

Lincoln Middle Students Will Soon Have An Opportunity to “Get a Life”



Education Programs, has worked to bring a personal finance simulation known as “Get a Life” to area middle schools.

South Harrison has already completed the short course with Washington Irving 8th graders participating on Nov 9. Lincoln Middle School will host in January.

The course will last three hours and take place in the gymnasium. Beckett shared that “the Chamber of Commerce is providing about 20 business workers for each entry at the middle schools.”

Students will get to experience the reality of personal finance. As Beckett describes “students will be assigned a job with an income and a life situation.” This could include married with children, single taking care of a disabled or aged parent, and other real life environments.

“The first round,” she explains, “students will See “Get A Life” on Pg 6

The “Get a Life” program will introduce 8th graders across the state to vital personal finance information in a fun and educating way

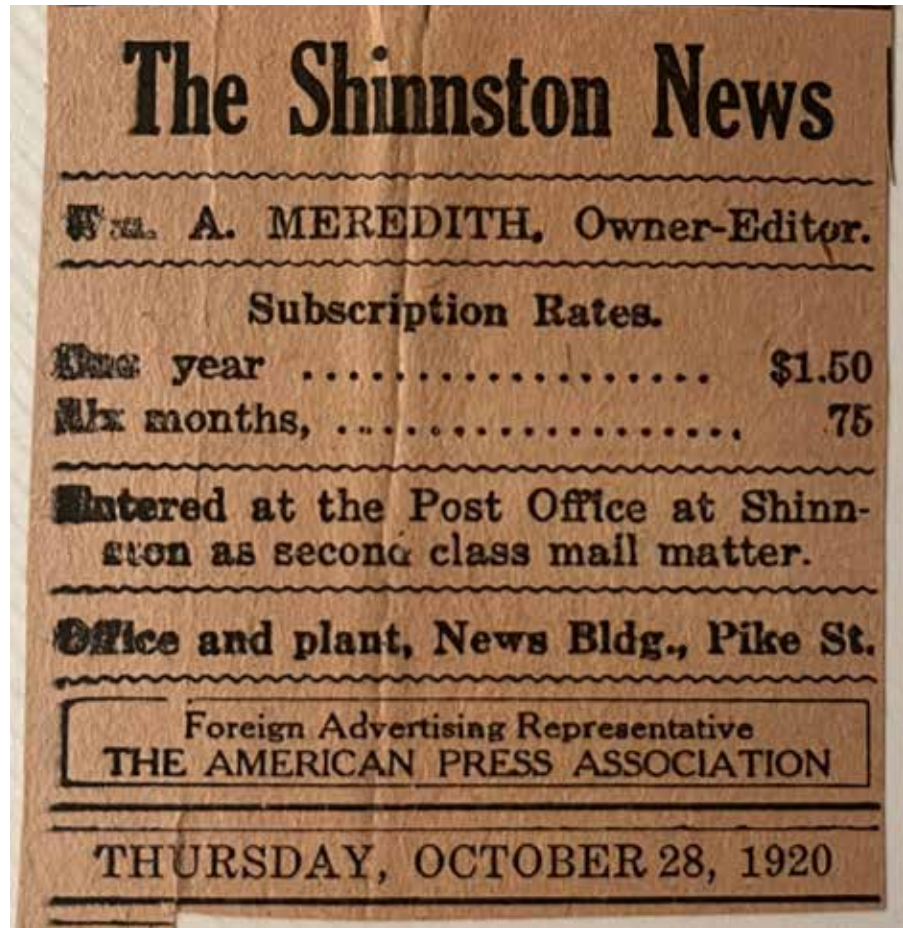
By Stephen Smoot

Two years ago, George Washington University’s Global Financial Literacy Center and the TIAA Institute published a study breaking down personal finance knowledge by generation. Generation Z, as some call it, an-

swered 43 percent, but no generation scored above 55.

West Virginia State Treasurer’s Office and Harrison County Schools aim to change that going forward.

Dr. Geraldine Beckett, County Liaison for Career and Technical



An old masthead from the Shinnston News back when everything was a little less expensive. Photo courtesy of Bobby Bice

A Family Legacy and a Treasured History: The Shinnston News and Its Times (Part One)

By Stephen Smoot

In 1897, William McKinley was president. War with Spain would not break out until the next year. The British Empire was the most powerful country on Earth.

And the Shinnston News published its first editions for a town with a little over 500 residents.

Since then, the paper has changed hands

many times. The original owner sold the paper in 1899, then it sold again in 1902 to William A. Meredith. His family would own, shape, and develop the newspaper

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Giving Lincoln High School Something to Cheer About



Last week, the Cougar squad took second place in the Philip Barbour Halloween Cheer Classic



LHS Cougar cheerleaders are Class AA Region II champions and going to states



BUILDING AMAZING CITIES

By JIM HUNT
author, speaker, consultant

Our State, Through Others’ Eyes



St. Albans, WV Mayor Scott James, Kandi Marler, HdL Companies, WVML President, Mayor Randy Barrett

As we go through our lives, we often look around our state or town and only see the flaws or the things that we believe could be so much better. We look at social media and marvel at our friends’ and families’ photos of other places and wish we could live there. “There’s nothing to do around here,” we bellow and fondly remember our trip to the beach or an adventure out West. It is easy to fall into this trap and feel as if we are stuck and count the days before we can leave.

I recently had an experience that gave me another perspective on this common refrain. I was attending the Southern Municipal Conference in Wheeling, West Virginia, which is a group of Executive Directors of Municipal Leagues throughout the South and their staff that meet to exchange ideas and discuss ways to work together. The West Virginia Municipal League was hosting the conference, and I was representing one of my clients, HdL Companies with my colleague from Winston-

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Guest Column

By Charlotte Lane
Chair, WV Public Service Commission

Tax Credits for Energy Audits

I've talked with you in the past with suggestions to help control rising energy costs. I'm delving back into that important subject again, but with a different twist.

I'm not going to tackle the larger issue of fuel costs to energy companies. We hash those things out in what seems, even to me, to be endless rate cases filed before the Commission.

The U.S. Department of Energy has a gem of a website that has lots of good information concerning energy production and usage (https://www.energy.gov).

Briefly, this means an energy specialist comes into your home and checks it. He or she then recommends what you can do to plug energy leaks, upgrade appliances, and generally make your home cozier.

To encourage people to do this, the U.S. government is providing a 30 percent tax credit on the cost of the audit, up to \$150.

Energy audits generally result in recommendations that can save you between five and 30 percent on your energy bills. I did a little more research for you, too.

The federal government is willing to chip in approximately a third of that. So, let me just suggest you think about it.

Super Crossword

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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.

Nov. 9, 1874: Matthew Mansfield Neely was born in Doddridge County. He was the 21st governor of West Virginia.

Nov. 9, 1952: The Huntington Museum of Art opened as Huntington Galleries. The museum is located on more than 50 acres in the Park Hills section of Huntington.

Nov. 10, 1777: Cornstalk, his son Elinip-sico, and the sub-chief Red Hawk were murdered in captivity by enraged whites who blamed them for the recent killing of two white men.

Nov. 10, 1861: A Confederate cavalry force of more than 700 attacked a Union recruit camp at Guyandotte in Cabell County.

Nov. 10, 1978: The New River Gorge National River was established by Congress. It was designated a National Park and Preserve in 2020.

Nov. 10, 1979: The last home game was played at Old Mountaineer Field at West Virginia University. More than 38,000 people attended the game, in which WVU nearly upset highly ranked Pitt.

Nov. 11, 1929: The Memorial Arch was dedicated on Armistice Day in Huntington. The Memorial Arch stands at the intersection of 11th Avenue and Memorial Boulevard.

Nov. 12, 1844: Henry Schmulbach was born

in Germany. Schmulbach became a leading businessman in Wheeling, buying Nail City Brewery in 1882 and becoming president of the German Bank, now WesBanco.

Nov. 13, 1879: Educator Elsie Clapp was born. Under her direction the community school at Arthurdale stressed education for real-life situations and revived traditional music to strengthen reading and writing skills.

Nov. 14, 1788: Kanawha County, named for the Kanawha River which flows through it, was created on this date.

