



Faithful families file in to hear the weekly Spanish Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Clarksburg

“Te Alabamos Senior:” Immaculate Conception Church Adds Weekly Spanish Masses and Missionaries

By Stephen Smoot

“Te alabamos senior” is the Spanish language translation of the phrase “thanks be to God.” The growing number of Spanish speaking parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church in Clarksburg have even more reason to be thankful to God as the church finds new ways to serve its congregants.

As Mass opens at 9:15, one immediately sees the warm and joyful environment. The majesty and beauty of the church itself with its high vaulted ceilings and Corinthian columns, flanked by the writers of the Gospels and Old Testament prophets in ornate stained glass, is well complemented by the sounds of delighted children.

Of perhaps the 60 attending on a recent Sunday, at least two dozen were children, some of toddler age.

Kevin and Alma Tyson explained the difference with other churches in the inclusion of all children. As Alma explained, their Masses include “a lot of kids. In our culture, we bring the kids so they can love the Church and the Mass.”

“They’re comfortable in the sanctuary,” Kevin added, adding that it helps children to get used to making church services a part of family life.

As the services continue, the rituals of Mass are punctuated by angelic singing and acoustical music. Those present take great pride and joy in participation in church, but also in building a community.

Latin American and Spanish speaking communities take great pride in their Roman Catholic faith and membership in the Church is respected by the community. “In a Hispanic country,” Kevin explains, life “revolves around the Church.”

Monsignor Paul Hudock adds that such a com-

munity commitment is “a blessing for me as a priest. They love their Christian faith. They want to go to church. I’m doing this because they want the Sacraments. They want the Church experience.”

Connie Wolfinger, who has served as a driving force for more Spanish language inclusion, explained that Immaculate Conception has held Spanish Masses for a decade. Originally, local Spanish speakers had attended Masses in English. She stated that the “asked some of us who were bilingual to speak with Father Casey about having masses in Spanish. The Mexican community enjoyed having the Mass in their language as most are not bilingual, they liked that they could understand the priest.”

They started with one per month. A changeover in priests led to a doubling of that frequency. Monsignor Hudock now leads them every week. Wolfinger said that “the members can participate in the mass as lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and a cantor who sings in Spanish and plays a guitar.”

Two missionaries help the monsignor to conduct services while helping to serve the congregation. Rosalie Hernandez, originally from New York, moved first to Indiana at the age of four, then to West Virginia four years later. Hernandez says that the Mountain State is “where I have been living for the past 13 years. Therefore I feel more West Virginian than a New Yorker!”

Heydie Perez came from Oaxaca, a state on the southwest Pacific Coast of Mexico, but has lived in Columbus, Ohio for the past six years.

The missionaries arrived three weeks ago and have served the community from both Immaculate Conception and also St. Mary’s in Morgantown. They

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Two Shinnston Entrepreneurs to Compete in Chamber of Commerce’s “Tank” Contest

By Stephen Smoot

Early next month, six local companies will compete in, as Michael Queen describes, “one of the most lucrative and comprehensive opportunities for an entrepreneur and new business start-up.” Much like the popular television program “Shark Tank,” those in this tank will make pitches for an investment.

In this case, a total investment package of \$30,000 for the chosen winner, with \$10,000 being cash.

The public event, presented by the Harrison County Chamber of Commerce, had its genesis in discussions almost four years ago. As Marla Ferree of the Chamber describes, in “November 2019, during the Chamber board planning session, the idea was developed for a ‘Shark Tank’ type event.”

Its purpose aimed “to promote and foster” small business in the area, furthering the core mission of the Chamber.

Initial plans scheduled the event for 2020, but the pandemic and related shutdowns forced a postponement of the event. Frank Sutton from MVB Bank chaired the committee that produced “lots of ideas on how to structure the contest,” whose existence was formally announced in August of 2022 during the annual Chamber dinner.

Earlier this year, Adam Rowh took the chairmanship of the 2023 Tank Committee and held bi-weekly sessions to ensure a successful event. Judges will select an official winner, but a \$10 per person entry fee will go towards a cash prize for the “People’s Choice” winner.

In addition to \$10,000 in cash, the official winner will receive \$20,000 in services assistance. This includes mentoring from Ted Lopez of Baker-Tilly Accounting, Adam Rowh from Northwestern Mutual, and Eli Tilly from Steptoe and Johnson

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**BUILDING
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I Said!!!

One of the things that happen when you get older, is that you notice things that passed you by as a younger person. I can remember attending family functions and being around older relatives and having to repeat myself several times before they understood. Often, I would just nod and casually walk away and grab a hot dog. Sometimes they would ask me about school or my work and after a few minutes, I realized that they had confused me with one of my cousins or friends. These events became a game of avoidance and sometimes conversations with the other young people, about “Crazy Uncle Harry”, who doesn’t know what day it is.

As I whizzed past my seventh decade on this planet, I wondered when I might be “Crazy Old Jim”, the guy that can barely hear and wears an old “John Prine” t-shirt, that has seen one too many wash cycles. Getting older brings a lot of joy in so many ways, but it also has some pitfalls that younger people don’t seem to get. I thought I would talk about some of the things that I have observed and see if there might be a lesson to be learned. I don’t come at this because I am smarter than anyone, it is just that I have made many of those same mistakes as a young man and I don’t want another person to walk that same path.

Hearing is one of the things that seems to gradually dim as you get older. Whether it is from too many rock concerts or too many deer hunts, old people are often hard of hearing. I find that some younger people, when asked to repeat something, will say, “I said.... And then repeat what they said. While they might not realize it, this

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Harrison County Commission Approves Resource Officer Resolution and Assistance for Youth Ag Program at Last Week’s Meeting

By Stephen Smoot

The Harrison County Commission held its regular 11 AM meeting on Sept 13, taking a number of matters under consideration.

Commissioners were prepared to hold discussions concerning the closure of an alley in the Terra Alta development in Nutter Fort, but postponed due to concerned citizens unable to come at that time.

Later, the commission took under consideration an engagement letter from Steptoe and Johnson. This letter was sent “in connection with the negotiation and documentation of amendments to and an extension of site option agreements (the “Site Option Agreements”) by and among the County Commission, the Harrison County Development Authority (the “Authority”) and Wolf Summit Energy, LLC.” A letter of engagement is a standard

protocol for law firms looking to take on a client.

Commissioners expressed a need to learn more details and agreed to reschedule discussion until the meeting two weeks hence. Susan Thomas, Harrison County Commission president, stated however, “I think we need to do this sooner rather than later.”

Wolf Summit, a subsidiary of GE Energy Financial Services, seeks to construct a “natural gas combined power plant” in Harrison County.

Next, commissioners heard a funding request from Fred Law on behalf of the Harrison County Livestock Association. On Sept 23, they will host a two-day livestock sale with the 4H and Future Farmers of America, featuring market steers, market hogs, market lambs, and market goats. Law requested funds to pay for “tents to house livestock animals and to have enclosed showing.”

Law explained that “This year, I request \$3,000. It’s going to the tents that we need. As you know, we don’t have a facility yet.” The commission unanimously approved the support.

Commissioners also voted unanimously in favor of a resolution that allows the county to apply for assistance from the West Virginia Judicial Assistance Grant. The grant will provide no more than \$120,000 toward the salary of school resource officers, but also requires a 25 percent match from the county.

The resolution also appoints Commission President Thomas as coordinator in Harrison County.

Finally, the commission approved a bid to demolish 11 structures. Once it was confirmed that the county had funds in the budget to cover, the commission approved the \$158,600 expense.

The next meeting takes place Sept 20 at 9 AM.

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OPINION

A Civilization In Search of an Outlet

By Stephen Smoot

In 1890, the US Census Bureau unilaterally announced that the frontier period of American history had concluded. Settlers and the government had imposed law onto the territories. American Indians no longer ranged free under gallant commanders, pitting their mettle against the tide of history.

In the face of this declaration came a succinct, approximately 30 page study, from a Progressive historian who preferred teaching to writing. Frederick Jackson Turner's "Frontier Thesis" said more about America in a handful of pages than most academics can say in thousands.

The Frontier Thesis articulates a simple point. America's experience on the frontier, from the very beginning of settlement, created a unique culture that shaped national development. Frontier life had one powerful underlying theme. One must work against nature and also fight against those who came to steal or kill.

In such an environment, those who could best apply the skills learned, who were luckiest, or usually a judicious combination of both, rose to the top of the social ladder. Abrasive personalities could be tolerated if they had sufficient character. This ethos shaped the American environment and its faded image remains the center of the rural value system in America today.

One hundred and thirty years later American, and Western Civilization itself, must contend with the consequences of the loss of the frontier and what it means for individuals and society.

