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County Commission Tables Election Decision

SHINNSTON

By Stephen Smoot

The Harrison County Commission conducted its first meeting for the month of December Wednesday. last Susan Thomas, County Harrison Commission president, was not present and Commissioner David Hinkle presided over the proceedings.

First, Commissioner Trecost Patsy the commission and prayer, saying "thank You for the opportunity the people Harrison County to do their business." Next, the commission led the room in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

First, commissioners took up the issue of MuniCap Inc, a public finance company. The county last decided to retain the company services related to the administration of the

Refunding Bonds Series between 2021," as well as other County and the City of bonds under county of purview.

MuniCap was retained "for services related to the administration of the Tax Increment Revenue and Refunding Bonds" as well as other bonds statewide related to TIF funding.

Hinkle brought up the matter of a 3-1-31 Memorandum

meeting attendees in Senior Tax Increment Understanding written Clarksburg. MOU states Additionally, intergovernmental agreement County to administer regularly the City's scheduled elections concurrently with the primary elections."

> West Virginia Code states of "beginning July 1, 2022,

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LHS CTE Business Students Light Up the West Fork River Rail Trail

- Shinnston, WV. Lincoln High School CTE Business students have been working to bring more visitors Shinnston the and surrounding through communities their EPIC Tourism Grant efforts.

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part of their As Christmas with Shinnston collaboration with the Shinnston Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 2nd, students magical created

Lincoln High School by working for over 8 hours stringing lights and adding holiday music along the West Fork River Rail Trail as well as hosting vendors at a Christmas Market in the green space.

Special thanks to the Mountaineer Hydraulics and Machine for letting the students use their electric to light the trail and to Harrison County Schools (Mr. David Oliverio, Communications Specialist) for the use of experience for visitors their sound equipment.

Lincoln High School Students of the Month For October



Kaitlynn Drainer is the daughter of Joseph and Charlotte Drainer, and the granddaughter of Charles and Eleanore Richards, and Everette and Delores Drainer.

Throughout her four years at Lincoln, Kaitlynn has earned a spot on the perfect honor roll due to her exceptional grades. She is ranked number 3 out of her entire senior class, and has been the recipient of several Top Scholar awards. Kaitlynn has the highest SAT score of the 12th grade and is an AP Scholar. Additionally, she received College Board's Rural and Small Town recognition.

member of the soccer team,

Bowling for Fun

also a two-year member of the Concert Band and the Key Club.

In her spare time, Kaitlynn enjoys art and traveling.

Kaitlynn has plans to attend college to obtain a degree in Engineering and would like to continue playing sports.



Hayhurst is daughter of Leslie and Shiho Hayhurst of Lumberport, and the granddaughter of Nancy and James Hayhurst of Fairmont and Haruhiro and Katsuko Homba of

Throughout her four years Kaitlynn is a three-year at Lincoln, Aleisa has earned a spot on the honor roll due to where she lettered and was a key her exceptional grades. She is

player in their successes. She is ranked #3 in her entire class, and has been the recipient of several Top Scholar awards. Aleisa was inducted into the National Honor Society her sophomore year, where she serves as Secretary. Aleisa has taken nine math classes and seven Advanced Placement classes, and is one of the top 10 ACT and SAT scorers in the entire school.

> Aleisa has been a member of the Student Council and Key Club. She has spent countless hours volunteering in her community to local businesses and programs.

> Some of these include: Angel Luv, Feed-a-Family, LHS junior class, and Special

> Olympics. Most notably is her dedication to the Lincoln High School Marching Band.

She has been a member for four years and now serves as Drumline Captain.

Athletically, Aleisa excelled within the track team where she has lettered and was a two-time state qualifier and medalist.

Aleisa has plans to attend West Virginia University to major in Astrophysics and Aerospace Engineering.

Vandalism, Improper Use Forces to Removal of Recycling Trailer

By Stephen Smoot

"A few idiots ruined it for everyone else," Richard Barnett, executive director of the Harrison County Solid Waste Authority, said in explanation of why the organization had to Cutter Parking Lot.

the needs of those trying Additionally, materials for 17 years, goods occasionally fail

but accelerating damage and improper use have cost the taxpayers of Harrison County and forced its removal.

"Over the last six months to a year, things are getting Barnett said.

Part of the problem remove the recycling historically has been trailer from the Price issues with individuals leaving unsorted bags The trailer has served of garbage at the trailer. unload recyclable who bring recyclable

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Arts Foundation Eyes Even More Impact In Second Year

By Stephen Smoot

It started last year accomplishments with community meeting and ever since has "galvanized as a focal point to spearhead projects in the community."

So says Brendan Gallagher, one founders of Shinnston Foundation.

Thursday evening, teh group held best possible way," open community

lay wide open, generally covered the the first year, lessons learned, and crafting plans for next year. Appropriately, meeting took place in The Soapbox on Pike Street, attendees surrounded by products of local and state artists.

"We're trying beautify the city in the Sarah Benson, president meeting. The agenda of SAF, shared with the

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might think that bowling remember going was a sport enjoyed Compton Lanes and by one's grandparents, Jewel City Bowling on there is still a good bit several occasions in of interest and parking my youth, but I never lots are filled in many became a devotee of bowling alleys across

to the game. It might have been the complicated scoring that seemed to be a variation of algebra and hieroglyphs. My uncle was a prolific

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Student Aid Applicants to See Important Changes in Application Process This Year

"for

By Stephen Smoot

By Jim Hunt for the

Of all the sports that

are played in the United

States, one of the longest

lasting is the sport of

bowling. While some

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families lies For many send struggling children college, to student applying for aid has become a rite of passage.

Whether one seeks explained

with the Free differences. Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. Freeman,

the country. I can

guidance counselor at

Lincoln High School,

that

One of the most significant changes involves setting up an identification. past, Freeman stated "you could

grants or loans, the first families that have done FAFSA ID on the spot." stop for most students this before, they will see Now one must set this

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Limehouse Blues

By Stephen Smoot

"We're stepping into a void. No one knows. They're kind of guessing."

Kyle Apple from Greer Lime recently shared this observation during a meeting with Jim Linsenmeyer from the West Virginia Department of Economic Development. Part of the larger network of Greer companies that include other stone products, media outlets, and even tourist attractions, Greer Lime employs 70 at its production facility in Riverton.

Its kiln also uses coal mined from Kanawha County as its fuel

Apple explained that the United States Environmental Protection Agency had recently targeted the lime industry. Last January, the EPA "added four new classes of pollutants they hadn't regulated before," he said.

The problem, as he explained it, lies in the fact that "they don't have a lot of data," but pushed the new rules anyway.