Nov. 14, 1939: The Charleston Civic Orchestra gave its first concert at the Municipal Auditorium. The group changed its name to Charleston Symphony Orchestra in 1943 and in 1988 became the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra.

Nov. 14: 1970: A chartered plane slammed into a hillside just short of Huntington's Tri-State Airport near Ceredo, killing all 75 of the passengers and crew.

Nov. 15, 2010: The landmark Aracoma Hotel in Logan was damaged by fire. It was demolished later that year.



Marshall University and the Huntington community still feel the trauma of the passing of the 1970 Thundering Herd football team in a plane crash

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Salem, NC, Kandi Marler, Senior Operations Manager at HdL.

Attendees came from Florida, Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Alabama, Georgia, Arkansas, and Virginia and even one attendee from Minnesota. The conference was held at the Oglebay Resort, which was decked out for the Christmas season with garland, trees, and holiday lights throughout the resort. A light dusting of snow gave the area around the conference center the look of a Christmas card and the many deer that roam the grounds only added to the atmosphere. I have attended dozens of events and conferences at Oglebay over the years and it took a conversation with a group of the attendees, to reopen my eyes to the uniqueness and beauty of this West Virginia treasure.

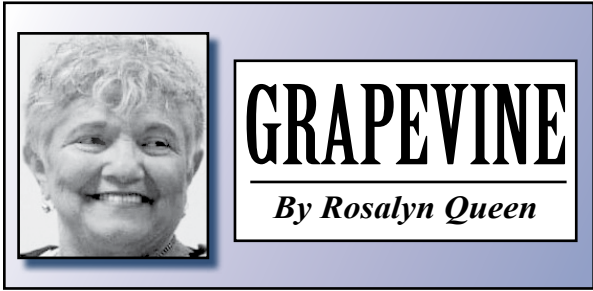
I was standing with a group of attendees and asked them if this was their first trip to West Virginia. This started a cascade of positive comments about our state and particularly, the Wheeling area. The director of the Louisiana Municipal League, John Gallagher, said that he and his wife, Camille, had come early to explore our area and visit some of the sites. When I asked if they were familiar with Fiestaware, John laughed and said his car was filled with some of the colorful glassware. He also related going over to Steubenville, Ohio, which is just over the Ohio River, to search for the graves

of his great-grandfather and other descendants of his family. He found the gravestones and got to connect to his family history. Shari Veazey, the director of the Mississippi Municipal League, was ecstatic with the Oglebay Resort and the beautiful landscape that was so different from her state.

As I listened to the impressions relayed by the visitors, I realized that we do have something special in West Virginia and these visitors will return home with special memories to share with their friends and families. Things that we pass every day will be posted to social media throughout the South and a seed will be planted in the minds of many who may not have given West Virginia, a second thought.

Travis Blosser, the Executive Director of the West Virginia Municipal League, and his staff did an amazing job of putting together this conference and giving it that special West Virginia touch. Host of MetroNews Talkline, Hoppy Kercheval, did a great job giving the attendees a look at West Virginia politics and Wheeling resident and internationally famous Mentalist and Magician, Craig Karges, wowed the crowd with his unbelievable magic. Sometimes it takes an outside set of eyes to view our state in a positive perspective and the attendees at the Southern Municipal Conference should be enthusiastic ambassadors for the Mountain State!

Getting Happy With Family and Friends During the Holidays



The holiday season is fast approaching. Please understand that I am not trying to skip over holidays to get to Christmas. I love this time of year starting with Veterans Day and the parade then moving on to Thanksgiving with all my favorites pumpkin pie, sweet potatoes and of course, turkey. Then followed up with Christmas. My favorite is spending time with my family and friends. I love the parties, the dinners, hearing the carols, going to church services and especially making and eating pita piata. I love giving little thoughtful gifts. And I especially love the decorations. Only you can get yourself In to the magic of the holidays. Do not blame anyone else if you are not a happy holiday person.

Now you are wondering what this crazy writer is doing with the picture of her and her dog. Well there has just about always been a dog attached to the Queen family. There was Chan, the Pekingese, and there was Missy, the Snauzer, and then there was Mister. When I lived alone, I did not have a dog. I was lonely and felt something was missing. My family said to adjust “no more men or dogs,”. I tried

to live their way and was quite happy until age started taking its toll on my body. That’s when I realized I had to make some adjustments for my health and well being. Without much support, I moved in with my son Marty and am very happy living back in East View.

Well now, you say “ come on lady what is the rest of the story ?” Well here it is. When I moved in I got a son and his dog, Max. I have heard so many stories about therapy dogs and although I did not advocate for them, I did not oppose them. Well, I have learned the truth to this action and I am here to tell you that therapy dogs are great.

I made Max my dog. Oh he still belongs to Marty but he enjoys the best of both worlds and supplies me with something that has been missing with age. He is so happy to see me when I come home. He will divide his time by sleeping with the two of us. He will sit quietly on my lap while I read or watch television. When I talk softly to him he will give me a kiss. He licks away the tears. I talk to him frequently and the crazy in me says he answers me. He knows when I am going out and looks so sad, but he is so happy when I return. Now here is my opinion, he makes my life much better and all you lonely people out there should consider getting a pet. Just think about it. He especially loves the holidays because he senses I am happy. And that makes him happy.

Get happy to enjoy the holidays and until next week “Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine.”

Dr. Robert W. Powelson Announces Retirement

To our valued patients,

I wanted to personally take this time to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your eyecare needs over the many years I have been in practice. It has been a true honor and pleasure.

To this end, I would like to announce my retirement effective November 30, 2023. We would

be happy to provide your records to a provider of your choice, or we can suggest an office for referral. The last date to request your records will be December 27, 2023.

Warmest Regards,

Robert W. Powelson OD

Friends of Clarksburg Parks Foundation Announces Veterans Day Memorial Dedication Ceremony

CLARKSBURG (Nov. 2023) – The Friends of the Clarksburg Parks Foundation is proud to announce a solemn ceremony in honor of our nation’s heroes. A new 5’x12’ granite memorial will be dedicated at the Veterans Memorial Park on Friday, November 10th, and the public is invited to join in this meaningful tribute.

The free ceremony will take place on the observed Veterans Day at 2:00 p.m., near the Freedom Shelter across from Splash Zone next to the VA Bridge at the heart of the Veterans Memorial Park. The event serves as a gesture of gratitude and respect to America’s dedicated servicemen and women and will include a moment of silence as a heartfelt expression of appreciation. Light refreshments will also be provided to all attendees.

Mark Audia, President of The Friends of the Clarksburg Parks Foundation, said, “This ceremony provides a significant opportunity for the community to acknowledge and pay tribute to the sacrifices and contributions made by those who have valiantly served in uniform, defending our nation’s freedoms. We invite the public to join us in com-

memorating the spirit of our veterans and honoring our heroes.”

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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 Clarksburg History Museum will be having a fundraising event on Sunday, November 12th. The Robinson Grand Theater will be featuring the 1955 movie, “The Night of the Hunter,” at 2:00 PM. This movie was inspired by the actions of Harry Powers, the infamous serial killer that lived in Clarksburg in 1931. The movie will be followed by bus tours to the former Murder Farm in Quiet Dell. A storyteller there will be presenting more information about the murders that mesmerized the nation and the world for more than six months. The museum will also host an open house after the movie to highlight their Harry Powers exhibit. Tickets can be purchased at tickets.therobinsongrand.com or by calling 855-773-6283.

Shinnston Lions Club is holding its Veterans Day Parade in Downtown Shinnston at 11 AM on Nov 11

Saturday Nov 11 is the Mid Mountain Cheer Competition at Robert C. Byrd High School at 6 PM

Every Tuesday at 6 PM, the Palette, located at 225 Pike Street in Shinnston, will hold art classes.

Weyerhaeuser Buckhannon is holding a job fair at The Outpost and Event Center 20 Raella Lane in Buckhannon on Nov 9 from 3 to 7 PM

Parting Words From Chad Edwards, Former City Manager

Dear Editor,

I would sincerely like to thank the citizens of Shinnston for giving me the opportunity to serve your town. Shinnston has a wonderful mayor, a great city council, and some of the best workers anywhere. I will miss this city and the friends I have made since coming here in 2019. I wish Shinnston the best in everything. There is no other city like it.

