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The American Legion luncheon after the parade featured food made by the Lions Club and Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, music from Buckwheat and the Minors, and included veterans, families, friends, and supporters from all over the area



The Shinnston News in the Golden Era of Newspapers and After



The masthead used for many years in the Shinnston News after World War II

By Stephen Smoot

In 1960, John F. Kennedy's campaign made its way to Shinnston. While the future president could not make it, his brother Red could. The future "Lion of the Senate" ran his brother's presidential campaign for Southern West Virginia. Knowledge of what that campaign did to secure the Mountain State's primary lay well in the future.

On the day of Ted Kennedy's visit, he addressed potential voters from the steps of the Shinnston News. Bobby Bice, president of the

Shinnston Historical Association stated "I've never researched the coverage for that event to see how the paper regarded him being there, but I would guess very highly."

The era after World War II served as a golden

era for newspapers, from the New York Times to the Charleston Gazette, to the Shinnston News. Wartime restrictions left the American consumer with healthy savings accounts. War itself destroyed much of the industrial capacity of the world outside of the United States.

Americans had money with which to buy and the entire free world had to buy American.

This meant that most places saw high levels of employment, solid paychecks, and jobs a worker could count upon. With advertisements providing up to 80 percent of the revenues of most papers and subscriptions covering, in many cases, the cost of delivery, newspapers dominated the media landscape.

Smaller papers often expanded their business as opportunities allowed. Leigh Merrifield, who edited the paper in later decades and also is the great granddaughter of founder William Meredith, shared that "in the old days, they did com-

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Shinnston Lions Club, American Legion Honor Veterans

By Stephen Smoot

The day started out chilly, raw, and gray. Clouds hung low in the sky. Fog clung to the hilltops. Temperatures hovered at just under 40 degrees, quite chilly for early November.

But the town of Shinnston came out anyway to honor the courage, sacrifice, and duty of American military veterans on the holiday set aside for their remembrance. As early as 45 minutes before the parade, veterans, families, and

children started to file down the flag lined streets, looking for the best opportunity to find a place where they could see.

At 11 AM sharp on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, exactly 105 years after the signing of the armistice ending the war with the German Empire, the fire alarm sounded and the parade commenced.

Harrison County Sheriff's deputies helped to open the parade, followed by Shinnston Mayor

Rodney Strait, tossing candy to the waiting hands of children.

As one could hear the Lincoln High School band playing a rousing version of "God Bless America," written by Irving Berlin and made famous by Kate Smith, the Navy Junior ROTC cadets marched past in perfect military order.

Those watching the parade saw classic cars from a military Jeep to a Model T. Not to be outdone, the Shriners scooted past in yellow go-karts. Units from the

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Lincoln High School Cheer Squad Seeks to Build On a Tradition of Success At States



The defending state champion Cougars on the hunt for another title

By Stephen Smoot

As Lincoln High School's football team earned their way into the state playoffs, another hard working athletic squad qualified last week as well.

Mandi Brown, head coach for the past nine years, said "I have a young group," but added "they're so motivated."

The cheer squad learned that motivation going way back. Most of the team started in youth cheerleading. Brown says that they cannot learn the same routines because of restrictions and what different age groups can do. They do, however, master the proper techniques early on. Brown stated "if you learn the techniques, it just keeps coming up"

as they continue to learn and gain experience. "Teach them the same way you'd want them at the high school."

Brown and her sister started as youth coaches 19 years ago. Brown coached for 10 years before taking over at the high school. In fact, this year's graduating class has the last cheerleaders whom she also coached as youth. Lincoln High

School's squad benefits from the close coordination between youth, middle, and high school squads.

The middle and high schools also often practice together. As Brown explains, "you practice together. You build a program together."

Cheerleaders at all levels also support each other at competitions. "It's really nice," Brown shared. "We preach that. We tell them there's always someone in the stands looking up at you."

Brown added that the entire Shinnston community has served as a strong source of support over the years.

Last year, Lincoln took the state championship. This year, despite returning an 11 participant squad with five freshmen, the Cougars once again won their region and qualified for states. Brown said "the younger ones, this is a



Entrance to the Pensacola Airport, the home of the US Navy's Blue Angels

As I stood at the gate in Charlotte Airport, waiting for my flight to be announced, I couldn't help but contemplate the rush of humanity passing by me. People from all walks of life were on their way to various destinations, be it adventures, jobs, relocations, funerals, or vacations. The diversity of the throng was remarkable. Some travelers wore suits, while others donned sweatshirts and pajama bottoms. Hijabs and yarmulkes blended seamlessly with baseball caps and scarves, and everyone seemed to be moving with purpose towards their assigned gates. The ages of the travelers spanned from newborns to octogenarians, and for every stroller, there was a wheelchair aiding in the move-

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OPINION

State Legislature Should Repeal "Wild West" High School Transfer Rule

By Stephen Smoot

Two months ago, state legislators drafted a bill to repeal the new transfer rule that has started to reshape the dynamics of high school sports in West Virginia. Many say that it puts players at risk, particularly in contact sports.

Opponents of the new rule cite the number of blowout scores, especially early in the season. Some schools who benefited from the transfer rules scored up to 90 points in football games this fall.

Even more worrisome are the concerns shared by Delegate Walter Hall, a former teacher and coach, with West Virginia Watch, (R - Kanawha.) He says "We are concerned in St. Albans that we're even going to have a team to fill by five games ... at this school that's been around over 100 years. That's shameful."

He added that many teams have had to rely on younger and smaller players who otherwise might play junior varsity against players of their own size and skill level.

WVSSAC executive director David Price also explained his worries to WSAZ "It's different now than what it's ever been. There has always been blowouts if you will but not to the number and extent that we see now,"

Price added that "It hurts smaller schools when student athletes transfer. I just got off the phone with one today. They have 14 students and one transfer. They have a couple of students hurt in football. They could be down to 11 Friday night. One more injury and the game's over, so it's concerning."

Not every legislator agrees that the need to repeal the rule. Delegate Eric Tarr of Putnam County told WSAZ that "I think it's a good thing overall, because it's creating a competitive environment for attracting students into our public education system. And we all want a public school that is competitive."

Tarr also represents a county that contains Hurricane High School, whose football team elevated its program with 11 transfers.

Herbert Hoover head coach Joey Fields also supports keeping the rule, comparing the new "market" for high school programs to the job market. He stated "They're loading up on the team because that program is doing the right thing, it's creating value for the kids, opportunities for the kids and just like us adults we want the best job, we want the best homes for ourselves and our families."

The issue is even bigger than what these legislators and coaches describe.

Sports, when done right, teaches the big life lessons about hard work, loyalty, and connection to community. Players learn what it means to represent a school and a community, to build bonds forged by hard work and loyalty. All of these things develop character traits that last far beyond the x's and o's.

Additionally, coaching staffs invest time and effort to train and teach. What does it teach kids if they take what they learned and abandon those who worked to build them into good players?

High school athletics is the worst place to implement a virtual free agent marketplace. Already three programs have broken the rules. Does it teach solid life skills to see coaches debase themselves to recruit who they think is the best, to pander to minor children? Colleges have already developed a shady and, frankly, slimy process with this. Does it do any one any good to see high schools go the same route?

If a player has earned a letter and wishes to transfer, then he or she ought to be penalized one season for any sport in which they earned the letter. This teaches the adult ideal of sacrifice and accountability, which most choices in life require.

Players in 11th or 12th grade who have not lettered in the sport could be allowed to transfer without penalty so that they might find an opportunity in a program that better suits their skill level.

The only non-issue here lies in the worry about blowout scores. The responsibility there lies with the coaches. When he coached the Keyser Golden Tornadoes, Morgantown's Sean Biser would often have his offenses kneel out their downs at the opponents' 30, regardless of how much time remained, rather than run up gaudy scores. Blowouts are a symptom of certain coaches lacking class more than a problem related to the transfer rule.

The Keyser program emphasized team winning and individual players conducting themselves with class, both as a point of pride and as a vital life lesson to the athletes.

Governor Jim Justice, who also taught and coached, stated the matter succinctly when he said "We are going to destroy high school sports all across this state if we don't watch out what we're doing,"

Super Crossword

WOMEN'S MOVEMENTS

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Grid for Super Crossword with numbered starting points for clues.

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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. 16, 1734: Samuel Washington was born at Pope's Creek, Virginia. Samuel, a younger brother of George Washington, was the first of several members of the Washington family to live in what is now the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.

Nov. 16, 1823: Politician and industrialist Henry Gassaway Davis, known in the early 20th century as West Virginia's "Grand Old Man," was born in Baltimore, Md.

Nov. 17, 1927: Composer and performer Robert Drasnin was born in Charleston. He performed with classic combos and big bands such as Tommy Dorsey and Les Brown, and scored music for movies and television.

Nov. 18, 2007: Country singer Chickie Williams died. As wife of musician Doc Williams, she performed with his Border Riders band and appeared on the Wheeling Jamboree radio show.

Nov. 19, 1854: Poet Danske Dandridge was born in Copenhagen. The daughter of an American ambassador, she lived in Shepherdstown from age 19, where her work was published in Harper's and The Century. Both of her homes, The Bower and Rosebrake, are Jefferson County landmarks.

Nov. 19, 1899: Sculptor Gladys Tuke was born in Linwood, Pocahontas County. Tuke was a member of the original artist colony at The Greenbrier; during World War II, she taught at Ashford General Hospital, and later established a pottery and sculpture studio in White Sulphur Springs.

