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

## West Virginia Municipal League Honoree Chad Edwards Named Citizen of the Month



Official picture of City Manager Edwards

By Stephen Smoot

“It was a very big honor,” said Chad Edwards, Shinnston City Manager of the award conferred to him last week by the West Virginia Municipal League.

Edwards received the Tom Oxley Heart of

the Community Award. The League named the award for a longtime member and past president of both the West Virginia Municipal League and the West Virginia City Managers’ Association. Oxley served many years as

both a city councilman

and city manager for Oak Hill.

The award also carried personal meaning for Edwards, due to the fact that Oxley’s leadership in those organizations always extended to helping those who were new to the organizations. Oxley took time to give the benefit of his experience to those trying to acquire knowledge, skills, and information to do the job.

Oxley, unfortunately, passed in May of this year. Edwards said “he was a really nice guy,” then showed that he followed his example, saying “I do everything I can to make people feel comfortable.”

Of the League, Edwards shared that “I think it is a wonderful institution. It serves to help cities of all sizes from a city of 300 to a city of 48,000” by providing networking op-

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## West Virginia Department of Tourism releases 2023 Fall Foliage Projection Map on August 23, 2023

*Recent rainfall in the nation’s third most forested state could be a precursor to stunning fall color*



Chelsea Ruby Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Tourism.

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – In anticipation of the quickly-approaching autumn season, the West Virginia Department of Tourism has released its annual fall foliage projection map. The map, prepared in partnership with the West Virginia Division of Forestry, estimates when fall color is expected to begin appearing across the Mountain State in an effort to help travelers plan their fall

getaways. Recent rainfall could lead to the most stunning fall the state has experienced in decades.

Beginning mid-September, the Department of Tourism will start releasing weekly fall foliage updates which will include real-time color reports, as well as roadtrips with suggested stops and hikes that will

guide travelers through the state’s prime leaf-viewing opportunities.

“We still have several good weeks left in summer, but it’s never too early to start planning an autumn trip to experience West Virginia’s stunning fall foliage,” said West Virginia Tourism Secretary Chelsea Ruby. “I can’t wait for our rolling hills to come alive with vibrant hues of red, orange and yellow. There’s no better place to experience the fall than right here in Almost Heaven.”

In addition to the fall foliage map, the Department of Tourism will also offer a live leaf tracker which will be updated in real-time as the season begins to shift to give travelers an inside look at fall color around the state. The tracker features photos from social media using #AlmostHeaven and

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## W.Va. Natural Gas Production Rises, Revenues Grow in 2022

*GO-WV releases latest “Gas Facts” edition during summer meeting, highlighting long-term durability, critical role of W.Va.’s natural gas and oil sector*

CHARLESTON, W.Va., August 17, 2023 – Natural gas production, tax revenue and jobs tied to the state’s natural gas and oil sector all increased over the last year, according to the Gas and Oil Association of West Virginia’s (GO-WV) annual Gas Facts report released in August. Presented to members at the 2023 Summer Meeting this week, Gas Facts confirms West Virginia remains America’s fourth largest natural gas producer and contributes approximately 10% to the nation’s total natural gas supply.

“Natural gas and oil aren’t going anywhere, and record attendance at this year’s meeting demonstrates interest, investment and engagement among our organization is stronger than ever before” newly elected GO-WV President Jeff Isner said. “We had guest speakers spanning all levels of government and industry leaders from across the nation come to West Virginia to discuss the opportunities specifically found here. I look forward to leading this organization as President for the 2023-2024 term, helping ensure policymakers, West Virginians and all Americans understand this modern industry is capable

and ready to lead the future of our country.”

According to Gas Facts, West Virginia natural gas production increased 6% to 2.8 trillion cubic feet in 2022. Combined severance tax revenue from natural gas, oil and natural gas liquids also contributed 70% (nearly \$714 million) of the over \$1 billion allocated to the State General Revenue Fund for fiscal year-end June 30, 2023. Property taxes, which topped \$184 million, are directed to counties to be distributed for social programs and school districts for essentials like computer labs, enhanced internet access, building upgrades and more.

In total, the sector employs more than 17,000 direct jobs in the state. Indirect jobs in West Virginia are over 73,000, according to a study by PriceWaterhouseCoopers, and contribute nearly \$13 billion to the state’s economy.

“The facts are clear: our industry is driving economic prosperity in West Virginia,” said Charlie Burd, GO-WV Executive Director. “We all see the investments coming here that are fueled by our energy resources and, in addition to the philanthropic and financial

support individual GO-WV members provide local communities, our industry is injecting crucial investment and creating jobs in the areas where we work.”

Keynote speakers in attendance at the Summer Meeting included U.S. Senator Joe Manchin, Governor Jim Justice, Congresswoman Carol Miller, Charlotte Lane, Chair of the WV Public Service Commission and Chris Guith, Senior Vice President at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito provide virtual remarks to members.

At the state level, Senate President Craig Blair, Senator Eric Tarr and House Delegates Vernon Criss and Clay Riley participated in a roundtable focused legislative updates.

Highlights from the 2023 Gas Facts Include:

- Produced 2.8 trillion cubic feet (TCF) of natural gas (+6%)
- Contributed \$714 million in severance taxes (+37%)
- Paid \$184 million in property taxes (+102%)
- Employs 17,572 direct WV jobs
- Produced 15 million barrels of oil



### BUILDING AMAZING CITIES

By JIM HUNT  
author, speaker, consultant

## Old Friends

Did you ever receive a call from an old friend or work colleague that you hadn’t heard from or seen in years? And when that happened, did you wonder how the stars lined up for this person to reach out to you. Did they say that they were cleaning out their desk and your business card fell out and landed on the floor and it reminded them of a relationship or friendship from years ago? It might have been that they heard an old song or watched a movie, and they remembered that time at work when you came dressed like Annie Hall or had your hair fixed like Art Garfunkel. This has happened to me on several occasions, and it has never failed to put a smile on my face or give me a feeling of nostalgia.

As I pondered how this came about, I thought, “What if I intentionally reached out to people and checked in?” For the past several years, I have kept a list in my notebook of people I want to reach out to. I add to it and sometimes make the calls when I’m by myself, driving to the airport or in a hotel on business. When I connect with someone, I find that, often, they are in a down time in their life. A spouse has passed on or a favorite pet is in its last days. Sometimes it is a personal illness or a job change. During these calls, they will ask me why I decided to reach out to them, and I tell them I was just thinking about them.

We fail to realize how lonely it can become when you are going through a rough patch or just wanting to put your problems aside and relive an old high school basketball game or a concert. With social media, we seem to be connected to hundreds of “friends” but a “thumbs up” or a “heart” emoji, can hardly replace the voice from an old friend. And some of the loneliest people are good at

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# HOUSE Call

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# Nature Care: Leave Young Wildlife Alone

With abundant wildlife, it's not uncommon for people to cross paths with a wild animal in West Virginia, especially during the spring and summer months. While the sight of wildlife can certainly be exciting, the WVDNR wants to remind people that picking up, touching or even getting close to wildlife can harm the animal.

"When you touch or approach young animals, you leave behind scent that predators may key in on, which brings risk to that young animal," said Vinnie Johnson, a wildlife biologist for the WVDNR. "Watching these young animals can be an enjoyable pastime, but WVDNR recommends this be done from a distance with the use of binoculars."

The handling of wildlife also can increase the risk of transmitting rabies, roundworms or other parasites, such as ticks, to the person handling the animal. Rabies is a viral disease that, when left untreated, is almost always fatal to humans. Rabies can be found in mammals such as raccoons, foxes and skunks. These animals are commonly found during the spring in West Virginia and if illegally possessed by humans can increase the risk of being exposed to rabies.

"Another danger of handling young wildlife is exposing yourself to Lyme disease," said Johnson. "Lyme disease is caused by the bite of a black-legged deer tick, which carries the disease. When handling wildlife, the likelihood of encountering the tick is extremely high, so be careful."

## What Young Wildlife That Looks Abandoned?

WVDNR district offices receive numerous calls regarding young wildlife, especially fawns, rabbits and birds. An adult doe will leave its fawn hidden for many hours while it searches for food and the fawn remains still while the mother is away. Fawns have a unique color pattern and have little to no scent which allows them to remain undetected by predators. If a predator nears a fawn, it will remain still until the last moment possible when it will flee to safety. People sometime view this behavior and lack of parental care as abandonment but that is far from the case.

Young birds are often picked up because people assume they fell out of the nest, and at times, this can be the case. If the bird is pink and featherless and the nest is easy to reach, the nestling can be put back into the nest. Most of the time, though, the bird is fledging. This is when a young bird has intentionally left the nest to learn how to feed and fly. These young birds are feathered but look poor and they hop or make short flights. Because of this behavior people assume they fell out of the nest.

Not only are humans poor substitutes for wildlife parents, but it is also illegal to possess wildlife without a permit. Fines for the unlawful possession of a bear cub, fawn, squirrel, bird or any other animal ranges from \$20 up to \$300 and/or 10 to 100 days in jail.

"We want people to enjoy the wildlife that West Virginia has to offer," said John.