Pressure from the federal government comes at a time when the American lime industry has encountered increasing challenges. "The demand for lime is increasing. We're all basically sold out,: Apple said. The substance comes from rock containing

concentrations of calcium carbonate. In West Virginia, vast swaths of limestone underlies many of the mountains and valleys along the Virginia border. Distilleries prize the special qualities of the water contained in its caverns while a number of industries find the finished product vital.

At Riverton, Greer Lime mines calcium carbonate from under the ground. It then crushes the stone to manageable size. It is useful to many economic sectors in this state, but other industries require that it be cooked in a kiln at 2,500 degrees F until it is transformed to calcium oxide. Lime has a broad variety of uses. The steel

industry, for example, adds lime to molten metal during the production process. Lime forces impurities to the surface and contributes to a better quality steel. Asphalt that includes lime stands more resistant to wear and tear and the effects of In agriculture, judicious use of lime helps to

improve the quality of the soil. First, it removes some acidity and encourages better growth. This leads to the most efficient soil use of nitrogen, phosphates, and potassium. Efficient use of these substances helps to improve environmental impact, according to some researchers. The environmental realm has seen the fastest

expansion in the use of lime. Lime absorbs sulfur dioxide from smokestacks, leaving the escaping vapors less laden with pollutants. It also removes impurities from drinking water and reduces the impact of sewage and sludge. While most of the lime exits West Virginia and

brings back out of state dollars, the operation does sell to the new Clorox plant in Berkeley County. Apple reports that US Senators Joe Manchin and

Shelley More Capito, as well as Representatives Alex Mooney and Carol Miller, have worked on the industry's behalf, saying of the state's federal delegation, "they get it."

Regulations on industry are not necessarily bad, but ought to be based on sound research instead of guesswork or the idea that "something must be done." While jobs are at stake, so is the health of an industry fundamental to agriculture, manufacturing, and efforts to reduce pollution in air and streams while keeping consumers of drinking water safe.

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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.

accidental death of a Chesapeake & Ohio Railway engineer near St. Albans led to the popular train song Richardson's "Billy Last Ride." Dec. 14, 1857: Coal

operator Justus Collins was born. He owned coal mines at Glen Jean Whipple, the octagonal Whipple company store survives today as a local landmark.

Dec. 15, 1879: Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph Swint was born in Pickens. He was

responsible for the building of many religious institutions in the Diocese of Wheeling

Wheeling-Charleston). Dec. 15, 1967: The Silver Bridge at Point

killing 46 people. The

Pleasant

collapsed,

Silver Bridge opened to traffic on May 19, 1928. The accident led to the passage of legislation for a national bridge inspection and safety program. Dec. 15, 1972: An

Dec. 14, 1910: The explosion at a Weirton Steel coke plant on Browns Island killed 19 men and injured 10 others. It was the worst industrial accident in Weirton's history. Dec.

Alexander Martin died at the age of 71 in Greencastle, Indiana. Martin was the first president of the Agricultural College of West Virginia, which was renamed West Virginia University at his recommendation in

1868. Dec. 16, 1897: The

last public hanging in West Virginia occurred

in Ripley. John F. Morgan had been (now the Diocese of convicted of murdering Chloe Greene and two of her three children in

Dec. 17, 1957: The J.

the Grass Lick area of Jackson County.

L. Stifel & amp; Sons calico plant at Wheeling closed. For most of its history Stifel & amp;

Sons produced indigodyed prints and drills for clothing manufacturers. At its peak, the plant produced 3.5 million yards of cloth per month. Dec. 18, 1842: U.

S. Senator Nathan B. Scott was born. By 1900, Scott had become one of West Virginia's four richest and most powerful men. Dec. 1864: General Harry Hill

Bandholtz was born in Bandholtz Michigan. commander of the federal troops that intervened to end the West Virginia Mine Wars in 1921. Dec. 18, 1816: Lewis

County was formed. It was named for Colonel Charles Lewis, killed

Pleasant. Dec. 19, 1794: A 40acre tract of George Clendenin's land was selected as the site of

Charlestown, later renamed Charleston. Clendenin, born in County, Augusta Virginia, in 1746, was

in the Kanawha Valley. Through Clendenin's influence the Virginia Assembly authorized the formation Kanawha County from parts of Greenbrier and Montgomery counties in 1789.

Dec. 19, 1832: The town of Ripley received charter. It probably named Harry Ripley, a popular circuit-riding Methodist minister who drowned in Mill Creek in 1830. Dec. 20, 1943: During

World War II, German fighter pilot Franz Stigler protected the heavily damaged B-17 bomber flown by Charlie Brown, originally from Weston, as it made its way from enemy territory back to England. The two war veterans met in 1990 and remained friends until their deaths. Dec. 20, 2002:

at the Battle of Point Grote Reber died. In 1937, Reber built the world's first parabolic radio telescope in his backyard. The Reber Telescope was moved to the National Radio Observatory at Green Bank in the 1960s and was designated a National Historic one of the first settlers Landmark in 1989.

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regularly primary statewide general election." It goes on to say municipalities exercising this option " may negotiate an agreement with the local county commission to

elections may be held registration books to be but concurrently with a used, and other matters scheduled pertaining to changing the municipal election to be held on the same day general election."

Furthermore establish the election administrative costs of voting

municipal date, election officials, holding the election, which costs shall not exceed the municipality's pro rata share of voters registered the municipality in as a regularly scheduled compared with the total statewide primary or voters registered in the county."

> The MOU also states governments that "the County has "shall share in the aligned the County time was spent by kinds of issues" and conducted, precinct the

boundaries West G. pursuant to Virginia Code."

Hinkle elected propose tabling MOU until the meeting to be held the following Wednesday.

commission

with hearing a request for party is usually the Kehrer as the disagreements. executor of the estate proposed the lawyer made the case by the for each side.

After the conclusion two in suggested that a third the proceedings.

the City boundaries the removal of William right answer in such that With Thomas absent, of Dorothy Kehrer. current executor be Family members and a removed and replaced Sheriff of Harrison County. The commissioners of testimony, Hinkle voted to affirm it, Much of the meeting said "I hate these then, with all business

"Recycling" From Pg 1. =

to place the materials did a lot of damage," inside of the trailer. Barnett said. Instead, they are left on the ground.

This fall, however, \$1,100 damage, vandalized it," cutting over the years. brake lines and other

vandalism alone cost that waste was joined dealing with materials by a deer carcass. Also that cannot be recycled "just this week people has added to the bill

> Barnett explained

Authority has tried to us it costs a couple with keeping the trailer The damage from the tactics to discourage abuse of the privilege but of using the trailer costs related to damage "Nothing has worked," he stated.

"It's Barnett said, adding individuals that "The entire service trailer properly, expensive parts. "They that the Solid Waste is free to citizens. For the costs associated the same thing."

use cameras and other of thousand dollars a in place have gotten month."

ever and other abuses.