Sincerely,

Chad Edwards

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The International Union of Operating Engineers Local #132 JATC proposes to select additional Apprentices for the trade of Heavy Duty Equipment Operators.

- Applications will be accepted January 1-19, 2024.
- Applications will be available online at www.iuoe132.org or by calling 304-273-4852.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a High School Diploma or equivalent and a valid WV drivers license. Applicant must also be a WV resident for at least one year prior to making application and live within the geographical boundary of one of the areas where applications are being taken. A copy of your Birth Certificate, High School Diploma or equivalent, and a copy of your valid WV Drivers License will be requested at a later date.

The International Union of Operating Engineers Local #132 JATC will not discriminate against apprenticeship applicants or apprentices based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, genetic information, or because they are an individual with a disability or a person 40 years old or older. The International Union of Operating Engineers Local #132 JATC will take affirmative action to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship and will operate the apprenticeship program as required under Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 30.

The Second Season For a Trio of Teams



The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

At the start of training camp, when the heat is unbearable and conditioning the main concern, the one thing that gets players through is the thought of winning a championship. Everyone wants to be number one, after all. That is why there is the sacrifice of blood, sweat, and tears during all of those practices.

On the high school level, the regular season has concluded with a pair of Harrison County teams surviving and advancing to the playoffs. Ironically, they did battle last week in the finale in Shinnston, here Lincoln hosted Bridgeport. The Indians earned the win, but both squads garnered playoff spots.

The Tribe, in typical fashion, stayed on the ground and five different players found pay dirt. Zach Rohrig led all rushers in the affair with 133 yards and three touchdowns. Josh Love picked up 122 yards with a pair of scoring runs. Alex Moses chipped in with 38 yards and two scores. John Knight and Tim Jeffries each had a rushing score a piece to round out Bridgeport's point production.

The Cougars utilized their passing attack to provide points in their battle with the Tribe. Quarterback A. J. Bart threw for 162 yards and a pair of touchdowns while finding five different receivers. Brayden Edgell caught a game high four passes for 54 yards. Aiden Rice hauled in three balls for 45 yards. Noah Sears pulled in a pair of passes, including a 25 yard score, Maddox Perine had a 37 yard scoring reception in the intra county battle.

Bridgeport (9-1) enters the playoffs as the eighth seed in class AAA and will play host to George Washington. The Tribe is red hot heading into postseason play with an eight game winning streak. Their only loss of the campaign coming in

week two to Morgantown.

G. W. heads to Wayne Jamison Field on a two-game win streak with victories over Woodrow Wilson (last week) and Capital. They outscored those opponents by a combined 127 to 14. The Patriots have won five of their last six games and are two and two on the road this season.

Lincoln enters the class AA scene at number 16 and travels to Rachel to play familiar foe North Marion. The Cougars look to exact revenge following a setback to North Marion on Set 22 in Shinnston.

West Virginia University's football team is only nine games into its season and it has already qualified for the second season. Last week's 37 to 7 drubbing of Brigham Young University in front of a prime time audience and 50, 266 fans made the Mountaineers bowl eligible with a six and three record.

WVU utilized a balanced attack to dominate the Cougars, much to the liking of the sizable crowd on hand at Milan Puskar Stadium. Quarterback Garrett Greene continues to improve and his 205 passing yards and two touchdowns kept BYU's defense from stacking the line of scrimmage to try to stop the run. The end result was a season high 336 yards on the ground, which is the most since 2016 against Oklahoma.

Jaheim White rushed for a season high 146 yards and C. J. Donaldson Jr added 102 yards on the ground.

The Mountaineers are starting to get very offensive. In their last four games, they have scored no less than 34 points in any outing and they have averaged a staggering 37.8 points per game.

Next up is a trip to Norman to lock up with the above-mentioned team. The Mountaineers are four and two in the Big 12 Conference and are just one game out of its lead. This week's clash with Oklahoma has been moved to 7 PM. Back to back prime time affairs mean that WVU football is relevant again. No offense to the Autozone Liberty Bowl (West Virginia's most recent bowl appearance, but this year's edition has its sights set on a bigger prize.

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 are Bridgeport's Myleigh Smell and Troy Zorick.

Indian volleyball player Myleigh Small guided her team to a sectional title this past Tuesday in Bridgeport. Smell smashed 18 kills in the three set semifinal win over Buckhannon-Upshur. Smell followed that effort with seven aces, 11 kills, and a block in the three set sectional title win over University.

Indian cross-country runner Troy Zorick earned a 10th place finish in the WVSSAC Class AAA Cross Country State Championship in Ona last Monday.

Congratulations to Bridgeport's Myleigh Smell and Troy Zorick for shining bright in the Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal Athletes of the Week!

Salem Earns 4th Overall Seed in USCAA Tournament

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania - While the regular season for Salem Tigers volleyball is not quite wrapped up, there is some big news regarding the postseason for the Tigers. The USCAA has announced the field for the upcoming Division I National Championship held in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. The Tigers have earned the 4th overall seed, and will compete in at least 2 contests in the event which runs from November 8th through November 11th.

In the first match, Salem will take on the #1 overall seed Maine-Fort Kent on November 9th at 9 AM. After that, they will take on the 5th seeded Lyon College out of Arkansas on November 10th. That game will also be played at 9 AM.

From there, the events pool play will conclude, and the results thereof will determine seeding for the tournament portion of the event which will crown the USCAA Division I champion on

Big Ten High School Soccer All-Conference List Released, Six Cougars Names From Both Teams

Congratulations to First Team All-State selection Ty Williams for boys and Eryn Ashcraft, Lilyan Toth, and Payton Riley for girls.

Second team includes Trevor Williams on the boys' squad and Eden Ashcraft for the girls.

Other selections from the county include for the first team in girls, Ava Hollen and Elisa DiNaldo from Bridgeport and Corinne Vilain from Liberty. On the second team is Briana Fisher from Bridgeport.

All Conference selections from the boys include

on the first team John Dumas and Jackson Cogar from Bridgeport, Wyatt Crislip, Kaden Meighen, and Chandler Walls from Robert C. Byrd, and on second team Zane Wagoner, Tucker Pomeroy, and Grayson Church from Bridgeport.

Bridgeport's Keith Dumas won Coach of the Year, while Meighen earned Player of the Year.

On the girls side, both the coach and player of the year hailed from Phillip Barbour.

Well done!

Salem Seals Erie Weekend Sweep with Win over Gannon

ERIE, Pennsylvania - In order to get back in the pool after a short hiatus, the Salem men's water polo team headed up to Erie this weekend for the first of two WWPA conference weekends. The Tigers cruised through the competition on their way to 3 solid conference wins. Each contest played out as follows:

Salem 23, McKendree 15

In Game 1, Salem squared off with the McKendree Bearcats. The Tigers had to shake some rust off, and trailed after the first quarter. However, the Tigers battled back with a big second period, and took control of the game. From there, they were simply too much for the Bearcats, and they pushed through towards the 23-15 victory. Offensively, Salem was led by Marko Zivojinovic, who added 8 goals and 4 assists to the Tiger's efforts. Defensively, goalkeeper Duarte Costa batted down 10 shots from the Bearcats.

Salem 29, Mercyhurst 13

For Game 2, Salem had their strongest offensive performance of the weekend. The Tigers seemingly scored at will, and dominated over the Lakers all day long. Cutino Award nominee Nikola Krstonosic had a banner performance with 12 goals and 9 assists. The 12 goals in a game ties a school record, and the 9 assists in the game sets a new school record. Marko Zivojinovic also had 10 goals and 4 assists. Goalkeepers Duarte Costa and Goncalo Silva combined for 16 saves.

Salem 20, Gannon 13

For the final game of the weekend, the Tigers took control of the contest with two big scoring

quarters in the first half. However, Gannon kept things close. Despite the Gannon rally, the Salem defense held firm, and the Tigers pulled away with the 20-13 win. On the stats sheet, Marko Zivojinovic had 10 goals and 4 assists to lead Salem. In goal, Duarte Costa added 11 more saves to his already impressive season.