For over 500 years, half a millennia, the West has had a frontier that attracted those unable or unwilling to live in the societies established by various European nations, later on including the American East. These peoples drawn to the frontier included visionaries and criminals, warriors and weirdos, and those much more comfortable surrounded by the howling wilderness than an urban, or even civilized, life they found more harrowing.

It also created a sense of mission and purpose in the home societies left behind. Regardless of how some judge them today, the explorers and those who followed saw themselves as builders and creators. Their tales inspired those who remained behind in relative comfort and security. Dreams of what could be created an alternative life vision for those who sought it.

The end of the frontier meant that this steam release for society no longer existed. Those not content with conventional and civilized life have to remain side by side with those who both prefer an orderly society and also create its rules and structure. Cities gain precedence and seek to impose their values on the small towns and countryside.

The meritocracy that promises the best results to those with the most developed skills and strongest work ethic fades in such an environment. Nepotism or aristocracy based on family name or the name of the university on one's degree conferring unearned privilege with seemingly endless entitlement. Favor is bestowed, not earned in all too many circumstances.

A loss of purpose has also afflicted human society, especially in the West.

Until very recently in human history, those fed up with the system, or those seeking a greater purpose outside of it, could simply leave and hack out a new life elsewhere, either individually or collectively. Nowhere can one go today to escape, should they find civilization unfair and suffocating.

What are the social consequences of this over the long term?

How much has this contributed to the social dysfunction slowly undermining the West?

Why has no one asked these questions?

What does this all mean for human society going forward?

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

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

Sept. 21, 1895: Samuel Ivan Taylor was born in Mercer County. Taylor was the first member of the West Virginia state police. He was part of the force that faced off against union miners during the 1921 Battle of Blair Mountain in Logan County.

Sept. 21, 1937: The West Virginia Conservation Commission acquired 6,705 acres in Kanawha County to create Kanawha State Forest. Redevelopment of the land, which had been heavily mined and timbered, began the next year by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Sept. 21, 1970: Filming began in Moundsville on the movie Fools' Parade, based on the novel by Davis Grubb. The filming concluded one month later when Grubb came to Moundsville for a dinner, accompanied by his dog, making the \$750 round trip from New York City in a taxi.

Sept. 22, 1856: Albert Blakeslee "A. B." White was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He was West Virginia's 11th governor, serving from 1901 to 1905. He was the fourth person to serve as governor from Wood County, his adopted home.

Sept. 22, 1894: Louis Bennett Jr. was born in Weston. Bennett was West Virginia's only World War I flying ace. With 12 combat kills, including three aircraft and nine balloons, Bennett placed himself ninth on the roster of aces. This record was accomplished in just 10 days after assignment to his combat unit.

Sept. 22, 1970: The "Brinkley Bridge" in Wayne County collapsed under the weight of an overloaded

truck. The bridge was named for newscaster David Brinkley who had filmed a 1960 news report about the poor condition of the span.

Sept. 23, 1922: Five men were struck and killed at the Glen Rogers mine in Wyoming County when equipment fell during the construction of a deep shaft.

Sept. 23, 1938: The Mingo Oak was cut down after succumbing to the fumes of a burning coal refuse pile. The Mingo Oak, which stood near the Logan-Mingo county line, was more than 500 years old and may have been the largest white oak in the world.

Sept. 24, 1911: Laura Jackson Arnold died in Buckhannon. The sister of Stonewall Jackson, she was a staunch Unionist during the Civil War, opening her home to care for injured Union soldiers.

Sept. 24, 1918: George Spencer "Spanky" Roberts was born in London, Kanawha County. He entered aviation cadet training with the first class of Tuskegee Airmen and became the first Black military pilot from West Virginia.

Sept. 25, 1864: George Smith Patton was killed at the Battle of Winchester. Patton, a Charleston lawyer, had organized the Kanawha Riflemen, a Virginia militia company. He was the grandfather of Gen. George S. Patton of World War II.

Sept. 26, 1816: David Hunter Strother was born in Martinsburg. He was an artist and an author who used the pen name "Porte Crayon."

Sept. 26, 1863: The Great Seal of West Virginia was adopted by the legislature. The seal, which has remained unchanged, was designed by Joseph H. Diss Debar.

Sept. 27, 1914: Author Catherine Marshall was born in Johnson City, Tennessee. Her family moved to West Virginia and lived in Keyser during the late 1920s and the 1930s. Her best-loved novel, Christy (1967), was based on her mother's girlhood in the southern mountains.



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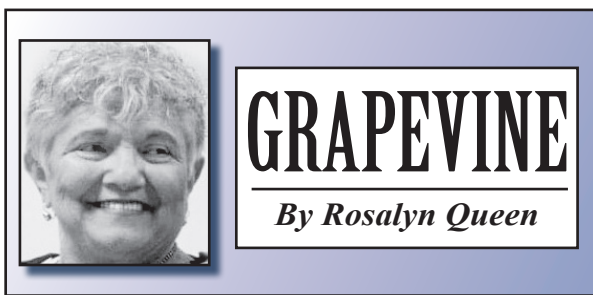
is somewhat demeaning to an older person. Rather than just repeating what they said, using “I said...” just emphasizes it and often makes the person feel that they are imposing on someone to repeat things. Another thing I often hear, is “Why doesn’t Grandpa just get a hearing aid?” As most folks know, hearing aids are one of the more expensive medical aids that are rarely covered by insurance. I’ve heard more than one of my older friends say that they just can’t afford the cost of hearing aids.

Technology is another thing that people sometimes joke about how inept, their older relatives are and that they can’t even turn on their televisions or use a smartphone. As someone who has continued to work and use computers, I am comfortable with technology, but I realize that it is just like any skill, you must stay current, or it quickly passes you by. I’ve been in many a young

person’s house and see an impressive array of flat screen televisions and gaming consoles, but I crack a wry smile when I see the bathroom faucet dripping or a broken switch on the living room light, that this young “Elon Musk” hasn’t figured out how to repair. I’ll never forget the blank look on the kid at Lowe’s, when I asked him to cut a board ninety-six and a quarter inch long. He fiddled with the ruler for a few seconds before asking me how long a quarter is.

My granddaughter has taught me a lesson that I think applies to much of what older people are going through. When she is telling me a story, I often can’t understand her three-and-a-half-year-old vocabulary, and I will just nod and laugh when she laughs. She hugs me and says, I love you Grandpa. I think that might work with us older folks too! Have an Amazing day!

Finding Fresh Food and Fun As We Head Into Fall



Well, the Queen cupboard is getting full in preparation for winter. I have canned six pints of fried peppers to use on hoagies. Next I canned six pints of pepper rings. Which I will love having this winter with minestra. I have just finished putting down my pomodra salciata or should I say my green tomatoes in the crock. I noticed on Facebook that there were some individuals wanting to know about making this recipe. You can find it in my cookbook. My last thing to can will be mushrooms in peppers and sauce and fungi salciata or mushrooms in the crock. Now this will depend on my getting mushrooms. Then I will be ready for winter.

Talking about mushrooms reminds me that I had breakfast with my friend Mary Barnett. Mary’s husband shares his mushroom finds with me and she is hopeful that he will be locating some in the near future. I understand the weather is the determining factor as to if there will be a bumper crop. I think the rain is important in bringing up the mushrooms but then I hear the heat may prevent them from growing. Let’s just keep, our fingers crossed.

Share with you my vegetable finds. The Clarksburg Farmers Market has a wonderful selection of vegetables. My basket of thin skin red peppers were great and as sweet as candy, We are expecting two young men to bring their crop of pumpkins in the next week, we all need one or two to decorate with and let’s support the young entrepreneurs.

Fairmont State to host second West Virginia High School Counselor Day

Fairmont State University will host its second West Virginia High School Counselor Day on Tuesday, September 22 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The event will provide free professional development and networking opportunities for high school counselors throughout the state and assist them with better preparing their college-bound high school students.

The informational event will highlight various aspects of the college search and planning process including areas such as financial aid and FAFSA, admissions, higher education technology platforms, current updates on student health and wellness initiatives, among others. Fairmont State University Academic Deans, and representatives from the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission will offer development sessions with counselors throughout the day.

West Virginia High School Counselor Day was first held in September 2022 after Admissions and Recruiting representatives from Fairmont State received feedback from West Virginia high school counselors citing a need for professional development opportunities that would help them efficiently aid their students who are planning on attending college.

“We are very excited to host our second West Virginia High School Counselor Day and help counselors and students across our state feel more confident in the higher education admissions process,” said Associate Vice President of Student Life and Enrollment Alicia Kalka. “While visiting High Schools the last several years in person, we noticed a need for professional development opportunities for high school counselors and we are very proud to be able to offer this necessary training.”

All counselors employed at West Virginia high schools are encouraged to attend. Those in attendance may receive a discounted rate at the Holiday Inn in Fairmont.

I hope that you will all plan to attend the John Angotti And Friends concert that will be held at the Robinson Grand on Sunday, September 24. This will be the Clarksburg Emmy Awards. An all star line up of the areas best entertainers. Be sure to get your tickets soon.

