medical Park Drive, Suite 202 in Bridgeport. For more information please call (681) 342-3400 or visit [www.wvgeneralsurgery.com](http://www.wvgeneralsurgery.com).



**BUILDING  
AMAZING CITIES**

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

## Amazing Asheville

One city that has created a lot of buzz throughout the country is Asheville, North Carolina. Nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains, Asheville has about 95,000 residents and is home to a vibrant arts and craft beer scene. The vast Biltmore is another highlight and draws tens of thousands of visitors each year to see the 19th-century Biltmore Estate and acres of gardens. Another popular attraction is Pack Square Park, a community green space with walking paths and home to many concerts, festivals, and other events.

While I travel to a lot of cities on business, this visit was purely pleasure. We went with two other couples for quick getaway from the work and hustle of my very busy summer. We stayed at the Village Hotel on Biltmore Estate, a comfortable place with great restaurants and lots of activities close by. The rooms were very nice, and everything was designed to make you feel at home. Complimentary chocolates at check-in and a fire pit in a small courtyard off the main lobby, made for a relaxing mood.

The tour of the Biltmore Estate was well designed with large parking lots and complimentary shuttles to the doors of the estate. As you waited for your designated time, you could browse through the gift shops or grab a quick snack at the various shops on site. As you entered through the large front entrance door, you were given a portable device that told the story of the Vanderbilt family and how they built and lived in this incredible home. I have been to many historic places and used various devices to listen to the history, this handheld device was one of the best I have seen.

The Biltmore Estate dates to 1889, when George

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## Colleen Driscoll to speak at library

Friends of the Clarksburg Harrison Public Library is set to present award-winning author Colleen Driscoll on Aug. 19 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Clarksburg Harrison Public Library. "Colleen's workshops leave the participants brimming with knowledge and insight," stated Julie Todd, library manager.

Driscoll is the author of eight children's books, classroom activity books, and project coloring books. She has eight five-star ratings on Amazon, and is also a Mom's Choice Award Winner for her book "Herbie the Hairy Monster."

Driscoll will be sharing her techniques and procedures for marketing your story. What sources are available to aspiring

and published authors? She will also be promoting her newest work "Eddie and the Dinosaur Egg."

The opportunity to master marketing skills is made available through a grant from the Harrison County Cultural Foundation. For more information, call the library at 304-627-2236, ext. 128.

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# WVU's Butts Announces Yamzon as Assistant Coach

By Olivia Sneed

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – West Virginia University gymnastics coach Jason Butts has announced the hiring of Jessica Yamzon as an assistant coach on the Mountaineer gymnastics staff.

Yamzon comes to Morgantown following a year as the assistant coach at Illinois State. Prior to that, she also spent time on the Lindenwood and Arkansas staffs. The Las Vegas, Nevada, native will assist the Mountaineers on the coaching of all four events.

“We are so excited to have Jessica join our staff this year,” Butts said. “She brings a ton of high-level, competitive experience, as well as success at her previous coaching positions. Jessica shares the goals and philosophy of our existing staff for creating an environment that is positive and impactful for our student-athletes. I feel as if Jessica is truly rounding out our incredible staff and will provide new ideas and resources to help us continue to grow as a highly competitive and successful program.”

“I am so thankful for this incredible opportunity to become a part of the Mountaineer family,” Yamzon said. “I am excited to be working closely with our student-athletes, staff and community, and I’m looking forward to contributing to a positive and thriving athletic community at WVU.”

During her time at Illinois State, Yamzon helped coach the Redbirds to a 2023 Midwest Independent Conference Championship title, earned with a program-record score of 196.375. She also guided a pair of athletes to their second consecutive NCAA Regional Championships berth, as Alana Laster and Jaye Mack competed on vault and floor, respectively, at the 2023 NCAA Norman Regional.

Yamzon arrived at Illinois State with familiarity of the MIC following a year-long stint as a volunteer assistant coach at Lindenwood during the 2022 campaign. That year, the Lions earned third at USAG nationals and advanced a student-athlete to the NCAA National Championships, as Gayla Griswold became the first Lion in program history to qualify for the national meet.

Prior to her time at Lindenwood, Yamzon spent one season as a graduate assistant coach at her alma mater, Arkansas, in 2021. That season, the Razorbacks advanced to the NCAA Tuscaloosa Regional Final, narrowly missing a berth into the NCAA Championships with a third-place finish in the regional final.

Her graduate assistantship followed a standout four-year career at Arkansas, in which she was a staple in the all-around lineup. She was just the second freshman in program history to qualify for the NCAA Championships, and she finished her career competing as the leadoff in every event in 45 meets and competing 186 routines as a Razorback.

Academically, Yamzon was a two-time SEC honor roll recipient, while being named a Scholastic All-American by the WCGA in 2019.

Yamzon holds a Bachelor of Science in human development and family sciences and a Master of Education, both from the University of Arkansas.

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# Super Crossword

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- ACROSS**
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  - 6 Change to fit
  - 11 Kind of port on a PC
  - 14 Seizes the attention of
  - 19 Follow behind
  - 20 First half of an album
  - 21 Salada drink
  - 22 Roll back to 0
  - 23 "Hitchin' —" (1970 hit)
  - 24 U.S. version of a cue sport
  - 27 Argonauts' quest
  - 29 Screening airport gp.
  - 30 Lead-in for Rooter or tiller
  - 31 Israel's main airline
  - 32 Motorist's 180, slangily
  - 33 Common seabird with black wingtips
  - 36 Doc wielding a penlight
  - 38 Chou En- —
  - 40 "— la vista!"
  - 41 — Aviv
  - 42 Chess piece four squares from the king at the start of the game
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  - 49 Wife's father, e.g.
  - 50 Left on the dinner table
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  - 56 Small drinks
  - 57 Keep — profile
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  - 61 Experts
  - 62 Mooing herd
  - 64 Cars move up and down in it
  - 68 Fleur-de- —
  - 69 "Yes, yes!" in Spain
  - 71 Land in the ocean, to Yvette
  - 72 Iraq's locale
  - 73 Group of two
  - 74 Certain injury from an arachnid
  - 78 Gives 10% to the church
  - 80 See 96-Down
  - 81 Dragster fuel
  - 82 Guesses at JFK or SFO
  - 84 Iowa city
  - 86 Printed notice with no pictures
  - 89 Newly capped tire
  - 91 Makes a sock, say
  - 92 Old buddies
  - 95 Inmate who's broken out
  - 97 African cobra
  - 100 Staples Center, e.g.
  - 101 "Aw, shucks!"
  - 102 Pantry pest
  - 103 Baby who doesn't need a pacifier, perhaps
  - 106 Actor Mineo
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  - 113 I love, to Livia
  - 114 It connects to a car engine's water pump
  - 118 People who do what's at the ends of nine answers in this puzzle
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  - 122 Borden's "spokescow"
  - 123 Actor Romero
  - 124 Common bellybutton
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  - 127 Secret U.S. govt. group
  - 128 Big name in insurance
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  - 14 Miracle- —
  - 15 Corporate shake-up, for short
  - 16 Invite on a date
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  - 26 French edict city of old
  - 28 Granola bits
  - 34 "Help Me, —" (1965 hit)
  - 35 Fancy party
  - 37 Boise-to-Spokane dir.
  - 38 Lerner's collaborator in musicals
  - 39 Wanted-poster abbr.
  - 42 Grafton's "— for Quarry"
  - 43 Single-wheeled circus prop
  - 44 U.S.-Mex. border city
  - 45 Gives a judgment about
  - 46 "Dogtown" singer Yoko
  - 47 Paradise
  - 48 Persian king
  - 51 "The Hollow Men" poet
  - 53 Scholastic
  - 54 Simply won't
  - 55 Apropos of
  - 57 Et — (and others)
  - 59 Week- — -glance
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  - 70 "Here Comes the Hotstepper" singer — Kamoze
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  - 79 Like direct combat
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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).