He also said that he frustrating," recognizes that most use the but

too high to continue And that is before offering the service.

> Tory Drainer, interim city manager Shinnston, noted that "they have to do what they have to do. If that happened to us, we'd do

advised Barnett that those who have questions may contact ESI for details.

Residents who wish to continue to recycle properly are encouraged to take those materials to the Harrison Recycling Center in Hepzibah.

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FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

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Application deadline is Dec. 31, 2023. Applications available on wvpress.org

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

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group.

Kent represented the Cultural Foundation of Harrison County suggested that the meeting have two major goals, recount "what it has done in the past year since it's been created," plan ways to "build on what's happened in the past year." In addition to working on projects, Spellman suggested that the group focus on ways to attract donors and volunteers.

Also, the group agreed that SAF stood for both beautifying the community and creating conditions that encourage "the arts to flourish."

Group members agreed that arts efforts relied on the support of a number of groups and individuals in Shinnston. Spellman counted among "groups willing to step up," the DECA club at Lincoln High School. Their efforts earned an EPIC grant that they used for two purposes, to beautify the West Fork Trail and also create events to bring more people in to use it.

and Christmas drew hundreds.

Additionally SAF Shinnston Community Band, some of whose performers attended the meeting. The band has entertained locals and visitors since 1996 with performers sometimes coming from as far away as Tucker and Pocahontas counties. Spellman said "Shinnston has a reputation with that community band."

Kathleen Panek, city clerk and owner of the Gillum House bed and breakfast, shared that the Aristotle Jones segment Dave Weekley's statewide radio broadcast has brought attention to the a lot. And I like that!

Recently another group has formed to provide live music to the and Sax Orchestra.

One major decision shaped an early on the nature

Trail based activities organization. At first, Spellman during both Hallowe'en members intended to create an independent non-profit. With mission SO closely works closely with the aligned to the Cultural Foundation for Harrison however, County, decided leadership to "focus on projects instead of paperwork. SAF functions under the aegis of the county foundation as a result.

Over the past year, SAF has served as a part of several arts programs the community. for This includes the art walk, the Shindy Music Festival, and a number of other projects.

Perhaps the most successful lay in putting together The Pallette, located on Pike Street. The Pallette, whose curator is Nuzum, serves as a hub overall music scene. She for artistry in Shinnston. said "quite frequently It is an art gallery, but Shinnston is mentioned. also holds a variety of Shinnston is mentioned types of art classes and looks for creative ways to focus on art.

Spellman noted that "Shinnston has the only city, the Brass Rhythm community based art gallery in the county."

> Gallagher discussed ongoing effort the to create murals on

the sides of various buildings in downtown. Many smaller cities have used these to brighten and improve streetscapes. SAF has already started working to place one on the side of City Hall, but a water line broke while workers tried to power wash the wall.

He added that "the people want this. If you build it, they will come." Gallagher also stated, however, that the group must "identify ideas that make sense."

Member Wesley Benson suggested a holding a "mystery a concept theater," successful elsewhere. Michelle Stover added that current trivia based activities are popular in town and that SAF could use the idea for fundraising.

Gallagher also suggested that SAF work together and with other groups to create a positive narrative efforts around improve the town across the board. Spellman added "it's up to all of us and others to provide content."

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up three days prior to working on the form. Additionally,

manner in which the online form accepts tax information has changed. Previously, applicants had the option to select an automatic population of information from the IRS 1040 form. They could choose to manually enter the information. Now, Freeman says "it has to do it itself. It will save families some time." She also said that the program filing of the 1040.

fact that, as Freeman circumstances," explains "now both parents or guardians have to create FAFSA IDs" instead of just one. She added that questions application can help students with different circumstances to establish who has to sign alongside the applicant, if necessary. Changes have also

occurred in the manner in which the federal distribution of aid.

Freeman shared that "if there is more have taken place yearly than one student in college at the same time, it used to count. That will not play as a factor any longer." Though the federal government no longer

multiple

as

considers

will automatically pull children in college as from the last available a deciding indicator, institutions Another change in the will. "You will have application comes in the to file for special

Applicants have seen a delay this year in the starting date. Normally, the first date is Oct 1, but the site has not yet opened. Applications normally must be completed by Dec 30. Freeman shared that "they're doing a complete overhaul of the website. It's not ready yet."

Many of these changes government decides on came as a result of the FAFSA Simplification Act of 2021. Changes since then. For 2021-22, the federal government eliminated limitations eligibility related Selective Service registration and drug convictions, as well

subsidized usage

limitations on eligibility. In 2023-24 it enabled

changes to the statutory definition of cost of attendance, professional judgment requirements, determination independence, application process unaccompanied homeless youth foster care youth. The on Pell eligibility for confined or incarcerated applicants was also dropped.

Freeman said that since she has not yet seen the form, she could not say if the changes will make applying easier or not. To help her Lincoln High School families, she schedules FAFSA completion nights to give all the best chance possible to submit a successful application.



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Cougar Girls Basketball Preview

"It's Almost a Complete Turnaround in One Year"

By Bill Nestor

Last year was a difficult one for the Lincoln girls basketball The Cougars have spent more time in Charleston in recent years than most politicians. There is one thing for sure. If you had to vote for a coach to make a return to the state capital, it would be veteran mentor Rob Hawkins. Hawkins has been the driver of the bus to put last season's 12 and 13 record in the rear view mirror and overcome.

The return of four 19.7 the best players around) the driver's seat. "It's almost a complete turnaround in one year," for several postseason is almost a storybook Elder and sophomore

place in Shinnston that has hoops fans excited.

Senior Ashlyn Riley move forward. A lack is back and is one of the of experience and size most dominating forces were just too much to in North Central West Virginia. Riley averaged points, eight starers (one of which rebounds, three steals, happens to be one of and two blocks a year ago. Senior Brooklyn and an infusion of talent Davisson returns to has Hawkins back in run the show from the point guard position. Davisson averaged six points and three assists explained Hawkins. It last year. Senior Aliyah

runs and they are ready scenario that has taken Sadie Adams round out or forward. Freshman is to acclimate the the returning starters. Elder, a forward and Adams, a guard, were key contributors and Blackwell played a ton will be counted on of minutes last year and heavily this season.

There are several players that are the mix for the final starting spot and for Haught, playing time as well. Junior Riley Pearlman junior Sylvie Salerno is a Liberty transfer that (when plays in the post. Senior Alexis Williams returns after missing all of last year due to injury. Williams can play guard the

Aundrea Rockwell provides power in the paint. Junior will play both small and power forward.

Sophomores Gracey Fortney and Ali freshman Adriana Elder, she from injury) will all be in consideration for playing time.

"Early in the season, biggest

new players into the system," Hawkins stated, adding that "hopefully, by the time 2024 rolls around, we get everything ironed out and we comfortable playing together. We want to play our best basketball at the end of the season."