Ruby Oldaker and I made our monthly trip to visit our cousin in Elkins. We left early enough to have lunch at C. J. Maggie’s in Buckhannon. Along with our lunch we had a plate of fried zucchini. This is one of my favorite appetizers. I have eaten them several places and I vote these one of the best. It was a beautiful day for a drive and it will not be long before the beauty of nature displays itself. It looked as though gold dust had been dusted on the edges of the trees just waiting for the leaves to burst out in all the fall colors. Treat yourself to drive up to Elkins this fall to enjoy the beauty of our state. You can also plan a meal at Fish Hawk Acres located in Buckhannon.

A happy birthday to my dearest friend Becky Sprout. We have maintained a close friendship since. Our school days at Broadway School. Many more in good health and thanks for the memories. A get well wish to Shirley Oliverio. May she be on the mend soon.

It is time to put away those white clothes and get out your fall sweaters. Clean out your closets and get rid of those items that you no longer wear. The clothes banks in the area will be glad to receive them. With the economy in the current situation there are many families who will be in need of these items this winter. Please help our community. Remember they are always in need of sheets and blankets.

Hope you enjoy all the tidbits in this weeks column; stay safe, stay healthy and until next week “Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine.”

N&J Briefs

FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY
The Shinnston News provides a calendar of events free of charge to churches and nonprofit organizations. Please submit your listing two weeks prior to the event. Send via email to newsandjournal@yahoo.com

The North Central West Virginia Parkinson support group will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday, September 30th at the Brickside Bar & Grill, Bridgeport WV. The room is available from 12 to 1 pm for anyone who wants to grab lunch. Our speaker for this month is Shelly Moran, Dietician Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center. She will begin her talk on nutrition as it pertains to the Parkinson patient at 1 pm. If anyone would like more information about this group, please contact Tracey Robertson at (304)363-1028

Bridgeport Public Library reminds everyone that its book sale still has a number of popular titles left. It is taking place at 1200 Johnson Avenue, Bridgeport, WV from September 18-30 \$10 each for all books. \$.75 each for audiobooks. (304) 842-8248 for additional information.

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Big Wins for Lincoln, Bridgeport, and WVU



The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

The Cougars and the Indians earned huge wins this past week. Lincoln edged Nicholas County 17-16 in Summersville, while the Tribe doubled up Fairmont Senior 40-20 in Bridgeport.

The Cougars remained unblemished with the one point victory over the Grizzlies. The first quarter was a defensive struggle, but the second frame favored the visitors. Lincoln moved the ball inside the 10 yard line, but turned the ball over on downs.

Most teams would have been frustrated, but not the Cougars. This squad maintained its mental focus and the defense once again provided a key stop, setting up quarterback A. J. Bart and company with a short field opportunity. Bart found Maddox Perine for a 19 yard score. The extra point attempt failed and the Cougars held a six to nothing lead. Bart stayed hot and tossed a second touchdown pass in the second stanza to increase the lead.

Brayden Edgell collected the 16 yard toss to make it a two score lead. Veteran mentor Rob Hawkins elected to go for two and the move paid off as Bart connected with Nathan Swiger to push the advantage to 14-0.

The first score of the second half came on a 24 yard field goal by Liam Gallagher. Gallagher also recorded his first quarterback sack in the first half to provide key plays in two facets of the game.

The Grizzlies would cut the deficit with a rushing score in the third period. They would draw to within a point, and elected to go for the two-point conversion with less than a minute left to play. Lincoln's defense made the play and secured the win to remain the only unbeaten in Harrison County.

In Bridgeport was the defense that made the difference in the Indians' victory. Playing one of the most prolific offenses in the Mountain State provided a challenge that no team has had an answer for all season. The Tribe decide to keep the Polar Bears scoreless for the last seven and a half minutes of the third quarter and the entire fourth period to double up Fairmont Senior. The stoppers also generated three takeaways in the affair.

Bridgeport stayed grounded, garnering all of their points offensively via the rushing attack. The Indians had not one, but two century game rushers in Zach Rohrig and Josh Love. Rohrig earned a game high 211 yards on 29 carries and the lock up's last two touchdowns. Love picked up 142 yards on 15 attempts and a score. Tanner Hathaway also chipped in with 76 yards on 12 rushes and three touchdowns. Kicker Logan Anglin added four extra points in a win that put the Tribe in solo first place in the Big 10 Conference.

West Virginia's football team picked up its biggest win of Neal Brown's tenure as the head coach. Its the most recent victory for Brown's bunch. With the pressure on him and his team, he delivered against the most hated foe on the schedule. The Pitt Panthers came to Touchdown City and went home with a 17-6 loss.

Brown had no choice but to go with backup quarterback Nicco Marchiol after starter Garrett Greene left the lock up after the sixth play due to injury. Brown did an excellent job of taking the pressure off of his young, but talented signal caller. Marchiol only threw nine passes, completing six of them for 60 yards and a score.

Brown would call on his defense and it answered, limiting Pitt to just 211 yards, and most importantly, no touchdowns. The 61, 106 fans in attendance left happy and, according to Brown, will be needed next weekend when Texas Tech comes to town for the third consecutive game at Milan Puskar Stadium and the first Big 12 game of the season.

Tigers Get First Win of Season Against Wheeling

WHEELING, WV- The Tigers went on the road tonight to take on in-state rival, Wheeling University, home of the Cardinals. Both teams entered the match still searching for their first win of the season, and the physicality of play reflected that.

Salem's offense, hot after a 2-3 loss to Frostburg State, struck first with a goal by Diego Losada 16:32 into the match. From there the Tigers looked to lean on their defense to hold their lead. Salem's defense held strong as they took a 1-0 lead into the half.

While Salem had been able to hold Wheeling scoreless in the first, it wasn't for a lack of opportunity on Wheeling's part. The Cardinals were able to get 11 shots off in the first compared to the Tigers 5 and continued that momentum into the second half where they were able to get 9 shots off to the Tigers 5. However the Tigers goalkeeper, Samuel Reyna-Farje, was able to stop all 6 of the Cardinals shots on goal.

As the match entered its final minutes tensions rose and a breaking point was reached. The two teams went at it at the 87 minute mark and officials had to break it up. The players involved were David Teruel Nuno and Ben Lam for Salem along with Luis Bravo, Julio D'Lima, Richard Afolayanka, and Joergen Bjerkreim for Wheeling. In total there were 2 red cards and 5 yellow cards awarded to the participants with Salem receiving 1 red card and 1 yellow card while Wheeling received 1 red card and 4 yellow cards.

In the end Salem came out victorious, notching their first mark in the win column this season in enemy territory. After tonight Wheeling will continue to search for their first victory of the season.

The Tigers are back in action against West Liberty on Sunday, September 17th at 1:00 pm as they continue their road trip.

Rough Night Under The Lights In Bridgeport for Salem

BRIDGEPORT, West Virginia - After opening their season last weekend, the Salem women's soccer team continued their debut home stand this evening against the Bobcats of Frostburg State. Salem battled with Frostburg, but the Bobcats were too much for the Tigers in a late evening game at The Bridge Sports Complex.

Initially, the Tigers kept the game close in a defensive battle. Salem kept the Bobcats at bay for most of the first half, but Frostburg State found the back of the net twice in the last 10 minutes before the half. With those 2 Frostburg goals, Salem trailed as they entered the intermission.

On the other side of the break, things didn't go as smoothly for the Tigers. Frostburg State controlled

the pace of play well, and Salem could not quite keep up. The Frostburg offensive firepower went on full display on their way to a 7-0 scoreline by the final whistle.

While the difficult game is never ideal, there are always some bright spots. Salem got some strong defensive play from newcomers Jerica Mayberry and Marina Cher. In goal, Sarah Cabrera had a busy night with a staggering 22 saves on 43 shots from the Bobcats.

The Tigers will be looking to reset in their next contest as they are set to hit the road for the first away contest of the season on Sunday, September 17th against the West Liberty Hilltoppers.

Cougars Roared Against Grafton



Lincoln High's Brayden Edgell wraps up a Grafton ball carrier in their big win earlier this month

Bott Places at Doddridge



Adrian Bott earned 18th place at the Doddridge County Invitational on Sept 12.

Harrison County EMS



Athletes of the Week

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

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

The Harrison County Athletes of the Week this week are Notre Dame's Austyn Paugh and Robert C. Byrd's Latrell Jones.

Recently, Fighting Irish volleyball player Austyn Paugh led her squad to a pair of key victories over South Harrison and Grafton. In the contests combined, Paugh had 26 kills, 73 assists, and nine digs.

Flying Eagle, Latrell Jones had a career night this past Friday in a hard fought loss at Preston. Jones rushed for 220 yards on 28 attempts while scoring both of his team's touchdowns.