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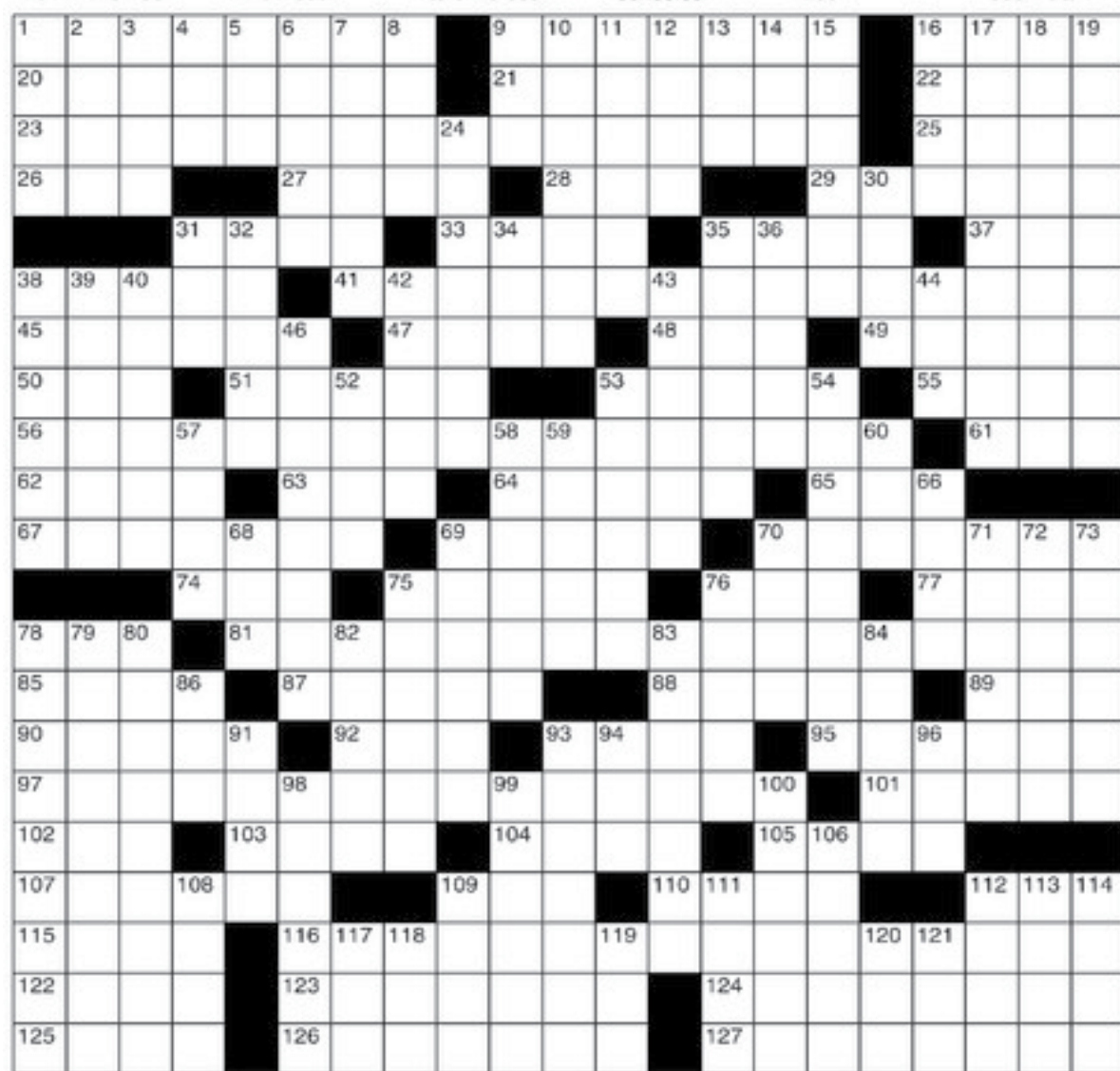
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Web page directories
  - 9 Espressos, e.g.
  - 16 Basic lessons
  - 20 Open to suggestion
  - 21 Solar or lunar phenomenon
  - 22 U.S. island territory
  - 23 Start of a riddle
  - 25 Paree "to be"
  - 26 Tar's "Help!"
  - 27 Wrinkly tangolo
  - 28 Cavaliers' org.
  - 29 Stuff expelled from a volcano
  - 31 West Aleutian island
  - 33 Brand of contact lens solution
  - 35 Outbreak of zits
  - 37 Reply to "Which girl?"
  - 38 Mom on "The Cosby Show"
  - 41 Riddle, part 2
  - 45 Old-style "Yay!"
  - 47 Voguish Christian
  - 48 — kwon do
  - 49 Was the father of
  - 50 — Lady of Guadalupe
  - 51 Eager kids' question
  - 53 Pinkish red
  - 55 Not even one
  - 56 Riddle, part 3
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  - 62 Favorite son of Isaac
  - 63 Beard on grain
  - 64 Eyes lowly
  - 65 Fissure
  - 67 Great joy
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  - 89 Previous to, in verse
  - 90 Canonized fifth-cen. pope
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  - 112 Ewe noise
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  - 116 Riddle's answer
  - 122 Slaughter of baseball
  - 123 Racked up
  - 124 Anticlimactic happening
  - 125 Muralist José María —
  - 126 Rodent-catching cats
  - 127 With two-channel sound
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  - 8 Vend
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  - 10 First female Supreme Court justice
  - 11 Viral cause of a winter woe, informally
  - 12 It funds Soc. Security
  - 13 Pollution-control gp.
  - 14 U.S. immigrants' class
  - 15 Gomez of "Getaway"
  - 16 Old Time film critic James
  - 17 Totally bungled
  - 18 The late 1970s, politically
  - 19 Applied, as finger paint
  - 24 Makes soiled
  - 30 787s, e.g.
  - 31 Lung filler
  - 32 Pamphlet
  - 34 Old name for Tokyo
  - 35 Classic game consoles
  - 36 Bamboozle
  - 38 Had grub
  - 39 Thelma's film sidekick
  - 40 Ol' a major blood vessel
  - 42 Astronomer Hubble
  - 43 Furry scarves
  - 44 Musical set in Oz, with "The"
  - 46 "Ver-r-r-y funny"
  - 52 Salamander
  - 53 V8 vegetable
  - 54 Charley horse, e.g.
  - 57 French for "eight"
  - 58 Areas on a golf course
  - 59 Be in accord
  - 60 Bodily pouch
  - 66 Pooch with a corded coat
  - 68 Pai — poker (casino game)
  - 69 Adorable kids
  - 70 Waikiki's island
  - 71 Like many gory movies
  - 72 Constellation
  - 73 Mandates
  - 75 Skywalker of "Star Wars"
  - 76 Scandalous corporation of 2001
  - 78 Old sweeties
  - 79 Whichever of the two
  - 80 Alternative magazine to House Beautiful
  - 82 Rival
  - 83 "Sounds right to me"
  - 84 Back of a 45 record
  - 86 "Dam tootin'!"
  - 91 Poetic eyes
  - 93 "Roots" Emmy winner
  - 94 35mm camera inits.
  - 96 Fish-fowl linkup
  - 98 Coal mine vehicle
  - 99 Put in a crate
  - 100 Burden with one's problems
  - 106 Pintos, e.g.
  - 108 For fear that
  - 109 Bygone
  - 111 Bygone Dodge
  - 112 Dutch South African
  - 113 Novelist Rice
  - 114 In re
  - 117 Doc's org.
  - 118 Rebel Turner
  - 119 Jewel box inserts
  - 120 Tennis barrier
  - 121 "Now — see it all!"



**FIND THE SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS ON PAGE 6!**

## 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. 31, 1945:** The USS West Virginia led American battleships into Tokyo Bay two days before the formal surrender of Japan on September 2, 1945.

**Sept. 1, 1777:** Fort Henry, located at what is now Wheeling, was attacked by Indians for the first time during the Revolutionary War. Nearly half the militia were lured outside the post and killed.

**Sept. 1, 1907:** Walter Phillips Reuther was born to German immigrant parents in Wheeling. Reuther was a founder of the modern labor movement and a long-time president of the United Auto Workers.

**Sept. 1, 1921:** By this date during the Battle of Blair Mountain, miners had captured half of the 25-mile mountain ridge and were ready to descend upon Logan. President Warren Harding placed the strike zone under martial law, and ordered federal troops and a squadron of bomber aircraft into the state.

**Sept. 2, 1722:** Frontiersman William Crawford was born in present Jefferson County. He was a farmer, soldier, surveyor, and the land agent of George Washington.

**Sept. 3, 1890:** West Virginia Wesleyan College opened in Buckhannon as the West Virginia Conference Seminary. In that first year, 201 men and women undertook a largely preparatory school curriculum. Gradually the school added college-level studies and awarded its first five degrees in 1905.

**Sept. 3, 1966:** President Lyndon B. Johnson dedicated the Summersville Dam and Lake. Summersville Lake (now State Park), located on the Gauley River in Nicholas County, is West Virginia's largest lake, with 2,790 surface acres at summer pool stage and 60 miles of shoreline.

**Sept. 4, 1862:** General Albert G. Jenkins and his men crossed the Ohio River and became the first to raise the Confederate flag on Ohio soil.

**Sept. 5, 1861:** Sutton was occupied by 5,000 Union troops. Later in 1861, General Rosecrans bivouacked 10,000 Union troops there, including a future president, William McKinley.

**Sept. 6, 1875:** Members of the notorious James Gang robbed the Bank of Huntington and got away on horseback. The robbery spawned a host of legends, including stories about outlaw Frank James – brother of Jesse James – hiding out in Wayne County.

**Sept. 6, 1980:** The new Mountaineer Field opened in Morgantown with a 41-27 win over Cincinnati. It was the first game for new coach Don Nehlen, who would become the most successful coach in West Virginia University history.

# N&J Briefs

**FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY**  
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WV Secretary of State Mac Warner is pleased to join the Harrison County Chamber of Commerce in hosting an open house and ribbon cutting for our new regional offices in downtown Clarksburg. The event will take place on Friday, September 1st.

The WV Secretary of State's new regional office is located on the 3rd floor of the WV State Office Building at 153 West Main Street in downtown Clarksburg.

An open house to talk with Secretary Warner, to meet our staff, and to enjoy some coffee and refreshments will be held from 10:00 am until 11:30 am

Lincoln High School is having its homecoming tailgate at LHS Field September 22, 5:30 to kickoff

The Gary C. Martin Memorial Bike Ride will take place Sept 9 at 10 AM. Cyclists will start from Prickett's Fort State Park

The Lumberport Fire Department will hold its four man golf scramble on Sept 9 at Bel Meadows. Registration and lunch begin at 11:30 AM. Tee time is 1 PM

Baked steak dinner, dine in or take out, to be held Sunday September 10 from 11:30 - 3:00 or sold out at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 310 Pike St., Shinnston. \$12-adult. \$5-child. Menu: steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, apple sauce, bread & dessert. Beverage for dine in.

## "Hunt" From Pg 1.

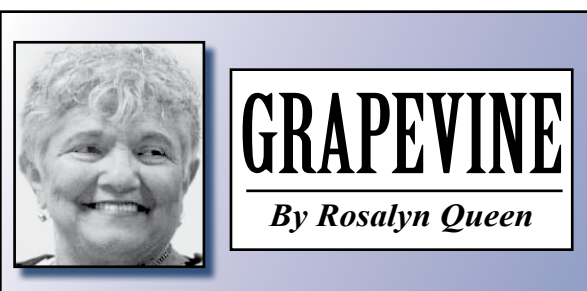
creating a false veneer on social media to cover pain or sorrow in their lives. I never pry and sometimes the call is just a quick catch up from our last meeting or a twenty-minute discussion of a memory from the past. But occasionally they will share something, and you get the feeling that they just want a listening ear.