If Hawkins achieve that goal, he might have to prepare for yet another road trip down south.

Harrison County EMS







Athletes of the Week

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

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

Harrison County Athletes' Spotlight

By Bill Nestor

The Harrison County athletes in the spotlight this week are Liberty's Emma Elliott and Notre Dame's Brayden Helmick.

Mountaineer basketball player Emma Elliott scored a team high 19 points in a loss to Grafton this past Wednesday in Bearcat territory. Elliott also had five rebounds, five steals, four assists, and a pair of blocked shots.

Fighting Irish basketball player, Brayden Helmick, helped his squad to its first win of the season over Parkersburg Catholic. Helmick recorded a double-double with 21 points and 11

He also blocked three shots in the triumph. Congratulations to Liberty's Emma Ellitoo and

Notre Dame's Brayden Helmick for shining bright in the SN and HCJ spotlight!

Get Out of the Gutter! It's Time to Go Bowling!

By Bill Nestor

brief After hiatus, West Virginia football University's team is going bowling once again! The good news is that because the Mountaineers had such a great season received some postseason breaks, they were able to garner an upgrade to a bowl with a little extra zing. WVU agreed to do battle with North Carolina in the Duke's Mayo Bowl.

The game will be played on Dec 27 at 5:30 in Bank of America stadium in Charlotte. It's the 40th bowl in school history and 19th in the last 22 seasons. It will be the fifth time the Mountaineers will have teed it up at this venue and they will be looking for their third victory.

Heading "Selection Sunday," picked a trip to North Carolina for West Virginia, but loopholes led to opportunities that

when the Southeastern Conference (SEC) could not fill all of its Since there wer enot enough teams that were bowl eligible, the Mayo Bowl was able to look outside the SEC for a quality replacement. WVU head coach Neal Brown can thank Alabama, since the Crimson Tide qualified for the College Football Playoff.

This marriage made sense to both parties involved. Brown and his squad get to lockup with another Power Five opponent in the Tar Heels. At the same time, fans from the Mountain State can make the easy drive to Charlotte to catch the tilt while the large fan base in the North Carolina area can catch the Mountaineers as well.

previously, the Belk, Continental Tire, and

up. The spot opened less than impressive 38,000. With these two teams squaring off, this contest is guaranteed to be a success. This bowl has only been sold out three times in history and all three have involved either West Virginia or North Carolina. Both teams,

unfortunately, will be playing without one of their superstars. West Virginia will be without the services of standout center Zach Frazier. The All-American center (6'3 311) was injured on the game-winning drive against Baylor. The Fairmont native hadn't planned on ending his Mountaineer career this way, but it doesn't take away from the accomplishments that filled Frazier's time in Morgantown.

The Mayo Bowl has caller Drake Maye. above-mentioned players none of the experts been several other bowls. Maye decided to take the bowl game off to avoid potential injury ahead Meineke Car Care. Last of the NFL Draft. Maye the Tar Heels and get year's matchup between completed 63 percent win number nine. That were just too good for Maryland and North of his passes for 3,608 would be a nice ending the Mayo Bowl to pass Carolina State drew a yards. He tossed 24 to a great year!

touchdown passes with nine interceptions and a 149.0 passer rating.

Both players look to have promising futures, as Frazier is listed as the second best center in the draft by several scouts and is predicted to be picked up in the third round. Maye is one of four quarterbacks thought to go in the first round and many feel that he could be the second thrower selected because of his pro potential.

Even with the loss of star power, both squads are still stacked and this should be an epic battle. West Virginia opens up as a 3.5 point favorite and the over/under is 56.5 points scored by both teams. That number shows the confidence that oddsmakers have in both North Carolina will be teams' abilities to score without starting signal points, even without the in uniform.

> Brown would love to see one point more than

LHS Boys to rely on **Experience and Leadership**

By Bill Nestor

The Lincoln basketball team was just one win away from a trip to Charleston last season. Cougar head coach Jordan Toth had his team knocking on the door a year ago, starters and several talented players poised to make an impact, this year's group is ready to kick the door down. four returning

starters are upperclassmen include three seniors and provide leadership to for the final starting spot. the talented newcomers. Senior Brayden Edgell is the point guard. Dell, last year's team captain, will be the floor Lanham came on late general in charge of last year and can stretch getting Lincoln into its the

23. Burdette really came last year. boys on last year and he can shoot and drive the ball to the basket. The third returning senior starter A. J. Bart, round out a is Noah Sears. Sears is flexible defensively, with the ability to guard point guards to and with four returning big men. He runs the floor well and worked hard in the off season to improve his shot. Junior Aidan Rice is a low post presence. Rice started every game for the Cougars last season and is a great scorer underneath. Currently there are a junior that will also three players in a battle to transition to the

Senior Nate Swiger is a great hustler with the ability to slash to the basket. Senior Riley defense.

guard David Burdette strong player that made share of noise in March.

had an impressive 2022- valuable contributions

Juniors Wyatt Finch and Landon Swiger, along with sophomore gifted rotation. Toth had high words of praise for all of the above mentioned and is excited for the upcoming campaign. The saying

wasn't built in a day" comes to mind Shinnston. Out of the 16 players Toth has, all but two of them played football. He knows that it will take some time for his players hardwood. Toth talked about his players getting their basketball legs, getting reps, growing all year, and being ready

for the postseason. If his players follow Senior his plan, look for this offensive sets. Senior Maddox Perine is a team to make its fair

Attorney General Morrisey Files Suit Against NCAA

CHARLESTON states led by Ohio, academic against the NCAA Eligibility Rule.

was filed in the U.S. District Court the Northern District West Virginia Clarksburg Division, comes on the heels of deny RaeQuan Battle a transfer waiver so he can play basketball ineligibility University.

"The NCAA's policy, transfer for long, has The

and defensible transfer opportunity to optimize

— rule," West Virginia Attorney General Morrisey said, Patrick writing in the lawsuit Morrisey, working with that "the connection a coalition of seven between the Rule and well-being has filed a lawsuit or athletic amateurism is tenuous at best and that challenges the is outweighed by the association's Transfer harm it does to college athletes and consumers The lawsuit, which of college athletics." The coalition

for contends NCAA's transfer rule "artificially deters players and teams from achieving optimal the NCAA's decision to matches by forcing college athletes weigh the period against the benefits matched school. It is ironic that this rule, stylized as promoting of the welfare of college Association has failed athletes, strips them to maintain a consistent of the agency and

Attorney their own welfare as they see fit."