Congratulations to Notre Dame's Austyn Paugh and Robert C. Byrd's Latrell Jones for shining bright in the Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal's Athletes of the Week!



Nate Swiger was named Lincoln High School 2023 Homecoming Grand Marshal

Congratulations to the Lincoln High School Homecoming Court

Ava Belcastro	Brock Delrio
Brooklyn Davisson	David Burdette
Alexis Efaw	Brayden Edgell
Trinity Eldridge	Liam Gallagher
Abby Jones	Gerald Parado
Hannah Rowan	Maddox Perine
Eden Ashcroft	Gabe Keller
Jaelin Sayers	Gavin Owens
Chesnea Boyles	A. J. Bart
Lily Toth	Cade Heflin
Dakota Davisson	Brody Barnes
Haleigh Gump	Jacob Bart

Grand Marshal: Nate Swiger

Boyles and Lincoln Shine on Rainy Day



Chesnea Boyles was low medalist overall last Wednesday, Sept 13 against South Harrison and Liberty at Bel Meadows . It rained miserably , but Lincoln won the match. Photo courtesy of Lincoln High School Golf team.

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LUNG CANCER Q&A



with
SAHIL K. VIRDI, MD
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Lung cancer is one of the leading causes of cancer deaths.

What are the main types of lung cancer?

There are two main types of lung cancer: small cell and non-small cell. While both occur in the lung, these grow very differently and are treated differently. The small cell is the more aggressive form of lung cancer. Non-small cell lung cancer is the more common of the two and has many subtypes, including adenocarcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma.

In addition to cigarette smoking, are there other risk factors for lung cancer?

There are other risk factors aside from cigarette smoking. However, cigarette smoking is linked to 80% to 90% of lung cancers, making it the number one risk factor for the disease.

Other risk factors include secondhand smoke, radon, and pollutants (including asbestos, arsenic, diesel exhaust, and some forms of silica and chromium), personal family history of lung cancer, previous radiation therapy to the chest, and possibly diet.

Can a lung cancer screening find cancer early?

Most people with lung cancer do not have symptoms until the cancer has spread, but some experience symptoms early. Cancer is easier to treat when it is found early.

Some common lung cancer symptoms:

- Coughing that gets worse or does not go away
- Coughing up blood
- Shortness of breath
- Chest pain
- Weight loss with no known cause

Lung cancer screening can find lung nodules (sometimes called "spots" on the lung) that may be lung cancer or something else (such as a past infection). More tests are done to find out if a nodule is lung cancer. Here at UHC, we do lung cancer screenings daily and soon, we will have the ability to do robotic bronchoscopy to biopsy smaller nodules, which are harder to biopsy. This technology can help diagnose cancer at an earlier stage.

If you get screened for lung cancer yearly, do you need to quit smoking?

While lung cancer screenings can find cancer early, quitting smoking is also important for your health. No matter how long you have used tobacco, quitting can reduce your risk for lung cancer and other chronic diseases.

Many people who use tobacco become addicted to nicotine, a drug found naturally in tobacco. This can make it hard to quit using tobacco. **If you smoke, talk to your doctor about proven steps to help you quit or visit smokefree.gov, call 1-(800)-QUIT-NOW, or text QUIT to 47848 from your mobile phone.**

Screening tests can lower the risk of dying from lung cancer among people who meet the criteria for lung cancer screening. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends yearly lung cancer screening with low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) for people who:

- Have a 20-pack-year or more smoking history, and
- Smoke now or have quit within the past 15 years, and
- Are between 50 and 80 years old

However, getting screened when you do not need it can result in more tests that are not needed, which have a greater potential for harm than benefit. Talk to your doctor to find out if lung cancer screening is right for you.

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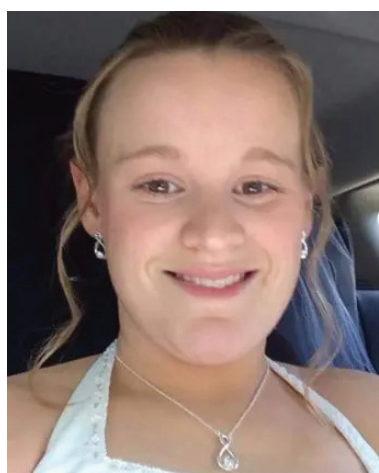



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OBITUARIES



Sarah Elisabeth Rogers

Sarah Elisabeth Rogers, 30, of Worthington, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at her home. She was born August 4, 1993 in Fairmont, a daughter of Kevin Lee and Lisa Ann Rocovich Knight, who survive her in Worthington.

Sarah is also survived by her loving husband and fellow firefighter, Ian Robert Rogers, whom she married on August 16, 2014.

Also surviving are her brother, Caleb Knight and his wife Rhonda of Charleston; her sister, Maggie Shreve and her husband Joshua of Clarksburg; her sister-in-law, Jennifer Tolar and her husband Casey of Worthington; her nieces and nephews, Isaac Shreve, Finley Knight, and Ashton, Addison, and Isabella Tolar; her mother-in-law, Glenna Henderson of Worthington; and her father-in-law, Robert Rogers and his wife Kim Rodrick of Morgantown; as well as several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Sarah was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, William and Elizabeth Rocovich; and paternal grandparents, Quentin and Peg Knight.

Sarah was a 2011 graduate of North Marion High School. She went on to attend Pierpont Community and Technical College where she attained her National Registry Paramedic certification. Sarah devoted her life to saving life and property in her community as a Captain of the Worthington Volunteer Fire Department. She served that department for over 14 years. In her professional career, she was employed as a Flight-Paramedic with Healthnet Aeromedical Services, a Captain with Monongalia County EMS, Harrison County EMS, and most recently, Upshur County EMS.

Beyond that amazing devotion to her community, Sarah loved to be outside. She enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and playing the guitar. She also loved spending time with her family and friends, as well as her dogs Regan, Lilly, and Trixie. She also cherished caring for her granddaddy's 1934 Model A.

Sarah touched an overwhelming amount of lives. Both as a person and professional, Sarah could be found encouraging people to follow their dreams and reach their full potential.

Friends will be received at Family Life Fellowship Church, 124 Chestnut St. Enterprise, WV, on Friday from 2-8pm. A funeral service will be held at the church on Saturday, September 16th, at 11:00 am with Pastor Aaron Thomas officiating. Interment will follow at the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. Firefighter Funeral Honors will be accorded by Worthington VFD and surrounding fire departments. Online memories and condolences can be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com

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

The West Virginia Folklife Program Presents Folklife Apprenticeship Showcase at Fairmont State University

The West Virginia Folklife Program, a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council, will present the second of three showcases featuring its 2022-2023 Folklife Apprenticeship Program at the Frank and Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center at Fairmont State University on Saturday September 30, 2023 at 4pm. The Frank and Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center is located on Squibb Wilson Blvd.

This showcase celebrates music-related traditions in West Virginia including clawhammer banjo with Joe Herrmann and his apprentice Dakota Karper (Hampshire County), old time fiddle with Gerry Milnes (Randolph County) and his apprentice Annick Odom (Monongalia County), and fiddle repair with Chris Haddox and his apprentice Mary Linscheid (Monongalia County).

"The state apprenticeship program provides a framework for West Virginia traditions to be celebrated and passed along," said Director of the Frank and Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center Dr. Lydia Warren. "In hosting the apprenticeship showcase at the Folklife Center, we're inviting community members and students to learn about and engage with these traditions."

The event is free and open to the public. At 4 p.m., the formal presentation starts, with West Virginia State Folklorist Jennie Williams leading a conversation with the pairs about their traditional art forms, apprenticeship experiences, and connections to their communities. A reception will follow with an old time music jam. The public is invited to bring acoustic instruments to play with

the apprenticeship pairs.

"We love collaborating with Jennie Williams, the State Folklorist, and we are excited to introduce her and the apprenticeship pairs she has been working with to our students and the greater Fairmont community," said Warren. "Folks will have the chance to ask Jennie about the program and how they could become part of an apprenticeship pair."

The West Virginia Folklife Apprenticeship Program offers a stipend to West Virginia traditional artists or tradition bearers working with qualified apprentices on a year-long in-depth apprenticeship in their cultural expression or traditional art form. These apprenticeships encourage experts in their respective art forms to share their techniques and artistry, as well as the histories and traditions of these folklife practices. This marks the third year of the biennial Folklife Apprenticeship Program.

To RSVP for these free public events, please go to wvfolklife.org and see "Save the Dates for the WV Folklife Apprenticeship Showcases." For more information on the Frank and Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center, please call 304-367-4286.

The West Virginia Folklife Program is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council and is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Folk & Traditional Arts Program. West Virginia Folklife is dedicated to the documentation, preservation, presentation, and support of West Virginia's vibrant cultural heritage and living traditions.