Nov. 19, 1900: William Page Pitt was born in New York City. In 1926, Pitt joined the faculty of

what was then Marshall College. In his 45-year career at Marshall, he built its journalism program into one with dozens of classes and hundreds of students. Marshall University's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications is named in his honor.

Nov. 19, 1909: The Lincoln County Courthouse was burned. With coal, oil and gas, and timber booming, arson was suspected for the purpose of destroying land records and confusing titles.

Nov. 19, 1921: The USS West Virginia was christened. It was one of six battleships at Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7, 1941, that suffered massive damage from torpedoes and bombs in the surprise attack. It was rebuilt and joined the Seventh Fleet for the invasion of the Philippines.

Nov. 20, 1894: Eight men were killed in a coal mine disaster near Colliers, Brooke County. They were using a dangerous method called "shooting from the solid," meaning that they blasted the coal loose without first undercutting it.

Nov. 20, 1917: Robert C. Byrd was born in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1958 and remained in office until his death in 2010.

Nov. 20, 1968: An explosion at Consolidation Coal Company's No. 9 mine near Farmington killed 78 men. The disaster brought national attention to the issue of mine safety.

Nov. 21, 1810: Allen Taylor Caperton was born in Monroe County. Caperton served in the Confederate Senate during the Civil War and in the U.S. Senate from 1875 to 1876.

Nov. 22, 1910: Fire destroyed the academic building at Concord College. By the next morning, community leaders had arranged to teach the 300 students in rooms throughout the town of Athens.

Nov. 22, 1926: Selva Lewis "Lew" Burdette Jr. was born in Nitro. Burdette was an outstanding major league baseball player who spent most of his career with the Milwaukee Braves.

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ment of the young and old.

Throughout my life, I’ve had the privilege of observing this human ballet in airports all around the world, and the scene is strikingly similar everywhere I’ve been. Except for a few well-publicized incidents, airports are generally peaceful places where people are merely arriving and departing, going about their lives. I often make eye contact with fellow travelers, and most respond with a friendly smile and a nod of acknowledgment. It’s common to see little kids at play, occasionally bumping into your suitcase, and their parents quickly scold them while apologizing for any inconvenience caused. If someone happens to drop their ticket or passport, strangers rush to their aid to inform them of their mishap, and bystanders ensure that no one takes advantage of a disorganized traveler. It appears to be a lesson for all of us in how a diverse world can coexist harmoniously. Millions of people, on any given day, disperse to thousands of different destinations without conflict or violence. Even the apparent economic differences among travelers are downplayed in this environment. Gucci bags share the same conveyor belt with tattered Goodwill bar-

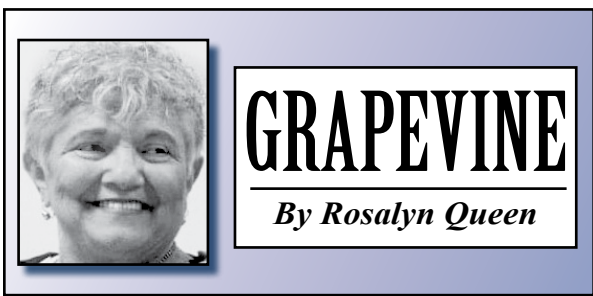
gain suitcases with wobbly wheels.

But what is the reason behind this peaceful coexistence? Could it be that when you have a clear purpose in life, you naturally focus on your goal and disregard the petty annoyances that might cloud your vision? It’s also possible that recognizing that your fellow travelers have their own unique paths and directions to follow alleviates any concerns about their journeys conflicting with yours. After all, your primary focus is your gate.

Certainly, there are delays in life, and the occasional missed flight can happen. The unpredictable weather sometimes adds an element of hassle, but eventually, everyone reaches their destination.

As I conclude this column, I find myself comfortably seated on a plane, ready to embark on my journey back home. The flight attendant is signaling for all passengers to stow their tray tables and switch their phones to airplane mode. A baby’s cry pierces the cabin, and an elderly man is already peacefully asleep. This moment serves as a reminder that the journey of life continues, full of diverse experiences, passengers, and destinations, yet somehow, we all manage to navigate it together.

Progressive Women’s Association and Expressions of Love Prepare Thanksgiving Baskets



GRAPEVINE
By Rosalyn Queen



From left to, right Betty Waddy, President PWA, AUBREY Morrison, member of Expressions of Love, Judy Bonamico, President Expressions of Love, Ruby Oldaker, PWA Executive member, Melissa Goodwin, Palace on Main representative and Rosalyn Queen, PWA Treasurer are preparing Thanksgiving baskets for individuals in the area who have already been identified.

Individuals gathered at the Progressive Women’s Association to prepare food baskets for Thanksgiving for individuals in the area. Expressions of Love, a non profit organization in the area supplied the turkeys for the baskets. Expressions of Love volunteers can be found on Main Street in Bridgeport most Saturday mornings frying frittis to supplement their budget. A host of volunteers work together to help this organization continue to assist individuals. Judy Bonamico, president and Aubrey Morrison delivered the turkeys to the PWA. Elinda Carson PWA Director worked. With Melissa Goodwin to identify. Individuals who were in need of a basket to prepare their holiday dinner. Other groups and individuals donated products to compliment the turkey dinner. The PWA will deliver the baskets prior to Thanksgiving.

The PWA operates a food pantry from the Uptown Event Center. The pantry is open on Thursday and Friday. The generosity of local businesses and individuals helps maintain food for weekly dispensing. Grants also help to keep the pantry stocked. The PWA also maintains a food pantry for pets. For more information contact

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

Elinda Carson at 304 624 6881. Expressions.

We all know that now is the time to start getting ready for preparing our Thanksgiving dinner. I challenged you to get back to basics. When talking to individuals it is not those special dishes they remember but that brown turkey coming out of the oven with the smell of dressing, Those mounds of hot mashed potatoes topped with gravy, green beans with that good country seasoning, sweet potatoes topped with marshmallows and a nice slice of pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream. This is the basic meal and when we start adding special dishes we only add more work. Many of us have that special family dish that grandma always prepared and brings back memories but do not get carried away and add Aunt Mary’s special salad and cousin Betty’s different potato dish and the list can go on and on. But remember these bellies of ours can only hold so much. But best of all mamma will not be exhausted to be able to, enjoy everyone. How about this start Leftover Sunday dinner and finish up the turkey and add a few of those special dishes. Just a note, if you really want those special dishes let someone bring a covered dish. I don’t know about you but I can taste those sweet potatoes already. Enjoy the holiday and be thankful for all we have to be thankful for.

Be sure to get your order in for your pita Piata. The PWA is making a limited number and remember they are on a Fiesta plate. Wonderful gift for \$10.00. Call 304 624 6881 to place your order.

Take care, enjoy your family and friends and until next week “Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine.”

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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 Palette, at 225 Pike St., Shinnston is having an Arts and Crafts Market upstairs on Shop Small Saturday, Nov. 25, 10-5:00 and Sunday Nov. 26, 2-5:00

Lincoln High School Athletic Boosters are hosting a Derby Days Fundraiser on November 18, 2023 at The American Legion. Tickets are \$35 or \$60 for a couple. Doors at 5:30, Dinner at 6 & Race at 7:15. Tickets will be available at Home Style, Home Football Games, and from Booster Members.

November 25th is Shinnston Small Business Saturday. Make sure and support local businesses when shopping this Christmas season

The Shinnston Community Band and the Brass Rhythm & Sax Orchestra are reuniting once again on our Grand stage for A Community Christmas Concert. Join us on Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 3:00p.

Tickets for “A Community Christmas Concert” are only \$8. All tickets can be purchased online at tickets.therobinsongrand.com or by calling the Roberson Grand ticketing center at (855) 773-6283.

Shinnston’s Annual Christmas Parade will be held December 2nd at 6:30 PM. Mr. And Mrs. Clause have already RSVP’d and we want your civic organization, business, sports team or school club to participate. Make plans now and message us if you plan to be a part of this years parade!

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Results From the Opening Round of the Playoffs



The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

Bridgeport knew that George Washington High School would provide a tough test in the opening round of the Class AAA football playoffs. The eight versus nine matchup is usually a close contest with a slight advantage going to the home team - and that's exactly how it played out last Friday.

The Indians had to come from behind after spotting the Patriots an early six to nothing lead. Bridgeport's Timothy Jeffress would find pay dirt from 65 yards out and Gavin Williams' extra point would provide a seven to six lead. The Tribe appeared poised to run away with the game after touchdown runs from Zach Rohrig and Josh Love made it 21 to six.

However, a George Washington score before the half made it 21 to 14 at the break. Rohrig scored the lone Tribe touchdown in the second half to give the home team a two score advantage. The Patriots would battle back and, with just over two minutes left, were just an extra point away from tying the game. Indian lineman Wes Brown Jr. blocked the attempt and the offense played keep-away to preserve the victory.

Rohrig led the Tribe with 199 rushing yards on 21 attempts with a pair of scores. Love added 80 yards on the ground in 17 rushes while Jeffress claimed 78 yards on three carries.

North Marion defeated Lincoln 35 to 14 this past Friday in Rachel. The Huskies jumped out to a 28 to nothing halftime lead, which was too much for the Cougars to overcome, despite a strong second half effort. Lincoln quarterback A. J. Bart was 16 of 34 for 285 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Noah Sears had six receptions for

125 yards, including scoring plays of 87 and four yards respectively.

A couple of interesting stories surrounding bordering class AA programs took place this past weekend. Phillip Barbour earned its first ever playoff football win in school history and the circumstances surrounding it were rather impressive.