With three big wins this weekend, Salem will be primed to return to the home waters of the Aquatic Center at Mylan Park, where they will play host to these same 3 opponents on November 4th and 5th in another weekend of WWPA competition.

Cougars Senior "A" Team On Senior Night



Pictured are Ava Belcastro, Aliyah Elder, Alliana Bragg, Alexis Williams, Abby Jones, and Cambria Pill

Cougar Football Earns Postseason Berth



Lincoln High School senior football players at a pep rally before playing Bridgeport. They take on North Marion tomorrow night

HCSCC SPOTLIGHT

Featuring news from the Harrison County Senior Citizen Center

2023 North Central Walk to End ALZ returns to Meadowbrook Mall



The North Central Walk to End Alzheimer's was held on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at Meadowbrook Mall. Fairmont State Drum Line led the walkers through Meadowbrook Mall commanding the attention of mall shoppers and store employees along the route.

Walk participants demonstrated the need for research funding to combat the effect this disease has on our community. Next year's walk will be held at the Mall on October 6, 2024. Donations to meet this year's goal are accepted through December 31, 2023.

Call the center for more information on how you can join the fight to end Alzheimer's.



Golden Angel Tree

Harrison County Senior Center Golden Angel Tree Program provides gifts to senior citizens (age 60+) throughout Harrison County who may not receive any other gifts during the holiday season. Prior to the beginning of November 1 each year, caregivers and other in the community submit the names of seniors along with a list of 4 items on the senior's wish list.

From that list of names and items, a Golden Angel Tree Angel is created with only an identifying number, gender, and the 4 items requested. Members of the community, clubs, satellites, etc., stop by the senior center and adopt one of the Angel's to fulfill that senior's wish list. We hope to have all the Golden Angels adopted by November 14, 2023, but feel free to call after this date to see if there are still Angels left on the tree.

Presents for the Golden Angel are requested to be returned to the center by December 12, 2023. The presents need to be wrapped or in a large gift bag with the identifying number of the Golden Angel recipient.

Kendy Clutter, member of Marshville Senior Satellite, likes to shop for both a male and female Golden Angel and states: "I diligently get the practical items they request such as paper towels and laundry soap, but I always get them a surprise gift they would not expect so they know it's Christmas."

To adopt a Golden Angel or for more information about the program, please call the center at 304.623.6795.

HCSC Tai Chi Class and Line Dancers Provide Demonstrations at Health Fair



Immaculate Conception Parish Nurse Ministry held their annual I.C. Health Fair on October 14, 2023 in the Parish Center. The Tai Chi Demonstration was led by

HCSC instructor Carol E. Brown. WVU students joined HCSC Line Dancers led by instructor Leslie Campbell.

HCSCC Board of Directors News

The HCSCC Board of Directors met on Thursday, October 26, 2023, in a hybrid fashion in-person in the boardroom and on Zoom. At the meeting the board adopted the following meeting schedule for 2024: January 25, March 28, April 25, June 27, September 26, and October 24. All meetings will be held at 9:30 am in hybrid format.

Board Officers & Members:

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

Clarksburg Winterfest 2024



HCSC members will ride the vans in the Winterfest Parade at 6:00 pm on Friday, December 1, 2023. The Tree Lighting will take place at the end of the parade on the front lawn of the Waldomore. The

festivities will continue on Saturday, December 2, 2023 in Jackson Square from 10 am to 4 pm with artisans, vendors, and school choir performances.

HCSC will be closed on Friday, November 10, 2023 in observance of Veteran's Day and Thursday and Friday, November 23-24, 2023 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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have a minimum wage income.” With that money they “purchase transportation, housing, insurance, groceries” and health care. “It’s a very good experience in understanding ‘adulthood,’” she notes.

The second round requires students to make the same purchases, but with a higher income, replicating the increased financial security of a trades education, college degree, acquired skills, and more.

Since “life happens” in the adult world, the simulation includes a character named “the green reaper.” He or she “hands out cards to random individuals. Some win the lottery, but for others, their transmission goes out.”

“It’s very realistic,” Beckett says, adding that “the learning that happens in this activity is authentic and relevant for our students.”

She shared that many students lack the basic knowledge of how financial products such as insurance work, describing the reaction of a middle school student learning that health insurance covered broken legs. “He was jumping up and down, saying ‘my in-

surance will pay!’ He was so excited!” Beckett said that this activity prepares students for a more formal requirement coming up in state schools. In 2020, the State Legislature passed a bill requiring West Virginia schools to prepare a curriculum to satisfy a half credit personal finance requirement. Most systems will “embed” the learning in senior civics classes.

At the time, “Personal finance in my opinion, next to reading and writing, is probably the most important thing that we can get these kids out of high school with,” Delegate Robert Thompson (D – Wayne, 19) told West Virginia Metro News.

Beckett explained that the county schools were working with the Trust Bank “Reality Check” program. Teachers will learn the curriculum and how to use the related online platform. Some high schools will be ready this spring and all will have it by next year.

“We need to make sure that students have good basic sound strategies,” she said, adding that they must also “realize the need for things like home insurance.”

“Newspaper History” From pg 1

over the next several decades.

According to Bobby Bice, Shinnston Historical Association president, “the first edition of the paper came off the press in December 1897,” under the direction of Henry Hall. That paper may have carried news of the execution of John F. Morgan in Ripley, the last public hanging in the state.

Hall established the office in a building owned by Benjamin Franklin Lowe, now the Lowe Public Library.

This was neither Hall’s nor Shinnston’s first newspaper. He had previously and briefly published “The Shinnston Star.”

In 1902 the newspaper changed hands again, purchased by William Meredith. As Leigh Merrifield, his great-granddaughter and former editor, says “my great-grandfather was owner, publisher, editor, pretty much everything.”

Merrifield stated “many people are not privileged enough to know their great-grandparents, but I was” then added “they were both fine people. I think of all of the owners who had the Shinnston News. None had 80 years’ longevity with the newspaper.”

Meredith moved the office of the newspaper from Bridge Street to a building near the former location of Short’s Opera House, located on the corner of Pike and Station Streets. Charles Asbury Short built it in 1889 and was used for performances, religious worship, meetings of fraternal organizations, and more.

A fire that started in the Opera House soon spread to engulf the nearby buildings, including the Shinnston News office. The incident inspired Short himself to acquire the equipment to help furnish the first fire department. As Bice describes “after the fire, the news office relocated to a building on lower Station Street until about 1911, when it moved to the building most people know as where the news always was, which was 223 Pike Street.”

Early on, the Shinnston News lived up to the nickname of mass papers of the time “the penny press,” or perhaps more accurately the two penny press. Merrifield shared that was the cost of an individual paper at the time, with a yearly subscription of 75 cents.

Newspapers had changed drastically after the Civil War. The cost of materials and production dropped substantially at the same time as the

emergence of free public schools created widespread literacy across the nation. A huge market for newspapers emerged at the same time that they became much less expensive to get. At the same time, the growing consumer economy paid money for advertisements that brought in revenue as well.

Until around World War I, almost every county and many towns of any size in the state saw pairs of competing newspapers. In these cases, one paper represented the Democratic Party side and the other the Republican. Whichever party held authority in local government threw its local printing to the paper of their side. In Preston County, the Republican Party divided and each side created their own paper, both of which still exist today.

This did not occur in Shinnston, however. Meredith acquired the newspaper during the start of the Progressive Era. In this period newspapers, for the first time ever in large numbers, held up objective and non partisan coverage of news as the desired standard. Merrifield explained that the readers in Shinnston over time responded favorably to this approach, saying “people appreciate local stories. They don’t want all the political stuff.”

The Shinnston News “never had any political rival in its news field,” Bice shared, adding that “I never knew or heard of anyone to state that it definitely took a stand on anything.” He said that the paper may have leaned liberal in earlier times, but “of course West Virginia in general did as well.”

Meredith early on formed a partnership with another newspaperman named Basil Lucas, who also served as a Shinnston representative to the Harrison County Republican Executive Committee, according to the 1916 West Virginia Blue Book. He resided in a towering mansion on what is now Shinnston’s west side, featuring Ionic columns. John Lowe also assisted with leading the paper.

In 1909, Meredith moved to Salem and left the Shinnston News in the hands of his earlier partners, plus Robert L. Finlayson. He returned after only four years and resumed ownership.