Treasurer Moore Reunites WVU Hospitals, University Health Associates with Over \$48,000 Worth of Unclaimed Property

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – State Treasurer Riley Moore today announced his Office's Unclaimed Property Division returned more than \$48,000 worth of unclaimed property to the West Virginia University Medical Corporation, which conducts business as University Health Associates (UHA), and WVU Hospitals, Inc. (WVUH).

"WVU Medicine is one of the leading hospital systems in the state for its innovative approach to patient care and accessibility to West Virginians," Treasurer Moore said. "I'm delighted when my Office partners with West Virginia businesses to return their lost funds, and I want to encourage everyone to visit our online database at www.WVUnclaimed-Property.gov to search for their unclaimed property."

The amount of unclaimed property totaled \$48,629.61 and was returned to two entities associated with WVU Medicine. WVUH was reunited with \$16,341.14 worth of its unclaimed property, and UHA had two separate claims which totaled \$32,288.17. The funds were from various vendor checks, refunds and insurance payments turned over

to the Office's Unclaimed Property Division.

This marks the second time this year Treasurer Moore has returned unclaimed property to WVUH. In May, he presented WVUH with an unclaimed property check for \$42,976.99.

"A lot of our patients must travel great distances to receive specialized care here in Morgantown," Michael Grace, Ed.D., president of WVU Hospitals, said. "Many of them face financial hardship, and do not have the means to afford gas and other expenses associated with such travel, including lodging, if they need to stay overnight."

"We appreciate Treasurer Moore and his team for getting these funds back to us, as we will use them to help offset the expense burden often incurred by these patients," Grace said.

As part of Treasurer Moore's efforts to modernize the State Treasurer's Office and efficiently return lost funds to its rightful owners, he recently announced about \$4 million worth of unclaimed property is slated to be returned to verified residents next month. Through his new West Virginia Cash Now program, some West Virginians will automatically receive an unclaimed property check this fall without the need to go through the claims paperwork process.

In July, 3,677 notification letters were sent from the Office to verify addresses and notify residents that they should receive their unclaimed property check in October.

Since the new program will not cover all claim types, Treasurer Moore emphasized that individuals should still regularly visit www.WVUnclaimed-Property.gov to search and see if the Office is holding any assets in their name.

What is Unclaimed Property?

Unclaimed property can include financial accounts or items of value in which the owner has not initiated any activity for one year or longer. Common examples include unpaid life insurance benefits, forgotten bank accounts and unused rebate cards. (While the title includes the word "property," it does not however include real estate.)

West Virginia's unclaimed property laws protect the public by ensuring money and property owed to them is returned, rather than remaining permanently with financial institutions, business associations, governments and other entities. The Treasurer seeks to reunite the unclaimed property, including uncashed paychecks, stocks, or safe deposit box contents, with its owner.

Nationwide, nearly 33 million people in the United States – one in every 10 – are estimated to have

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Out of the Past

Memorable photographs from around Harrison County



People standing outside and on porch of wooden barracks built to house striking coal miners at Lumberport.

It is far from the spotlight that we find signs of God's presence

From L'Osservatore Romano

At the General Audience on Wednesday, 6 September, Pope Francis continued his series of catechesis on apostolic zeal, reflecting on his recent Apostolic Journey to Mongolia, which took place from 31 August to 4 September. The Pope expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to be with the local Church and with the Mongolian people, who, he said, showed him "great warmth and affection". The following is a translation of the Holy Father's words, which he shared in Italian in Saint Peter's Square.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Good morning!

On Monday I returned from Mongolia. I would like to express my appreciation to those who accompanied me on my visit with prayer, and to reiterate my gratitude to the authorities, who solemnly welcomed me: in particular Mr President Khürelsükh, and also former President Enkhbayar, who gave me the official invitation to visit the country. I joyfully think back to the local Church and the Mongolian people: a noble and wise people, who showed me great warmth and affection. Today I would like to take you to the heart of this journey.

One might ask: why did the Pope go so far to visit a small flock of faithful? Because it is precisely there, far from the spotlight, that we often find signs of the presence of God, who does not look at appearances but at the heart, as we heard in the passage from the prophet Samuel (cf. 1 Sam 16:7). The Lord does not seek centre-stage but the simple heart of those who desire him and love him without ostentation, without wanting to tower above others. And in Mongolia I had the grace of meeting a humble Church and a joyful Church that is in God's heart, and I can bear witness to their joy at also finding themselves at the centre of the Church for a few days.

That community has a touching history. It came about, by the grace of God, from the apostolic zeal — on which we are reflecting at the moment — of a few missionaries who, impassioned by the Gospel, went to that country they did not know about 30 years ago. They learned the language, which is not easy and, despite coming from different nations, gave life to a united and truly Catholic community. Indeed, this is the meaning of the word "catholic", which means "universal". But it is not a universality that homogenizes, but rather a universality that inculturates; it is a

universality that is inculturated. This is catholicity: an embodied universality, "inculturated", which embraces the good where it is found and serves the people with whom it lives. This is how the Church lives: bearing witness to the love of Jesus meekly, with life before words, happy with its true riches: service to the Lord and to brethren.

This is how that young Church was born: in the spirit of charity, which is the best witness of faith. At the end of my visit, I had the joy of blessing and opening the "House of Mercy", the first charitable work established in Mongolia as an expression of all the components of the local Church. A house that is the calling card of those Christians, but that asks every one of our communities to be a house of mercy: that is, an open place, a welcoming place, where the sufferings of each person can enter without shame into contact with God's mercy, which lifts up and heals. This is the witness of the Mongolian Church, with missionaries from various countries who feel at one with the people, happy to serve them and to discover the beauty that is already there. Because these missionaries did not go to proselytize; this is not evangelical. They went to live there like the Mongolian people, to speak their language, the language of that people, to take on the values of that people and to preach the Gospel in the Mongolian style, with Mongolian words. They went and they "inculturated" themselves: they took on the Mongolian culture to proclaim the Gospel in that culture.

I was able to discover something of this beauty, also by meeting some people, listening to their stories, appreciating their religious quest. In this regard, I am grateful for last Sunday's interreligious and ecumenical meeting. Mongolia has a great Buddhist tradition, with many people who live their religiosity in a sincere and radical way, in silence, through altruism and mastery of their own passions. Let us think about how many hidden seeds of goodness make the garden of the world flourish, while we usually only hear about the sound of falling trees! And people, we too, like scandal: "Look at the barbarity, a tree has fallen, what a noise it made!" "But do you not see the forest that grows every day?", because growth is silent. It is decisive to be able to discern and recognize the good. Often, however, we appreciate others only to the extent that they correspond to our ideas. Instead we should see

this good. And this is why it is important to turn our gaze upwards, towards the light of goodness, like the people of Mongolia do. Only in this way, starting from the recognition of the good, can we build a common future; only by valuing others can we help them to improve.

I was in the heart of Asia, and this did me good. It is good to enter into dialogue with that vast continent, to glean its messages, to know its wisdom, its way of looking at things, to embrace time and space. It was good for me to meet the Mongolian people, who safeguard their roots and traditions, who respect the elderly and live in harmony with the environment: they are a people who contemplate the sky and feel the breath of creation. Thinking of the boundless and silent expanses of Mongolia, let us be stirred by the need to extend the confines of our gaze, please: broadening the horizons, looking high and low, looking and not falling prisoner to trivial things, broadening the boundaries of our gaze, so that we may be able to see the good in others and be capable of expanding our horizons, and also expanding our hearts in order to understand and be close to every person and every civilization.

SPECIAL GREETINGS

I extend a warm welcome to the English-speaking pilgrims and visitors taking part in today's Audience, especially the groups from Malta, Senegal, Australia, Indonesia 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!

I would like to add that, with great sorrow I have learned of the fire that broke out in a five-storey building in the centre of Johannesburg, South Africa, killing more than 70 people, including a number of children. I ask you to join me in praying for the victims. To their families I express my deep condolences, and I send a special Blessing to them and to all those working to provide assistance and support.

Lastly, as usual, my thoughts turn to young people, to the sick, to the elderly and to newlyweds. May the Liturgical Feast Day of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which will be observed on the day after tomorrow, spur you to always walk on the paths of the Lord, like Mary. Let us entrust to her, woman of tenderness, all the affliction and tribulation of dear, tormented Ukraine which is suffering greatly. I offer my blessing to all of you.