The lawsuit alleges

the NCAA violated Section 1 Sherman Act. In a separate filing,

the Attorney General

asked the court to temporary restraining order and bar the NCAA from enforcing the transfer rule. motion "Division explains: college athletes subject to the Transfer Eligibility Rule will suffer irreparable harm by continuing to be one-year barred from competing this season in their respective of moving to a better sports and by facing transfer burdened by the risks ineligibility second-time

transferring

college

HCSCC SPOTLIGHT Featuring news from the Harrison County Senior Citizen Center

HCSCC Board of Directors News

28, April 25, June 27, September 26,

and October 24. All meetings will be held at 9:30 am in hybrid format.

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E. Ryan Kennedy, President, Bill O'Field, Vice President, Franklin Hairston, Secretary,

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Harley Jeffries, Bill Phillips, Donna Stuart, and Susan Thomas.



Crystal, Beth and Peyton get ready to hand out bubblegum at parade.





Beth and Bill serving Wassail at Winterfest Market.

HCSC closes for holiday break

HCSC main building and offices will be closed for Holiday Break from December 25,

2023 through January 1, 2024. We will reopen on January 2, 2024.

No meeting in November or December. Meeting schedule for 2024: January 25, March Senior Golden Angel Tree Gifts begin arriving at center

HCSC would like to express their heartfelt gratitude for all those that came by our lobby and adopted a Senior Golden Angel from the tree. All the angels were adopted quickly and the gifts to be distributed mid-December arriving at the center every day. To make us aware of a potential Senior Golden Angel for 2024 or for more information about the program, please call the center at 304.623.6795.



HCSC participates in Clarksburg WinterFest 2023



Julie and Kathryn look forward to the parade each vear.



Seniors dress up for parade.



Employees Adrian and Mike helping out on the van. Seniors ready for the Winterfest Parade 2023.



Curtis Short Driver of van 2.



Director Beth and Board members Bill and Donna get a picture with Queen Victoria.



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Hazard Assistance Grants are resilient state. designed to reduce the risk and impact of natural Assistance disasters in our state play a vital role in by providing funding strengthening

CHARLESTON, for eligible projects state's ability to prepare administration as well as McCabe's sentiments. The West that enhance resilience for and respond to Emergency and mitigate potential natural include Emergency elevation or rebuilding resilient By actively home. participating in hazard residents, mitigation, local governments, and organizations in West Virginia can take their communities and

Hazard Mitigation our by

disasters, home and reducing property damage.

West Virginians who wish to apply for Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants must do so by contacting their County Commission, emergency management agency, or county Floodplain Manager Mitigation help build a safer, more before December 31, 2023.

> **WVEMD** Director Grants GE McCabe highlights the crucial role played Administrator MaryAnn Virginians write their Gov. Justice's

West Virginia's FEMA "Flooding is the No. 1 partners."Preparedness disaster that hits West and mitigation are Virginia nearly every essential in safeguarding year. Participating in our communities from the Hazard Mitigation the impact of disasters. Grant We're pleased collaborate with Gov. Justice and FEMA in encouraging West Virginians to take advantage of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants. By doing so, we are investing in a safer and more resilient Virginia

FEMA Region Tierney echoed own mitigation success

future for our state."

Program can residents to to enable make their homes less vulnerable damage or help whole communities the path of destruction caused by high water. pleased and We're proud to support West Emergency Management in their 3 efforts to help West

To learn more about the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants and how to apply, please visit fema.gov/grants/ mitigation.

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For further information, please contact West Virginia Emergency Management Division: 3 0 4 - 5 5 8 - 5 3 8 0 WVHMGP@wv.gov, or the Federal Emergency Management Agency: 215-931-5597

Capito Responds to Kerry Call to End Coal Fired Power Plants

'no coal plants shall empty promises that online at this point. be permitted anywhere he's taking to the world in the world.' He's in community in the name yourself, 'who does Dubai telling everybody of being the 'climate this really affect?' It that he, himself, and czar' for our great affects a heck of a lot administration country. will shut down and no longer permit—which which could replace no surprise here, 90% of there's no coal fired some power plants being built baseload desires across power generation is be permitted, but they will be shut down by permitted, isn't being Wyoming?

Kerry says to replace. These are no new nuclear plants 57%.

won't this country power, from coal. Missouri? power needs can't get 2030. There's no plan moved, and there's Utah? 61%. Indiana?

"So, you say to of our states. So, my "And even nuclear, state of West Virginia, baseline- our electric generation-74%. Kentucky? 73%. 73%.

Nebraska? 49%. Montana? 43%. Colorado? 41%.

what "Basically, the administration is saying: that in five and- in six years, over half of the energy production that are- that you have in your state for power generation will be stopped under this administration's policies and Power Plan 2.0.

"This is unrealistic, it's unachievable, and it makes absolutely no sense at all. Much like been put all across our their EV car mandate. Nobody here is against electric vehicles, none of us, but you know what? We put \$7.5 billion into the IIJA to make sure that we have electric charging stations to meet the mandate of Clean the new EVs. In two

that money has been spent? Zero. How many electric chargers have country? None. These are empty promises and unachievable goals.

"So, I would say to you that while they hope, and John Kerry is hoping, that this occurs and is trying to lead the world into believing it will occur, hope is not a years, how much of strategy Mr. Kerry."

"Bowling" From Pg 1. =

the pins still rings in my

Bowling Lanes building about bowling but soon for. The scoring is talent. Ali rolled three looking for an enjoyable our local businesses! for a birthday party everyone got in on the for my granddaughter, action. They have a Sadie. I had seen the plastic ramp that the

a couple of leagues and new bowling facility roll the balls down the I can always remember in the paper and online alley and that allowed the shiny bowling ball and I would note that everyone to experience that he would proudly there were a lot of cars the joy of bowling. show off. We would go in the parking lot when to the bowling lanes I would drive down a ball, I figured that I to watch him on a few old Bridgeport Hill. As occasions, and he had we walked in around the colorful bowling 5:00PM, there were shirt, along with his only a few people there own bowling shoes. The and we got some shoes sound of the ball hitting and went over to the and I realized that area where they had set bowling requires some up for the birthday party.

should get a heavier ball than the kids and opted for a sixteenpound ball. This quickly proved to be a mistake, strength and control of

bowler and bowled in advertisements for this younger kids can use to much simpler than the strikes in a row and Eli days of my youth and was probably the best modern technology has bowler in our group. automated this once complicated task. As and everyone seemed As I went to pick out I looked around the to enjoy themselves. building, I could see The birthday package more and more people included coming in and soon, every lane had a group of bowlers and the noise level increased friendly dramatically. My older granddaughter, and her boyfriend, Eli, everyone We recently went to With a four-year-old and the ball and hefting a were really getting shoes and setting up the lanes. If you haven't the new "Alley 304", a mixture of other ages, 16-pound orb was more into the game and both tables. I'd recommend been to "Alley 304", in the old Compton I wasn't really thinking than I had bargained showed some real "Alley 304" to anyone give it a try and support

It was a fun evening, pizza and two lanes of bowling and shoe rental and was perfect family fun. The staff was friendly and Ali very helpful getting fitted for

evening and for more experienced bowlers, there are leagues and tournaments.