Aug. 17, 1944: Staff Sergeant Stanley Bender earned the Medal of Honor in southern France. Bender rushed through intense machine gun fire and grenades, and knocked out two German machine guns with rifle fire. His actions inspired the rest of his company to take out a German roadblock, kill 37 enemy soldiers, and take 26 prisoners.

Aug. 17, 1976: The National Mine Health and Safety Academy opened at Beaver, near Beckley. The academy, located on a 76-acre campus, is the world's largest educational institution devoted solely to safety and health in mining.

Aug. 18, 1885: Artemus Ward Cox was born on a farm at Red Knob, Roane County. In 1914, Cox bought the George Ort Department Store on Capitol Street in Charleston. That store became the first in a chain of 21 A. W. Cox stores in West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

Aug. 19, 1863: Union cavalry under Brigadier General William W. Averell destroyed the Confederate saltpeter works near Franklin.

Aug. 19, 1997: Fiddler Curly Ray Cline

died. Born in Logan County, Cline was a member of the Lonesome Pine Fiddlers and Ralph Stanley's Clinch Mountain Boys.

Aug. 20, 1851: The oldest statue in West Virginia, a nine-foot wood carving of Patrick Henry, was dedicated at the county courthouse in Morgantown.

Aug. 20, 2004: Eldora Bolyard Nuzum died in Elkins. While working for the Grafton Sentinel in 1946, she became the first female editor of a daily newspaper in West Virginia. For three decades, she was editor of the Elkins Inter-Mountain.

Aug. 21, 1861: Confederate troops under General John B. Floyd crossed the Gauley River at Carnifex Ferry, Nicholas County, and began to entrench their position. It was the beginning of what became known as the Battle of Keslers Cross Lanes.

Aug. 21, 1915: Singer Ann Baker was born in Pennsylvania. She later operated a popular Charleston nightclub, The Shalamar, and became known as "Charleston's First Lady of Jazz."

Aug. 22, 1872: Following the Constitutional Convention of 1872, the West Virginia electorate ratified a new state constitution by a vote of 42,344 to 37,777. In the same election, voters rejected a controversial convention proposition that would have restricted office-holding to white citizens.

Aug. 23, 1970: The Mormon Church established its first "stake," or congregation, in West Virginia. The stake was organized in Charleston with a membership of nearly 4,000 people.



## N&J Briefs

### FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

The Shinnston News provides a calendar of events free of charge to churches and nonprofit organizations. Please submit your listing two weeks prior to the event. Send via email to [newsandjournal@yahoo.com](mailto:newsandjournal@yahoo.com)

CSX advises motorists that there will be a Road Closure on Oral Lake Bridgeport, WV located at the intersection of Oral Lake and Eden Dr. beginning on August 22nd around 7:00 a.m. until August 23rd at the end of the day. A detour will be in place to accommodate motorists during the project.

The Shinnston/Lincoln High School Block Party will take place on Aug 19 between 2 and 11 PM. There will be entertainment for attendees

The Mountain State Fair & Expo will be held in Lewis County, WV at Jackson's Mill Airstrip August 23- August 26th

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church will hold their 12th annual community block party on August 19 from 3-6pm in the lower parking lot.

Central West Virginia Corvette Club 50th Anniversary Car Show will be held August 20th from 10 AM to 3 PM hosted by Harry Greens Chevrolet.

Saturday, August 19 8:00am-12:00pm. Back to School Giveaway at the First Baptist Church Lighthouse in downtown Shinnston. Free clothing & accessories, backpacks, school supplies and snacks. For more information, please call 304-592-0233

Fairmont State University's academic year will be marked with the University's 2023 Convocation Ceremony. Convocation will take place on Friday, August 18 at 3 p.m. in the Feaster Center.

### "Hunt" From Pg 1.

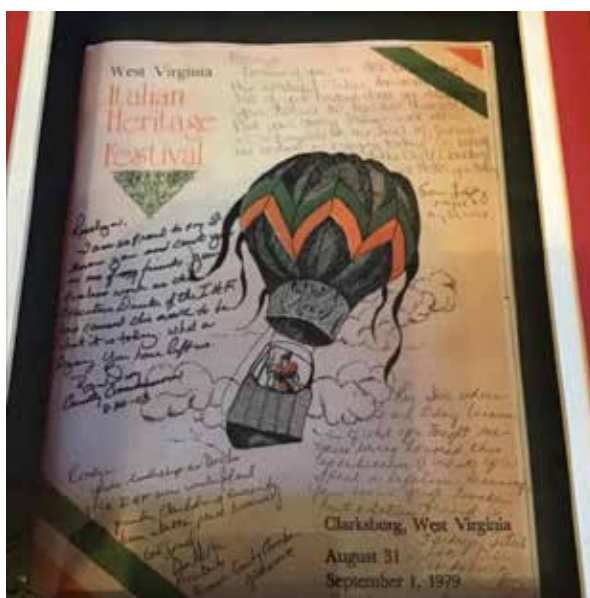
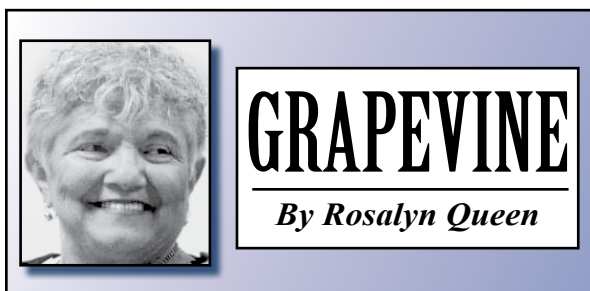
Vanderbilt decided to build a summer escape to enjoy with his wealthy friends and family. A five-year construction period culminated with the opening of the estate in 1895. George was a 31-year-old bachelor, and it was not until April 28, 1898, when he proposed to Edith Stuyvesant Dresser who became his wife on June 1, 1898. Being a world traveler, George incorporated much of the design from his many travels abroad. He also collected pieces of art from throughout the world and Biltmore Estate became a home for many works of famous artists of the time.