The Colts had to travel to Mingo Central, which is a three and a half hour drive (by car, not bus) from Philippi to Delbarton. By the time the team got off the bus and stretched their legs, it's 13 to nothing at the end of the first quarter. Phillip Barbour looked at the scoreboard in the second quarter and were trailing 21 to seven. The Colts scored the game's final three touchdowns and utilized a goal line stand as time expired to claim their come from behind triumph. Kaden Humphreys ran for a touchdown, threw for one, and ran back an interception for a third.

Philip Barbour now gets the pleasure of making the much shorter trip to Fairmont to play class AA power Fairmont Senior.

Wayne rolled into East-West Stadium for an opening round clash with the Polar bears and held a 21 to 17 lead going into the fourth quarter. The Pioneers probably thought they had a chance to come away with a win, but they didn't know that Fairmont Senior head coach Nick Bartic has a magic wand. Bartic also has a handful of magicians that pull big plays out of their hats at big times.

Quarterback Brody Whitehair threw for 225 yards and three scores. Dylan Ours rushed for 160 yards and a score. Damani Johnson hauled in the game's winning pass from 25 yards out to seal the come from behind win.

What a storyline for this weekend from the Friendly City. Philip Barbour versus Fairmont Senior. David versus Goliath! This is what is great about high school sports!



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 Wes Brown Jr. and Lincoln's Noah Sears.

Bridgeport's Wes Brown Jr. blocked an extra point attempt that would have tied his team's playoff game with George Washington. The block helped the Tribe to advance to the second round of the Class AAA playoffs.

Cougar receiver Noah Sears had an exceptional effort in the playoff loss to North Marion. Sears caught a pair of touchdowns on plays of 87 and four yards in the affair.

Congratulations to Bridgeport's Wes Brown Jr and Lincoln's Noah Sears for shining bright in the Shinnston News & Harrison County Journal Athletes of the Week!

Salem Battles Winston-Salem in Second Game of Regular Season

FROSTBURG, MD - This afternoon the Tigers faced off against the Rams of Winston-Salem State University for their second game of the regular season. Salem looked to bounce back from a tough loss in their season opener last night against the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown.

The Rams got the action started early with a potent mixture of strong offense with an impenetrable defense. They took advantage in the opening minutes with a 12-0 run in the first two minutes of gameplay. The Tigers were able to stop the bleeding before the midway point of the quarter courtesy of a free throw by Landaisha Smith. From there the Tiger offense was able to gain some momentum as they rode an 11-6 scoring run into the break to cut the deficit to six points at 18-12 advantage Rams.

The second quarter opened with a much slower offensive pace. Both teams struggled to score in the opening five minutes, but the Tigers were able to trim the deficit to just four after a layup by Carine Pinkney to make the score 24-20 with under four minutes to play in the half. Salem ramped up the pressure defensively to close the half as they forced four turnovers in the closing minutes before the half. At the midway point of the game, Salem trailed 28-25.

Elena Pericic came out of the half hot for the Tigers as she put five points on the board in the first two minutes of play. Salem's defense continued to look solid against Winston-Salem, but they were unable to take the lead. The Tigers stayed within striking range which kept them in the game, but it would take a fourth-quarter comeback to bring home the win. Going into the fourth quarter the Rams led the Tigers 45-40.

As the fourth quarter began Salem needed a big offensive showing to pull off the comeback. Anete Bluma opened up the scoring for the Tigers with a tough and-one she converted on to put the Tigers within four and keep their hopes alive. The Tigers came storming back just under four minutes into the final quarter of play thanks to a 7-0 run which tied the game at 50-50 with 6:26 left to play. Both offenses caught fire in the closing moments of the game. Salem was led by Teodora Popovic who scored or assisted the final eight points for the Tigers. In the end, the comeback efforts fell short as the Tigers lost another road battle 71-66 to fall to 0-2 on the year.

The Tigers hit the road to Indiana, PA where they will battle the Crimson Hawks of IUP on Monday at 5:30 pm.

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FOR READING**

Salem Topples Glenville State In Offensive Showcase

CHARLESTON, West Virginia - With a tough contest against the host Golden Eagles on Friday night, Salem was looking to get back on track down in Charleston this afternoon as they took on the Glenville State Pioneers for the first of an eventual three contests between these two ball clubs on the slate for this season. It was an offensive showcase for both squads, but the Tigers emerged victorious with a final scoreline of 112-100.

For the first half, Salem leaned on their veterans early with Kapone Barley and Ian Hardy each with some early scoring for the Tigers. Once things got rolling, the offensive chances opened up for both squads, and Salem made the most of those chances behind strong play from Jack Garrison IV, Ashraf Tchadouwa, and Khemanni Davis. Salem pushed their advantage up to as much as 12, before landing on a 55-45 scoreline going into the halftime break that favored the Tigers.

In the second half, Salem kept the pace up, and kept finding more and more offensive chances. Salem worked the ball around as well with Nils Baumeisters and Brandon Francios finding key

times to contribute some needed scoring punch. The Tigers' advantage grew to as many as 22 before the Pioneers brought it back to single digits late in the period. However, it was Salem who found those key buckets late, and pulled away from the Wehrle Innovation Center in Charleston with the 112-100 win. This win was also the first of coach Vince Thibodeau's head coaching career and his first at the helm in Salem.

On the score sheet, Salem was led by Jack Garrison IV, who added 25 points on 7 of 10 from 3 point range. Just behind him was Ashraf Tchadouwa, who added 24 points and 15 rebounds to earn his second double double in as many games for the Tigers this season. Brandon Francois and Ian Hard each added 15 points a piece, and newcomer Khemanni Davis added 14 points off the bench for Salem.

The Tigers will be looking to take this momentum into the first home contest of the season on Wednesday, November 15th at 2 PM when the Griffins of Seton Hill come to play the Tigers on Mike Carey Court at T. Edward Davis Gymnasium.

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1) What is flu?

Flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness and, at times, can lead to death. The best way to prevent flu is by getting a flu vaccine each year.

2) How serious is flu for children?

While flu can be serious even in kids who are healthy, it can be especially dangerous for children of any age with certain chronic health conditions. Children younger than five years old—especially those younger than 2—are at higher risk of developing serious flu-related complications. Children of any age with certain chronic health conditions, such as asthma and diabetes, are also at higher risk.

3) What are the signs and symptoms of flu that parents should be noticing in their child?

Symptoms of the flu can include:

- ✦ Fever or feeling feverish/chills—It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.

You may also experience one or more of the following symptoms:

- ✦ Cough
- ✦ Sore throat
- ✦ Runny or stuffy nose
- ✦ Muscle or body aches
- ✦ Headaches
- ✦ Fatigue (tiredness)
- ✦ Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than in adults.

4) How does flu spread?

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly by droplets made when someone with flu coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people nearby. A person can also get the flu by touching something that has the flu virus on it and then touching their mouth, eyes, or nose.

5) What can parents do to protect their children from the flu?

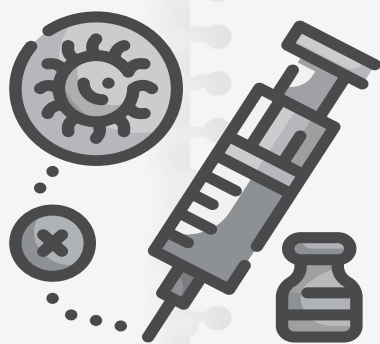
The first and best way to protect against flu is to get a yearly flu vaccine. Ask your health care provider which flu vaccine is right for your child.

- ✦ Everyone six months of age and older should get a flu vaccine as soon as possible.
- ✦ Children six months through eight years of age may need two doses of vaccine.
- ✦ Children younger than six months are at higher risk of serious flu illness but are too young to be vaccinated. Parents, siblings, and people who care for infants should be vaccinated to help protect younger children who cannot be vaccinated.

6) In addition to getting the vaccine, what else can parents do to help keep their children safe this flu season?

You and your child should take everyday actions to help prevent the spread of germs.

- ✦ Stay away from people who are sick, cover your coughs and sneezes, wash your hands often with soap and water, and do not touch your eyes, nose, and mouth. If soap and water are not handy, use a hand sanitizer. It should be rubbed into hands until the hands are dry. Encourage your child to use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze into. Keep surfaces in your home and toys clean by wiping them down with a household disinfectant. Have a plan in case your child becomes sick with the flu.



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Stonewood CEOs Cook Up Tradition and Healthy Soup Options At October Meeting

By Estella Minor

The Stonewood CEOs club met at the Congregational Missionary Church on Oct 16 2023. The meeting was called to order by President Deloris Wilson and members welcomed. Present were Ladonna Tucker, Jan Johnson, Estella Farnsworth, Lesita Snider, Eva Summers, Willa Jean Green, Darlene Francis, April Stout, and Deloris Wilson. Absent today were Barbara Graham and Betty Shreves.

Devotions read by Darlene conveyed the message that you are not too young or old for what God asks you to do; and always be kind and let your light shine. She also led members in the salute to the American and WV flags. Willa Jean then led the group in the song Side by Side.

Minutes of last meeting were read by Secretary Estella Farnsworth, there are 2 corrections...

Deloris Wilson is still our president and Ladonna Tucker is our vice president. New officers positions will be effective Jan 2024...also the correct total of CVH for Sept is 309... not 290 as stated.

Treasurers report given by Treasurer Jan Johnson and was filed.