Stonewood CEOs Meet in July & August

The Stonewood CEOS club met on July 17 2023 at the Congregational Missionary Church Annex The meeting was called to order and members welcomed by president Deloris Wilson. A candle was lit in memory of our deceased members. Roll call...members present today were Deloris Wilson, Ladonna Tucker, Jan Johnson, Estella Farnsworth, Betty Shreves, Lesita Snider, Eva Summers, April Stout, and Willa Jean Green. Devotions were read by Jan Johnson, she also led us in the salute to the American and WV flags. Minutes of last meeting were read by secretary Estella Farnsworth and accepted as read, Treasurer's report given by Jan Johnson and filed. Jan Johnson taught the lesson on Personal Planning for today and beyond. This was a very important presentation of information that is difficult to talk about but we should do this planning sooner, rather than later so that your love ones will know what to do and what your wishes are if you are no longer here. Health motivator, Willa Jean

Green shared information on keeping food safe at picnics. Some important things to remember are use clean coolers with adequate ice to keep foods like potato and macaroni salads cool; use a separate cooler for meats. Wash hands before handling food, and always use clean utensils. The health motivator also talked about the importance of showing comfort and care to those around us.

Deloris Wilson reported that she had visited a local nursing home and read to the residents, they were happy to have her come. We will schedule visits at least 2 times a month. 9 members attended the County Picnic/ County council meeting on July 10. Attending were Deloris and Richard Wilson, Darlene and Bill Francis, Willa Jean Green, Eva Summers, Lesita Snider, Ladonna Tucker, Barbara Graham, Jan Johnson and Estella Farnsworth. Darlene Francis placed 1st the photo contest flower category. Congratulations Darlene...We are very proud of you..Our club collected 31 pounds of spaghetti for the Mustard Seed donation this month. I'm sure it will be appreciated.

Club officers were elected for the next year. They are as follows: President; Ladonna Tucker, Vice president; Deloris Wilson, Secretary; Estella Farnsworth, Treasurer; Jan Johnson, Health Motivator; Willa Jean Green, Continuing education, Eva Summers, Purposeful Reading; Eva Summers, Scrapbook; Lesita Snider, Family; April Stout and Market/membership; Ladonna Tucker.

Plans were made to present a donation next week to the Stonewood Fire Department. Heritage today was brought by Ladonna; a beautiful picture embroidered on a burlap type fabric by her mother over 50 years ago; also Deloris brought a Stagecoach bank known as a Still bank (the 2 categories of banks were Still banks and mechanical banks) that was given as a reward from Union National Bank for new accounts. The Still bank was made of ceramic or glass and the only way to get money out was to break it. The metal ones made it impossible for children to get the money without a key. CVH totaled 439 and books read were 17. The club will have lunch at the Parkette restaurant on August 1st. Lunch is always enjoyable. The next meeting will be on August 21 2023.

August 21 2023

The Stonewood CEOS club met on 8/21/2023 at the Congregational Missionary Church Annex. President Deloris Wilson called the meeting to order and welcomed the members. Roll call... present were Deloris Wilson, Ladonna Tucker, Estella Farnsworth, Lesita Snider, Eva Summers, Willa Jean Green, April Stout, Betty Shreves, and Darlene Francis. Absent: Jan Johnson and Barbara Graham. Devotions entitled Prayer for August was read by Eva Summers who also led the members in salutes to the American and WV flags. Willa Jean Green led the members in singing Yankee Doodle and Grand Old

Flag. Minutes of last meeting were read by Secretary Estella Farnsworth and accepted as read. Ladonna gave the treasurer's report in Jan Johnson's absence, it was accepted and filed. The lesson today, entitled Point Pleasant: Land of History and Mystery was given by Eva Summers, some notable facts are the Battle of Point Pleasant in 1774, Cornstalk's Curse supposedly cast by Chief Cornstalk in 1777, Mothman; a birdlike creature supposedly chased a couple in 1966; and the Silver Bridge disaster in 1967 killing 46 people. Harrison County CEOS will take a trip to tour Point Pleasant on September 22.

Purposeful reading report; Eva reported that the club donated 3 books to the Nutterfort Library and Deloris reported that she submitted 3 book titles to the state chair Judy Cowell for consideration to be added to the reading list. Deloris also gave a book report on "Bucket List" by Rachel Hanna. It is described as a funny women's fiction saga that will make you smile, cry, and maybe make you want to go on an adventure yourself.

Health Motivator Willa Jean Green spoke about the nutrition value of berries and challenged the members to eat a variety of berries this summer. We also sang Happy Berries to You to the tune of Happy Birthday!

Some of the things that has kept our club busy this summer include; On July 24th we presented the Stonewood Fire Department with a donation for their fall kids activities; the donation was the proceeds of a special quilting project that we did this spring and summer ; in addition to the members present, the Mayor, Fire chief, and 2 firemen were in attendance. We also donated a quilt to the Stonewood Fire Department that was raffled off at their Firemen's Festival on Aug 19; where we had a table set up to give information about CEOS, there were many inquiries about what we do. We also toured the Clarksburg Museum on August 15. If you haven't taken the tour , you should...it is very informational about Clarksburg and has many, many displays that I'm sure you cannot see anywhere else. Taking the tour were Willa Jean, Deloris, Eva, Ladonna, April, Estella, Darlene, and Lesita; as well as Darlene's husband Bill. We have also started visiting the local nursing home on the 2nd and 4th Monday to read to the residents; it has been a real success. On the last visit, Deloris read to the residents from an "old time" magazine and Darlene sang with the residents. Our next visit will be on Monday Sept 11.

Heritage brought today : Darlene brought a children's praise book that was over 100 yrs old and her grandpa's hymnal written in Italian from the 1950s; the price noted in the book was 12 for \$3.60 and also the Revival # 4 hymnal was \$1.30. Those were really the days! Ladonna brought a black trinket/candy dish from the house that her mom was born in 1932 which contained a hand written note inside. Books read this month 28 and CVH totaled 623.

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To: CLAYTON HICKMAN, SHELLY LYNN ANDERSON, MAGISTRATE COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY, JERRY WAYNE HICKMAN II, JERRY WAYNE HICKMAN II, HEIRS OF ASSIGNS, JERRY WAYNE HICKMAN II, AUSTIN JAMES HICKMAN, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, SHELLY LYNN ANDERSON HEIRS OR ASSIGNS, SHELLY LYNN ANDERSON, SHELLY ANDERSON, AUSTIN JAMES HICKMAN, CLAYTON HICKMAN, TAMMY HICKMAN, CLAYTON HICKMAN, TAMMY HICKMAN, TAMMY HICKMAN, , OCCUPANT, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT KYLE MAP 40 PARCEL COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT 1004 0044 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTA LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000287**, located in COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, PT 3.60 AS PHOENIX ADD (1/2AC H/SITE PP M/HOME), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HICKMAN CLAYTON E ETUX 2/3 & SHELLY, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 27, 2023. WVTA LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 30, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 29, 2024 will be as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Amount, Description. Includes items like 'Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021-21431.' Total amount due is \$1,606.79.

You may redeem at any time before January 29, 2024 by paying the above total less any unearned check.

Given under my hand September 1, 2023

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(2022-C-000294 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTA LLC)

To: DAVID MUNIZ, REBECCA MUNIZ, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT KYLE MAP 40 PARCEL COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT 1101 0113 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTA LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000294**, located in COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1 LOT #103 SPELTER, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of MUNIZ DAVID R & REBECCA, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 27, 2023. WVTA LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 30, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 29, 2024 will be as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Amount, Description. Includes items like 'Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021-22614.' Total amount due is \$1,935.58.

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To: STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, LEWIS COUNTY PROSECUTOR, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, ROBERT M DAVIS ESTATE, WILLIAM PAUL STEEL, ROBERT MICHAEL DAVIS HEIRS OR ASSIGNS, ROBERT MICHAEL DAVIS HEIRS OR ASSIGNS, WILLIAM PAUL STEEL, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, MAGISTRATE COURT OF HARRISON COUNTY, WILLIAM PAUL STEEL, WILLIAM PAUL STEEL, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT KYLE MAP 40 PARCEL COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT 1115 0060 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTA LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000314**, located in COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1 LOT #5 BOSTON HTS, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of DAVIS ROBERT M ESTATE & WILLIAM PAU, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 27, 2023. WVTA LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 30, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 29, 2024 will be as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Amount, Description. Includes items like 'Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021-20314.' Total amount due is \$1,984.38.

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(2022-C-000321 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTA LLC)

To: BRENDA TONKIN, DANIEL T. BAKER, TRUSTEE, THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, BRENDA TONKIN, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT KYLE MAP 40 PARCEL COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT 1119 0072 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTA LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000321**, located in COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 1 LOT PT #3 RITTER ADD HEP-ZIBAH which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of TONKIN BRENDA, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 27, 2023. WVTA LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 30, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 29, 2024 will be as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Amount, Description. Includes items like 'Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021-23921.' Total amount due is \$3,935.50.

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WVU President Gee addresses ‘misrepresentations’ of WVU Transformation work during Faculty Senate meeting

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — West Virginia University released a statement from President Gordon Gee based on his prepared remarks to members of the Faculty Senate about misrepresentations related to ongoing Transformation efforts during a Monday (Sept. 11) meeting at the College of Law.