The story of the Shinnston News will continue next week, taking a look at the second generation of Merediths to act as stewards of the Shinnston News.

West Virginia sees another month of revenue surplus as Gov. Justice announces October collections \$7.4 million above estimates

CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice announced today that West Virginia’s General Revenue collections for October 2023, the fourth month of the Fiscal Year 2024, came in at \$390.8 million, which is \$7.4 million above the official estimate. Cumulative collections of more than \$1.808 billion put the state at \$242.2 million ahead of the estimate.

“I’m absolutely thrilled with these numbers, and I’m eager to continue seeing increases in the surplus,” Gov. Justice said. “We’ll keep a close eye on tracking these numbers, because I am fully dedicated to meeting that goal for our state.”

The surplus was led by a relatively strong performance for personal income taxes and corporation net income taxes.

Personal income tax collections of \$189.3 million were nearly \$9.8 million above estimate. Cumulative Personal Income Tax collections

of \$796.8 million are \$121.4 million above estimate and just 3.2% below prior year receipts even after a 21.25% tax rate cut.

Corporation Net Income Tax collections of \$26.3 million were \$15.7 million above estimate and 37.6% ahead of last year. Year-to-date collections of \$152.3 million are \$86.2 million above estimate and 24.8% ahead of last year.

Consumer Sales Tax collections totaled nearly \$125.2 million. Collections exceeded prior year collections by 1.4%. Year-to-date collections of \$539.7 million are \$11.9 million above estimate and 4.1% ahead of last year.

Insurance Premium Tax collections of \$26.2 million were nearly \$1.5 million above estimate and 6.2% ahead of prior year receipts. Cumulative collections are \$0.9 million above estimate and 3.9% ahead of prior year receipts. Year-to-date interest

income collections of more than \$74.4 million were \$58.9 million above the official estimate and 339% ahead of last year.

Total Severance Tax Collections for October 2023 for all funds was \$55.7 million. Due to a record return of local oil and gas severance receipts of nearly \$74.5 million dollars, General Fund total was -\$37.5 million.

The large payout to local governments was due to the very high 2022 energy prices. Local governments received an additional \$12 million of local coal severance tax distributions during the month. There was also a total \$6.75 million of oil and gas severance tax revenues that went to the DEP well plugging fund.

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By Benjamin Franklin

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OBITUARIES**Luka Cash Bunnell**

Luka Cash Bunnell, infant son of Mark and Kassaundra "Kass" Bunnell of Fairmont, passed away on Saturday, October 28, 2023 at home.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by one sister, Avalyn "Rosie" Bunnell; one brother, William Kingsey Todd; paternal grandparents: William "Pappy" "Bill" Bunnell of Wyatt and Nora "Nani" Lee Price Harris of Mannington; maternal grandparents: George "Papap" Todd and wife Michelle "Nana" of Mannington; Jennifer "Mimi" Rebecca Todd-Ferguson and husband Mike "Papap" of Fairmont; maternal great grandparents: William and Judy Keplinger of Worthington and Janice Todd of Reynoldsville; paternal great grandmother, Rebecca "Becky Greatmaw" Price of Mannington; three uncles: Adam Bunnell and wife Helena "Aunt Kay" of Hepzibah; Genghis Harris of Mannington and Chris Weaver of Grafton; one aunt, Victoria Hamilton of Mannington and several other aunts and uncles.

Luka is preceded in death by his paternal step grandfather, Drexel Karl Harris, maternal grandfather, George Eugene Todd; maternal great grandmother, Catherine Rosell Hoye; paternal great grandparents, Eugene and Virginia Caroline Gibbs and maternal great uncles: Billy Keplinger and Bobby Veith.

Family and friends will be received at Dors-

ey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 for a Memorial Service from 11:00am until the time of service, 1:00pm with Pastor Dan Atkins officiating.

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

**Buster Leroy Long**

Buster Leroy Long, 86, of Meadowbrook, passed away on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at United Hospital Center. He was born January 10, 1937 in Monongah a son of the late George Luther and Nellie Blodgett Long.

Buster is survived by his wife, Peggy Lou Leggett Long whom he married on October 11, 2012.

Also surviving are his children, Melissa Sue Long; Howard Long and his wife Kim; Debby Long; and Micky Long, all of Philippi; his step-sons, Michael Robinson of Meadowbrook; Cecil Robinson and his wife Ginny of Buckhannon; and Jeff Robinson and his wife Nanette of VA; his step-daughter, Rebecca Robinson of Buckhannon; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and his sister, Mary Cartwright and her husband Gene of Eldora.

In addition to his parents, Buster was preceded in death by his son, Charlie Long; his brothers, Bill; Jimmy; and Frank Long; his sister, Opal Long; and his sister-in-law, Dottie Long.

Buster was a retired coal miner and worked

heavy construction with Striegle Construction Company. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved tending to his garden and spending time with his dogs.

Friends will be received at Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St. Shinnston, on Sunday from 3-7pm. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Monday, November 6, at 11:00 am with Pastor Tim Sandy officiating. Interment will follow at the Clermont Cemetery in Boothsville. Online memories and condolences can be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com.

The Perine funeral home is honored to serve the Long family.

**Charles Edgar Wade**

Charles Edgar Wade, 65, of Wallace passed away suddenly on Friday, November 3, 2023 at his residence. He was born July 19, 1958 in Clarksburg, a son of the late Arlie Wade Jr. and the late Clara Belle Oldaker Wade. Also deceased is his brother-in-law, Thomas (Tom) Swiger

He is survived by his siblings, Arlene (John) Jenkins and children, John Jenkins Jr., (Lynn), Wallace and Tammie (Jay) Earnest, Lumberport; Carolyn (David) Miller, and children David Miller Jr., (Erin), Dustin Miller; Donald "Bud" Wade, and children Donald Wade, Charles Wade (Melissa); Peggy Swiger and children Becky Swiger, Paul Swiger (Megan); and Kathleen Paugh (Tom) and children,

Elijah Paugh (Paige), Jacob Paugh (Caitlyn), and Judah Paugh (Anastasia); and Christopher Wade (Becky) and children Christopher Wade (Taylor), Nicholas Wade (Brittany), Cameron Wade (Analee), and Breanna Wade (Caleb). Many great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Charles was employed at Dan Cava Toyota, Fairmont and previously at Star Motor and Rom Rog.

Charles loved hunting and riding his buggy. He belonged to Bear Mountain Buggy Club. He loved all his nieces and nephews and was Known as "uncle Chuck" to everyone. He hosted all the family holiday dinners.

Friends will be received at the Harmer Funeral Home, 300 Pike St., Shinnston from 4 pm to 8 pm Tuesday. A funeral service will be at 11:00 am Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023 with Pastor James Burton officiating. On line memories and condolences may be shared at harmerfuneralhome.com.

**Opal Olive Dodrill**

Opal Olive Dodrill, 94, of Spelter passed away on October 27, 2023. She was born in Buckhannon, February 27, 1929, a daughter of the late Minter Jackson and Anna Jane Carpenter Hinkle. She was preceded in death by her husband of 37 years, Gerald Owen Dodrill; her sons, Ronald and Lewis Dodrill; her brothers, Paul and Ira P. Hinkle; sisters, Beulah Pollack, Elinora Hin-

kle; nephews, Dwayne and Scott Hinkle; and a niece, Linda Matheny.

Surviving are her grandchildren: Jeremiah Dodrill, Nick Dodrill, Tiffany Sampson Dodrill, MaLissa Sampson Dodrill, Kyle Dodrill, Ashley Dodrill, Jennifer Dodrill; great-grandchildren: Marcus Rucker-Dodrill, Mariah Dodrill, Aleiyah Dodrill, Alex Dodrill, Lily Dodrill, Cadence Sampson, Colt Stahl, Camden Stahl, and several others.

Opal grew up on her family's farm in Buckhannon before moving to the small town of Spelter where she lived her remaining years. She was employed at the Hazel-Atlas Glass Company for many years and attended the Assembly of God Church.

She was a very strong woman who lived her life longer than most.