Darlene had the lesson today entitled Teaching Appalachian Heritage Cooking. In early days people depended on vegetables from their gardens, meat from hogs that they raised, and fruit from their trees. Pork was the most inexpensive source of meat and protein because hogs were easy to feed with grains

and plant food from the forests and woods. It was important to teach children heritage cooking as a way of bonding and remains important today. The recipes can be handed down from generation to generation.

Health Motivator Willa Jean Green spoke on healthy soups being easy to make and we should try to have soup at least once a week. Soups are considered a calming comfort food. This is the time of year that hot soup is delicious with our meals. There are hundreds of ingredient combinations to use, many that we already have on hand.

She also led the group in an arm exercise of simulating picking vegetables from the garden and putting them in a pot for cooking.

On October 9th Deloris visited the local nursing home to read and have a reminiscing session with the residents; the residents really enjoy those sessions. The next date is tentatively set for Oct 23rd. 20 jars of jelly was collected today for the Mustard Seed donation; also County dues were collected today. Members were reminded of Fun and games day on Nov 3, County Council meeting on Nov 6, which our club will provide snacks and drinks; and Achievement and Demonstration Day on Nov 16. Meeting was adjourned. Books read this month totaled 20 and CVH were 782. Next meeting will be Nov 20.

Just a reminder ...Don't forget to get your annual furnace checkup! Unfortunately, cold weather is coming!! Also...HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

"Newspaper History" From pg 1

mercial printing jobs. That led to monetary success. It was more of a money-maker than the newspaper."

She added that the Shinnston News "was kind of a one stop shop. They also sold office supplies." One special product produced by the paper was wedding invitations. Merrifield proudly said that she ordered her own from there in the 1970s.

The paper saw a change in leadership around the end of World War II. Thaddeus Merrifield joined his father as editor and publisher and the two worked together until 1950. Thaddeus Merrifield was joined at that point by the founder's grandson James Meredith Currey joined his uncle.

The two men served as joint editors and publishers for approximately 30 years. Under their direction, the newspaper continued as a family enterprise from top to bottom.

Merrifield, whose father was James Meredith Currey, remembered "his burgundy sweater he wore as he proofed" the paper, saying "those were years well spent." Her mother Madeline also helped in the office.

Many members of the family worked for the paper. Some stayed on for a very long time. Others, like Bill Meredith, grandson of the founder, worked there briefly, in this case during his college years. The experience left its impression, however.

Bill Meredith explained that his father went to the paper to help out after World War I. "Dad took all the pictures for a long time," he remembered, adding that "people liked it."

"I just worked there through college. I was a job printer," he went on to say.

Newspapers in the 19th and 20th century ran on massive and heavy printing presses, although the industry did see improvements in technology over time. Merrifield said that her great grandfather purchased a Babcock printing press for the paper. "It was brought in on horse and buggy," she said, adding that "In fact, the press they used to use is still down in the basement."

Bill Meredith did not feel much nostalgia for the old press with its heavy wheels and intricate systems. He preferred the press they purchased during his time there, sharing that "they bought a press called a Heidelberg. It was pneumatic. It ran on air."

"What a fine machine it was!" he exclaimed.

The pneumatic press used an automatic system that made operating the

machinery less taxing. He also operated the linotype machine. Until the 1970s and 80s, when photostat technology replaced it, the machine would melt lead, pour it into ingots, and eventually make type.

"I got to carry the ingots up and down the steps. We did it in the basement," Bill Meredith remembered, adding "we had two linotypes in the back. They used different sizes of lead ingots. It was detailed work."

The family enjoyed a top reputation for quality on their printing jobs. Bill Meredith explained that "any printing job that we did had to be perfect." This included a regular job for the gas company where every card carried a unique number.

He described the work they performed in the print shop as "pretty amazing."

In 1980, the family sold the paper to Jim Jackson and Boyd Dotson Jr. They held onto the publication until the 1990s. Ownership changed hands more rapidly in those years. Bernie Dearth, Michael Queen, and Kim Gemando all had a hand in running it until finally selling to Mountain News Media.

Through the 90s into the 21st century, the family still had a hand in the direction of the paper. Leigh Merrifield came on as editor in 1995 at the request of Gerondo. She had taught school and managed the office at a car dealership, but added "I always loved to write."

"I'll never forget the first editorial that I wrote," Merrifield said. It took her back to "my memories of being in that building. I'd go after school, help with anything they needed. They were typing on the computers, still pasting things up."

When her father read it "he turned and when he finished reading it, there were tears running down his face."

Merrifield served at the paper from 1995 until 2021 when she resigned to take care of her family. "I felt my family would have been proud of that," she stated. Along the way, Mountain Media undertook the decision to sell the Shinnston News' physical plant, though the old Babcock Printing Press remains in the basement, resisting all efforts to donate it to a museum or other location.

The Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal remain both the pride of the town it serves and the family who established it as a community institution.

Congressman Alex X. Mooney Sends Letter to Bureau of Prisons Requesting Retention Bonus for Correctional Officers at FCC Hazelton

WASHINGTON - Congressman Alex X. Mooney sent a letter to Bureau of Prisons Director Colette Peters to express his support for providing the dedicated corrections officers at Federal Correctional Complex (FCC) Hazelton with a 25 percent group retention bonus.

Located in Bruceton Mills, West Virginia, FCC Hazelton has averaged between 70-85 Correctional Officer vacancies and 30-45 staff vacancies since the beginning of the year. The dire staffing shortage has created a volatile

situation threatening staff and inmates alike. Correctional officers are regularly forced to work 16 plus hour shifts, multiple times a week. New staffers often transfer to other prisons quickly to find relief from the high amount of forced overtime.

Congressman Alex X. Mooney said of the letter, "FCC Hazelton faces a critical staffing shortage, which could be improved by providing dedicated employees with a much-deserved bonus. While we need to do more to

improve recruitment and retention of correctional officers, the 25 percent retention bonus is a good step."

Congressman Mooney added, "I call on Director Peters to promptly approve this request."

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Wisdom from Poor Richard's Almanack

By Benjamin Franklin

Snowy winter, a plentiful harvest.
Nothing more like a Fool, than a drunken Man.
He that lives carnally, won't live eternally.

Super Crossword

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OBITUARIES**Karen Deloris Harclerode**

Karen Deloris Harclerode, 77, a lifelong resident of Shinnston, passed away the morning of Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Clarksburg on July 25, 1946 to the late William K. Shingleton and Deloris (Heldreth) Shingleton.

Karen graduated from Shinnston High School in 1964 and in 1993 she received her LPN license from United Technical School in Gore. She was a member of Christ Church United Methodist in Shinnston.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Paul "Ditch" R. Harclerode of Shinnston; one son: Tim Harclerode and wife Carrie of Martinsburg, PA; two daughters: Amber Barr and husband Tom of Bridgeport and Misti Davenport-White and husband Stanley of Plant City, FL; seven grandchildren: Tyler Harclerode and wife Lauren, Kristen Bumgardner and husband Rex, Alex Harclerode and wife Crystal, Jessica Barr and companion Garnett Henderson, Sarah Ring and husband Hunter, Madison Davenport and Harrison Davenport; seven great grandchildren; one brother, David Shingleton and wife Traci and their children: Grant and Austin of Anderson, SC; two sisters in law: Pamela Petrowski and husband Scott of Murrells Inlet, SC and Nancy Shingleton of Lumberport and two

brothers in law: Ray Ketterman, Jr. and William Ketterman both of Shinnston.

In addition to her parents, Karen is preceded in death by one brother, Billy Shingleton.

Family and friends will be received on Friday, November 10, 2023 at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, from 4:00pm until time of service, 7:00pm with Pastor Duane Bartrug officiating. Per her wishes, she will be cremated.

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

**Ledora Helena Jones**

Ledora Helena Jones, 80, of Salem, passed away on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at United Hospital Center. She was born in Clarksburg on August 18, 1943 to the late James Willis Shreves and Virginia Jeanette (McNeamer) Shreves.

Ledora had worked as a home health aide.

She is survived by two daughters: Rebecca Holt and husband Mark of Salem and Brenda Melott of Clarksburg; one son, Okey Floyd Jones, Jr. of OH; adopted children: Jesse James Willis Jones of Salem and Makayla Nicole Jones of Clarksburg; three sisters: Darlene Arnett of Wallace, Patty Swiger of Weston and Linda Floyd and husband Kenny of West Milford as well as several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Ledora is preceded

in death by her husband, Okey Floyd Jones, Sr. and one daughter, Tiny Jones.

Keeping with her wishes, she will be cremated with no formal services.

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

**Shelba Jean Lanham**

Shelba Jean Lanham, 86, of Shinnston, passed away on November 9, 2023, at Fairmont Healthcare. She was born in Shinnston on December 4, 1936, a daughter to the late Hoy Starkey and Lucy Lindsey. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Robert Darrel Lanham whom she married October 6, 1956. Also deceased is her sister, Rene (Paul)Curry and her brother-in-law, Dave Cunningham.

She is survived by her children, sons Bruce (Sue) Lanham of Shinnston, Darrel (Diane) Lanham of Buckhannon; daughter Tammy (Gene) Katzman of Lexington, SC, and her sister Karen Cunningham, formerly of Lumberport; eleven grandchildren, and twenty great-grandchildren.

Shelba was a homemaker and loved to read and walk. She was a member of the Church of All Nations, Hughes.

Friends will be received at the Harmer Funeral Home, 300 Pike St., Shinnston from 4 to 8 pm Monday with a funeral service at 11:00 am Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023

with Pastor Mathew Keith officiating. Interment will follow at the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. On line condolences may be made at harmerfuneralhome.com.