As George and Edith Vanderbilt added to their family with the birth of their daughter, Cornelia, they enjoyed a wonderful life until George unexpectedly died, at the age of 51 following an emergency appendectomy in Washington, DC in March of 1914. The estate played a role in Asheville's economy as the owners opened the estate to the public during the Depression as a way to increase tourism and to preserve the estate. In 1942, Biltmore House stored art from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC.

As we walked from room to room, it was interesting to

see the immense size of the "home" and how they dealt with the day-to-day activities, like cooking and doing the laundry. Everything was larger and more complicated and required a huge staff to tend to the needs of the family and their guests. The gardens were also impressive with manicured lawns and trees and plants of every variety. Asheville is an amazing city, and the Biltmore Estate is not to be missed. It is about a six-hour drive from North Central West Virginia, and you will need a couple of days to truly get a feel for this beautiful city.

## Fun Facts of Days Past at the Italian Heritage Festival



Pictured is the Souvenir Book from the first festival in 1979 with comment from local community leaders. After the first book the cover was drawn by a local student in our school system.. The contest was overseen by Georgette Griffin.

This time of the year always brings me back to the days as the director of the West Virginia Italian Heritage Festival. Some of these facts you may already know and some you may not know.

About this time all plans have been made, all contracts signed and now the loose ends must be tied up. One of the major projects is the street and the set up. For many years this project was headed up by "Boo" Bellotte. By set up we mean the electricity for the booths, the decorative lights on the street, the construction of the stage and overseeing the sound set up. This was a mammoth task but Boo started with it and grew with it. We went from no stage to a stage, the electrical system updates and table set ups as well as booth set ups.

Another big project was the beverage set up which meant placement of the booths, clubs to work the booths and supplying ice to the booths. This project, for many years was chaired by Dave Seaman. The beverage sale was one of the major fundraisers.

While all the set ups were being taken care of,

dinners and other events were being planned. Our very first Honorees banquet was held and Joe Manchin headed this up. There was also a golf tournament and an elimination drawing with Vic Gabriel working these projects. The Pasta Cook off, which was headed up by Kathie Titus became a very popular event. Plans were being finalized and contacts for the parade were made.. Floyd Fullen and his committee organized the parade.

Tom Basile had the entertainment schedule finalized and was busy making plans for travel and lodging for the entertainers. Joan Smith had the Regina and her court plans all finalized. Loretta Mazzie came up with the Queens name after research on the first Queen of Italy.

Veto and Lenora Destito lent their knowledge and expertise on the authentic Italian parts of the Italian heritage especially the food.

Romona Rose and her dance team had been practicing and were ready with their presentation of authentic Italian dance.

Merle Moore and her committee insisted that we present authentic culture events and she planned with WVU presentations of Italian Opera. These were held at Waldomore as well as an Italian film Festival.

Plans were completed by treasurer John Shields for the Dailey collection of money and the correct depositing of it.

By this time our founders, John Manchin, James Larosa, Lou Spatafore, Sam Chico, Sam Dannunzio and Frank Iaquina were in the background being sure that this would be an event we could all be proud of. Although their presence was not visible festival weekend, they were overseeing the entire festival.

I would be remiss if I did not mention that I as director was just ready to tie up any loose ends and to oversee the smooth setup. I eagerly awaited the opening ceremony on the Court House stage when we watched the Union Bank clock strike twelve noon and the festival, on the street was on.

Good luck to festival organizers for this years festival, I truly know what it takes. A wish for good weather.

Here is to a great festival and the return of our Italian Heritage. Thanks to the organizers.

A happy 67th anniversary to Joan and Virgil Smith. Happy Birthday to Vince and Nick Smith.

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## A Special Day For Mountaineer Fans!



### The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor  
Sports Editor

A couple of weeks ago, West Virginia's football team held fan day activities at Milan Puskar Stadium. During the event that lasted an hour and a half, Mountaineer players and coaches visited with and signed autographs for approximately 1,800 fans. Years ago, players would put pen to paper for Mountaineer Nation on Gold-Blue Spring Game Day but in a brilliant move a couple years back, that tradition changed.

The current event occurred just a few days and a month from the season opener against Penn State. There is no better way for the University to drum up interest in this year's squad than to have fans interact with Mountaineer players and coaches. This is the best time to sell season tickets and bringing fans to the stadium at this time is brilliant. Kids in attendance develop a connection with players and they will do the broken record routine until their parents buy them what they want, in this case it is tickets to see their new friends play. It's genius from a marketing perspective.

Having a fan day event at this junction is also beneficial to the coaching staff as well. It's the dog days of summer and the heat is on, both literally and figuratively. High temps and humidity surround the heated battles waged on the practice field for playing time and starting positions. This break in action reminds the players that they have fans. Fans that are excited to meet them. The smiles on their faces and the kind words that they provide gives an emotional lift that helps carry the players

through the toughest part of camp.

Some question what the majority of players dream of when they strap on the pads. The answer is simple, going back to when they first started playing the game, "playing in the NFL".

Players want to make it to the big time. It is what drives them to put in extra time in the weight room and on the practice field. Did I mention that there were a handful of NFL scouts invited to the event? Having scouts in the stadium will drive up the level of effort from every player.