Khalif Gibran was quoted, "Friendship is always a sweet responsibility, never an opportunity" and I believe he captured how we should approach friendship. Are we only friends when there is something to gain, or do we adhere to an unspoken pledge to be there in times of joy and need. I have stood by the casket of a friend's

mother, and although we haven't seen or spoken to each other in many years, we are transported back to the playground and the tears of sorrow are replaced by memories of a time when we were shooting baskets and for a moment, the sorrow lifted.

Simon and Garfunkel wrote a song in 1968, that I listened to in college and never truly connected with until a couple years ago. It is titled "Old Friends" and the lyrics include these words, "Can you imagine us years from today. Sharing a park bench quietly? How terribly strange to be seventy." When I turned 70 in 2021, I wondered how they knew.

# Beautiful Small Town Values Seen In Weekly Spanish Masses, Good Books, and Treasured Friends



While I should be busy getting ready for all the activities coming up this weekend, I just had to chisel out a few hours to read a book. Of course, it had to be by my favorite author, Danielle Steel. I was at a meeting at the Clarksburg Library and my good friend, Julia Todd found this book and it was in large print. The title of the book was Without A Trace. I finished it in an afternoon of reading. The book kind of reminded me of how I may have felt several times in my life. I will not go into detail about the story but I do recommend you reading it. A beautiful story that will remind us of our lives at one point or another.

My friend, Jeannie McNabb sent me Prince Harry's book, Spare. I hope to read it soon and will report it back to you.

This Sunday the Immaculate Conception Church bulletin reported that starting this week a Spanish mass will be held in the church every week at 9:15. We had been holding a monthly mass but demand reflected that we hold it weekly. We have been assigned two Spanish nuns and our priest, Father Paul will conduct the mass. There is really a large Spanish population in our area and I am so happy our church is furnishing them their need. For more information call the church office.

While growing up in East View, I enjoyed the

friendship of the Cutlip family. Betty was my age and we went through school together. She had a brother Homer who went to school with Fray Queen. Recently I was able to reconnect with Betty through her daughter who was employed at the F O P. I have been enjoying their company at the Farmers Market where they have a booth. This week I came home with a jar of jalapeño jelly. It was so delicious. I got some Ritz crackers, spread some cream cheese on them and added a little jelly. What a wonderful treat. I hope you will visit the market this Saturday and get you a jar of jelly.

My son, Michael met up with the owner of Rollins Market and he happened to tell him how much I enjoy their Italian sausage. They have a great selection of peppers for canning and a little cheaper than other places. While talking he happened to tell Michael about this device he had. It is a pepper corer. It has a device for bell peppers and one for banana peppers. Will plan on using it when I can my peppers. By the way it will soon be mushroom time.

I want to compliment the WVIHF committee. I feel the festival is coming back. I especially want to congratulate the three children of Annie and Louie Pishner. Stephan, Diane and Anna have continued to support the festival. Their parents would be so proud of them.

Just a reminder that the word is that we are going to have a bad flu season. Please check with your doctor about the flu shot. Let's take care of ourselves and each other.

Get ready for fall, stay safe, look out for the school kids and until next week "Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine."

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## A Trio of County Winners On the Gridiron



### The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor  
Sports Editor

The opening week of high school football brought wins for a trio of county teams. Lincoln, Bridgeport, and Liberty all claimed victories under the Friday night lights. One game is in the books, and with nine tilts remaining, let's take a look back at last week's action.

Lincoln proved that all of the preseason hype surrounding the Cougars was indeed warranted. Fans in Shinnston wanted a quick start in the home opener and veteran mentor Rob Hawkins and his squad gave the faithful exactly what they were asking for with an epic first quarter. Lincoln was on pace to score 140 points after throwing 35 big ones on the scoreboard in the first period. They would settle for a 54-0 shutout over Braxton County that Cougar Nation hopes will set the table for a great season.

Quarterback A. J. Bart was near perfect on the night, going six for seven with a pair of touchdowns. Bart's first scoring toss to Maddox Perine from 18 yards out put the home team on the scoreboard and it would set the tone for the evening. Aiden Rice found pay dirt from one yard out for Lincoln's second score. Bart connected with Nate Swiger on a 12 yard pass play that scored six points and the rout was on.

The defense contributed to the scoring barrage when Brayden Edgell intercepted a pass and took it 28 yards to the end zone. Swiger then

intercepted a throw and raced 24 yards for a score and the Cougars put this lock up away early.

Rice blocked a second quarter punt, picked up the ball, and strolled five yards for his second score of the affair. Edgell recorded his second pick six before halftime to make it 48-0. David Burdette scored the lone touchdown in the third period on a seven yard rush to end the scoring.

Bridgeport jumped out to a 41-0 halftime lead over Buckhannon-Upshur. The Indians utilized a punishing ground game and were led by Zach Rohrig. Rohrig picked up 185 yards on just nine carries while scoring three times in the first half. His touchdowns all came on big plays finding the end zone on rushes of 83, 16, and 60 yards respectively.

Signal caller Jack Spatafore scored on a 49 yard run, showing his dual threat capabilities. Josh Love was the second Tribe running back to hit the century mark with 115 yards on a mere two carries. Love scored on runs of 60 and 73 yards in the second stanza and the third period, respectively. Alex Moses added the exclamation point with a 63 yard rush in the fourth quarter.

Liberty upended Elkins 22-6. Running back Quinton Hilliard scored the only first quarter touchdown on a one yard plunge. Signal caller Brock Benedum found the end zone on a five yard run to push the Mountaineer lead to 14-0 at the break. Bendum would score the last Liberty touchdown in the third period and would add the two point conversion for good measure to put the game on ice.

The Mountaineer defense forced three turnovers and allowed just two passing yards on the night.



*It's that time once again to acknowledge the efforts of Harrison County's student-athletes. Each week we review the performances of the athletes from the six schools (Bridgeport, Liberty, Lincoln, Notre Dame, Robert C. Byrd, and South Harrison) in our county.*

*The Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal's Athlete of the Week award is an avenue to promote the youth of our county while bringing attention to their athletic accomplishments.*

This week's Athletes of the Week is focused on Lincoln's Eryn Ashcraft and Bridgeport's Zach Rohrig.

Cougar soccer player Eryn Ashcraft helped her team to a huge win over Big 10 foe Liberty last Tuesday. In Lincoln's first win of the campaign, Ashcraft delivered a hat trick, netting three goals in the affair.

Indian football standout Zach Rohrig led his team to a season opening victory over Buckhannon-Upshur last Friday. Rohrig rushed for a game high 185 yards on nine carries while scoring three touchdowns. His scores came on carries of 83, 16, and 60 yards.

Congratulations to Lincoln's Eryn Ashcraft and Bridgeport's Zach Rohrig for shining bright in the Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week.

## 1988 WVIAC Football Championship Team to be Recognized at Homecoming

FAIRMONT, W.Va. -- The Fairmont State Athletics Department will be celebrating the 1988 Fairmont State Football WVIAC Championship team at the 2023 homecoming football game on Saturday, Sept. 30. The team captured the 1988 conference title 35 years ago.

Members of the 1988 WVIAC Championship team can RSVP at this link to participate in the tailgate. The tailgate will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on September 30 prior to the homecoming game and will be located at the pavilion next to the tennis courts.

Additionally, Gordon Moon, a player on the 1988 championship team, was selected to the Fairmont State Athletics Hall of Fame earlier this month. Moon will be enshrined into the Hall of Fame on Friday, September 29 beginning with the social hour at 5 p.m. and the dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets for the Hall of Fame dinner can be purchased here.

The Falcons posted a record of 5-0-2 in 1988 and finished the season with a 7-2-2 overall record and qualified for the NAIA Playoffs for the first time since 1981. Fairmont State finished the '88 season ranked No. 10 in the final NAIA national poll.

## Glennville State's Bolen Announces Signing of AB Transfer Rye Gadd

By: GSU Sports Information

GLENVILLE, W.Va. – Glennville State Men's Basketball Head Coach Bob Bolen has announced the signing of Alderson Broaddus transfer Rye Gadd.

Gadd is a 6-2 Guard of Cowen, W.Va., playing high school basketball at Webster County High School. He is a sophomore and will have three years of eligibility remaining.

He spent one year at AB, seeing action in 19 games and averaging 2.9 PPG and 1.7 RPG while shooting 30% from the field as a true freshman.

Gadd had season-highs of 33 minutes and 14 points against West Virginia Wesleyan in early December. He scored 11 points in 33 minutes against Salem just a week later.

He scored 1,636 points while in high school and averaged 28 PPG during his senior campaign. Gadd also led the Highlanders to a state tournament appearance and holds the single-game scoring record at WCHS.

## Mountaineers Set to Compete at the 2023 World Athletics Championship

By Elizabeth Stash

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – Redshirt-senior Ceili McCabe and alum Amy Cashin of the West Virginia University track and field team are set to compete in the 3000-meter steeplechase at the 2023 World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary, from August 23-27.

"We are very proud of these young women, competing at the World Championships puts them into a very prestigious group," Mountaineers coach Sean Cleary said. "It is a tribute to the running community in Morgantown that we have two athletes living, competing for and working with WVU."

This marks the second trip to the World Athletics Championships for McCabe and Cashin. The duo competed in the 2022 competition in Eugene, Oregon.

"The World Championship is on par with the Olympic Games, and we are very excited for Ceili and Amy," Cleary added.

McCabe is one of 29 athletes selected to represent Canada in Budapest, and one of two Canadians running in the women's 3000-meter steeplechase. McCabe posted a season best of 9:25.98 at the Bell Canadian Track and Field Championship and is ranked 33rd globally in the 3000-meter steeplechase. McCabe will be competing in the second heat of the 3000-meter steeplechase.

Additionally, Cashin is one of 37 athletes selected to represent Australia, and one of three Australians competing in the women's 3000-meter steeplechase. Cashin boasts a personal best of 9:21.46 and is ranked 35th in the world. Cashin will compete in the third heat of the 3000-meter steeplechase.

The heats for the women's 3000-meter steeplechase will take place on August 23, at 1:45 p.m. ET with the championship being held on August 27 at 3:05 p.m. ET. In the United States, the World Athletics Championships can be viewed on USA Network.

## Bocce League and Tourney Winners

The Spring Bocce League of 2023 at the Shinnston Ferguson Memorial Park has ended. The winning team of Lou Belcastro, Jeff Swiger, and subs used (due to two members quitting early) did it. Joe Skelley was the main substitute.