**Jeanette Marie Halterman**

Jeanette Marie Halterman, 81, of Hiram, OH, went home to her Lord and Savior on Saturday, November 4, 2023. She was born in Cleveland, OH, on September 15, 1942, to the late Benjamin P. and Genevieve T. (Mikolanis) Schulman.

She was the oldest of nine siblings; Joan, Gene, Kathy, Mary, Francine, Debbie, Tom, and Dick. Jeanette, for several years, taught and assisted adults with how to handle and help children in conflict within a home setting. She then earned a Practical Nursing degree from Akron School of Practical Nursing. Soon after she married Frank, they had two sons, John and Frederick. Jeanette's main goal then became caring for and helping her family. She enjoyed the changing of the seasons, and decorating for the holidays. Jeanette was a long-time member of St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church, and her faith was a very important part of her life.

Jeanette will be deeply missed by her loving husband, Francis "Frank" J. Halterman, Jr., who was blessed to share 48 years of mar-

riage; sons, John F. (Jeromica "Romie") Halterman, of Sherman, TX, and Frederick J. Halterman, of Hiram, OH; her eight siblings, and many nephews, nieces, and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Please join the family for a visitation on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., at St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church, 10692 Freedom St., Garrettsville, OH 44231. A Mass of Christian Burial will begin at the church at 11:00 a.m., with Fr. Joseph Ruggieri officiating. Jeanette will then be taken to Shinnston, WV, where she will be lovingly laid to rest at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery on Friday, November 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Care for Jeanette was entrusted to Mallory-DeHaven-Carlson Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 8382 Center St., Garrettsville, OH 44231.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, that donations be given to families in need, in Jeanette's name, to honor her giving nature and memory. For online condolences, go to www.carlsonfuneralhomes.com.

**Lee Marshall Martin**

Lee Marshall Martin, 101, of Hepzibah passed away November 10, 2023 at the WV Veterans Nursing Facility, Clarksburg. He was born March 6, 1922 at Lamberts Run, a son of the late Earl Alonzo Martin and Beyarl Shreve Martin. On January 17, 1941, Lee married his high school sweetheart, Miriam Hess Martin, who passed away on January 10, 2000.

Lee graduated from Lumberport High School in 1941 and moved to Pittsburgh for work until WW II broke out. He moved back home and enlisted in the U.S. Army, engineers battalion. After he served, he worked for a contractor who built the Lewis A. Johnson V A Hospital. He later went to work at the facility in the engineering Department until his retirement in 1981. Lee was a member of Hepzibah Baptist Church. He loved his church and spent countless hours there working on and around it. He sang in the choir and was an ac-

tive member and trustee until his health wouldn't allow him to attend.

He is survived by his sons, Lee Fredric Martin and his wife, Shelia Quickle Martin of Hepzibah and James Hess Martin and his wife Sharon Garrett Martin of Clarksburg; grandchildren, Amy Martin Black and husband Greg of Hurricane, Chad Martin of Carrollton, TX. Jason Isaac Martin, Morgantown, Matthew John Bock and his wife Amy, Clarksburg, David Lee Martin, deceased and son Ian, Daniel Mark Bock, Clarksburg, great-grandchildren, Madison Black of Charleston, SC, Haley Black, Morgantown, Bradley Jakob, Eden, and Rhys.

Friends will be received at the Harmer Funeral Home, 300 Pike St. Shinnston from 4-8 pm Tuesday and at the Hepzibah Baptist Church from 10-11 am Wednesday, November 15, 2023, with a funeral at 11:00 am with Pastor Chris Shingleton and Pastor Todd Jarmin officiating. Interment will be at the Hepzibah Baptist Church Cemetery. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of the WV Veterans Nursing Facility. Online memories and condolences may be made to harmerfuneralhome.com.

A service of Harmer Funeral Home.

**Barbara Jean "Barb" (Vernon) Morris**

Barbara Jean "Barb" (Vernon) Morris, 73, of Monongah went home to be with Jesus on Friday, November 10, at her home after an extended illness. She is survived by her devoted husband of nearly fifty-two years Carl William Morris of Monongah. Also surviving are a son Christopher William (Carly Lauren) Morris of Monongah, a daughter Cheryl Wendy Morris of Fairmont and two grandsons, Caleb Win Morris and Cole William Morris of Monongah and one granddaughter Carly Wilcox Morris of Grafton and four step children: Andrew, Kendall, Olivia and Grant Burch of Georgia.

Barb is also survived by six brothers: Randall Vernon of Clarksburg, Richard (Tena) Vernon of North Myrtle Beach, SC, R. Bruce (Janice) of Shinnston, Rodger Vernon of Mor-

Out of the Past

Memorable photographs from around Harrison County

T. B. Smell's "Hotel Royal", Shinnston, W. Va.



The Hotel Royal is no longer standing, but still bore witness to decades of early Shinnston history

See "Obits" on Pg 10.

El Dia de Accion de Gracias en los Estados Unidos

By Maria Skidmore

El Día de Acción de Gracias, o Thanksgiving en inglés, es una festividad tradicional en los Estados Unidos que se celebra el cuarto jueves de noviembre. Su origen se remonta al siglo XVII, cuando los primeros colonos europeos, conocidos como los Peregrinos (Pilgrims), llegaron a lo que hoy es Plymouth, Massachusetts, en el año 1620.

Los Peregrinos, en busca de libertad religiosa, se establecieron en una región inhóspita y desconocida. Durante su primer invierno en América, muchos colonos murieron a causa del hambre y las enfermedades. Sin embargo, con la ayuda de los indígenas locales, en particular de la tribu Wampanoag, aprendieron a cultivar maíz, calabazas y otros alimentos, lo que les permitió sobrevivir.

En el otoño de 1621, los Peregrinos celebraron su primera cosecha exitosa. Para dar gracias por la abundancia de alimentos y por la ayuda de los indígenas, organizaron un festín de tres días. Esta reunión es considerada el origen del Día de Acción de Gracias. El festín incluyó platos como pavo,

pato, venado, pescado, maíz, calabaza, y frutas. Los colonos y los indígenas compartieron la comida y dieron gracias por todo lo que habían logrado juntos.

La tradición de celebrar un día de agradecimiento por la cosecha se mantuvo, aunque no se convirtió en una festividad nacional hasta muchos años después. En 1863, durante la Guerra Civil, el presidente Abraham Lincoln proclamó el Día de Acción de Gracias como un día de “agradecimiento y alabanza a nuestro Padre benefactor que mora en los cielos”.

Desde entonces, el Día de Acción de Gracias se ha convertido en una festividad importante en los Estados Unidos, marcada por reuniones familiares, desfiles, eventos deportivos y la tradicional cena de pavo con todos los acompañamientos.

La celebración de Thanksgiving es una ocasión para expresar gratitud por las bendiciones del año y compartir momentos especiales con seres queridos, manteniendo viva la historia de los Peregrinos y su cooperación con los indígenas que ayudó a establecer esta tradición.

For whom do I live?

From L'Osservatore Romano

Our philosophy teacher often told us: “The best reflection on life is to reflect on the mystery of death!” Death: it’s a very serious business! It cannot be trivialized! Moreover, thoughts around death cannot be superficially set aside, avoided, almost as if it did not concern us.

Death is an inevitable experience which we are all called to deal with. It may be the death of many people we meet in life, of people linked to us by family or emotional ties and, finally, our own death. It is paradoxical, but in a period of history, like ours, in which it seems that everything is being done to exorcise every serious and constructive reference to death, more and more often, death is almost orchestrated in a way to cover up the reality of it or to hide from that reality and at times it even becomes a morbid spectacle.

TV series are full of scenes of violent death, murder or suicide; the news and magazines morbidly indulge in news of massacres, wars and feminicides; young people challenge death every day with extreme activities and by taking substances that are harmful to the body, the mind and of course the soul.

Yet, the desire that pervades our culture is to eliminate everything that has the flavour of limitation, fragility, and, ultimately, death in its various manifestations. We try to plan and select the psycho-physical quality right from the mother’s womb; the elderly and frail are isolated; the decision to forcibly end a life just because it is no longer productive or even because it has become a social cost is disguised as a gesture of humanity.

Today the texts of the Word of God affirm exactly the opposite: a serious and serene confrontation with death is an indication of wisdom and hope! Looked at in itself, death generates sadness, anguish, sometimes desperation. Without a light that overcomes the narrow human horizon, death presents itself as a fierce judgment on life: it almost tells us that nothing makes sense if everything ends, that nothing deserves commitment, effort and passion if it has no future.

The splendid Light we need reaches us from the life-giving Paschal Mystery of Jesus: the certainty of His glorious Resurrection tears apart the heavy and dark veil that prevents us from breathing, breaks down the wall that separates us from a perspective of hope, shatters the cold anguish that arises

from the drama of loneliness, which death brings with it. This is why the encounter with Jesus who returns victorious after His Passion, Death and Resurrection is described in the evangelical parable as a wedding celebration: He is the groom who wishes to make us participants in His life, in eternal Life, giving us dignity and privileges of “The King’s Bride”.

The glorious return of Jesus, which brings with it His gift, is a sign of His passionate and total love, paid for with the offering of His very life. It is a freely given gift, and as such, it is not imposed, but offered; it is delivered, but we are not obliged to receive it. Moreover, the gift is the fruit of Love, total and unconditional and the only adequate response on our part is faithful love. The definitive encounter with Jesus, which coincides with the moment of our personal death, will highlight the radical orientation of our heart, of our desire, of our will, in a word, of our Love.