“Since my arrival at West Virginia University, I have spoken consistently about three critical missions we must address as a university community.

One, we would put our students first.

Two, we would be a fiercely land-grant university.

And three, we would act as One WVU.

I also emphasized we would focus within our four pillars of Education, Healthcare, Prosperity and Purpose. Over the last decade, we have done that.

Today I want to focus instead on some of the misrepresentations that have been circulating of late.

• Yes, I had an aspirational systemwide enrollment

goal of 40,000. Never, however, did that aspirational number affect bricks-and-mortar decisions. A simple fact: we have not made a building decision based on a theoretical number

• And keep in mind, despite challenging enrollment trends, West Virginia University has consistently gained market share — plus we are gaining ground in retention and graduation rates.

• Did the pandemic affect our goals? Of course, it did.

• But let me be clear: We did not build budgets around aspirational goals. Nor did our debt load increase by 55%. Please stop citing erroneous information.

• Another thing to keep in mind: the University maintains an AA- rating from Fitch, an Aa3 rating from Moody's and an A rating from Standard & Poor's. In fact, the rating agencies gave us a stable

outlook because of our University's senior leadership and how we are managing the financial issues we are facing. This is very significant. Simply review the ratings agencies' assessment of higher education writ large as well as of other institutions — they are far more skeptical.

• As to the budget deficit, multiple factors have contributed to it: the pandemic/post-pandemic era; enrollment trends that all in higher ed are grappling with; increasing costs for utilities, PEIA, payroll and supplies.

• And we have been working to address spending challenges for a number of years. Unfortunately, that meant the elimination over the past several years of more than 500 non-academic positions saving nearly \$21 million. The goal was to streamline operations and maximize efficiencies, and we are making prog-

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DISTRICT KYLE MAP 40 PARCEL COAL CLARKSBURG CORP 8 0057 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTA LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000365**, located in COAL CLARKSBURG CORP District, 1 LOT PT 13 B ADAMSTON (1990 24X40 D-WIDE MHOME) which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BRADY JUSTIN M, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 27, 2023. WVTA LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 30, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 29, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021-24883.	\$ 920.90
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022-25015.	\$ 747.74
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 210.50
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$ 975.09
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 2,854.23

You may redeem at any time before January 29, 2024 by paying the above total less any unearned check.

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(2022-C-000367 - HARRISON COUNTY - WVTA LLC)

To: VINCE STARKEY, THOMAS W. KUPEC, TRUSTEE, DENNIS ZICKAFOOSE, D&D ENTERPRISES, UNITED HOSPITAL CENTER, VINCE STARKEY, SONYA JEAN SWIGER C/O DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE BCSE, VINCE STARKEY, VINCE STARKEY, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT KYLE MAP 40 PARCEL COAL CLARKSBURG CORP 8 0208 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTA LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000367**, located in COAL CLARKSBURG CORP District, TRACT A LOT #23 & PT #22 BOGGESS ADDN which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of STARKEY VINCE E, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 27, 2023. WVTA LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after January 30, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 29, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021-27865.	\$ 934.61
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022-28007.	\$ 812.98
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 210.50
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$ 1,086.16
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 3,044.25

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Fairmont Chamber Music Society Hosts the Ensemble Aubade

The Fairmont Chamber Music Society (FCMS), celebrating its 42 nd year providing world class classical chamber music to North Central West Virginia, welcomes the “Ensemble Aubade” at 3pm on Sunday, October 1, 2023 at St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church at 407 Jackson Street in downtown Fairmont, WV.

Ensemble Aubade, which includes Peter H. Bloom, flute; Francis Grimes, viola; and Steven Sussman, piano, enralls audiences across the United States with vibrant chamber music, blending familiar masterworks and rarely heard gems. The acclaimed trio provides an exhilarating tour of chamber music by European and American masters, spanning many styles and centuries.

The group is based in Boston and concertized across the United States, captivating audiences with their virtuosity, versatility, and electrifying performances. Their music has been called “dynamic, expressive, richly colored and affecting.”

Ensemble Aubade makes its debut for the Fairmont Chamber Music Society with Mozart and More, an exuberant program showcasing masterpieces for the unusual

combination of flute, viola and piano. The ensemble will take the audience on a fascinating tour, from the salons of Vienna and Paris to the concert halls of New York.

Peter H. Bloom, flute and alto flute, whose playing has been called “a revelation for unforced sweetness and strength” (The Boston Globe), “brightly gorgeous” (GappleGate Music Review), and “breathtaking” (Ivan Rod Review, Denmark), performs in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Asia, Australia and New Zealand; is featured on 48 recordings; is contributing editor for Noteworthy Sheet Music; and is a winner of the American Musicological Society’s Noah Greenberg Award.

He has concertized with such noted artists as Ensemble Chaconne, The Henning Ensemble, D’Anna Fortunato, and the Aardvark Jazz Orchestra (51st season). Bloom has given lectures and classes at colleges and universities across the globe. He holds an MM with distinction in flute performance from New England Conservatory of Music, and a BA (philosophy) from Boston University.

Francis Grimes, viola, is an esteemed chamber musician,

orchestral player and educator. He has performed with the Boston Pops, Boston Opera, Masterworks Chorale, Sinfonova, Boston Ballet, Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra, and other premier ensembles. He toured nationally with the Star Wars Orchestra and performed with choral groups in Italy, England and the Czech Republic. He serves regularly in the orchestras of Boston’s Colonial and Schubert Theatres. He served on the faculties of Milton Academy, All Newton Music School, Community Music Center of Boston, and the Rhode Island Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. He attended Boston University’s School of Fine Arts and completed his BM at Indiana University as a student of William Primrose. He also studied with Roman Totenberg, Bernard Kadinoff, Eugene Lehner, and members of the Fine Arts Quartet at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Steven Sussman, piano, is acclaimed as a soloist, accompanist, chamber musician and orchestral member, performing classical music, jazz, and musical theater in New England and across the United States. He is the director of Opera

Presto, toured previously with Brown Bag Opera, and was staff accompanist at the Berklee College of Music. An experienced educator, Sussman serves on the faculty at The Rivers Conservatory of Music, teaches at the St. Marks School, and maintains an active private teaching studio. He earned a Master of Music in performance from Boston University, and a Bachelor of Music from Indiana University, where his principal teachers were Enrica Cavallo-Gulli and Jorge Bolet.

Single tickets for the concert may be purchased at the door --\$10.00 adults and \$6.00 for seniors and --and subscriptions for the 2023-24 concert season may be purchased for \$30.00 adults and \$18.00 for seniors and students. Purchases may be made by cash, check or credit card.

A reception in the church social hall will follow the concert where the audience may enjoy refreshments and meet the artists.

This program is presented with financial assistance from the WV Department of Arts, Culture, and History, the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the WV Commission on the Arts.

Memories of Schooldays and School Buildings Captured in Century Old Photographs



By Bobby Bice

One of my favorite photos is the accompanying one showing the old Shinnston High School building during its construction. It’s a rare photograph in the sense that the photographer’s name is noted on the image. A lot of early Shinnston area photography was performed by Shinnston’s jeweler Muta Swiger. This particular image was taken by Henry W. Null and signed near the left bottom of the photo. In the early 1910’s, Shinnston had three photographers, each with an office off of Walnut Street. Null’s office was located in the Board of Trade room of the Shinnston Opera House on lower Walnut Street.

Up until the early 1900’s, it was common to stop formal education at the 8th grade level. The Shinnston Public School located on Mahlon

Street had been constructed with six original rooms in 1895, but through the persistence of the late Charles L. Watkins (1861-1963), the grade school building had three additional rooms built onto it during the summer of 1907 in order to accommodate those seeking further education past the eighth grade. This essentially was the formation of Clay District High School due to the Clay District Board of Education providing the resources; however the Mahlon Street building became known as the ‘Shinnston Public and High School’. Eighteen students enrolled in classes for use in the new high school level rooms during the 1907 year, followed by an enrollment of thirty in 1908.

I have a program from the first graduation ceremony in 1910 and it states that three graduates received high school diplomas in a ceremony held at the Shinnston Baptist Church

on Rebecca Street. This would have been the old wooden structure which preceded the current yellow brick building. I also have a program from the second graduation ceremony and it shows that four graduates received diplomas in 1911 during commencement exercises held at the Shinnston Opera House, which was located on the southeast corner of Walnut Street and Davis Court. [That building, razed in the late 1990’s, later became Rex Theatre and later a skating rink]. Annual enrollment for the grade school as well as high school classes continued to increase, which quickly created crowded classrooms in an already expanded structure. The solution: a building dedicated solely for a new high school. A suitable site was to be on the hill at the north end of town, overlooking the city.