In second place was the foursome of Rudy Durci, Sean Gaskins, Dave Greaver, and Gary

Pastorial. Placing third was the team of Tina Felosa, John Kendall, and Andrea and Joe Skelley.

The annual Italian Heritage Bocce Tournament was held on Saturday, August 19. Repeating as champions was the team of Mary Jo Bastin, John and Vinny DeMarco, plus Christy Hittel.

Second place finishers were the squad of Lou Belcastro, Lou De

Rio, Ryand Hamrick, and Willard West.

On Saturday, September 9, we will have the annual two-man tourney beginning at 9 AM. The fee is \$40 per team. The one-on-one contest will be played on Saturday, September 30. Fee is \$15 per person. Top two receive cash. The 2024 Spring League will begin in mid-April.

## Kellogg Announces Signing of Holzer

By Chris Coombs

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (August 23, 2023) – West Virginia University women's basketball head coach Mark Kellogg has announced the addition of Ainhoa Holzer to a grant-in-aid for the 2023-24 academic year.

"Ainhoa is a skilled point guard that has nice vision, a high IQ and can score at different levels," Kellogg said. "We needed to add more ball handling and depth to the roster."

"She has valuable international experience playing with the Switzerland National Team and the Swiss Basketball League. We are excited to welcome Ainhoa to Almost Heaven and know that our fans will enjoy watching her compete."

The 5-foot-9 guard comes to Morgantown with four years of eligibility after redshirting last season at Purdue.

Holzer holds extensive European experience at the junior and national levels in Switzerland. The native of Martigny, Switzerland was named the 2022 Swiss Basketball League (SBL) Sixth Woman of the Year and Most Improved Player. She appeared in 22 games for the BBC Troistorrents, averaging 6.7 points and 2.5 assists per game.

She was named to the Swiss National Team in 2021-22 ahead of Women's EuroBasket 2023 qualifiers.

While representing Switzerland at the U16 European

Championships in 2018, she competed in eight games with 3.8 points, 3.6 rebounds, 1.5 assists and 1.0 steals per game.

Holzer was later called up for the U18 European Championships in 2019 and the U20 Swiss National Team in 2021 for the European Challengers. She then played the 2020-21 and 2021-22 seasons for BBC Les Portes du Soleil Troistorrents in the SBL. She averaged 5.1 points, 2.4 assists per game during her prep career in the SBL.

During her 2021-22 season, she guided her team to a third-place finish in the SBL regular season and an appearance in the Patrick Bauman Cup. For her efforts, she was named the 2021 Rising Star of the Year.

She Played in 24 games for Troistorrents in 2020-21 with 4.8 points, 2.5 assists and 1.5 rebounds per game helping the team reach the semifinals of the league's championship.

Holzer also played at Christ the King in Middle Village, Queens, New York, in 2019 where she was named an All-Star by The Tablet, CHSAA Rookie of the Year, NYC Rookie First Team and a Second Team CHSAA AA All-Star after averaging 12 points and seven assists per game. She led the Royals to a 26-4 record, the GCHSAA NY State Championship, the New York City Championship, the Catholic AAA League title and the New York Federation AA championship.

## Men's & Women's Swimming Adds Ben Esposito To Coaching Staff

BUCKHANNON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Wesleyan Men's & Women's Swimming program has announced the hiring of Benjamin Esposito as an assistant coach.

The Greensboro, N.C. native was an All-Conference swimmer at Grimsley High School and multiple-time finalist during his career at WVWC. He was also apart of the 2019 Conference Championship team.

Esposito graduated from WVWC in 2023 with a Bachelor's in Sports Business. He is currently working on getting his MBA here at Wesleyan.



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## Navigating the Path to Prosperity

Welcome to a new edition of your Harrison Economic Development Corporation newsletter, designed to keep you connected, informed, and engaged with all the exciting happenings within our vibrant community. Whether you're a long-standing member or a recent addition, we warmly welcome you all!

Here's a glimpse of what's in store:

### HEDC WINS BIG:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently visited our community to announce the recent \$500,000 Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant award for HEDC. The federal grant will provide funding for HEDC and its partners to assess commercial and industrial properties in target areas with environmental contaminants and potential redevelopment or reuse opportunities.

### Empowering Our Community Through Engagement:

At HEDC, community engagement is at the heart of our economic development endeavors. Executive Director, Amy Haberbosch, has been a prominent voice in various

organizations countywide in the past month. Her insightful talks have shed light on HEDC's identity, objectives, and the latest advancements in our ongoing projects within the community. This engagement underscores our commitment to transparency and collaboration, fostering a shared vision for sustainable progress.

### Strengthening Bonds for Collective Prosperity:

In a remarkable collaboration with the Harrison County Chamber of Commerce, HEDC organized a special afternoon event that brought together newly elected officials from Harrison County. This occasion facilitated invaluable networking opportunities and reinforced the spirit of unity among key decision-makers. By fostering these connections, HEDC continues to play a pivotal role in harmonizing efforts for the collective prosperity of our region.

Stay tuned for more updates as HEDC remains steadfast in transforming challenges into opportunities and empowering our community for a brighter tomorrow.

## Dr. Samuel Martino Joins Wilson Martino Dental and the Smile Defenders!

Dr. Robert Martino, CEO of Wilson Martino Dental is proud to introduce Dr. Samuel Martino, who joins our Bridgeport location as well as our Nutter Fort Smile Defender office.

Dr. Martino completed his undergraduate work at WVU and is a graduate of the West Virginia University School of Dentistry. Having grown up in Clarksburg, WV; he notes that "I am excited to return to the area and take care of the community I grew up in. Since I was younger, I watched my brothers and uncle transform people's lives through oral health care and now getting to do the same is a very rewarding experience. I look forward to integrating my passion for dentistry with my love of technology by utilizing 3D printing and scanning to streamline the patient care experience throughout West Virginia."

According to Dr. Martino, "I am

proud to have Dr. Sam Martino on our team; he truly cares about his patients' comfort and oral health and works hard to develop meaningful relationships with each patient in his care. He will treat your family, like his family."

Outside of dentistry, Dr. S. Martino, enjoys a variety of activities. Currently, he is mastering new languages including Spanish and Italian while also learning to cook. He also enjoys art projects such as pottery, drawing and painting; loves spending time with his family and working out and is a huge Marvel and Star Wars fan.

Dr. Samuel Martino is currently welcoming New Patients at both of his practice locations, to reserve your appointment with him, please call 1-87-Smile-Wide or 304-305-HERO.

## Attorney General Morrissey Warns College Students Looking for a Job to Watch Out for Employment Scams

CHARLESTON — Thousands of students in the state recently have returned to college or are getting their first crack at higher education and many are set to look for employment to supplement their allowances. College is the first time many young adults are in charge of their own personal affairs, which makes them susceptible to scammers.

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey is urging job seekers to exercise caution when looking for employment opportunities.

"The job hunt can be very exciting, but don't take just any job offer," Attorney General Morrissey said. "Don't fall prey to those looking to rip you off. Research the employer, verify the intended recipient of personally identifiable information and never give money up front in hopes of landing a job."

Students looking for employment should also be wary of any unsolicited attempt to gain access to personal information and never divulge such information without verifying the authenticity of the recipient.

Consumers should be particularly cautious of work-at-home positions. Such opportunities may promise flexibility and extra

income but result in nothing more than lost time and money.

Additional tips include:

Use extra caution when looking at job ads with generic titles such as administrative assistant or customer service representative.

Check the business' legitimate website or call its verified phone number to make sure the job opening is authentic.

Use caution when advertisements urge candidates to apply immediately and use phrases such as "Teleworking OK," "Immediate Start" and "No Experience Needed."

Do internet searches for the position. If the same job posting appears in several cities, it may be a scam.

Be very cautious of any job that asks for personal information or money. Scammers often use the guise of running a credit check, setting up a direct deposit or training costs.

Those who believe they may have been the victim of a fraudulent job posting or wish to report a suspicious listing can contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808.

## DHHR Reminds Residents of Resources for Foster Care Families

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) reminds residents of support available for caregivers of children in foster care. Through programs administered by DHHR's Bureau for Family Assistance, foster families may be eligible to receive help meeting nutritional needs, child care, school clothing, and more.

"Foster care families provide critical support to West Virginia children and youth, and these resources can help them address potential financial concerns so that they can continue their important work," said Janie Cole, Commissioner of DHHR's Bureau for Family Assistance.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides monthly benefits to qualifying families that can be used for the purchase of food. Cash benefits are available for qualifying caretaker relatives through WV WORKS, West Virginia's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, which also provides supportive services to help with the cost of caring for a child. Applications for SNAP and WV WORKS can be made at wvpath.wv.gov or at a DHHR county office.

Foster families in which both parents are engaged in work or education may qualify for assistance with child care costs. Assistance is available for foster families with assets of less than \$1 million. Foster families are encouraged to contact their local Child Care Resource & Referral Agency to apply and for help with locating a high quality child care provider.

West Virginia is one of only three states nationwide that provides a School Cloth-

ing Allowance for qualifying families, including foster families. This annual benefit of \$200 per eligible child is automatically provided to the parents or guardians of children in foster care and families with children receiving benefits under the WV WORKS program, as well as to families with school aged children receiving SNAP that qualify by income.

Foster families may find additional support through Family Support Centers, which are funded by DHHR's Bureau for Family Assistance. Services at each center vary, but typically include support groups, play groups for children, parenting education classes, respite services, and more. Family Support Centers also can help with nutritional and hygiene needs.

Foster and kinship families can also utilize Mission WV for assistance with legal and financial resources, kinship navigators, and clothing assistance.

In addition to financial resources, DHHR's Bureau for Family Assistance coordinates with DHHR's Bureau for Public Health - Office of Maternal, Child, and Family Health and Bureau for Medical Services (WV Medicaid) to ensure high-quality comprehensive healthcare for children in foster care. Mental and behavioral health support for West Virginia children is also available.

Many of these resources are highlighted in a recent survey of foster caregivers.

Those interested in foster care opportunities can contact Mission WV at 866-CALL-MWV. To view and apply for DHHR career opportunities, visit [dhhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx](http://dhhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx).



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portunities, resources, information, and advice.” They play a vital role, he said, because “government changes all the time.” Even experienced city officials find vital help from League or its members.

“When I was in Sistersville,” Edwards shared, “I relied on them a lot.”

Edwards has always looked to serving the community as a way to work and give back. He started as a volunteer working with the Humane Society, saying that “my other passion is animals.”