I did realize that bowling is a sport, and your muscles might ache a little after an evening of knocking down the pins. Both my wife and I were sore the next day and we realized that we need to do a little working out before our next venture to the

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OBITUARIES



Linda Lou (Carder) Pulice

Linda Lou (Carder) Pulice, 78, of Shinnston passed away Monday, December 4, 2023 at Bridgeport Healthcare Center, Bridgeport. She was born February 4, 1945 in Shinnston, a daughter of the late Russell and

Hazel Morgan Carder.

death by her husband, she married in May of 2010.

She survived is by brothers Marvin Carder and wife Janet, Four States. and Ferlin Carder and wife Kim, Shinnston; her sister, Emma Garrett and husband

Jane Lew; She was preceded in in-law Don Bowyer, she was an employee Harrisville; Step-Ronald Pulice, whom children, Cathy Secreto and Chris Pulice; 4 Stepgrandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

> Also deceased is her brother, Raymond Carder and sisters Marie Bowyer.

Paul, by G.C. Murphy and Friday from 11 am to 1

of B.F. Specialties and Wholesale Tire. She loved listening

country music, traveling, and sitting around talking to people about old times.

Friends will Barbara Carder and received at the Harmer Funeral Home,300 Linda was employed Pike St., Shinnston, on

Brother- later Murphy Mart. Also, pm. A funeral service will be at the funeral home at 1 pm Friday, December 8, 2023 with Pastor Aaron Cayton officiating. Interment will follow at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at www. harmerfuneralhome.

Voter Registration Education Campaign announced

Office since Warner first more than 100,000 high possibly took office in 2017. By school students. working closely with to provide the tools abandoned maintenance process, address Warner reports Registration as indicated by the from most recent Election clerk's office. Administration and

Over all 55 county clerks instances of possible when they provided a necessary to operate a registrations in West USPS, DMV, or when uniform, non-partisan Virginia have been official election mail encourages voter registration list identified by an updated was returned which that with the United States have over 400,000 deceased, Postal Service (USPS), Secretary Warner. "If duplicate, out-of-state, the WV Department of the voter moved to convicted-felon voter, Motor Vehicles (DMV), another West Virginia or otherwise ineligible or by official election county, we can help registration files have mail that was returned them been removed from as undeliverable. These registration," the Statewide Voter addresses will soon continued. their county

Voting Survey (EAVS). federal laws require

Charleston, W. Va. - At the same time, more election officials to expected to arrive in postage postcard to their general has been a priority for the have been registered to each address of a voter WV Secretary of State's vote, which includes who is identified as abandoning their registration. These 109,000 voters were identified voter newer address to the comparison indicated a voter may moved," said update their "West Virginia and voter registration."

Voter list maintenance than 333,000 new voters send a postcard to voters' mailboxes in county clerk. the coming weeks. The postcard asks the voter on voter registration to confirm that they are lists is mandated by still a resident of the the state and county at the Registration Act and address on their voter West Virginia registration record.

> Secretary Warner every voter who receives the confirmation postcard to confirm that they reside postcards at the address on file or returned, scanning the QR code as on the postcard with will Warner follow the easy steps to who are System receive an important moved out of state, they "active" status. Voters vote in the next two them to cancel their information online at registration ovr.sos.wv.gov, or by remains

National Voter law. Voters who confirm their address by returning a "active."

whose Voters not are or update the address by returned by the USPS "undeliverable," categorized be a mobile device and as "inactive." Voters "inactive" "If they keep their registration in still remain eligible to since the 2016 election, confirmation postcard are no longer eligible to can also check and federal election cycles. vote and we encourage update their registration However, if a voter's address unconfirmed These postcards are returning the pre-paid for the next two federal 6000.

after receipt of the Regular maintenance confirmation and the voter fails to vote in any state or local election during that time period, state law mandates that the registration be canceled.

"The law is in place postcard will remain to make sure voters on West Virginia's voter registration rolls are still residents of West Virginia at the address on file with their county clerk. Many times, we find that these voters moved and simply forgot to cancel their registration," Warner said.

For more information, please contact your county clerk or the WV Secretary of State's Office at (304) 558-

WVDNR announces hunting, trapping, fishing licenses now on sale

Division of Natural the coming year," Gov. trapping and fishing briefing. great holiday gifts.

"As a lifelong hunter products, and angler and someone digital gift certificates, cherished the beauty of and collectible physical that lifetime licenses for the following license West Virginia's natural license cards, all of resources, I want to which encourage everyone to exclusives and available take advantage of this to purchase starting time to get their license today at WVdnr.gov.

O U T H and stamps early and

announced several new including always online lifetime licenses are online

"Whether purchasing a lifetime West Virginia. Resources announced Justice said during his license for your kids more convenient," said must be WVDNR Director Brett McMillion.

> and gift certificates are available to purchase online, providing outdoor enthusiasts even more flexibility when

you're buying licenses, stamps CHARLESTON, W.Va. start planning their renewing your annual and other hunting and — The West Virginia outdoor adventures for license and stamps or fishing privileges in Stamp

that annual hunting, administration update or grandkids, buying are valid for five years, Stamp your hunting, trapping can be used to purchase licenses and stamps for In addition to 2024 and fishing licenses licenses, stamps and Year Fishing and Trout the 2024 seasons are licenses going on and stamps in West other hunting and Stamp now on sale and make sale, the WVDNR Virginia has never been fishing privileges and Electronic License This is the first year System. Gift certificates are available:

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Resident Three Year added Sportsman and Trout

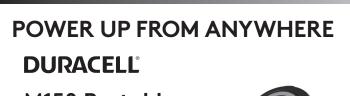
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Also new this year redeemed are collectible physical within the WVDNR's license cards that will give hunters, trappers and anglers the option to carry a "hard card" and stamp combinations license. Each card can display up to seven Resident One Year active annual licenses Sportsman and Trout and includes hunter education numbers for

Physical license cards are available as an optional upgrade for \$8 per card. Proceeds will support conservation awareness campaigns for the state's fish and wildlife resources.

To purchase a 2024 license, visit WVdnr. gov. To learn more about the WVDNR's new license products, visit WVdnr.gov/2024licenses.





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bomber pilot from Weston, saw his damaged plane escorted to safety by a German fighter pilot in World War II

Charlie Brown, a

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until January 09, 2024 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s): Federal Project Call Contract **State Project** Description 025 2022840003 S384-REC/AL-24 00 STBG-2024(005)D PAVEMENT MARKINGS

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The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

LEGAL-

LEGAL NOTICE December 1, 2023

The West Virginia Health Care Authority announced that it has re-

ceived a Letter of Intent from Essential Needs Homecare, CON File #23-6-12835-PC, to provide personal care services in Marion, Harrison and Monongalia Counties in WV. Capital Expenditure \$1,500.