She was a devoted wife, loving mother, and grandmother. She never smoked or drank in her life and always loved to brag about that fact. She enjoyed cooking, baking, and sitting on her swing watching her grandchildren play. She lived her life for her family and was always there to lend a helping hand and most of all, her love. She will be dearly missed and forever in our hearts.

The family will receive friends at the Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St., Shinnston from 10am-12pm, Friday, November 3rd. A graveside service will be held at 1pm, Friday at the Hampton Cemetery in Buckhannon. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com.

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

Manchin, Capito, Mooney, Miller Push for Disaster Aid for Harrison, Four Other State Counties

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), a member of the Senate Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, and Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.), as well as U.S. Reps. Carol Miller (R-W.Va.-01) and Alex Mooney (R-W.Va.-02), urged President Joe Biden and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region III Administrator MaryAnn Tierney to consider the State of West Virginia's appeal for a major disaster declaration after heavy rains caused flooding and residential damage in Boone, Calhoun, Clay, Harrison, and Kanawha counties in late August 2023.

"We applaud the tireless dedication of our State and local first responders, as well as the invaluable contributions of our neighbors and volunteers. Nevertheless, the demand for aid remains substantial, and we urge you to do everything in your power to make sure that our communities have the federal support they need to rebuild and recover. Therefore, we kindly request that you thoroughly consider the State of West Virginia's appeal for a major disaster declaration to address the enduring challenges our communities are facing," the lawmakers wrote in part.

Full text of the letter can be found here or below:

Dear President Biden and Regional Administrator Tierney,

As members of the West Virginia Congressional Delegation, we write in support of Governor Jim Justice's appeal request for a major disaster declaration for the State of West Virginia after severe and numerous storms washed through our State causing widespread damage. Heavy rains caused damages by flooding, landslides, and mudslides in 5 counties throughout central and southern West Virginia from August 28, 2023 to August 30, 2023.

Persistent rains resulted in major flooding events in Boone, Calhoun, Clay, Harrison and Kanawha Counties. As the heavy downpour of rains fell, areas surrounding rivers, creeks and small streams were unable to absorb the excess precipitation causing flooding and residential damage.

To access federal disaster aid, West Virginia Governor Jim Justice has made an appeal request for a major disaster declaration for the State of West Virginia, submitted October 25, 2023, under the provisions of Section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5208 (Stafford Act). We respectfully ask that you carefully review the request that specifically outlines Individual Assistance for Boone, Calhoun, Clay, Harrison, and Kanawha Counties as well as Hazard Mitigation statewide.

We applaud the tireless dedication of our State and local first responders, as well as the invaluable contributions of our neighbors and volunteers. Nevertheless, the demand for aid remains substantial, and we urge you to do everything in your power to make sure that our communities have the federal support they need to rebuild and recover. Therefore, we kindly request that you thoroughly consider the State of West Virginia's appeal for a major disaster declaration to address the enduring challenges our communities are facing.

Out of the Past

Memorable photographs from around Harrison County



Pump station for Eureka Pipe Line Company near Shinnston, date unknown. Photo courtesy of West Virginia University

Harrison County Commission Approves Payment For General Services Building

By Stephen Smoot

The road to completing the new General Services Building took another turn on its windy path last week with the Harrison County Commission discussing payments for services rendered and other related issues.

Commissioners opened the meeting with a prayer given by Patsy Trecost. He hoped people could live “by Your example, to love one another” and finished by asking that those who traveled to work today “get home safe.”

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the commissioners welcomed participants in the recent Alzheimers’ Walk. David Hinkle, Harrison County Commissioner, said “it’s good to see you all here,” adding that “it’s getting ready to be grant season. When you get ready, let us know.”

Next, during the public comment section, commissioners heard from Valerie Lane. She identified herself as “a newly elected council person for the City of Salem.” Lane explained that she “I’m new to this game” and asked the county commission if she could request any assistance that could help to prevent the city from seeing a water rate increase.

Susan Thomas, Harrison County Commission President, advised that if she provided her contact information to Laura Pysz, Harrison County administrator, she would receive a call by the end of business on Friday.

Commissioners spent the bulk of the meeting discussing issues related to the General Services Building.

Hinkle told the other commissioners that he “had been talking to contractors and architects and set up a weekly meeting” to get all the issues settled. That plan “was agreeable to everyone there.” Those present agreed “to clean up all the issues by the first of December.”

He then reported that “everyone has pretty much moved over. There have been a couple of ribbon cuttings by some of the elected officials in their new area.” Hinkle then said “I invite everyone” to “come and see the workplaces that they have,” not just when they have tax or other business with the county. “I think most of them are happy to be over there,” Hinkle concluded.

He then made a motion to submit a payment of \$275,000 to Rycon to cover part of what the county owed. Hinkle later explained that the payment amount came from the original contract, but the county held up payment as “a hold to try and keep them finishing up everything.” That \$275,000 comes from a previously established line item put in place to pay for costs of moving and other expenses.

Commissioners also approved a \$23,443 change order requested. This represented the 10th such request made for costs incurred over and above the contract.

After working on General Services Building issues, commissioners approved a motion to

have a property at the quarry appraised, with the intent of deciding what to do once they received pricing information. They cannot sell other properties held in the area.

The commission then approved the establishment of a fund and bank account to receive money from the State related to the fire protection fund legislation. They also approved the renaming of a fund and bank account created to receive opioid settlement funds from the West Virginia First Foundation.

The change was necessary because Harrison County “was ahead of the game” in creating a fund and account to receive the funds. They changed the name to align with the language created by the State Auditor’s Office.

The meeting closed with Hinkle expressing praise with how those involved conducted the massive move into the new offices of the General Services Building.

He said “I’d like to thank, again, all the elected officials and employees.” Hinkle went on to say “it was a very sizable expense” to build the structure, but not to move over. He shared that the way that employees took initiative saved between 95 and 99 percent of the potential cost to taxpayers. “Everyone got behind the move” and performed it “very well,” Hinkle said.

He also requested the scheduling of a work session on Nov 6 at 3 PM to cover animal control, office space, CSX purchase, and other issues.

Harrison and Other Senior Center Directors Share Experiences With Attendees At Directors’ Conference

By Stephen Smoot

Last week, Beth Fitzgerald, Harrison County Senior Center executive director, joined colleagues from around the state at Canaan Valley Resort to learn and share how to meet the needs of seniors with an ever-shrinking base of resources.

Quote from Beth here:

After two days of conference sessions and meetings, attendees enjoyed a “Seniors 101” presentation at the conference banquet given by the West Virginia Directors of Senior Center Services. Jennifer Brown, president of the organization, joined Janie Lew White, executive director of Preston County Senior Citizens Inc.

“We can talk about senior programs in our sleep,” Brown joked.

She then opened by explaining that the state’s senior centers “are efficient providers” of basic services that meet needs “even in the most remote parts of West Virginia.” Brown added that even though social recreation forms a key part of the offerings, the centers “are so much more than bingo. It’s a very small part of what we do.

White shared that senior centers had served the state in most areas “for 40 or 50 years or longer” and were established under the Older Americans Act of 1965. This legislation allowed for “multi-purpose senior centers as community focal points.”

She then described some of the challenges faced by centers today, starting with “we have a decent sized workforce that is barely meeting our needs,” but “needs to be 50 percent larger to prepare for what’s coming.”

Brown explained four major categories of services provided for seniors “operating on the narrowest of margins.”

These include nutrition programs, both at the centers and meals delivered to those who are homebound or face mobility restrictions. For many, as White says “meals that we’re providing tend to be their big meal of the day.” Additionally, delivery drivers also often spot problems that otherwise might get missed, such as when a senior is non responsive or struggling. Another problem lies in the skyrocketing prices of food with little help from funding sources to mitigate inflation.

Social activities also provide more quality of life for seniors. In addition to popular bingo and other games, many centers throw parties and hold other events to keep their members active and involved. As White stated “socialization plays a huge role in how well people adapt to change.”

Senior centers also often provide transportation services when public transit leaves gaps. Brown said “there’s always a need because of the lack of public transportation systems.” Senior center vehicles take riders to centers and home, but also to doctor visits, the grocery store, and elsewhere at times.

She added that “there’s not enough vans and not enough money to operate the system.”