West Virginia Head Coach, Neal Brown also took the opportunity to mention that there were several positions that were still up for grabs and that practices would be more physical than they were a year ago. Brown is under pressure to provide a winner this season. His message, if you read between the lines, was clear. Brown wants his players to compete. The harder they work, the better they will be, which strengthens his starters while building quality depth in the process. Brown also knows the tougher his players become the harder it will be for opponents to defeat them mentally and where it counts the most, on the scoreboard.

Coaches that aren't as demanding during the preseason have teams that are slow coming out the gate.

Brown needs a quick start to the season. After state, a brief break Duquesne is on tap week two, then the Backyard Brawl. Then it's off to conference play, so a fast start is needed. Momentum can be gained with a pair of early season victories. Brown has his future in his own hands and he is doing everything that he can to keep the momentum gained from fan day.

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



This golf season has led to professional golf once again being played in West Virginia. This week's edition of Tee It Up focuses on the recent LIV golf event that took place at the Old White Course at the Greenbriar Resort.

Bryson DeChambeau shot an impressive 58 on the tournament's final round to run away with a six shot win. It was his first win since the 2020 US Open. DeChambeau had a long term verbal sparring match with Brooks Koepka that took most of his mental focus. The beef between two of golf's heavyweights was supposedly ended a while back but Bryson struggled to find his old form, until he made his way to the mountain states.

The Greenbriar Resort and the PGA had a nine year marriage from 2010-2019. The stop was a favorite spot for several pro golfers that would bring their families and make a vacation out of their time in our state. The tour moved the Greenbriar Classic to September in later years, which caused the amount of fans attending to decrease drastically. The low numbers led to the event being canceled.

Having professional gold make a return to our state brought a buzz that had been missing for years. Hopefully, this was not a one and done situation and we will see more professional gold in West Virginia. Anytime that we can showcase the Greenbriar Resort on a national level good things are sure to follow.

## Football to Play Post University in 2023 Homecoming Game

FAIRMONT, W.Va. – The Fairmont State football team will play Post University in its 2023 Homecoming game, the team revealed on Monday (Aug. 7).

The two teams will play on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 2 p.m. from Duvall-Rosier Field in the 2023 Fairmont State Homecoming game. The announcement comes following the impending closure of Alderson Broaddus University.

Single game tickets and new season ticket packages will be available on Wednesday, Aug. 9. Parking passes will be available for pickup at the Fairmont State Athletic Department offices on Wednesday, Aug. 16.

The 2023 Fairmont State football schedule is below.

Aug. 31 | vs. Bloomsburg  
Sept. 7 | at West Liberty  
Sept. 16 | vs. Wheeling  
Sept. 23 | at Notre Dame (Ohio)  
Sept. 30 | vs. Post (2023 Homecoming)  
Oct. 5 | vs. Concord  
Oct. 14 | at UNC-Pembroke  
Oct. 21 | vs. Charleston  
Oct. 28 | at West Virginia State  
Nov. 4 | at West Virginia Wesleyan  
Nov. 11 | vs. Frostburg State

## Salem University Enters 2023-24 Non-Conference Scheduling Agreement with Mountain East Conference

SALEM, W.Va. - In the wake of recent changes around the landscape of higher education in the state of West Virginia, Salem University and the Mountain East Conference have announced a non-conference scheduling agreement for the 2023-24 season.

As a result of the impending closure and immediate suspension of athletics at Alderson Broaddus University, Salem will compete in non-conference play against MEC baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, softball and women's volleyball programs.

Salem will replace Alderson Broaddus in the schedules of the aforementioned sports. All contests will be considered non-conference.

Salem Athletic Director Alex Joseph noted, "We are excited to announce this unique partnership with the Mountain East Conference. We look forward to working with MEC administrators and coaching staffs to create high-quality student-athlete experiences for the 2023-24 season. Our university and our campus community are thrilled for this new opportunity to showcase everything Salem and its student-athletes have to offer. We thank Commissioner Amos and the conference office for their hard work in helping us develop this partnership.

## WVU's Eilert Announces Signing of Ofri Naveh

By Bryan Messerly

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – West Virginia University men's basketball interim head coach Josh Eilert has announced the signing of Ofri Naveh to a grant-in-aid for the 2023-24 academic year.

Naveh, a 6-foot-6, 225-pound forward, from Neot Golan, Israel, will be a freshman at West Virginia in 2023-24.

"Ofri has really good skills for his size, especially guard skills," Eilert said. "He's young, and he's going to continue to develop his body and increase his strength. He has a really good first step to get by the opposition. Ofri played well for Israel this summer, and we look forward to Ofri arriving here and joining our Mountaineer basketball family."

Naveh recently completed FIBA U18 European Championship play with Israel. In seven games, he averaged 11.0 points, 7.1 rebounds, 1.4 assists, 1.9 steals and 1.0 blocks per game. Naveh shot 54 percent from the field, 47 percent from 3-point range and 67 percent from the free throw line.

Naveh scored 14 points in games against Lithuania and France, 13 points against Greece, 12 points against Sweden and 10 points against Turkey. He had 11 rebounds against Greece and 10 rebounds against Sweden.

Naveh has played for the Maccabi Playtiki Tel Aviv U18 team.

## Clarksburg City Park to Host Fall Baseball Beginning in September



### From The World of Parks & Recreation

By Doug Comer

Numerous teams and leagues will utilize the fields at Clarksburg City Park located on Buckhannon Pike in the Nutter Fort area. While baseball normally headlines in the spring and summer, the idea of specializing in sports nowadays makes sports an all season arena with all the ability to play both indoors or outside.

In particular, Frank Loria field has been a hub for many leagues up through the collegiate ranks. In the past, Frank Loria was a privilege to play on. Babe Ruth All-Stars called Loria its home for decades as well as the Post 13 team where many of Clarksburg's finest talent came to play. High school sectionals were played on the hallowed ground and here today besides Post 13, Salem University and Notre Dame High School calls Loria its home as well.

"It has been an arena where many of the best talent has played on this diamond," said a

former parks board member. "In the days where I was on the board and there were many, many teams in this area, playing on Loria was really something special. Today, with the new surface, the field still gets the same amount of activity. It is definitely one of the staples here in the area."

Everyone has a story about playing on the field. Once, I was walking out to the car for lunch and saw an older man just standing on the landing by the fence in left field. I greeted him and asked him about his memories and he said he was on that field over 40 years ago playing as a kid. He had some great memories about the field and playing with relatives and friends and you could see in his eyes that he was taken back to his childhood.

You can ask an older generation about where they were when they heard that President Kennedy or Dr. Martin Luther King were assassinated and they can tell you exactly when it happened. Even today, buddies of mine tell stories about playing at Loria field. It is a place where memories can be kept whether a player or a fan. It is a place where memories are made and

stories are often told.