He opened his career in city management for the Tyler County town of Sistersville. The Mid Ohio Valley city had approximately 1,400 people during his tenure there, which lasted from 2015 to 2018. Edwards said “I learned that most people just want you to hear what they’re saying and to care about what they are saying.”

He shared an anecdote from his first days in office there. Edwards explained that the city manager’s office there was at the top of a staircase. A sign warned townspeople to not go to the of-

fice without an appointment. A baby gate even sat at the top of the stairs to keep people away. Edwards took the opposite approach, bringing a screwdriver to his second day on the job to remove both the sign and the gate. One of his predecessors in the office “was not a listener,” he said, and “generated a lot of animosity.”

Like many West Virginians opening a career, he took a job out of state for a time to experience “something different.” The position in Gordon, Nebraska, however, was neither a good fit for him, nor the town. He eventually left the position with a severance package from the town. Cornhusker country is rural, but different than the Mountain State, and both sides felt more differences than similarities. Edwards said of his time there, “you learn as much from bad experiences as good ones.”

In his return to West Virginia, he took a part time position with Sistersville that saw him working for his former assistant. The team oriented Edwards put his

former staffer at ease, but soon heard from a Shinnston City Council member. He had interviewed for Shinnston at the same time as Gordon and chose Gordon. Shinnston’s hire also did not fit what they needed, so they offered the post to Edwards and he has been there ever since.

Edwards explained the limits of the city manager position, saying “for democracy to work, people in my position need to know their place. Elected officials run the show. Bureaucratic rule is just China.” He also refrains from participating in local elections to prevent any conflicts of interest.

Should a new administration want to put its own management team in place, Edwards says “you do what you can to help the person out who took your job.”

He also shared his respect and feelings for the city that he serves, saying “Shinnston has been an absolutely wonderful experience. I love the people. I love the businesses. It’s just a wonderful place to live.”

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can be viewed online at WVtourism.com/fall.

Experts believe West Virginia could be well-positioned for a memorable fall. “It doesn’t seem possible, but fall is just around the corner. As the days get shorter and the temperatures start to fall our trees will take on a brilliant display of colors. We are blessed with the wide variety of tree species that change different colors at different times which allows for an extended leaf watching season. From the high elevations of the mountains in late September to the lowlands of the Ohio Valley in late October there is a road waiting to be explored and take in this beautiful time of the year in our wonderful state we call home,” said Deputy State Forester Anthony Evans.

“We encourage all of our guests to join in on the fun and help us showcase our state’s natural beauty and jaw-dropping fall colors by sharing photos on social media using #AlmostHeaven,” said Ruby.

Along with the foliage map and live leaf tracker, travelers can also explore recommended places to stay, spectacular hikes, popular seasonal adventures, special fall festivals and events all at WVtourism.com/fall. Those looking for an adventure can order or digitally download the Department of Tourism’s free, vacation guide to help plan their fall getaway.

To access the latest updates, happenings and insider tips around fall in Almost Heaven, visit WVtourism.com/fall.

Capito Secures Resources to Help Prevent Maternal Mortality, Bolster WVU Research Projects

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, today announced funding from the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Agriculture (USDA), as well as the National Science Foundation (NSF), to support a program to help curb maternal mortality victims and help fund a variety of research programs at West Virginia University (WVU).

HHS FUNDING: Senator Capito, Ranking Member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS), secured funding for the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (WV DHHR) from the Center for Disease Control’s National Center for Chronic Diseases Prevention and Health Promotion (CDC-NCCDPHP) program to help reduce pregnancy-related deaths among mothers by improving data quality on the issue.

“Programs that support our mothers and young families are essential to the health and well-being of our nation. I have introduced legislation to reduce preventable deaths and to work towards every mom having a safe and healthy pregnancy and will continue to put solutions forward that provide the support they need,” Ranking Member Capito said.

WVU RESEARCH FUNDING: Senator Capito also secured funding from HHS, NSF, and USDA to support seven research projects at WVU, including a neurological research project, a community health research project, environmental research projects, and an astronomy

research project.

“I am pleased to deliver resources to researchers at WVU who are looking at ways to improve community health and others who are on the cutting edge of research that has the potential to help those who have experienced serious brain injuries recover properly,” Senator Capito said. “I am also excited to hear about what the students and professors learn in their research about energy and the environment on earth and in space and how we can use it to better understand the world and our universe.”

Individual awards listed below:

\$549,549 in HHS funding to WVU (Morgantown, W.Va.) for a neurological research project involving mitoNEET as a therapeutic target for mitigating ischemic brain injury following middle cerebral artery occlusion (MCAO).

\$510,811 in NSF funding to WVU (Morgantown, W.Va.) for a research project titled “New Interference Detection, Mitigation, and Fusion Methodologies for Radio Astronomy.”

\$409,186 in NSF funding to WVU (Morgantown, W.Va.) for a research project titled “GP-IN: Empowering Appalachian Students through the Exploring Geosciences Solutions (EGeoS) Curriculum and the Appalachian Geoscience Learning Ecosystem (AGLE).”

\$370,000 in HHS funding to the WV DHHR (Charleston, W.Va.) to improve data quality to identify and characterize pregnancy-related deaths and address health inequities.

\$274,951 in NSF funding to Parthian Battery Solutions, LLC. (Morgantown, W.Va.) for a research project centered at WVU called “STTR Phase I: Novel State of Health Measurements Through Advanced Lithium-ion Battery Modeling for Secure and Scalable 2nd-Life Battery Deployment.”

\$270,000 in HHS funding to WVU (Morgantown, W.Va.) for a pharmacology, physiology, and biological chemistry research project titled “HSTA TEAMS for Community Health: Teaching Educators and Adolescents Mentoring and Science (TEAMS) to Improve Community Health.”

\$219,000 in USDA funding to WVU (Morgantown, W.Va.) for an environmental research project titled “Getting to the Root of Plant-Microbe Interactions in Bioproduct Agroecosystems.”

\$191,734 in NSF funding to WVU (Morgantown, W.Va.) for an arctic environmental research project titled “Collaborative Research: Ideas Lab: ETAUS Meshed Observations of the Remote Subsurface with Heterogeneous Intelligent Platforms (MOTHERSHIP).”

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By Benjamin Franklin

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# OBITUARIES



**Twila Denise Bartlett**

Twila Denise Bartlett, 61, of Lumberport, passed away Wednesday morning, August 23, 2023 at United Hospital Center. She was born on December 11, 1961 in Clarksburg to Richard Brent Bartlett and Shirley Dimple (Bonnell) Bartlett, of Lumberport.

She is survived by one daughter, Bobbi Moore of Lumberport; two sons: Cody Lucas and wife Tiffany of KS and Thomas "Scotch" Romeo of OH; two granddaughters: Ellie Lucas and Charlotte Lucas; four grandsons: Hunter Moore and fiancée Gracen McDonald, Levi Moore and companion Brooklyn Fazinni, Brycen Moore and Colt Lucas; one niece, Ivy Harbert and husband Evan; one nephew, Justin Bartlett and wife Katy and one brother, Troy Bartlett and wife Anne of Bridgeport.

Twila loved singing and feeding wildlife animals. In keeping with Twila's wishes, she will be cremated with no services.

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



**Kevin Lee Hall**

Kevin Lee Hall, 61, of Clarksburg, passed away at 12:31 PM, Friday, August 25, 2023, at Specialty Select Hospital of Morgantown. He was born in Fairmont, March 22, 1962, a son of Geneva Grabowski Hall and the late William Hall.

He is survived by four children: Jennifer Heflin and her husband C.J., Justin Hall and his wife Katie, Kelsea Hall and her companion Tom Roach, Austin Hall, and Tonya Stevens and her husband Daniel; 10 grandchildren: Cole Heflin, Cade Heflin, Jailee Heflin, Olivia Hall, Brinlee Hall, Jayleb Hall, Izabella Davis, Aniyah Roach,

Zayleigh Roach, and Jackson Stevens; and one brother, William Hall and his wife Eva. In addition to his father, Kevin was preceded in death by one son, Jonathan Hall.

Kevin was an employee of Res-Care, Inc. where he worked as a BHT Specialist caregiver. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and going out to eat.

Cremation services were provided by the Perine Funeral Home, Shinnston, and no public services will be held at this time. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hall family.



**Robert E. "Mr. Boo" Wright**

Robert E. "Mr. Boo" Wright, 70, of Lumberport, passed away at his home with his family by his side, on Wednesday, August 23, 2023. He was born June 21, 1953 in Fairmont a son of the late Robert E. and Enid Jeannine Long Wright.

On February 19, 1982, he married the love of his life, Lois Marleen Moore Wright, who survives him at home. He is also survived by his children, Bobbie Jean Underwood and her husband Jerry of Peoria; Michael Paul Wright and his wife Deb of Meadowbrook; and Kevin Wright of Lumberport; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren; his sisters, Brenda Moore and her husband Danny of Lumberport; Tammy Mackey and husband Kenny of Adamsville; his brother, Tim Wright and wife Tomma of Drain Hill; his sister-in-law, Linda Wright of Lumberport; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his son, Jonathan Wayne Wright, and his brother, David Wright.

Bob retired from Blacksville #2 in 2014 with 34 years of service. He previously was employed at Williams and Humphreys Mines. In his spare time, Bob loved to hunt and fish. He enjoyed spending time with his family and his dogs, Bella and Pepper.

Friends will be received at Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St. Shinnston, on Friday from 3-8pm. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Saturday, August 26, at 11:00 am with Pastor Sabrina Haught officiating. Interment will follow at the Lumberport Lions Club Cemetery. Online memories and condolences can be shared with the family at www.perinefunerals.com

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

## Robinson Grand Releases Fifth Anniversary Plans

Clarksburg, WV – The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center, which celebrated its Grand Opening on October 20, 2018, is proud to announce plans for the 5th Anniversary in downtown Clarksburg from Friday, October 20, 2023 through Sunday, October 22, 2023 at the historic Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center located at 444 W. Pike St. in Clarksburg, WV.

The weekend kicks off at 7:00p.m. on Friday, October 20, 2023 with the swing and the swagger of Good Shot Judy, one of the east-coasts highest octane swing bands. A Good Shot Judy show offers all those tunes you know just from growing up in America – songs you can at least hum along to, if you don't outright know most of the words. But the music itself is only part of the band's allure; there's something electric in the execution, and it's that vigor that carries the day as much as the pull of recognition.

"Good Shot Judy played the Robinson Grand in the fall of last year," said Jason A Young, the Robinson Grand's program manager. "All we heard from the audience after the show was 'bring them back;' so we did."