Another critical service lies in providing in-home care. Senior centers often help provide help to homebound seniors in a variety of conditions.

Some help is coming. White said that, due to a task force’s recommendation, the state has provided \$4 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds for a “training surge.” Funding will support the creation of a curriculum and educating staff.

Additionally, the Governor announced over \$3 million in support funding for senior centers. Brown and White warned directors that the funds were a one time disposition. They suggested using money from that for one time needs, such as replacing vehicles, fixing HVAC, or other costly problems, rather than supporting ongoing programs.

The directors were joined by a number of officials, including those in elected office. Those present were Ashley Anderson from the Upper Potomac Committee on Aging, Melissa Earle from Region Eight Economic Planning and Development, State Senators Randy Smith and Bill Hamilton, House of Delegates members John Paul Hott, Buck Jennings, and George Street, Daryl Cowles, representative of Governor Jim Justice, and Michael Rosenau, president of the Tucker County Commission.

Bolyard to join Fairmont State Foundation as President

On November 3, the Fairmont State Foundation will welcome West Virginia native and Fairmont resident, Dr. Anne Bolyard to the organization as President.

“Each of us achieves our dreams and realizes our ambitions not alone, but with the support of others that give their time or resources to make these achievements possible. A legacy of philanthropy and service is only possible when we realize that our gifts and talents are needed to help others, whether it’s one person or an entire community,” said Dr. Bolyard when asked why she was looking forward to joining the Foundation team. “For more than 160 years, Fairmont State University has been a nurturing force for students, alumni, faculty, and the Fairmont Community. The University is inspiring and empowering students, alumni, and donors to be the best versions of themselves. I look forward to joining the Fairmont State Foundation and being part of the commitment of empowering others to create their own legacies.”

Dr. Bolyard holds a bachelor’s degree in health services administration from West Virginia Institute of Technology and a master’s degree in community health education from West Virginia University. In 2012 she earned a doctorate in educational leadership from Marshall University.

She has also earned two professional certifications in research administration.

“The Foundation Board is excited to welcome Dr. Bolyard to Fairmont State. She comes to us with years of experience in fundraising in a higher education setting and brings skill, energy, and optimism to her new position,” according to Foundation Board Chair, Dixie Yann.

In addition to her educational experience, Dr. Bolyard brings with her more than 20 years of experience in higher education, including securing external funding, research administration, strategic planning, project management, and governmental relations. She is excited to employ her skills and training with board members and colleagues to build on current success and look toward the future for both Fairmont State Foundation and Fairmont State University.

She is also an active volunteer, serving as a neonatal intensive care unit cuddler at WVU Medicine’s Children’s hospital, a board member for the Marion County Rescue Squad, and an elected member of the Fairmont City Council.

“I am excited to welcome Dr. Bolyard to our campus. I have confidence she will quickly become an integral member of Fairmont State,” said Fairmont State President Mike Davis. “Her

impressive background in higher education and passion for helping students and those around her will serve our University well.”

The Harrison County Clerk’s Office Announces New Location

Harrison County, (For Immediate Release) November 3, 2023: The County Clerk’s Office would like to notify the public of our new office located within the Harrison County General Services Building at 229 S 3rd Street in downtown Clarksburg, WV. Free parking is available with a 30 minute time limit directly in front of the building while conducting business.

The county clerk’s office consists of Voter Registration, Bookkeeping, Marriage Licenses, Probate, and Records. Our physical records are still located in the Courthouse so we ask that you call our office in advance so that we may accommodate. We look forward to serving the public in our new location!

Please visit countyclerk.harrisoncountywv.com OR call 304-624-8675 for more information!

The greatest commandment

For several Sundays now Jesus has been talking to his subtle enemies. Next week he will be back with the more receptive audience of his disciples. Now, however, a pharisee-lawyer steps forward to test him with a challenge in the arena of words. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Notice the non-committal politeness of the title given to Jesus and the assumption of just one in the phrase "the great commandment". Unwittingly, the lawyer offers us a useful lesson: to strive for simplicity and essentiality and to prioritize wisely. How many unnecessary complications swamp us in daily life because we don't do that?

Jesus's reply might be considered an example of what St Augustine calls "vestiges of the trinity": the one commandment is in fact three. The first two we know well: love of God and love of neighbour. The third is more subtly expressed and is taken for granted by Jesus: as yourself. Love of self, of course, is an ambiguous concept and could be an expression

of egoism. Here, however, it is entirely positive and indeed necessary. It means treating yourself with the reverence and respect that befits all that God has made and loved. Self-hatred, which is quite distinct from the recognition of your own failures and the subsequent contrition, is destructive and blocks the exercise of the first and second parts of the love-trinity. There are two apostolic examples of this contrast: Judas Iscariot (he went and hanged himself, Mt 27:5) allowed self-hatred to destroy him; Peter (he went out and wept bitterly, Mt 26:75), on the other hand, humbly held on to the gift of loving himself in the right way.

Love of God and love of neighbour are, of course, intimately bound together. There is a phrase attributed to Augustine: "by loving me you have made me lovable". In other words, my lovability, including my self-lovability, depends on God's loving initiative. Love of God is a longing response drawn from the depths of who we really are. It is in large part "erotic" in the

true sense of the word: an energetic need-love that, of course, finds other outlets, good and bad, in human life. Love of neighbour is gift-love, what the New Testament calls "agape". It mirrors how God loves us.

I apologise for over-simplification, and for what may seem to be abstraction. What can be done in practice? Think of God often and with desire, gratitude and praise in your hearts; treat everyone well and with unconditional benevolence (there are some examples of this in the first reading); value yourselves enough to allow God and others to enter your lives.

By FR EDMUND POWER, OSB



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(2022-C-000244 - Harrison County - WE R FARMERS LLC)

To: C/O ROBERT FABIANO, 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 CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0627 7227 0000

You will take notice that WE R FARMERS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2022-C-000244, located in CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT, District, 1/20 INT 62.66 AS O&G COONS RUN & 1/6 INT 2 AS COA, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SWIGER JACOB A HRS, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on April 27, 2023. WE R FARMERS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 24, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 23, 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 - 16600.	\$	87.76
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 - 16691.	\$	22.97
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	104.85
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	383.83
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	599.41

You may redeem at any time before March 23, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand October 25, 2023

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(2022-C-000283 - Harrison County - BRYAN N. FISHER)

To: HEIRS OF WILLIAM S. GRIFFITH, HEIRS OF MARY GRIFFITH, 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 COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 267 PARCEL 0149 0000 0000

You will take notice that BRYAN N. FISHER, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2022-C-000283, located in COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT, District, .548 AC WEST FORK, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of GRIFFITH WILLIAM S ESTATE and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on April 27, 2023. BRYAN N. FISHER requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 25, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 24, 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 - 24032R.	\$	231.27
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$	238.26
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 21264.	\$	157.35
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	817.13
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,655.61

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(2022-C-000478 - Harrison County - WE R FARMERS LLC)

To: MATTHEW D. RICHARDS, 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 EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 343 PARCEL 0016 0000 0000

You will take notice that WE R FARMERS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2022-C-000478, located in EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT, District, .0625 INT 60 AC O&G JONES RN (LINN/API#1919)(DOMT), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of RICHARDS MATTHEW D, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on April 27, 2023. WE R FARMERS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 24, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 23, 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 - 33506.	\$	87.76
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 - 33690.	\$	22.97
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	383.83
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	706.16

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(2022-C-000260 - Harrison County - WE R FARMERS LLC)

To: JENNIFER J. FRIEDEN, 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 CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0691 3632 0000

You will take notice that WE R FARMERS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2022-C-000260, located in CLAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT, District, .0250 INT 33.6 AC O&G STILLHOUSE RN (WACO/#4659), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of FRIEDEN JENNIFER J and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on April 27, 2023. WE R FARMERS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 24, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 23, 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 - 13664.	\$	87.76
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 - 13706.	\$	22.97
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	383.83
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
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(2022-C-000682 - Harrison County - WE R FARMERS LLC)

To: DENNIS G. WILSON, PATTI J. PORTER, OCCUPANT, 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 TENMILE OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 343 PARCEL 0016 0000 0000

You will take notice that WE R FARMERS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2022-C-000682, located in TENMILE OUTSIDE DISTRICT, District, 95.82 AC TENMILE, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of WILSON JAMES J 1/2 & PATTI JEAN POR, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on April 27, 2023. WE R FARMERS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 24, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 23, 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 - 64572.	\$	786.33
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 - 65179.	\$	667.41
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	211.60
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	400.05
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	2,065.39

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(2022-C-000565 - Harrison County - WE R FARMERS LLC)

To: TIMOTHY J. ADGATE, 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 SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0688 5356 0000

You will take notice that WE R FARMERS LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2022-C-000565, located in SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT, District, .0053 INT 119 AC O&G BARNES RUN, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ADGATE TIMOTHY and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on April 27, 2023. WE R FARMERS LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 24, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 23, 2024 will be as follows:

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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 - 13706.	\$	22.97
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	104.85
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Photo ID left to right: (Front row) Veteran business owner John Aloï (Papa Joe's in Fairmont); Jim Talerico, former Commander of VFW Post 573 in Clarksburg; and veteran Ron Eagle, president of HQ Aero Management at North Central WV Airport. (Back row) US SBA State Director Karen Friel, Secretary Warner, and Harrison County Chamber President Kathy Wagner.