Further information regarding the Letter of Intent, including the Certificate of Need application when submitted, is on the Authority's website at www.hca.wv.gov.

FSU's annual audit reports excellent financial standing

During the December students." 7 Board of Governor's

meeting, State independent financial standing.

illustrated that Fairmont strategic plan. and were presented precisely and equitably.

take great pride in being able to continued strength, which signals to the campus and community remains well-established of Governors Chairman Rusty Hutson. "We have our society." been a fount of higher education for nearly 160 departments years, and will continue meet with university measurable efforts to ensure the trend in enrollment and February departments as the Associate Provost the retention of our will meet with the for Faculty Affairs.

Fairmont also included notable wide open discussions University's updates during his regarding the plan will auditing Presidential firm Suttle & Stalnaker He announced that the construction of the plan reported, for the sixth University's strategic will take place over year in a row, the plan timeline is still the summer. The plan University closed out on track and that the is set to launch in the the fiscal year in strong landing page for the fall of 2024 and will strategic plan The University was launched this week on and upgraded over the given an unmodified Fairmont State's website next four years. opinion on the audit, at www.fairmontstate. which is the highest edu/about/strategic- also announced that status it can receive, plan. He also shared that the search for a Chief continuing the practice the higher education of Staff is in its final of preeminent financial consulting firm EAB stages after the top reporting. The audit will assist with the three

no incorrect statements about the finalization of chosen candidate will am also excited for the in early January. planning process. I think the process will teach also everyone at Fairmont State a lot about each Deans. In the coming other and what the months, a search for the needs," University that Fairmont State said Davis. "We are Science and Technology secure building a plan that not will begin following only helps us improve the announcement of institution." said Board as an institution but Dean Steven Roof's also helps us improve retirement at the end

> will leadership to collaborate the on strategic plan, and in

assistance of EAB. President Mike Davis In spring Universityreport. be held, and the final was continue to be refined

President Davis candidates Fairmont visited "I am very excited State's campus. The our strategic plan, and I be announced sometime

Fairmont State will soon begin a national search for two Dean of the College of of this academic year. In January individual A search will also take place for a Dean of the College of Business and Aviation, as the former Dean Dr. Tim Oxley has stepped into a new role

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WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION **Division of Highways**

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when

prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until January 09, 2024 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s): **State Project** Federal Project Description 018 2021000707 S384-STR/IP-24 00 STP-2024(048)D

PAVEMENT MARKINGS ROADWAY STRIPING DISTRICT WIDE **COUNTY: DISTRICT 4**

\$ 1.408.96

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' license is not required at time of bid, but will be required before work can begin. Registration is required with the Department of Administration, Division of Purchasing, in accordance with Chapter 5A, Article 3, Section 12 of the West Virginia Code. All contractors submitting bids on project(s) must submit electronically with their bid a Proposal Guaranty Bond for \$500.00 or 5% of the total bid, whichever is greater.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com
The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways hereby notifies all bidders that it

will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

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(2021-S-00000106 - Harrison County - APPCOM, LLC C/O KARR LAW OFFICE)

To: DALE W. STEAGER, COMMISSIONER WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, CITY OF CLARKS-BURG, OCCUPANT, ESTATE OF CHARLES H AKERS C/O CHARLES D AKERS, CHARLES D AK-ERS, CHARLES D AKERS, ESTATE OF CHARLES H AKERS, BRIAN S AKERS, INTERNAL REV-ENUE SERVICE, 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 1 PARCEL 0116 0000

You will take notice that APPCOM, LLC C/O KARR LAW OFFICE, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000106, 1 LOT 178 HARTLAND, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of AKERS CHARLES H ESTATE, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Harrison County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 4th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after January 17, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount you will have to pay on the last day, January 16, 2024, will be as follows

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with \$ 2,244,39 interest, to January 16, 2024. Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, \$ 1,998.65 with interest to January 16, 2024.

Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest from January 1, 2022, following the sheriff's sale to January 16, 2024.

Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's 653.06 sale to January 16, 2024. Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified \$ 6.305.06

check must be made payable to The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County. Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified 35.00

check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.
You may redeem any time before January 16, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Return this letter and both certified funds to the WV State Auditor's Office, County Collection Division 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2

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(2022-C-000376 - Harrison County - PATRICK ESCHERT) To: SALVATORE A. CLEMENTE, JAN M. CARLSON CLEMENTE, SALVATOR P. CLEMENTE ES-

TATE C/O ANTOINETTE KOJSSZA, CITY OF CLARKSBURGH, SALVATORE P. CLEMENTE ES-TATE, ELIZABETH R. SAMPSA C/O ANTOINETTE KOJSZA, IMMAEVLATE CONCEPTION RO-MAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, ANNETTE M. CLEMENTE, MARK A. CLEMENTE, ANTOINETTE M. CLEMENTE, 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 CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 9 PARCEL 0121 0000

You will take notice that PATRICK ESCHERT, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2022-C-000376, located in COAL CLARKSBURG CORP, District, 2 LOTS 4 & 1/2 3 SEC 33 N VIEW (RENTAL) INC PAR 75, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of CLEMENTE SAL-VATORE P ESTATE and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HAR-RISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on April 27, 2023. PATRICK ESCHERT requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with 1,214.41 interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 25175 Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for 0.00 ticket number Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 25310. 761.16 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, 904.13 Secretary of State with interest. Additional Statutory Fees with interest 0.00 Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, 3,091.85 certified or personal check

You may redeem at any time before April 30, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand November 15, 2023 G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

Nonentered Lands of GREENBRIER County, State of West Virginia Please return this letter and payment to the

West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305 Questions please call 1-888-509-6568

Attorney General Morrisey Warns About 'Grandparent Scam'

CHARLESTON be their grandchild. visit and needs money. these situations." Attorney claiming grandchildren need help.

as part of the Attorney General's Consumer Week.

Scammers have been with calls known to call senior loved one is stuck citizens pretending to somewhere en route to handing over money in

Virginia Others claim to be law enforcement with news Patrick Morrisey urges about a loved one. residents to be wary of They often indicate the calls especially during grandchild in question season is in another state or country and in dire need of money due to an The advice comes emergency.