Robinson Grand friends and fans will have the opportunity to officially celebrate the venue's 5th Anniversary on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at The Grand Gala with Hall of Fame jazz pianist Bob Thompson, comedian Jeff Allen, and legendary vocal quartet The Diamonds.

"We programmed the Anniversary Gala with the same format as the Grand Opening in 2018," said Young. "Two great musical acts with some hilarious stand-up comedy in the middle."

Since 1991 Bob Thompson has been a pianist, and a regularly featured artist on West Virginia's NPR syndicated radio show Mountain Stage. For the past twenty-three years he has also been co-producer and host of Joy to the World, a holiday jazz show broadcast on public radio stations nationwide, and heard internationally on The Voice of America. In October 2015, Bob Thompson was inducted into the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame.

Jeff Allen's rapid-fire humor, which centers on marriage and family, is a hit with all ages. A live comedy favorite, Jeff has appeared on Dry Bar Comedy, Netflix, Amazon, Huckabee, Pureflix, Showtime, Comedy Central, VH1, and more. He starred in the critically acclaimed film, Apostles of Comedy, the syndicated comedy series, Bananas, his own one-hour comedy special Happy Wife, Happy Life, and the Warner Bros. comedy film Thou Shalt Laugh. Jeff has been featured at Montreal's Just for Laughs Festival and HBO's Comedy Arts Festival. His Dry Bar Comedy videos have amassed over 400 million views on social media and other platforms, introducing him to tens of millions of new fans worldwide. At times both gut-wrenching and hilarious, Jeff's new tour offers a unique glimpse into his crazy world.

The Diamonds are a Canadian vocal quartet that rose to prominence in the 1950s and early 1960s with 16 Billboard hit records. They were most noted for interpreting and introducing rhythm and blues vocal group music to the wider pop music audience. Through the years since the release of "Little Darlin'" (1957), The Diamonds have learned one important lesson – the durability of classic rock and roll music is as much about the future as it is about the past. As a result, The Diamonds continue to expand their audience to this day, performing in a variety of venues and settings worldwide. These performances include – with Symphony Orchestras, in performing arts theaters and major concert halls, on cruise ships, in casinos, and county and state fairs, on tours of England, Ireland, Brazil, Chile, Korea, and Japan, for benefit concerts, corporate conventions, and at nightclubs.

The Robinson Grand's 5th Anniversary Weekend will finish at 7:00p.m. on Sunday, October 22 with singer, songwriter, author, and humorist Mark Lowry; who's entertained audiences since we was 11 years old with his unique gift of communicating profound truths through music and storytelling.

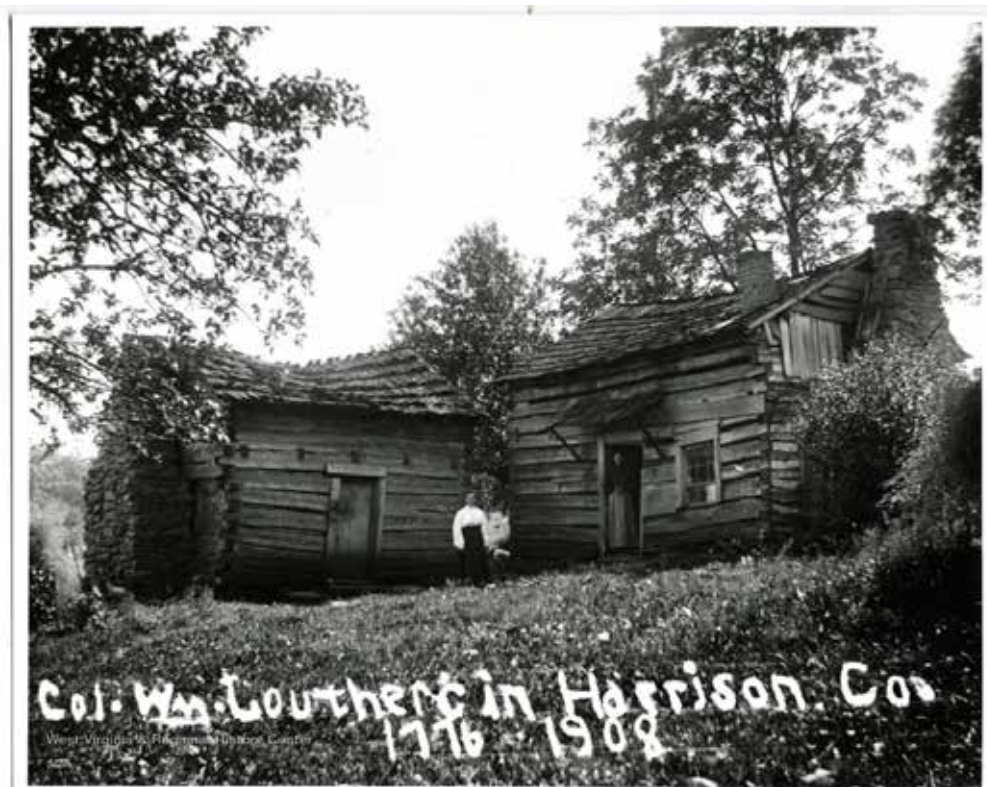
Mark Lowry is best known for penning the lyrics to the Christmas classic "Mary Did You Know?" and singing baritone for the GRAMMY Award-Winning Gaither Vocal Band for countless years.

"We are excited about the lineup of events we have put together to celebrate our 5th Anniversary," said Young. "We feel like the weekend features high quality, diverse, and affordable entertainment for all."

Tickets for all 5th Anniversary events are currently one sale to Friends of the Robinson Grand. The general public can purchase tickets on Friday, August 25, 2023 at 10:00a.m. All tickets can be purchased online at tickets.therobinsongrand.com or by calling the Robinson Grand ticketing center at (855) 773-6283.

## Out of the Past

Memorable photographs from around Harrison County



1908 photo of Colonel William Jackson Lowther's cabin, built in 1776 in Harrison County

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# A World Without War or Weapons Without Fear Is Possible

*From L'Osservatore Romano*

At the General Audience on Wednesday morning, 9 August, Pope Francis shared his experience of World Youth Day with the faithful gathered in the Paul VI Hall. He highlighted that World Youth Day “showed everyone that another way is possible, a world of brothers and sisters, where the flags of all peoples fly together, next to each other, without hatred, without fear, without closing up, without weapons”. The following is a translation of the Holy Father’s words which he delivered in Italian.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Good morning!

In the past few days, I went to Portugal for the 37th World Youth Day. This World Youth Day in Lisbon, which took place after the pandemic, was considered by all to be a gift from God, who set in motion once again the hearts and footsteps of young people from all over the world. Many young people from all over the world — many of them — to encounter one another and to encounter Jesus.

As we well know, the pandemic had a severe impact on social behaviour: isolation that often degenerated into closure, and young people were particularly af-

ected. With this World Youth Day, God gave a “push” in the other direction. It marked a new beginning of the great pilgrimage of young people across the continents, in the name of Jesus Christ. And it was not a coincidence that this happened in Lisbon, a city overlooking the ocean, a city that is a symbol of the great maritime explorations.

And so, at World Youth Day, the Gospel proposed the example of the Virgin Mary to young people. At the most critical time, she goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth, and the Gospel says Mary “arose and went with haste” (Lk 1:39). I like to invoke Our Lady in this way”, Our Lady “in haste” who always does things with haste. She never makes us wait because she is the mother of everyone. In this way, Mary guides the pilgrimage of young people who follow Jesus today, in the third millennium, just as she did a century ago in Portugal, at Fatima, when she spoke to three children, and entrusted them with a message of faith and hope for the Church and the world. That is why I returned to Fatima during World Youth Day, to the place where the apparition took place, and, together with some

young people who are sick, I prayed to God that he would heal the world from the diseases of the soul: pride, lies, enmity, violence are diseases of the soul, and the world is ailing from these diseases. And we renewed our consecration, the consecration of Europe, of the world, to Mary, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I prayed for peace because there are many wars all over the world, so many.

The young people of the world came to Lisbon in large numbers and with great enthusiasm. I met them in small groups and some had many problems. The group of young Ukrainians brought stories that were painful. It was not a holiday, a tourist trip and not even a spiritual event for its own sake. World Youth Day is an encounter with the living Christ through the Church: young people go to encounter Christ. It is true that where there are young people, there is joy, there is a bit of all these things!

My visit to Portugal, on the occasion of World Youth Day, benefited from the festive atmosphere of this wave of young people. I thank God for this, thinking especially of the Church in Lisbon who, in exchange for

the great effort made in organizing and hosting it, will receive new energies to continue her new journey, to cast her nets once again with apostolic zeal. The youth of Portugal are already today a vital presence, and now, after this “transfusion” received from Churches around the world, they will become even more so. And many young people passed through Rome on their way back to Lisbon. We are seeing them here too. There are some who participated in this Day. There they are! Wherever there are young people, there is noise. They are good at making it!

While in Ukraine and other places in the world there is fighting, and while in certain hidden halls war is being planned — this is bad, war is being planned! — World Youth Day showed everyone that another world is possible, a world of brothers and sisters, where the flags of all peoples fly together, next to each other, without hatred, without fear, without closing up, without weapons! The message of the young people was clear: will the “mighty of the earth” listen to it, I wonder? Will they listen to this youthful enthusiasm

that wants peace? It is a parable for our time, and even today Jesus says: “He who has ears, let him hear. He who has eyes, let him see!” Let us hope that the entire world will listen to this World Youth Day and watch this beauty of the young, going forward.

Once again, I express my gratitude to Portugal, to Lisbon, to the President of the Republic, who was present at all the celebrations, and to the other civil authorities; to the Patriarch of Lisbon, who was good; the President of the Episcopal Conference, and the Bishop who organized World Youth Day, and to all the collaborators and volunteers. Think that the volunteers — I went to meet them on the last day, before returning — numbered 25,000. This World Youth Day had 25,000 volunteers! Thank you all! Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, may the Lord bless the young people of the entire world and may he bless the Portuguese people. Let us pray together to Our Lady, all together, that she may bless the Portuguese people.

[Recitation of the Hail Mary]

Special Greetings  
I extend a warm wel-

come to the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today’s Audience, especially the groups from Malta, Nigeria, Tonga and the United States of America. Upon you and your families I invoke the joy and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you all!

In recent days, there have been tragic natural events in Slovenia and in Georgia, that have caused death and material destruction. I pray for the victims and I express my spiritual closeness to their families and to all those who suffer from these disasters and I thank those who have offered them assistance, especially the volunteers.