National Veteran's Small Business Week

Clarksburg, W.Va. WV Secretary of State Mac Warner stopped by Clarksburg on Tuesday to help the U.S. Small Business Association celebrate National Veteran's Small Business week.

Warner presented SBA WV State Director Karen Friel and Harrison County Chamber of Commerce

President Kathy Wagner with a proclamation claiming this week (Oct. 29 to Nov. 4) as Veteran's Small Business Week in West Virginia.

Currently, there are 4,084 veteran-owned businesses registered to operate in West Virginia. 138 of those businesses are here in Harrison County.

Introducing the Newest Member of the UHC Medical Staff: Carl T. Hasselman, M.D.



Bridgeport, WV— Dr. Carl T. Hasselman, an orthopedic surgeon specializing in foot and ankle surgery, graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh with a bachelor's degree in neuroscience before going on to Duke University where he received his medical degree. He then came back to Pittsburgh for post-graduate work, completing a general surgery internship, orthopedic residency, and foot and ankle fellowship, all at the Uni-

versity of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Hasselman brings with him a wealth of experience, having much teaching experience in the field of orthopedics, most recently serving as a clinical professor of anatomy at St. Vincent College, Latrobe, PA, and as a Fellowship Instructor for foot and ankle with the University of Pittsburgh Sports Medicine Fellowship.

He is also widely published, both in medical journals and books, and has participated in a number of scientific presentations.

A lieutenant colonel in the United States Army Reserves, Dr. Hasselman was the recipient of a Bronze Star Medal and several Army Commendation

Medals. He served as chief of surgery in a combat support hospital in Afghanistan, as well as served in Mosul, Iraq and Kosovo.

He is board certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgeons.

Dr. Hasselman joins UHC Orthopaedics, the practice of Peter J. Alasky IV, DO; Christopher D. Courtney, DO; William J. Dahl, MD; Joseph J. Fazalare, MD; Joshua B. Sykes, MD; David L. Waxman, MD; and Ashley L. Yelinek, DO. UHC Orthopaedics is located at 227 Medical Park Drive, Suite 101, in Bridgeport, WV. For more information, please call 681-342-3500 or visit www.wvorthocenter.com.

Open Enrollment, Health Care & the Impact of Coverage

ACA Navigators, Health Care Advocates Address 2023 Marketplace Open Enrollment

CHARLESTON, WV – No one plans to get sick or hurt, but most people need medical care at some point. Health insurance covers these costs and offers many other important benefits. It facilitates access to care and is associated with lower death rates, better health outcomes, and improved productivity. Despite recent gains, more than 28 million individuals still lack coverage, putting their physical, mental, and financial health at risk.

“Nothing keeps West Virginians up at night like the cost of health care. And with the rising prices of food, rent, and childcare, too many families are left worrying about how to pay the bills and make ends meet,” said Ellen Allen, Executive Director of West Virginians for Affordable Health Care. “Meaningful health care coverage is critical to living a productive, secure, and healthy life.”

Despite recent gains, more than 28 million individuals still lack coverage, putting their physical, mental, and financial health at risk. However, the proportion of people without health insurance varies dramatically across states, from a high of 17.7% in Texas to a low of 2.8% in Massachusetts. Approximately 6.8% of West Virginians — roughly 107,000 residents — are uninsured.

West Virginia has the 34th highest share of the uninsured population in the United States. How do we fix this?

Enrollment in ACA Marketplace Plans for 2023 Begins on November 1, and runs through January 15. If you don't have health insurance through a job, Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or another source that provides qualifying health coverage, you can find coverage through the Marketplace.

“Many people will qualify for substantially lower costs this year if they get their insurance on the Marketplace,” said Jeremy Smith, Program Director for WV Navigator. “We advise people

to look at the new plans and prices released this year. Getting help with enrollment or renewal is essential, as many people are overwhelmed by the options or may not realize how to shop for affordable health coverage. Unfortunately, there are a lot of plans online masquerading as legitimate Marketplace plans, so if you aren't careful, you could end up spending too much for a plan that doesn't cover much.”

In addition to making critical investments to fight the pandemic, the American Rescue Plan and the Inflation Reduction made health care premiums more affordable for millions of Americans who purchase insurance on their own.

In West Virginia alone, 23,037 enrolled in quality coverage and are receiving the advance premium tax credits. For so many, this access to care means the peace of mind knowing that a medical emergency will not result in bankruptcy. I personally know West Virginians who filed bankruptcy because of staggering medical bills.

Your savings depend on your expected household income for the year. You may qualify for a premium tax credit that lowers your monthly insurance bill, and for extra savings on out-of-pocket costs like deductibles and copayments.

By guaranteeing coverage that costs less than 8.5 percent of household income, the American Rescue Plan's tax credits (passed in 2021) allowed millions of enrollees to find a quality plan for \$10 or less per month and saved families an average of \$2,400 a year on our insurance premiums.

“Enrollment in coverage supports the health and well-being of individuals and communities,” said Jeremy Smith, Director of the WV Navigator program. “Studies confirm that coverage improves access to care; supports positive health outcomes, including an individual's sense of their own health and well-being; incentivizes appropriate use of health care resources; and reduces financial strain on individuals, families, and communities.”

All Marketplace plans cover:

10 essential health benefits, including prescription drugs, emergency services, hospitalization, laboratory services and mental health and substance use disorder services

Free preventive health services at no cost to you when delivered by a doctor or provider in your plan's network

Coverage for pre-existing conditions

“Healthy people make healthy communities and economies. I've seen it. I live it,” said Allen. “Studies — and common sense — confirm that health care coverage improves access to care, supports positive health outcomes, including an individual's sense of their own health and well-being; incentivizes appropriate use of health care resources; and reduces financial strain on individuals, families, and communities. This is good news for West Virginians.”

There are several ways to apply for and enroll in Marketplace health coverage:

Call WV Navigator — A free non-profit program available to all in-state residents that provides free enrollment assistance — at 1-844-WV-CARES/1-844-982-2737 or visit ACANavigator.com

Use HealthCare.gov to apply online.

It is important to understand the changes in open enrollment as they are genuinely transforming access to coverage for millions, including tens of thousands of West Virginians.

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WEST VIRGINIA Press FOUNDATION

Paid internships and college scholarships of up to \$4,000 available for 2024

Interested in being a journalist or working in the media industry?

The West Virginia Press Association Foundation is accepting student applications for 2024 Summer Internships and 2024 Scholarships

If awarded, the WVPF provides paid and unpaid internships at West Virginia newspapers and college scholarships up to \$4,000.

Programs are open to journalism majors and students in related fields such as business management, human resources, advertising, social media and marketing, with preference given to students in at least their sophomore year of college.

Application deadline is Dec. 31, 2023.

Applications available on wvpress.org

For information or to have the applications mailed, contact Executive Director **Betsy Miles** at bwpress@wvpress.org, at 304-342-1011 or write to: WV Press Association Foundation, 3422 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, WV, 25302.

Newspapers with a candidate for an internship or interested in having an intern should contact Betsy Miles.