The one who loves is oriented towards the Beloved of his or her heart: he or she seeks him, desires him or her, cannot even wait to meet him or her, scans the horizon to see his or her arrival, watches so that nothing distracts him or her or diverts him or her from the full fulfilment of his or her longing desire. What love! The supreme moment of our death will clearly and unequivocally reveal the quality of our life.

Today the liturgy of the Church calls us to awareness: thinking about the end of life leads us to reflect on the end of life. It invites us to rediscover that the good outcome of our life is decided on the relationship with the Lord Jesus, it puts us before the fundamental question: for whom do I live? Who do I look for in everything I do? Do I desire eternal Life and live so as to receive it as a gift? The Lord Jesus is ready to definitively fill us with His life-giving presence: this is our hope and this is our strength. Who am I waiting for? With what frame of mind am I waiting?

Brothers and sisters, we do not want to leave you in ignorance about those who have died, so that you will not be sad like others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, so also God, through Jesus, will gather with Him those who have died.

*Custody of the Holy Land

By Fr Luke Gregory ofm*



The historic Hotel Royal served out of town guests and local patrons alike in a variety of ways

Shinnston's Tradition of Hospitality Seen In Former City Hotels

By Bobby Bice

This month’s photo is actually a clipping from an old newspaper. It shows that a wide variety of items would be offered for dinner on Thanksgiving in 1909 at Shinnston’s Hotel Royal. Though several items seem out of place for the Thanksgiving dinners that I’ve grown up with, they were quite common for meals over 100 years ago.

The location mentioned, Hotel Royal, was located at the northwest corner of Pike and Rebecca Streets.

Today, it is an open grassy lot across from the United Methodist Church. It may seem odd to some people to think of Shinnston as having a hotel, but there have actually been many located in Shinnston over the years. Hotels, tourist homes, and boarding houses were once very much utilized by the out of town visitor or weary traveler needing to stop for the night.

The building which housed Hotel Royal was originally built as the home of Charles Knox, who was once Shinnston’s postmaster. He was appointed as such on May 10 th , 1897 and the post office was located in this home at that time. A woman named Mary Lucas purchased it from Charles Knox in October 1905 when the Knox Family moved to California. Thomas B. Smell & his wife, Jennie V. (Hall) Smell were living in the structure by 1907 and they were the ones who first began renting rooms in the house, naming it Hotel Royal. For those who may like making name connections, the Smell’s daughter was Edna (Smell) Harmer, the mother of the late Harriet Harmer. So, the original operators of Hotel Royal were Harriet Harmer’s grandparents.

As evident by the newspaper ad, the dining area was not only open to hotel patrons, but open to the general public as well. It would be open during lunch and dinner times and became known as both the Hotel Royal Restaurant as well as simply Royal Lunch. The cook for the restaurant lived as a renter and different women served as a waitress over the years. A dishwasher and a front desk clerk were also employed. The hotel also contained a billiards room with a pool table.

Later, different hotel owners also operated a small grocery store, which was located in one of the ground level

rooms and named Royal Grocery. Selling fresh and cured meats, home-boiled hams, homemade pies, and miscellaneous dry goods, they utilized the space to bring in as much income as possible. Also, Hotel Royal was an agent for American Laundry of Fairmont, so soiled laundry could be left there for them to clean. They were also an agent for Wilson’s Bread of Clarksburg, which was baked fresh every day. The building was quite large and any available space was utilized for income.

At one time early in his career, Ruble Marsh operated his cleaning and pressing business in the building; he also sold suits there. One of the owners also had a tea room in operation during the early 1920’s. The hotel had several owners and operators over the years, and a new name for the hotel came with each owner, but Hotel Royal has been the name known more throughout local history. This may be due to the fact that a postcard was made and put into circulation during the Smell’s ownership, with it named Hotel Royal.

A copy of that postcard can be found in this edition’s ‘Out of the Past’ photo.

In addition to the Smell Family, the other owners/operators over the years include: Delmer “Dell” Fuller, George Baldwin, J.R. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. O.L. Reed, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams. The longest owner of the structure was the Riley Family, who owned it for about forty years. Noel Riley purchased the building in the early 1930’s, renovated it, and opened part of it as Riley Funeral Home in November 1935, while also utilizing the structure as a residence. Noel passed away in 1950 and a few years later, his widow Alvaretta Riley, leased the funeral home part to John Ellis and Joe Stacy to operate Ellis-Stacy Funeral Home. It later became Lynch-Stacy Funeral Home, which moved to the [current] Brennan home near present Lincoln High School. After Alvaretta’s death in 1973, the home was sold to Jim Demus at which time it was razed.

Caption for Out of the Past photo: Shown is Hotel Royal, once located at the northwest corner of Pike and Rebecca Streets. After

renovations in the 1930’s, this structure became Riley Funeral Home. It was torn down in the 1970’s.

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To: ELLA MAY DAVIS, ELIZABETH BELL DAVIS, 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 COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 1103 PARCEL 0042 0000 0000
You will take notice that WVTA LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000296**, located in COAL OUTSIDE DISTRICT, District, 1 LOT #75 LONGMONT, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of DAVIS ELLA MAY (LE) (ELIZABETH BELL 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. WVTA LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after April 2, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 1, 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 - 20270.	\$	99.14
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 - 20371.	\$	33.15
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	106.89
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	1,010.45
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,249.63

You may redeem at any time before April 1, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand November 3, 2023

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(2022-C-000176 - Harrison County - WVTA LLC)
To: VICKI SUE HILER, MARY WIN, 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 CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 29 PARCEL 0416 0000 0000
You will take notice that WVTA LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000176**, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP, District, 1 TRACT (LOTS 627 & PT 626 625 E CLARKSBURG, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HILER VICKI SUE 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. WVTA LLC requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after April 2, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 1, 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 - 7108.	\$	553.22
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 - 10838.	\$	818.44
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	212.15
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	994.23
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	2,578.04

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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.

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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

You may redeem at any time before March 24, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand October 26, 2023

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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:

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.	\$	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

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gantown, R. Phillip Vernon of Clarksburg, and R. Scott Vernon of Lancaster, PA, and two sisters, Alicia Buchanan of Hutchinson and Heather (Greg) Stalvey of Longs, SC. She is also survived by twenty nieces and nephews.

Barb was preceded in death by her parents Robert F. and Joan C. Vernon, one brother Ronald C. Vernon and her dear cousins Brenda L. Watkins and Cheryl K. McDonald.

Barb's family extends special thanks to her caregivers, Alissa Justice and Stormy Kellar, and her best friend Goldie Huffman.

Barb was a Christian by faith and will be cremated as per her wishes. A memorial service will be held in her honor at Harmer Funeral Home. The time will be announced when the arrangements are complete.

borne Division at Fort Campbell, KY and continued his commitment to the military as a member of the United States Army Reserve in Fairmont. Following his military service, he became a foreman with the Consolidation Coal Company's Mine No 20 at Four States, from where he retired. He remained active in the annual miners' reunion, where his expertise and camaraderie were highly valued.

Arlie is survived by his loving wife of 72 years, Geneva "Genia" (Rosinski) Shaver; three sons: Dr. Joseph Shaver and wife Dr. Ann Shaver of Fairmont, Rick Shaver and wife Debbie of Monumental and Todd Allen Shaver and companion Pam May of Fairmont and Pam's daughter Odessa Carpenter and companion Billy Kellar of Mannington; two cherished grandchildren: Gavin Shaver and Shasta Nicole Shaver; one great granddaughter, Gezella Jones, two great grandsons: Orion Long and Salem Kellar; one brother, James Shaver; one sister, Carolyn Shaver as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by three brothers: William Shaver, Charles Shaver and Kenny Ray Shaver and one sister, Martha Collins.

Family and friends will be received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, on Monday, November 13, 2023 from 11:00am until time of service, 1:00pm with Pastor Danny Blake officiating. Interment will follow at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. Military Honors will be provided by United States Army and Marion County Honor Guard.

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

Boys State Recruitment Underway in Harrison County

Weston, WV - The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State (ALMBS) is thrilled to announce the commencement of its recruitment drive for the 85th session, scheduled to take place from June 11 to June 17, 2024, at West Virginia University Jackson's Mill. ALMBS, renowned as "West Virginia's premier Leadership Academy," is now actively seeking enthusiastic young men from across West Virginia to participate in an immersive week of learning and growth.

Established in 1936, ALMBS is dedicated to educating and training West Virginia's youth in the democratic republic form of government, emphasizing the importance of our nation's most cherished freedoms. With the guidance and sponsorship of The American Legion, the largest wartime veteran's service organization, ALMBS nurtures and mentors the leaders of tomorrow, promoting patriotism, honor, and civic engagement.

The program offers a transformative experience that shapes the lives of its participants, providing them with numerous benefits that last a lifetime. Beyond gaining a comprehensive understanding of their rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities as franchised citizens, attendees have the opportunity to apply for scholarships, accumulate extra merit points for admission to military service academies, and build a diverse network of connections across the state. Over its 84-year history, The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State has empowered approximately 31,000 individuals with the tools for success.

Last year's graduates from Harrison County, deserve special recognition for their exceptional

achievements during the 84th ALMBS session. These remarkable young men have displayed outstanding dedication, leadership, and a commitment to the principles of Americanism and citizenship. We congratulate the following Harrison County graduates:

To learn more about The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State and to apply for this life-changing experience, please visit our official website at <https://wvboysstate.org>. For inquiries, interested individuals may contact their local American Legion Post, their high school guidance counselor, or The American Legion Department of West Virginia Headquarters at <https://wvlegion.org>. Are you ready to be part of the "Men of Tomorrow"?