I turn my thoughts to young people, to the sick, to the elderly and to newlyweds, who are many! Today we celebrate the commemoration of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin and Martyr, Co-Patroness of Europe. May her witness spur a commitment to dialogue and fraternity among people and against every form of violence and discrimination. Let us entrust the dear people of Ukraine to her intercession so that they may soon find peace.

I offer my blessing to all of you.

## Fairmont State University shares plans for new strategic plan timeline, reports positive outlook for upcoming academic year

During the August 17 Fairmont State University Board of Governors Meeting President Mike Davis highlighted what he has learned over the past month and a half as Fairmont State’s President and his vision for the University moving forward.

“We are really glad to have someone with Dr. Davis’ experience and

passion on board,” said Board of Governors Chairman Rusty Hutson. “We are excited to see what he has planned for the university and how his leadership will positively impact Fairmont State.”

President Davis began his tenure as Fairmont State’s President on July 1 of this year. He has since spent time listening to the com-

ments, questions, and concerns of community members, faculty, and staff.

“The thing that stands out to me the most is that people are ready to work with us, they’re eager to be heard and build real connections on campus and in the community,” said Davis. “We’re going to look at lots of ways to engage our students, faculty and staff with the community. We are a public university and the campus has to be a public resource, and it has to feel vibrant every day of the week, every day of the year.”

Based on what he has learned from the campus and community, President Davis has crafted a timeline for a new strategic plan for the University. He plans to spend the fall semester continuing to listen to the needs of the campus, sharing information, and spending time with individual units on campus. In spring, campus leadership will spend time having important discussions within the different campus divisions, and by the end of spring Davis plans

to have a widespread discussion with the entire campus so that the needs of the University are clear and understood by everyone. During the summer of 2024, the new strategic plan will be drafted and finalized to launch by the fall of 2024.

“I am excited to see what comes out of that process. The process matters as much as the outcome,” said Davis. “How we have those conversations really matters. We’re going to come up with a lot of ideas during that process that will be great ideas.”

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Dianna Phillips provided updates for Academic Affairs and discussed the newly reinstated music and theatre minors. Phillips highlighted how students were already taking pre-existing music and theatre classes, which have now been incorporated into the curriculum for the minors. These minors also support other Fairmont State arts organizations like the Community Arts program and the Town

& Gown Players. Academic affairs will continue to assess what these minors need and if additional resources will be required in the future.

Greg Bamberger, Director of Athletics, provided updates regarding Fairmont State athletic programs. He reported that athletes have seen an increase in their academic success rate and that when they graduate, they leave campus in good academic standing—76% of student-athletes either graduate at Fairmont State, graduate elsewhere or have left in good academic standing. Bamberger also shared that 20-25 student-athletes have been recruited from the Alderson Broaddus University closure and those transfer students are mostly football players.

Vice President of Student Success Ken Fettig also provided updates on current enrollment and housing numbers. Fairmont State received over 4,000 applications for admission for the fall semester and is welcoming a large class

of new students. Based on current registration counts, Fettig predicts an increase in total enrollment. He also reported that the University has received its largest number of housing applications since before the COVID-19 pandemic and is expecting the highest number of students in its residence halls in five years.

Included in those housing projections are students in the University’s second cohort of Police Academy cadets, who will live in and receive training in Pence Hall. Fettig also reported on the success of Fairmont State’s coordinated plan to support transfer students from Alderson Broaddus University. Over 100 students have applied to transfer to Fairmont State from Alderson Broaddus, and approximately 40 have enrolled or will enroll in the coming days.

Overall Fairmont State is seeing positive trends in academic expansion, student success, and enrollment for the upcoming academic year.

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# Major Generic Drug Companies to Pay Over Quarter of a Billion Dollars to Resolve Price-Fixing Charges and Divest Key Drug at the Center of Their Conspiracy

The Justice Department announced today deferred prosecution agreements resolving criminal antitrust charges against Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. and Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Inc., USA. As part of those agreements, both companies will divest a key business line involved in the misconduct, and as an additional remedial measure, Teva will make a \$50 million drug donation to humanitarian organizations. Teva will pay a \$225 million criminal penalty — the largest to date for a domestic antitrust cartel — and Glenmark will pay a \$30 million criminal penalty. Both companies will face prosecution if they violate the terms of the agreements, and if convicted, would likely face mandatory debarment from federal health care programs.

The agreements each require the companies to undertake remedial measures, including the timely divestiture of their respective drug lines for pravastatin, a widely used cholesterol medicine that was a core part of the companies' price-fixing conspiracy. This extraordinary remedy forces the companies to divest a business line that was central to the misconduct. Teva must also donate \$50 million worth of clotrimazole and tobramycin, two additional drugs with prices affected by Teva's criminal schemes, to humanitarian organizations that provide medication to Americans in need. Both Teva and Glenmark have agreed, among other things, to cooperate with the department in the ongoing criminal investigations and resulting prosecutions, report to the department on their compliance programs, and modify those compliance programs where necessary and appropriate.

"Today, the Antitrust Division and our law enforcement partners hold two more pharmaceutical companies accountable for raising prices of essential medicines and depriving Americans of affordable access to prescription drugs. The resolutions include extraordinary remedial measures that require the breakup of assets and restore competition to the industry," said Assistant Attorney General Jonathan Kanter of the Justice Department's Antitrust Division. "Companies in heavily regulated industries are on notice that the division will not hesitate to hold them accountable and will not tolerate recidivism."

"The Department of Justice's Antitrust Division, along with our other federal law enforcement partners, secured a victory with today's settlement agreement in our fight against price-fixing and collusion," said Executive Special Agent in Charge Kenneth Cleavelly of the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General (USPS-OIG). "The USPS-OIG will vigorously investigate those who would engage in harmful anticompetitive practices, and we continue to ask for the public's assistance in identifying and reporting those engaged in this type of activity."

"The FBI works relentlessly with our partners to investigate crimes that violate our nation's long-held principles of fair competition," said Assistant Director Luis Quesada of the FBI's Criminal Investigative Division. "Today's agreements show that we are committed to ensuring that entities that engage in price-fixing, bid-rigging and market-allocation schemes to the detriment of the American people face justice."

As part of the agreements, Teva admitted to participating in three antitrust conspiracies that affected essential medicines — including

pravastatin, clotrimazole and tobramycin — and Glenmark admitted to participating in a conspiracy to fix the price of pravastatin. Pravastatin is a commonly prescribed cholesterol medication that lowers the risk of heart disease and stroke; clotrimazole is commonly prescribed to treat skin infections; and tobramycin is commonly prescribed to treat eye infections and cystic fibrosis. Also as part of the agreements, the parties today filed joint motions, which are subject to approval by the Court, to defer prosecution and trial on the filed charges for the three-year terms of the agreements or until after the criminal penalties are paid, whichever occurs later.

During the multi-year investigation, the Antitrust Division and its law enforcement partners uncovered price-fixing, bid-rigging and market-allocation schemes affecting many generic medicines, and charged seven generic pharmaceutical companies for their participation in the schemes. With today's agreements, all seven companies have resolved their criminal charges and collectively agreed to pay more than \$681 million in criminal penalties.

In June 2020, Glenmark was charged with one count of price fixing for its role in a conspiracy affecting the prices of pravastatin and other generic drugs. A grand jury returned a superseding indictment against Glenmark and Teva in August 2020 for the same and similar conduct. Count one alleged that Teva conspired with Glenmark, Apotex Corp. and others to increase prices for pravastatin and other generic drugs. Apotex admitted its role in this conspiracy and agreed to pay a \$24.1 million penalty in May 2020. Count two charged Teva for its role in a conspiracy with Taro Pharmaceuticals U.S.A. Inc., its former executive Ara Aprahamian and others to increase prices, rig bids and allocate customers of generic drugs, including clotrimazole, a medicine used to treat skin infections. Taro admitted to its role in this conspiracy and agreed to pay a \$205.7 million penalty to resolve that charge in July 2020. Aprahamian was indicted in February 2020 and is awaiting trial. Count three charged Teva for its role in a conspiracy with Sandoz Inc. and others to increase prices, rig bids and allocate customers of generic medicines, including cystic fibrosis medicine tobramycin. A former Sandoz executive pleaded guilty for his participation in the conspiracy in February 2020. Sandoz admitted to its role in the conspiracy and agreed to pay a \$195 million penalty in March 2020. Together, these charges and the resolutions announced today reflect the Department's commitment to holding corporate offenders responsible even where collateral consequences may be at issue.

United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General, the FBI's Washington and Philadelphia Field Offices and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania investigated the case.

Trial Attorneys Matthew Lunder, Thomas Tynan, Michael Sawers and Barry Joyce of the Antitrust Division's Washington Criminal I Section and Assistant Chief Mark Grundvig and Trial Attorney Julia Maloney of the Antitrust Division's Washington Criminal II Section are prosecuting the cases, with the assistance of Antitrust Division Economists Evan Gee and Peter Woodward and Financial Analyst Joanne Legomsky.

## Gov. Justice signs bills allocating \$12 million to fire departments and first responders

POINT PLEASANT, WV — Gov. Jim Justice held a ceremony today at the Point Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department, where he signed SB 1021, SB 1022, and SB 1023, which passed in the recent Special Session of the West Virginia Legislature, providing \$12 million in supplemental funding to fire departments and first responders across the state.

"You are the people who literally run to the fire," Gov. Justice said. "I cannot thank you enough for the work you do and the lives you touched. There is no way that we make it without our first responders, and my goal is to supply you with everything you need to continue protecting our communities. Today is a monumental day because of what has been accomplished. Again, I cannot thank you enough for everything you do for our state."

"This is a big day for first responders in the state of West Virginia," Rob Cunningham, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, said. "The cooperation between the West Virginia Legislature and the Governor to come up with this one-time appropriation to help fund our fire departments and emergency medical services is really huge."

Gov. Justice signed SB 1021, which created a special revenue fund to be administered by the Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Homeland Security (DHS), who will distribute additional funds to local county commissions in counties with excess levies or dedicated fees related to emergency services.

Gov. Justice also signed SB 1022 and SB 1023, which supplemented appropriations to the Division of Emergency Management, Growth County Fire Protection Fund, and County Fire Protection Fund.

These additional funds can be used for Fire Departments and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) based on the needs of the individual counties that receive them. These funds may be used to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE), facilities upkeep, and upgrade or buy new rescue, communications or ambulance equipment.