Salem head coach J.T. Heenan, who has been a huge help with the improvements of the facility, had one of the schools biggest seasons including 31-wins, a conference championship and even a trip to the big dance. And, as he says, having a facility like this will play a huge role in the recruitment process for the university and for scheduling games whether fall scrimmages or the spring season.

Pony League, which will begin use of the field in August, has the various levels of talent playing this fall. But, while numbers are a little low, the fields will still be used by the league and, most likely, some travel teams that will use the fields as well for tryouts for the 2024 season.

While all mentioned have use of the fields, anyone can rent no matter the occasion. Following all restrictions, area softball leagues or families using the pavilions can add a field for activities that require a field. For more information, please contact the City Parks office to rent or for more information.



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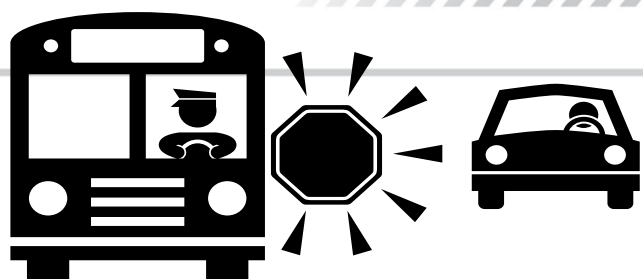
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## BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

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### Bus Safety for Drivers

As a driver, practicing the driving rules around school buses and being mindful of the surrounding area is crucial.

- **Yellow flashing lights** on a school bus mean slow down, don't speed up, because the bus is preparing to stop. Likely, students are waiting to get on the bus, or parents are waiting nearby to pick up children.
- **Red flashing lights** mean stop and wait at least 20 feet behind the bus because children are getting on or off the school bus. Stay stopped until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop-arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving. Passing a school bus while the stop-arm is extended and the red lights are flashing is illegal.

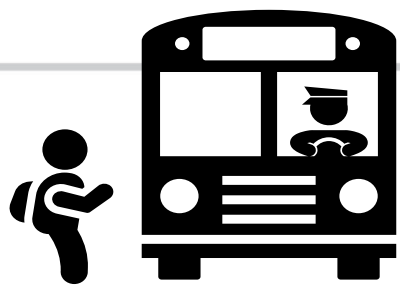
Even when lights aren't flashing, watch for children. Be alert for children during the morning, mid-afternoon and around school arrival and dismissal times. Pay attention when backing out of a driveway and driving through a neighborhood, school zone, or bus stop.



### Pedestrian Safety

Whether your child is walking to school, crossing the street, or nearby the road, everyone should be aware of their surroundings and follow these reminders:

- **Use the sidewalk when possible;** if there isn't a sidewalk, walk on the edge of the street facing traffic.
- When available, **use marked crosswalks** to cross the street, and look left-right-left for vehicles or bikes before crossing.
- Ensure you **never play, push or shove** others when walking around traffic.
- Everyone should **watch the road**, not their phones.



### Bus Safety for Students

Not only do drivers need to stay watchful, but also children. **Teach your child SAFE:**

- S**tay five steps away from the curb.
- A**lways wait until the bus comes to a complete stop and the bus driver signals for you to board.
- F**ace forward after finding a seat on the bus.
- E**xit the bus after it stops and look left-right-left for cars before crossing a street.



### School Safety Helpline

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# Upcoming Events at Seneca Shadows Campground Amphitheater in Pendleton County

Seneca Rocks, W.Va., August 9, 2023 – Join us at Monongahela Campground Amphitheater for the Summer Concert and Speaker Series. You do not need to be a guest of the campground to attend. All programs are free of charge and sponsored by the Eastern National Forests Interpretive Association in cooperation with American Land & Leisure. In the event of inclement weather, programs will be moved to the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center Auditorium. All programs are subject to change or cancellation at any time.

**Saturday, Aug. 12, 7:30-9 p.m.:** Music with Ben Townsend. Ben performs a rich blend of old-time music on banjo and fiddle. Meet at Seneca Shadows Campground Amphitheater.

**Saturday, Aug. 19, 7:30-9 p.m.:** An Evening with Bats at Seneca Rocks

Discovery Center Auditorium. Join Leslie Surges of Bat Conservation and Rescue of Virginia to learn all about nature’s flying bug zappers and eavesdrop on their echolocation calls. The event starts with a live bat program, followed by a short walk to look for bats using bat detector equipment. Meet at Seneca Rocks Discovery Center Auditorium.

**Saturday, Aug. 26, 7:30-9 p.m.:** Mon Mania! Are you smarter than a Forest Ranger? Find out at this interactive gameshow for all ages. Earn points, win prizes, roast s’mores, and learn a little more about Monongahela National Forest along the way. Meet at Seneca Shadows Campground Amphitheater.

**Saturday, Sept. 2, 7-9 p.m.:** Music with Crandall Creek. Since forming in 2015, this bluegrass band has received significant chart success and reached many career milestones.

In 2022, Crandall Creek’s single, “Molly Burns,” debuted at No. 7 on the Bluegrass Today Top 20 weekly chart. Meet at Seneca Shadows Campground Amphitheater.

**Sunday, Sept. 3, 7:30-9 p.m.:** Scaling the Rocks. Have you ever wondered how people climb Seneca Rocks? Join Climbing Ranger Matt O’Brien for a brief history of the climbing techniques and equipment

used to scale the rocks. Meet at Seneca Shadows Campground Amphitheater. Contact the Seneca Rocks Discovery Center at (304) 567-2827 for more information about these programs. The center is open Thursday through Monday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed Tuesday and Wednesday. The Historic Sites Homestead is open Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## LEGAL

### WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (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 September 12, 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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<b>SPAN(S):</b>	4			<b>STRUCTURE STEEL:</b> 1,187,127.00
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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 deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on 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.

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to September 30, 2023.	\$ 1,374.72
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Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff’s sale to September 30, 2023.	\$ 1,100.30
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff’s sale to September 30, 2023.	\$ 270.71
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 3,980.92
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

**You may redeem any time before September 30, 2023, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.**

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## Marshall University receives \$45 million from state for revolutionary cyber security institute

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. - Marshall University, building on its reputation as the premier cyber security academic institution in Appalachia and in an unprecedented move that will bolster national cybersecurity capabilities in protecting our nation’s critical infrastructure, has received a substantial investment of \$45 million from the state of West Virginia.