The American Legion also extends its gratitude to all those who generously contribute to these programs each year. The success of ALMBS and similar initiatives relies on the support of local businesses, individuals, and community-minded organizations. Those interested in sponsoring a future "Citizen" can contact their local American Legion Post. Currently, the sponsorship cost for the Boys State program is \$350. Recruitment efforts will continue until all available slots are filled. The American Legion deeply appreciates the support of communities throughout the state, and we salute you!

The American Legion Auxiliary holds the American Legion Auxiliary Rhododendron Girls State (ALARGS) program at Davis & Elkins College for those female juniors who are interested in a similar program; more information on ALARGS can be found at <https://wvgirlsstate.org>.

South Harrison FFA Honored at 96th National FFA Convention

Indianapolis, IN (November, 1st 2023) – 70,000 FFA members from across the country converged on Indianapolis last week for the 96th Annual National FFA Convention. Members of the South Harrison FFA attended and represented the state of West Virginia in the National Nursery/Landscape Competition, received a three-star rating in the National Chapter Award Competition, and received the long-awaited results for members Madison Stonestreet and Cooper Folmsbee in the National Proficiency Competitions.

Members Bennett Lou, Olivia Marshall, Sean Bell and Cierra Haught competed in the Nursery/Landscape competition and earned a bronze rating as a team with Bennett Lou receiving gold medalist distinction individually. Participants in the Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event (CDE) tests student's skills in maintaining landscape plants and related products, evaluating equipment and services and performing landscape design.

FFA President Hope Woods and Vice President Spencer Nolan were on the national stage accepting the chapters three-star rating in the National Chapter Award Competition. The National Chapter Award Program is designed to recognize FFA chapters that actively

implement the mission and strategies of the organization. These chapters improve chapter operations using the National Quality Chapter Standards (NQCS) and a Program of Activities (POA) that emphasize growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture. Chapters are rewarded for providing educational experiences for the entire membership.

Madison Stonestreet and Cooper Folmsbee who were both named National Finalist this summer in the proficiency award competition, were named National Runner-Ups in Agricultural Sales and Beef Production respectively. Agricultural Proficiency Awards honor FFA members who, through supervised agricultural experiences, have developed specialized skills that they can apply toward their future careers.

Nationally, students can compete for awards in nearly 50 areas ranging from agricultural communications to wildlife management (see areas below). Proficiency awards are also recognized at local and state levels and provide recognition to members who are exploring and becoming established in agricultural career pathways.

Largest Government Employee Survey in the World Highlights Increasingly Resilient and Engaged Federal Workforce

Washington, D.C. – The U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) released governmentwide results of the 2023 OPM Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey (FEVS) today. The OPM FEVS is the largest annual survey of government employees in the world that tracks how federal employees view their current work environment, including workforce management, policies, and new initiatives. OPM FEVS is an unmatched government data asset that collects employee feedback from more than 80 executive agencies to assist in driving improvement and supporting the workforce to serve the American people.

"This year's Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey highlights that federal employees remain remarkably resilient, increasingly engaged, and value diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in the workplace," said Kiran Ahuja, Director of the Office of Personnel Management. "These encouraging results provide opportunities for agencies to build momentum and support their workforce to leverage workplace flexibilities, continue advancing DEIA, and remain motivated to continue delivering for the American people."

According to Gallup, employee engagement for the total U.S. workforce declined for the past three years by a total of four percentage points. The OPM FEVS governmentwide employee engagement index increased one percentage point

to 72% in 2023, tying the five-year high set in 2020. The increase is notable – the equivalent of approximately 6,300 respondents, or roughly a medium-sized agency, sharing more positive opinions in this year's survey.

Other governmentwide results from the 2023 OPM FEVS include these highlights:

The Employee Engagement Index score, which increased to 72% positive overall, saw two factors improve. Employees' perception of the integrity of leadership (Leaders Lead) increased two percentage points to 61%. Employees' feelings of motivation and competency in the workplace (Intrinsic Work Experience) increased one percentage point to 74%. The factor measuring trust, respect, and support between employees and their supervisors remained at a high of 80% positive.

The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Index showed 71% of respondents reporting positive perceptions of agency practices related to DEIA, an increase of two percentage points from the DEIA score of 69% in baseline year 2022. All four distinct factors (DEIA) increased for 2023.

The Global Satisfaction Index, which scores satisfaction with agency overall, noted increases from several 2022 results:

Job satisfaction (68%)

Satisfaction with organization (62%)

Willingness to recommend their agencies to others (67%)

The Performance Confidence Index (PCI), which measures employees' belief that their work unit can achieve goals and produce at a high level, remained consistent and a strong trend at a high of 84%.

OPM FEVS was administered as a governmentwide survey to federal employees who have onboarded with their agency as of November 2022 (employees not eligible for the survey are political appointees, contractors, and non-federal employees). A total of 625,568 employees completed the survey for a response rate of 39%.

The FEVS 2023 governmentwide results can be viewed on the OPM FEVS Public Dashboard. This tool provides the public with an innovative way to access the governmentwide and agency-size survey results.



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Senator Manchin Announces He Is Not Running For Reelection

It was a cold November morning just a week after my family's store had burnt to the ground losing the lives of four people when tragedy struck again. This time there had been an explosion in the Farmington No. 9 mine. My Uncle John, our neighbor and several of my high school classmates worked in that mine. I knew family members of most everyone working in the mine that day. Everyone knew everyone in Farmington.

Over the next several days, I sat with my mother and Aunt Jenny, Uncle John's wife, desperate for any kind of update. Our whole state was paralyzed as the days drug on and news of the explosion rocked the entire nation with reporters from around the country ascended into Farmington to cover the story. Ultimately, my Uncle John was among the 78 brave coal miners who lost their lives in the Farmington Mine Disaster.

Thirty-eight years later, I could still vividly remember waiting with my mother for news about Uncle John when disaster struck at the Sago Mine in Upshur County trapping 13 brave miners with only one surviving. That same month, an accident at the Aracoma Mine in Logan County killed 2 miners. Once again, our state was shaken to our core but this time I could do something about it because I was Governor.

I vowed we would not leave these families in the dark like we had been left in Farmington. Every few hours we would brief the families, listen to their questions and do everything possible to ease their pain. We prayed with them, ate with them and cried with them when we learned

their loved ones had not survived.

Their strength powered us forward as I worked with the West Virginia legislature to pass legislation to update the mine emergency-response systems and impose stricter safety requirements on coal companies. I signed this critical legislation into law shortly after the January mine disasters. In the beginning of February, I ordered all coal mining in the state of West Virginia halt until adequate safety precautions were put in place and tests were conducted. Our state legislation set the stage for federal legislation to improve mine safety. This was just the beginning of our work to ensure every coal miner could return home safely to their family after a hard day's work.

In the years to come, we fought tooth and nail to secure permanent healthcare and pension benefits for our coal miners and their families. This bipartisan coalition was most recognizable by the United Mine Workers of America who barnstormed the U.S. Capitol for years on end decked out in their camouflage t-shirts. It was my honor to fight hand in hand with them to ensure they received the benefits they rightly earned.

When I reflect on the last 42 years serving West Virginia – in the state legislature, as Secretary of State, Governor and now as U.S. Senator – it is abundantly clear to me that I would not have accomplished anything without the strength and support of my fellow West Virginians. And we have accomplished so much together.

Most recently, we have worked in a bipartisan way to revitalize the West Virginia energy economy by paying homage to our legacy of coal production and looking to the future to ensure West Virginia remains an energy powerhouse for

generations to come. Last month, we announced the ARCH2 Hydrogen Hub will be located in West Virginia creating 20,000 jobs and spurring billions more in investments. And that's just the tip of the iceberg.

In the last 18 months, we've announced energy investments that will resolve in nearly 5,000 jobs across the state. And we will continue to see announcements like this across the state in the months and years to come. We also invested almost a billion dollars in West Virginia broadband to ensure every home in the Mountain State has access to reliable broadband access. And we included \$3 billion for West Virginia highways, \$506 million to repair aging bridges and \$487 million to invest in wastewater and drinking water improvements throughout the state. We have helped bring down the cost of healthcare by capping the cost of insulin at \$35 and allowing Medicare to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices.

For the last 13 years, my Senate office has operated the best constituent services team in the United States Senate ensuring the federal government works for West Virginians. We have closed more than 100,000 cases having helped hardworking West Virginians get their Veterans Affairs or Social Security benefits, secure Medicare or helping people in their time of need. And we hosted 75 job fairs across the state connecting thousands of West Virginians with good paying jobs, amongst many other creative ways of bringing good government to people.

After months of deliberation and long conversations with my family, I believe in my heart of hearts that I have accomplished what I set out to do for West Virginia. I am leaving our state better prepared for the future than when I first took office. I have made one of the toughest decisions of my life and decided that I will not be running for re-election to the United States Senate, but what I will be doing is finishing my term in the Senate while traveling the country and speaking out to see if there is an interest in building a movement to mobilize the middle, finding common ground and bringing Americans together.

To the people of West Virginia who have put your trust in me: It has been the honor of my life to represent you in the West Virginia legislature, as your Governor and as your United States Senator. Thank you for this privilege and I hope you are proud of what we have accomplished together. To my wife Gayle who has also dedicated her career to serving West Virginia and the Appalachian region: None of this would be possible without you, I love you. To our children and grandchildren: Your patience and support has meant more to me than you will ever know. And to my staff - from my days as Secretary of State, to Governor and now to Senator - who have worked tirelessly on behalf of the people of West Virginia: Every day your commitment to public service and to our beautiful state has made me proud. Thank you for joining me on this journey. When it comes to what is best for West Virginia, our country, and the people I'm privileged to serve, I will never stop fighting to unite Americans.