Additionally, funds can be used toward education and training expenses or to offset costs associated with compliance with Insurance Service Office recommendations (ISO), utility bills, and insurance payments.

## ICYMI: Manchin Attends New Herbert Hoover High School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Charleston, WV – On Saturday, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) visited Elkview to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Herbert Hoover High School and tour the facility. Senator Manchin joined local stakeholders, school leadership, his fellow elected officials and West Virginia native and country music artist, Brad Paisley, for the grand reopening.

"It was great to be in Elkview to celebrate the enormous triumph of rebuilding Herbert Hoover High School — an important milestone in our recovery from the flooding that devastated West Virginia in 2016," said Senator Manchin. "While there is nothing that can replace the unimaginable loss experienced by many from the disaster, Saturday's ribbon cutting ceremony reminds us what we can accomplish when we come together as West Virginians. We are truly

a statewide community, and I'm thankful to every single person who played a role in making the reopening possible."

Herbert Hoover High School first opened its doors in September 1963; however, the 2016 flood destroyed the former facility beyond repair. The following year, high school students continued their educations by halving the days at the nearby Elkview Middle School and by 2017, all of the high school students were relocated to temporary portables. The new official Herbert Hoover High School started construction on January 22, 2020 and includes a virtual learning center, career technical area, large science labs, two gymnasiums, and several sport lockers, geothermal heating and cooling, a football field with home bleachers, practice football and soccer fields, tennis courts and batting cages.

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to October 22, 2023.	\$ 130.86
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Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to October 22, 2023.	\$ 43.57
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>	\$ 1,318.03
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### 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 October 17, 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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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

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.



## Sesame Noodles with Broccoli and Chicken

Submitted by Debra Smith

The increasing cost of groceries can put a strain on your food budget. This recipe is low cost, and you most likely have the ingredients already in your pantry and freezer. Please enjoy this comforting recipe with your family.

### Ingredients:

8 oz. whole wheat spaghetti noodles  
1 Tbsp. sesame seeds  
2 Tbsp. sugar  
3 Tbsp. low-sodium soy sauce  
2 Tbsp. vinegar  
¼ cup vegetable oil  
1 ½ cups bite-sized cut broccoli (fresh or frozen)  
3 cloves minced garlic or ¾ tsp. garlic powder  
1 ½ cups diced cooked chicken

### Directions:

Cook pasta according to page directions. Set aside. While pasta is cooking, toast sesame seeds in a small skillet over medium heat. Stir often until light, golden brown. In a small bowl, mix together, sugar, soy sauce and vinegar. Set aside. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat (300 degrees F in an electric skillet). Add broccoli and cook for a few minutes. Add garlic and continue to cook until broccoli is tender. Add chicken and cook until heated through. Add drained pasta and soy sauce mixture and mix well. Sprinkle sesame seeds on top. Refrigerate any leftovers.

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.

Marshall University's Dr. Josh Brunty, a faculty member in Cyber Forensics & Security, has been named head coach of the US Cyber Team, a team of talented cybersecurity athletes, coaches, and industry leaders put together by the US Cyber Games to represent the United States in global cybersecurity competitions.

As head coach for the 2024 competition season, Brunty will draft the most talented cybersecurity experts in the country and serve as a mentor on their journey. This team will represent the United States in international competitions such as the International Cybersecurity Championships (ICC) and European Cybersecurity Championships (ECSC).

Brunty is an associate professor and director of the Cyber Forensics & Security graduate program in the School of Forensic & Criminal Justice Sciences. He joined Marshall in 2012 and before that, worked seven years as a digital forensics examiner, technical leader and technical assessor for both the state and federal government sectors. He is a recipient of the 2019-2020 Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Faculty Award and the 2019-2020 John and Frances Rucker Outstanding Graduate Advisor Award.

He has served on boards and in offices for many organizations, including those for Forensic Science International; Digital Investigation; the Journal of Forensic Sciences; the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Organization of Scientific Area Committee (OSAC) on Digital Evidence; the Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission; and the Mid-Atlantic Association of the High Technology Crime Investigation Association (HTCIA).

"We are excited to announce the appointment of Dr. Joshua Brunty, professor of Digital Forensics & Cybersecurity at Marshall University, as head

coach of the Season III, US Cyber Team," said Jessica Gulick, Katzcy CEO and commissioner of the US Cyber Games. "Dr. Brunty has a noteworthy background from both a practitioner and academic perspective, has coached and played in collegiate and federal/professional cyber competitions, and brings a unique blend of experience that will surely benefit the student-athletes in their training and skills building."

Since 2013, Brunty has served as faculty advisor and coach of Marshall's successful Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition Team. During his tenure, Marshall's team has taken top honors in a variety of cybersecurity competitions, including a first-place national championship finish in the National Cyber League in the spring of 2020, and four straight top-10 finishes in its fall and spring competitions between 2018 and 2020. He has also served as a past mentor for various high school teams for the Air Force Association's CyberPatriot Competition.

"Josh's selection as head coach is a testament both to his commitment to mentoring the next generation of cyber-scientists and to the quality of our faculty in the great cyber forensic program he comes from," said Dr. Wesley Stites, dean of Marshall's College of Science. "They don't pick people for this position at random. I am sure that as his team represents the United States in competition against other countries, he'll do Marshall proud."

In his new position, Brunty and his staff, which includes assistant coaches and technical mentors, "will help guide athletes' training and progress through a series of increasingly difficult activities in which the athletes will learn both offensive and defensive tactical concepts which are reinforced in individual exercises," Brunty said.

He hopes the position shines a light on the excellence of

Marshall's cyber programs.

"The exposure of being head coach will provide visibility and access to highly talented students who might be considering studying cybersecurity or digital forensics at the collegiate level," Brunty said, adding that current Marshall students may benefit as well. "The tactics that I will learn as part of the national team will help me be a better coach and mentor to Marshall's Collegiate Cyber Team. Additionally, I will also be able to help onboard hopeful competitors into the US Cyber Team's Pipeline Program, which will help prepare and train them for future selection on the U.S. National Team.

US Cyber Games hosts its own competitions, including its US Cyber Open in June, which is open to all students. Top performers compete in the US Cyber Combine, an invitation-only series of competitions in June through October and includes selection of the 30-person US Cyber Team.

"Josh is an absolute perfect fit for the coach of the US Cyber Team," said John Sammons, associate director for Marshall's Institute for Cyber Security. "He's had such a long track record of success with our own cyber competition team, it's no surprise he was selected for this incredible honor. Josh brings the same traits and characteristics to cyber competition that other successful coaches bring to football, baseball, etc. He's technically very competent, relates to his players, can motivate them, gets them to grow and can get them to function as a team. He's the same in the classroom, and his success there has been recognized as well.

"Marshall is lucky to have someone like Josh," Sammons added. "He's a big part of our overall success in cyber security and cyber forensics. The fact that he's a homegrown talent from West Virginia and a Marshall alum is icing on the cake."

## Treasurer Moore Proposes Allowing Year-Round Hope Scholarship Applications

State Treasurer Riley Moore, who serves as Chairman of the Hope Scholarship Board, informed Board members last week he will ask them to consider potential rule changes to eliminate the Hope Scholarship application deadline in future academic years, opening the program up to year-round applications from students.

"Now that we have more than a full year of the Hope Scholarship in operation, and we've seen the level of interest across the state, I believe it's time to open this program to the maximum extent possible for all eligible students," Treasurer Moore said. "We believe we can and should allow year-round applications in the future."

Under the current legislative rule, the Hope Scholarship application period is set up to run from March 1 through May 15 each year. More than 5,700 students have been awarded the Hope Scholarship for the 2023-2024 year that is about to begin.

Treasurer Moore also said he intends to work with legislators to allow the program to operate on a quarterly funding model.

The Hope Scholarship law requires the Board to provide funds to qualified students twice a year, with the first half of funds for an academic year provided by Aug. 15 and the remaining half provided by Jan. 15. Treasurer Moore would like lawmakers to allow the Board to fund accounts on a quarterly basis.

While these proposals will be considered in the coming months, the Hope Scholarship Board on Wednesday, Aug. 9, did change the program's reimbursement policy to provide

additional educational purchasing options for participating families.

The Board will now allow reimbursement requests for widely and immediately available "off-the-shelf" curriculum packages that are available for purchase on the open market.

Prior to this Board action, curriculum could only be purchased with Hope Scholarship funds through the program's online Education Market Assistant (EMA) portal. However, some of the most widely used curriculum providers do not offer their products through the EMA portal in West Virginia or through similar programs in other states.

On Wednesday, the Hope Scholarship Board approved policy changes that would allow participating families to purchase these pre-packaged curriculum options on the open market and be reimbursed by the Board.

"This change will allow Hope Scholarship families to pursue popular, ready-made curriculum packages for their students, increasing the educational opportunities available for their children," Treasurer Moore said.

That change is now in effect for students in the current academic year.

The Hope Scholarship is an education savings account program available for kindergarten through 12th grade students. It is designed to allow parents and families to receive an amount equal to the state portion of their child's education funding to tailor an individualized learning experience that works best for their child.

## Recreation Survey Begins on Monongahela National Forest October 1

ELKINS, W.Va., Aug. 22, 2023 – Visitors to Monongahela National Forest may have the opportunity to participate in the National Visitor Use Monitoring survey, which will be conducted from Oct. 1, 2023, to Sept. 30, 2024. This official survey is conducted on each national forest every five years. The last survey for Monongahela National Forest was done in Fiscal Year 2019.

The survey will be carried out by Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area employees at both developed and dispersed recreation sites and along Forest Service Roads. They will be out in all types of weather conditions, wearing high visibility vests, and be near a sign that says "Traffic Survey Ahead".

"Participation from a variety of forest visitors is important," said W.J. Cober, Forest Recreation Program Manager. "Interviewers need to talk with local people using the forest, as well as out-of-area visitors, so all types of visitors are represented in the study."

The survey gathers basic visitor information. Surveys are voluntary and all responses are confidential; names are not included. Interviews last about 10 minutes. The survey includes questions like where did you recreate, how many people traveled with you, how long were you on the Forest, what other recreation sites did you visit while on the Forest, and how satisfied you are with the facilities and services provided? About a third of the participants will be asked to complete a confidential survey on recreation spending during their trip.

The information gathered is useful for forest planning as well as local community tourism planning. It provides managers with an estimate of how many people recreate on the national forest, what activities they engage in while there and how satisfied people were with their visit. Economic impact to the local economy is also captured in the survey.