This boost will establish a state-of-the-art Institute for Cyber Security, positioning the university at the forefront of cyber defense and research.

“Through our West Virginia Forward efforts, which identified cyber security as a potential growth area for our state, Marshall has emerged as a national leader in developing advanced techniques, tools, and methodologies to protect critical infrastructure, and state, national, and industry assets; as well as developing the skilled workforce,” said Marshall President Brad D. Smith. “This is a landmark moment for our university, marking profound commitment to safeguarding our digital future and addressing the escalating challenges of the cyber landscape.

“West Virginia has many legislative leaders with the economic foresight and passion

for strengthening West Virginia’s competitive edge in our global economy. The Marshall University community thanks them for their steadfast leadership.”

“All of this would not be possible without the strong support of our West Virginia Congressional Delegation as well,” Smith continued. “U.S. Sen. Manchin and U.S. Sen Capito have worked tirelessly to help develop strategic partnerships with federal agencies that have led to Marshall’s selection as a Center of Excellence for Cyber Security by the U.S. Cyber Command, as well as a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense by the National Security Agency.”

Gov. Jim Justice included the supplemental appropriation funding for legislators to consider during a special session this week in Charleston, saying Marshall is quickly becoming the cyber security hub of Appalachia.

“Marshall University is poised to become a national leader in cyber security and this \$45 million boost is proof we as a state wholeheartedly endorse and support the program’s growth,” Justice said. “The remarkable efforts of President Smith and his team at Marshall are truly exceptional, and we should all be proud that one of our state’s

top universities is making significant strides in this critical industry. I thank those in the West Virginia Legislature for their efforts in appropriating these funds.”

Smith said significant kudos go to West Virginia’s policy leaders for the critical investment which will build a cyber security ecosystem on the East Coast.

Senate President Craig Blair said he was so proud of the Legislature for their support of the investment into Marshall.

“We are working to be the leader in driving high-tech, new economy jobs, and I am excited that we’ll be able to educate and train an entire new generation of cybersecurity experts right here in the State of West Virginia.

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# OBITUARIES



**Melvin Roy "Bud" Beverly**

Melvin Roy "Bud" Beverly, 84, of Isaac Creek, Clarksburg, passed away on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at United Hospital Center. He was born November 23, 1938 at Isaac Creek, a son of the late John Roy and Gladys Pearl Yates Beverly.

On April 23, 1961, Bud married the love of his life, Phyllis Jean Beatty Beverly, who survives him. He is also survived by his sons, Roy Dale Beverly and his wife Rhonda Lynn of Isaac Creek; Thomas Edison Beverly of Bingamon; and David Lee Beverly and his wife Crystal Dawn of Sardis; his grandchildren, Thomas Edison Beverly II of Oklahoma; Travis Lee Beverly of Sardis; Allen Roy Beverly of Sardis, and Alyssa Beth Beverly also of Sardis; his sister-in-law, Phyllis Kay Beverly of Clarksburg; and his brothers-in-law, Joe Cross of Florida; Butch Beatty of Salem; and Rick Beatty of Shinnston; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Bud was preceded in death by his brothers, Denver Beverly; Paul Beverly and his wife Patricia Ann; as well as his sisters-in-law, Ginger Cross; Judy Reynolds; and Karen Kay Beverly.

Bud served our country in the U.S. Army. In 1999, he retired as a lineman for T.A. Chapman, a contractor for Bell Atlantic Telephone Company. Bud was an avid deer hunter and loved working on his farm. He will be remembered as an honest and devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

Friends will be received at Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St. Shinnston, on Sunday from 2-8pm. A funeral service was held at the funeral home on Monday, August 14, at 1:00 pm with Pastor Tim Sandy officiating. Interment followed at the Sardis Cemetery. Online memories and condolences can be shared with the family at www.perinefunerals.com

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

## Capito Announces Resources to Support West Virginia's Take Me Home Transition Program for Long-Term Care Residents

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Ranking Member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, today announced funding from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to West Virginia's Take Me Home (TMH) Medicaid Transition Program. The TMH program seeks to identify qualifying residents of long-term care facilities who wish to return to their own homes and apartments in the community and provide them with the support and services they need to do so. The program is supported by West Virginia's Money Follows the Person (MFP) grant through the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (WV DHHR).

"The Take Me Home transition program allows many West Virginians with long-term health care needs to decide for themselves where the best setting is to receive the services they need. For many, that is their own homes and communities. This grant will give West Virginia the needed support and flexibility to help improve the quality of health care and help drive down costs for West Virginia's residents currently living in long-term care. As the Ranking Member of the Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee, I will keep fighting for the resources that help deliver the best standard of care possible for West Virginians," Ranking Member Capito said.

Details on the award are listed below: \$5,860,706 for the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (WV DHHR) (Charleston, W.Va.) to support the Medicaid MFP program that aims to aid long term care patients with getting treatment in a setting of their choice.

## After Capito Urging, Commerce Department Stands with West Virginia Hardwood Plywood Industry

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) today released the following statement regarding the U.S. Department of Commerce's affirmative decisions on a hardwood plywood antidumping and countervailing (AD/CVD) case.

Specifically, the ruling found that imports of certain hardwood plywood products completed in Vietnam using components primarily manufactured in China circumvented the antidumping duty (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) orders on hardwood plywood from China.

In March, Senator Capito led a letter to Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo to ensure the protection of domestic hardwood plywood manufacturers, following concern that manufacturing in this sector has been disrupted in recent years due to China's unfair import practices. The decision, which came after Senator Capito's letter, is a major victory for the hardwood plywood and veneer industry in West Virginia.

"This is wonderful news for our manufacturers and workforce in our hardwood plywood and veneer industry in West Virginia, and I appreciate the Commerce Department for heeding my call and taking action in the face of unfair actions from China. I will always stand in support of our manufacturers in West Virginia, and fight to make certain they are not improperly disadvantaged by China's misleading economic practices," Senator Capito said.

## Manchin Announces \$898K for Three West Virginia Research Initiatives

Charleston, WV – Today, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), member of the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$898,443 from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for three West Virginia research initiatives. The funding will support two projects at West Virginia University (WVU), including research on nitrogen emissions in forest environments and computational imagery in space, as well as a project to expand access to STEM research awards for four-year colleges and universities across the state through the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.