Introducing the Newest Member of the UHC Medical Staff: Qaisar Syed, M.D.

Bridgeport, WV—Dr. Qaisar Syed, who specializes in pain management, received a bachelor of science degree in biology from West Virginia University and continued his education there, receiving his doctor of medicine. He served as chief resident while completing his residency in anesthesiology at Ruby Memorial Hospital and then went onto a fellowship in pain medicine at Milton S. Hershey Medical Center at Hershey, PA.

In addition to his medical responsibilities, Dr. Syed has been an active volunteer over the years: Charleston Homeless and Street Medicine, where he provided medical care and gave health maintenance advice; Mountaineer Organization for Relief Efforts, to raise funds for people in Syria affected by the war; Ruby Memorial Hospital Pediatrics, where he maintained the playroom, showed families around the hospital, and interacted with the children who were patients; and Oncology Interest Group, where he served as treasurer.

Dr. Syed is a member of the American Society of Anesthesiology and the Spine Intervention Society.

In his off time, Dr. Syed enjoys weightlifting, saying the activity helps keep him disciplined, and he also enjoys aerial photography using drones.

He joins UHC Neurosurgery, Spine, and Pain Center, the practice of Nathan Berry, DO; Annas Sabbagh, DO; and Gobind Singh, MD.

Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund Accepting Grant Applications

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund announced today that it is accepting grant applications for land-protection projects and that interested parties have until Dec. 31 to apply.

Land-protection projects can include important wildlife habitats, working forests and farmlands, as well as hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreational areas. Applications for large and small grants will be accepted. Large grants are those totaling more than \$25,000. A total of \$50,000 in funding will be reserved for small grants.

Applicants are reminded to complete their application and determine if their project qualifies for funding by using the OHCF's eligibility assessment tool and technical assistance manual, all available at commerce.wv.gov/outdoor-heritage-conservation-fund.

Fiscal Year 2023 Grant Applications will be accepted through December 31, 2023.

About the Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund

The Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund, created by the West Virginia Legislature, invests in conserving wildlife habitats, natural areas, forests, farmlands and recreational spaces. It acquires property interests and awards grants for conservation projects aligned with plans like the Wildlife Conservation Action Plan. An 11-member Board of Trustees, comprising stakeholders from land trusts, state divisions, recreation groups, and experts, guides the fund's efforts. To learn more about the Outdoor Heritage Conservation Fund, visit commerce.wv.gov/outdoor-heritage-conservation-fund.

Justice to speak at Fairmont State's second Police Academy graduation

Fairmont State University will honor its second cohort of Police Academy cadets on Friday, December 8 at 11:00 a.m. in the Feaster Center. Governor Jim Justice is set to address the newest editions to West Virginia's law enforcement in person during the ceremony, along with his canine companion Baby Dog.

"I want to thank Governor Justice for recognizing the accomplishments of these twenty-five cadets with his attendance," said Director of the Police Academy Dr. John Schultz. "Over the last sixteen weeks, these men and women have grown in leadership, self-discipline, and character and will serve the eighteen communities across West Virginia with pride."

The second class of cadets is comprised of 25 individuals from 18 different West Virginia law enforcement agencies who met the rigorous physical and mental requirements to be admitted to the Police Academy. During their 16-week training cadets stay on campus in Pence Hall and spend their days doing physical training, attending courses in criminal law and procedure, learning basic and advanced policing procedures, training with firearms and more. They also learn interpersonal skills related to improving the relationship between police officers and the communities they serve.

"We are honored to celebrate the second class of graduating Police Academy Cadets, and thankful that Governor Justice will join us in paying tribute to these hard-working men and women," said Fairmont State President Dr. Mike Davis. "I have the utmost confidence that these cadets will go on to faithfully serve their communities."

After completing the program and meeting state testing requirements, graduates will be fully prepared to work in the state of West Virginia as Certified Law Enforcement Officers. They will leave Fairmont State with the practical, procedural, relational, and physical skills necessary to perform their duties as officers.

The academy is open to degree-seeking and non-degree-seeking students who are interested in becoming a certified law enforcement officer in the state of West Virginia. In addition to being "job ready" for hire by municipal police and county sheriff's departments as well as various other State agencies with law enforcement responsibilities, graduates will be excellently prepared for graduate study in Criminal Justice or related fields.

Applications for the Spring 2024 Police Academy class are now open and will remain open until January 8, 2024.

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Many local businesses and organizations responded to the call on a chilly morning to support veterans.



The Lincoln High School band played rousing and fun patriotic tunes throughout the morning.



Shinnston and Salem fire departments joined the pageantry as well.

The “Vibin W/Liv” truck featured a live performance of Lee Greenwood’s “God Bless the USA” direct from its bed.

Appreciation and gratitude shown to Shinnston’s veterans did not end with the parade. Immediately thereafter, the American Legion Post 31 hosted a packed house to enjoy a community lunch.

The Lions Club and Legion Ladies’ Auxiliary served a full and delicious meal of hot dogs with chili, cole slaw, and/or sauerkraut, macaroni and cheese, several styles of salad, homemade baked beans, and a wide variety of pies, cakes, and other desserts.

They also decked out the Legion Hall with flags, red, white, and blue tinsel, ribbons, and other decorations. Each attendee received a traditional red poppy with the words “In Memorium” printed on it.

As veterans and their supporters filed in, the sounds of reminiscences, friends reunited, and family filled the Hall, the sound of a community coming together to remember and celebrate.

Before the program and food, “Buckwheat and the Minors” sang traditional bluegrass and gospel tunes, including “Foggy Mountain Breakdown” and “In the Sweet By and By.”

The program opened with Maryanne Ferris, vice mayor of Shinnston, telling “why we celebrate this day on this day.” She explained that, although World War I technically ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles in June 1919, hostility actually ceased the previous November. It was on this day that President Woodrow Wilson and Congress decided to first celebrate the armistice, then later, the sacrifice and contributions of all veterans.

“That’s why our parade always starts at 11 AM,” Ferris explained.

Matthew Keith, chaplain of the American Legion post and pastor of Shinnston Baptist Church, shared a few words before giving the invocation. He said “on behalf of the Legion and the Lions Club, we thank you for coming out to support our veterans.”

Keith pointed out that “West Virginia, per capita, has always been the first state.” Throughout history, even before its creation, the Mountain State provided more troops to America’s wars and also always bore the greatest sacrifice.

During his prayer, he said “we are ever mindful of the cost paid for our liberty” by the service of American veterans.

After Marcia (Marsha?) Duckworth, president of the Ladies’ Auxiliary, dismissed tables to go up to the buffet, the crowd heard from each of the marshals selected for the parade.

Robin Shingleton, followed by her husband Clifford, spoke first. Both served in the United States Air Force. Ms. Shingleton spoke of her family’s worry when she made the decision to enlist, then the toll taken by the rigors of basic training. She remembered “halfway through training” she was called down to the main office “where no one ever returns from.” Her worries remained brief as they sent her to another area.

There she saw family friends from Cass who had also served in the Air Force. “I hugged them like I’d been lost in the woods for years and just found civilization again.”

Ms. Shingleton said “I want to thank God for putting me on the right path” that led to her husband and family.

Mr. Shingleton talked about how “life gets real complicated” sometimes in the service. The native West Virginian from a town “with one stoplight” found himself assigned to Nellis Air Force Base near Las Vegas.

He called his mentor as he stared at the city, saying “I don’t know if I can do this. From

horizon to horizon is lights.”

With his mentor’s help, he soon settled in. Mr. Shingleton said “life was easy for a while. I took care of sick people. I loved every minute of it.”

Soon after, he married his wife and had children. “My kids got close to school age,” he remembered “I wanted my kids to be raised somewhere decent,” which led him to a new assignment in Texas.

Mr. Shingleton left the group with some parting thoughts, asking “how are you serving your country, your state, your fellow veterans? If you can’t answer that question, fix it. Be the one to do something,” especially when it comes to helping fellow veterans who have fallen on hard times.

Jeff Dytzel spoke next. He introduced his wife, children, parents, and aunt before sharing his viewpoints from 15 months of combat in Iraq. Dytzel volunteered for machine gun duty because no one else did. He explained that “in life you remember your firsts. In combat, you get a lot of firsts.”

He remembered also that in Iraq, his name was emblazoned across his chest in Arabic. Children would chant “Dytzel! Dytzel!” as he passed them in the streets.

Dytzel praised the veterans who came before, saying “if they didn’t go first, you can’t go next” and shared his pride in picking “up the flag to carry it further.”

“What I like to do” Dytzel stated “when I see that old vet with a hat on, I go out of my way to thank them” and listen. He added “the greatest service can be having an ear.”

He concluded with “we’re not ashamed of our flag” or the service that veterans rendered to protect freedom. “We’re not ashamed of what that flag stands for.”

Dytzel then said “there’s a lot more to the story, but there’s a lot of detail you need to leave out.”

For the story that gets told, but even more so for the details that get left out, Veterans’ Day remains one of the nation’s most sacred of holidays - as the city of Shinnston demonstrated last Saturday.



The Lincoln High School Navy Junior ROTC marched in perfect step during the Veterans Day Parade



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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 bmiles@wvpress.org, at 304-342-1011 or write to: WV Press Association Foundation, 3422 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, WV, 25302.

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