As you can see in the image, a road was not yet cut out for access to the school. The cornerstone for the building was laid on August 23, 1913 by the Masonic Lodge. Frank Packard was the architect and Charles Short was the awarded contractor. The new school building was supposed to be completed during the 1914-1915 school year, but the Class of 1915 graduated with disappointment in not being able to complete their courses there. The Clay District Board of Education lacked funds to complete the high school complex as originally planned. The initial plans for the building called for a separate structure to house the gym, which

would be adjacent to the high school, but Mr. Packard placed the gym beneath the auditorium in an effort to stay within the funds allotted for the building. In doing this, the gym ceiling was very low and the floor space was both short and narrow. This proved to supply the brick walls with much skin, blood, and hair during basketball season. Backcourt shots were near impossible!

Once the district board of education accepted the high school as satisfactory from contractor Short, Clay District High School officially opened its doors to students on Monday, September 13th, 1916, then a formal opening on Tuesday, November 23rd. Although there were already other high school buildings in Harrison County, this building was the first District High School. It maintained the C.D.H.S name until 1933 when an Act of the Legislature of West Virginia abolished district and independent Boards of Education, officially changing the name to Shinnston High School. The building was used as a high school until the fall of 1978 when its students joined the Lumberport High School students in the newly consolidated Lincoln High School, which is still in use today. It was used as a middle school and later an intermediate school before being purchased by Glenn & JoAnn Rife who turned it into Rife’s Medical Arts Building. The ‘old school on the hill’ has now been vacant for many years.

And that is the story behind the photo!



American Legion Holds Annual Family Picnic

American Legion Post 31 and the American Legion Family (Auxiliary, Sons and Riders) held their annual family picnic from 12 - 5 pm on Sunday, August 20, 2023, at the city park in Shinnston. There were approximately 150 members and guests in attendance.

The menu for the day was picnic fare of hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings and a variety of salads and desserts.

The children enjoyed swimming and prizes including bicycles and scooters. Every child was awarded two prizes. This year the auxiliary raffled two hand guns; one was won by Margaret

Yost and the other by Betty O'Dell. The winners received their prizes after the required background checks. The money from this raffle will be used in support of local Veterans projects during the coming year. There were also several other raffles for adults.

The proceeds from the 50/50 this year went the Post 31 building fund. The picnic is an annual event to gather family and friends of American Legion Post 31 for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Pictured are picnic goers Tara and Glenn Pyles purchasing 50/50 tickets from auxiliary member Roxie Nicholson with Cheryl Turner.

UHC Helping Increase Organ Donation in West Virginia



Five hundred West Virginians are awaiting a transplant. Eight lives are the number of lives that one individual can save as an organ donor. Every year, CORE, Center for Organ Replacement and Education, recognizes hospitals for outstanding work to increase organ, eye, and tissue donor registrations. WVU Medicine United Hospital Center (UHC) has earned platinum recognition for the West Virginia organ donor registration. Pictured left from UHC: Stephanie Smart, MSN, RN, Vice President of Nursing/CNO; Kara Elko BSN, RN, Director of Critical Care; Maura Mullen, BSN, RN, Critical Care; and David F. Hess, MD, CEO and president.

Capito Calls for Answers Regarding Hazelton Federal Prison

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W. Va.) yesterday sent a letter, led by Senators Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), regarding allegations of serious misconduct occurring at Federal Correctional Complex (FCC) Hazelton. The letter was sent to Attorney General Merrick Garland, Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco, and Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) Director Colette Peters

In their letter, the senators called on the Department of Justice (DOJ) and BOP to immediately investigate disturbing whistleblower reports of abusive treatment of incarcerated individuals and other employee misconduct at FCC Hazelton, and to include United States Penitentiary (USP) Hazelton and Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Hazelton.

“These reports, combined with public reporting on FCC Hazelton’s dire staffing shortages and proliferation of weapons contraband, paint a grim picture of the institution’s inability to ensure a safe environment for those in BOP custody and employees alike,” the senators wrote.

The senators’ letter goes on to detail legally protected allegations that whistleblowers disclosed to their offices, some of which are corroborated by public reporting, including:

A group of inmates escaping from the prison camp and supervisory staff attempting to cover it up.

Supervisory staff at FCC Hazelton falsifying documents, encouraging inmate abuse, and covering up alleged abuse and escapes of incarcerated individuals. The falsified documents include medical assessments, incident reports, duty rosters, and time and attendance

sheets, along with requests to tamper with corresponding security cameras to cover up inmate escapes. The employees engaged in these practices have not been disciplined, and, in some cases, received promotions, despite open investigations into their misconduct.

Staff members using restrictive housing punitively against incarcerated individuals in violation of BOP policy, and staff engaging in a pattern of physical abuse of inmates residing in Special Housing Units (SHU).

Staff repeatedly directing racial slurs against minorities towards other staff members and incarcerated individuals.

Staff urinating on prisoner property. Staff forcing incarcerated individuals to urinate and defecate on themselves as a condition of being released from restrictive custody.

Staff assaulting an incarcerated person, breaking the individual’s ribs.

“If these allegations are true and accurate, they reflect a rampant culture of abuse and misconduct at FCC Hazelton. We request that you conduct a full investigation of employee misconduct at FCC Hazelton facilities, including interviews of individuals incarcerated in SHU about these allegations,” the senators continued. “We also request that you commit that no taxpayer money will be used to identify, expose the identity of, or retaliate against any whistleblowers and that the anonymity of all individuals interviewed is maintained, regardless of whether or not they corroborate any allegations of misconduct.”

The senators’ letter concludes by asking that DOJ and BOP provide specific information related to FCC Hazelton to understand the scope of the alleged misconduct.

Congressman Alex X. Mooney Backs Speaker McCarthy’s Opening of an Impeachment Inquiry into President Biden

Washington — Today, Speaker Kevin McCarthy announced the House of Representatives will be opening a formal impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden. This inquiry will be led by Chairman James Comer of the Oversight Committee, Chairman Jim Jordan of the Judiciary Committee, and Chairman Jason Smith of the Ways and Means Committee.

This inquiry comes after whistleblowers have come forward to testify that President Biden was

directly involved in Hunter Biden’s corrupt foreign business dealings.

“I fully back Speaker McCarthy’s decision to launch this inquiry. We must determine President Biden’s level of involvement with Hunter Biden’s foreign business schemes. The information that has come out thus far is deeply troubling. I have full faith that Chairmen Comer, Jordan, and Smith will get to the bottom of these allegations,” said Congressman Alex X. Mooney.



Six senior cadets from the Lincoln High School NJROTC, along with students from all across West Virginia, participated in a zoom call with Senator Manchin today regarding service academy opportunities. Photo and caption courtesy of Lincoln High School

Manchin Speaks with More Than 1,500 West Virginia Students at 54 Schools about U.S. Service Academies

Washington, DC — Today, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) hosted a video call with more than 1,500 West Virginia students to encourage them to apply to the U.S. Service Academies and answer student questions about the application process. Students interested in applying to a U.S. Service Academy can submit an application to Senator Manchin’s office by October 1, 2023.

“Attending a U.S. Service Academy is a privilege reserved for the best and brightest young men and women

across our country. West Virginians have a long history of bravely serving our nation, and I was honored to speak with so many of our students today about the great opportunities at a U.S. Service Academy,” said Senator Manchin. “These students are the future of the Mountain State, and I applaud their interest in serving our country. I look forward to nominating the most qualified candidates to these prestigious academies, where I know they will make our state and country very proud.”

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ress in both.

Now let me touch on this rhetoric surrounding Academic Transformation

- The University began assessing its strengths and areas of concern back in 2016.

- In early 2021 — before the current structural budget deficit — we refined this Academic Transformation process, sharing with the West Virginia University community what was involved.

- Yes, the budget challenge accelerated it, but it was not the cause of something that is necessary for West Virginia University and any institution of higher education to undertake.

- Also, throughout the past three years, most of the programs recommended for discontinuance received notice they were not operating at optimum levels, including declining enrollment. They had multiple opportunities to bring forth viable options for change.

- Also, the faculty have been involved since 2021 and to say otherwise is false.

- The final recommendations under consideration will keep our university financially sound and set the stage for future investments in programs that meet future student and societal needs.

- The notion these recommended

changes will bar our students from intellectual exploration or a well-rounded liberal arts education are also false. West Virginia University has been — and always will be — a university that offers a variety of majors and experiences preparing our students for the future.

- Our University will still offer more than 300 majors, as well as study-abroad trips, cultural events, internships and community service programs that open the world to our students.

- We must align majors with future careers — it is a necessity for our students in today’s world.

I know we all care so much about West Virginia University, and we will have disagreements along the way around how to meet the challenges of the day. I can accept that. But I will not accept the narrative being promulgated that we have mismanaged this University or we are making it a lesser university. That is furthest from the truth.

What we are doing is working to embark on making West Virginia University even stronger than it already is and to be a stand-out institution that creates opportunities for the children of West Virginia as well as students from every state and 100 countries who attend this