"The National Science Foundation continues to be an important partner for the Mountain State through their investments in groundbreaking

projects that provide West Virginia students and educators with unique research opportunities. I'm pleased these three initiatives are receiving awards to help advance our understanding of environmental science and computational imagery, as well as break down barriers to future research opportunities for our higher education institutions. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue advocating for resources that bolster academic research and support our universities across West Virginia," Senator Manchin said.

Individual awards listed below: \$599,442 – West Virginia University: Quantifying the Recovery of Central Appalachian Forests during the Final Chapter of Society's Inadvertent Nitrogen Fertilization Experiment

This project will investigate the effects of nitrogen emissions in eastern U.S. forest environments through research at the Fernow Experimental Forest in Parsons. The initiative will engage local 8th grade students in rural Tucker County through field trips and in-class activities.

\$200,000 – West Virginia University: Uncertainty-Aware Computational Imaging (CI) in the Wild: A Bayesian Deep Learning Approach in the Latent Space

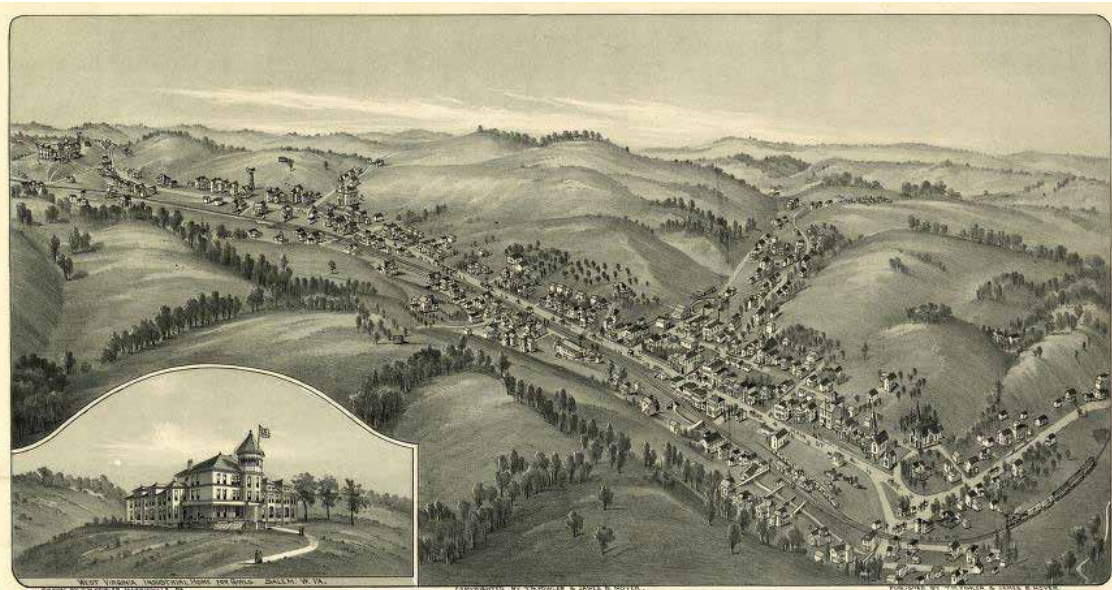
This project will advance the capabilities of CI to handle uncertain scientific and engineering paradigms. The development of uncertainty-aware CI systems will have a wide range of impact on both scientific exploration, such as astronomical questions, and daily life, such as smartphone applications.

\$99,001 – West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission: Increasing STEM Grant Capacity Across West Virginia

This project will examine the barriers to research grant proposal submissions and award management success at West Virginia's four-year colleges and universities with the goal of ensuring increased research success

## Out of the Past

Memorable photographs from around Harrison County



**SALEM,**  
WEST VIRGINIA,  
1899.

A late 19th century promotional image of Salem. Photo courtesy of the Library of Congress

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## Creative pathways for peace

*From L'Osservatore Romano*

While the risk of getting accustomed to the war that has broken out in the heart of Christian Europe with Russia's aggression against Ukraine, is present, some do not tire, combining prophecy and realism, of calling for peace by reminding nations and peoples — and Europe in particular — of their responsibilities.

Right at the beginning of his trip to Portugal, where he arrived to celebrate World Youth Day, Pope Francis spoke about the role of the Old Continent, expressing the hope that it will not forget its identity but will be capable of proposing creative pathways for peace and diplomatic solutions instead of accepting the idea of the inevitability of war and the arms race.

The Successor of Peter noted how “planetary injustice, wars, climate and migration crises (...) run faster than our ability, and often our will, to confront these challenges in a united way”.

But he added that “Lisbon may suggest a change of pace” since it was here, in 2007, that the eponymous Reform Treaty of the European Union was signed, stating that the Union “in its relations with the rest of the world contributes to peace, security, the sustainable development of the Earth, solidarity and mutual respect among peoples, free and fair trade, the elimination of poverty and the protection of human rights”.

Pope Francis said that the “world needs Europe, the true Europe: it needs its role as a bridge and peacemaker in its eastern part, in the Mediterranean, in Africa and in the Middle East”. Only in this way will Europe be able to bring to the international scene “its specific contribution”, which

is struggling to emerge in the current historical juncture.

There is a need to develop “a diplomacy of peace aimed at settling conflicts and lessening tensions, attentive to the slightest signals of distension and reading between the most crooked lines”. Looking at today's reality without ideological blinders, one must recognize that this is not happening.

That is why the Pope addresses questions to Europe: “Where are you sailing if you are not showing the world paths of peace, creative ways for bringing an end to the war in Ukraine and to the many conflicts causing so much bloodshed”? Or again, to widen the scope, we might ask: “West, on what course are you sailing”? Your technologies, which have brought progress and globalized the world are not by themselves sufficient, much less your highly sophisticated weapons, which do not represent investments for the future but a depletion of its authentic human capital: that of education, health, the welfare state. It is troubling when we read that in many places funds continue to be invested in arms rather than in the future of the young”.

What else needs to happen for Europe to shake up and reappropriate itself of its role?

According to the Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine, as of February 22, 2023, the invasion has claimed the lives of 9,655 civilians, including 461 children; injured 12,829 civilians, including 926 children; and been the occasion of more than 68,000 war crimes, including 2,600 committed against children.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (unhcr) esti-

mates that 8.1 million people were displaced in Europe by the end of February 2023. Entire areas of Ukraine have been destroyed, polluted or mined. This tragedy must end, first with a truce and then with a just peace.

But Pope Francis does not give up looking to the future with hope: “I dream of a Europe, the heart of the West, which employs its immense talents to settling conflicts and lighting lamps of hope; a Europe capable of recovering its youthful heart, looking to the greatness of the whole and beyond its immediate needs; a Europe inclusive of peoples and persons, together with their own cultures, without chasing after ideologies and forms of ideological colonization”.

He deserves to be heard, before it is too late. (A.T.)

By Andrea Torielli

### West Virginia Senate President Craig Blair Named Chair of the Council of State Governments Southern Office (CSG South)

Charleston, West Virginia – August 8, 2023 – West Virginia Senate President Craig Blair was unanimously elected as the 2023-2024 chair of CSG South on July 11, 2023 at the Southern Legislative Conference in Charleston, South Carolina.

As chair, President Blair will preside over the Executive Committee of CSG South as well as the Southern Legislative Conference through the coming year. He also will assist in shaping the program for the 78th SLC Annual Meeting, to be held at The Greenbrier in West Virginia in July 2024. The meeting, which is the nation's largest regional state government forum, is expected to draw more than 1,800 attendees from the South.

“Hosting the Southern Legislative Conference at The Greenbrier in West Virginia will be an amazing opportunity to share West Virginia's unique history and culture – from the rolling rivers and sounds of the Appalachian Mountains to our deep-rooted American history – everyone will find a home here,” said Blair. “As we celebrate our rich heritage, this meeting also provides an opportunity to highlight West Virginia's many successful policies and initiatives and share these ideas with other Southern state policymakers,” Blair said.

West Virginia has previously hosted the meeting three times, most recently in 2012.

## Attorney General Morrisey Leads Letter Rebuking EPA's Proposed New Rule on Power Plants

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey is leading a coalition of 21 states opposing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's proposed new rule on existing coal-, natural gas- and oil-fired power plants.

The proposal attempts to regulate those plants under the Clean Air Act by imposing more stringent emissions standards. It ignores last year's rebuke from the U.S. Supreme Court in *West Virginia v. EPA*, which warned that EPA should not use a narrow regulatory provision to force coal-fired power plants into retirement en masse.

“This proposal also strips states of important discretion while using technologies that don't work in the real world—so it sets up the plants for failing to meet the standards dictated in the rule, leaving the plants with no other option but to cease operations,” Attorney General Morrisey said. “This is designed to scare more coal-fired power plants into retirement—the goal of the Biden administration's so-called green new deal.”

“That tactic is unacceptable, and this rule appears to utterly fly in the face of the rule of law. The U.S. Supreme Court has placed significant limits on what the EPA can do—we plan on ensuring that those limits are

upheld, and we expect that we would once again prevail in court against this out-of-control agency.”

The letter explains how the proposal violates the Supreme Court's decision on *West Virginia v. EPA* because Congress (still) hasn't given EPA clear statutory authorization to remake the electricity grids. That means the agency cannot sidestep Congress to exercise broad regulatory power that would radically transform the nation's energy grids—and force states to fundamentally shift their energy portfolios away from fossil fuel-fired generation.

The *West Virginia v. EPA* ruling in 2022 marked the most consequential development in environmental law since Attorney General Morrisey won a historic and unprecedented stay of the Obama-era Clean Power Plan at the Supreme Court in February 2016. *West Virginia v. EPA* has already become one of the central cases in administrative law.

Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Virginia joined Attorney General Morrisey in the letter.

### “Marshall” From pg 6

President Smith's expertise and experience make Marshall the perfect fit for a program like this one, and I applaud his leadership in the development of the Institute for Cyber Security,” Blair said.

The funding will build a new facility in the 4th Avenue Innovation District of Huntington and will serve as an important anchor for the area that is being developed as a transformational, innovation-led, mixed-use area strategically located between downtown Huntington and Marshall's Huntington campus.

“The work Marshall University has already put into this effort is exciting for the entire state, and we should all applaud their foresight,” said House Speaker Roger Hanshaw. “At a time when so many of our state's leaders are collaborating to put West Virginia on the map

as a leader in a 21st Century economy, I was proud to cast a vote to help allocate one-time surplus funds to help invest in this infrastructure that will boost the university as a national leader in cybersecurity.”

The proposed building will house state-of-the-art cyber security technology and training programs and become the cyber locus, where industry from throughout Appalachia and the country will find training, mentoring and learn the most up-to-date cyber trends.

It is estimated there are more than 700,000 cyber security job openings in the United States alone.

Marshall is already working collaboratively with the U.S. Department of Education and West Virginia State University to advance workforce development.

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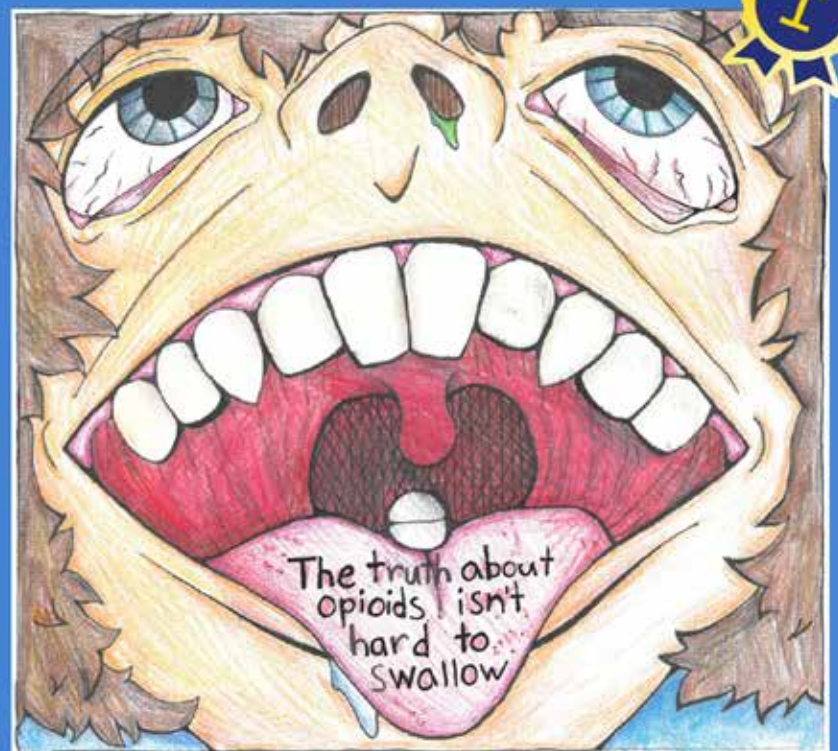
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