Holiday been known to use the Protection holiday travel season to scam senior citizens that their

This scenario surfaces during holiday break. "Most grandparents

would do anything to help a grandchild in trouble because they are incredibly generous to family members in Thieves have also need," Attorney General Morrisey said. "That's why it's so important to exercise caution when receiving such calls. Think carefully before

Scammers

rely the goodwill of grandparents to shield grandchildren potential punishment. This may result in those receiving such calls deciding not to check with the child's parents. Consumers can

follow these tips to avoid becoming

Stay calm and don't routing react out of immediacy. credit card numbers to

number. Call the grandchild's

Never

known number or other family members see if there really is an emergency. Ask a question that

only the grandchild would know the answer to such as a pet's name, the child's nickname or where they attended school.

bank give numbers Get a call back anyone via phone.

request for transfer or to use a prepaid debit regardless of who the requestor says they are. Anyone who believes

Be skeptical of any

they have been the victim of a scam should contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808 or visit the office online at www.ago.wv.gov.

Humanities council seeking grant proposals

Charleston - The West Humanities Council, Virginia Council announces its affiliate of the National upcoming February 1, Endowment for 2024, grant deadline for Humanities, serves West three grant categories: Major grants, which are and direct programs awarded twice a year in the humanities. A for projects requesting \$20,000; up Fellowships of \$3,000, by which are awarded Council year-round to annually for scholarly nonprofit organizations research projects; and in West Virginia that Applicants must allow Minigrants, which are support awarded four times year for projects requesting \$2,000 or complete

The state the Virginia through grants variety of matching grants offered the Humanities educational programming.

See below descriptions of grant

Humanities due February 1:

Major grants. This category supports public programs including, but not limited to, lectures, school projects, symposia, panel reading discussions, and discussion series, exhibits, reenactments, and conferences. Major grant proposals may request up to \$20,000. twelve weeks between the deadline and the for start of the project.

applications Stipends of \$3,000 and philosophical and

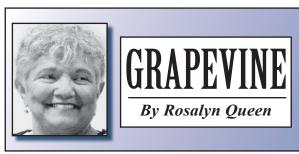
are awarded once a historical approaches to the project. year to West Virginia the social sciences. college and university humanities faculty and independent scholars for research and writing projects. projects include, but are not limited to, the study of interpretive needs, and planning for archaeology; the history, more complex projects. theory, and criticism of the arts; ethics; history; jurisprudence; modern and classical languages; linguistics; literature; philosophy; Fellowships. comparative religion; six weeks between the

Minigrants. Humanities Minigrants support small projects, single Eligible events, lectures, small museum exhibits and brochures, consultation Minigrant deadlines are February 1, April 1, June 1, and October 1 for projects requesting \$2,000 Applicants must allow deadline and the start of

For more information about the West Virginia Humanities Council grants program, contact Council Humanities grants administrator Erin Riebe at (304) 346-8500 or via email at riebe@wvhumanities. org. Grant guidelines and applications are also available on the Humanities Council website, WWW. wvhumanities.org.

Shoe Horns As a Little, But Meaningful, Detail of Days Gone By

My latest episode of shock came this past week after I received several pairs of shoes that I had ordered. As I get older I am having a hard time walking without falling and my doctor advised me that I had to be choosier about the type of shoes I was wearing. No more thongs or ballerina flats. Having a shoe fetish my whole life I knew it would be for my own good if I quit wearing three inch high heels. Still knowing that a my readers who are broken bone was not approaching something I wanted to who have put on a few face, I decided to throw pounds realize how away the ballerinas and hard it is to reach down



good with and a sequin trim that I thought suited me. When the shoes came I change.

I suppose any of a solution. 80

I found a pair of shoes made for individuals support who really need support and the rim around the top is tight fitting. was having a problem was pleased with them slipping my foot in and ready to make the the shoe. After some thought I came up with

Many of you will and remember Shoe Store or Pettreys or Martins. What great service we got. We were he came up with two, thongs and switch to a and slip on a shoe. The seated and waited on a short handled one good support shoe. So thing is these shoes are like royalty, while the and a long handled

sales person brought the one. My problem is was a queen. Pick it up seemed a little tight our our younger folk but if foot slipped in with a "shoe horn." Well that was my solution, a shoe horn. After searching come up with one, so I started asking around. Most people thought I was crazy and just walked away from me. Was I wanting a desert or a part of a deer? I approached the subject with my son in law Andy, and sure enough Wonder he came up with one. I had previously asked.

Fray for one and

shoes out and put them solved. I don't know on our feet. Now if they how to explain this to you have any questions about a shoe horn help me out.

With all the holiday my house, I could not craziness I decided to take time out to read a book. Julia Todd from the Clarksburg Library called to tell me that Danielle Steel's latest book had arrived. hurried to the library and picked it up. The Ball at Versailles turned out to be a good read. I was particularly interested their holiday dinner on in it as one of my trips to Europe I visited Versailles and that was when I was convinced

at the library and guess what, it is in large print.

This past week we celebrated another milestone; Mike Marty's 61st birthday. We had a lovely dinner for the family and enjoyed each other. Belated birthday wishes to Holli Hunter Queen. And happy birthday to Miranda Lang.

The Senior Citizens had a very nice Holiday luncheon this past week. The food was delicious.

The PWA will hold December 19 at 5:30 at the Center. We invite all members and their guests to attend. RSVP that in my former life I at 304 624 6881.

United Way's Gift of Results

Bridgeport, WV - 12/7/2023 - United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties is thrilled to announce the opening of its gift wrap booth at Meadowbrook Mall. The booth will be open through Christmas Eve, offering the best paper, ribbon, and boxes in the area. All donations received at the booth will support 22 local programs that serve our friends, families, and neighbors.

As a volunteer-driven initiative, the United Way gift wrap booth exemplifies the spirit of community and collaboration. United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties is dedicated to supporting the community like no other organization can, driving positive change at an unprecedented magnitude.

Since 2021, United Way has invested a remarkable \$2.5 million to help friends, families, and neighbors in need. This year alone, United Way's contributions have made a significant impact:

- grandfamilies have received personalized support from social workers, ensuring their well-being and stability.
- 449 homebound seniors have been provided with a nutritious meal each day, combating food insecurity and promoting their overall health.
- 100 veterans received dental services.
- 175 kids in 4-H and at the YMCA received scholarship assistance to participate in camps and youth sports programs.
- 1,500+children have received comprehensive counseling, care, education, and love, fostering their growth and development.
- cognitive disabilities received mental health support through equine therapy. 70+ children received tutoring services goal.
- through United Way's Education Services Program. 400+ abused and sexually assaulted
- Harrison and Doddridge County children had a community and support network to care for them during the most horrific time of their life.
- 4,500+ adults received primary healthcare services, promoting a healthier community.

2,000+ local referrals were made through

United Way's 2-1-1 information hotline website, or call 304-624-6337

service to Harrison and Doddridge County residents, connecting them to vital services to meet their needs.

Thanks to the United Way's direct service, The

Resilience Collaborative, 49 Harrison County residents, including 8 children, are no longer homeless. These results demonstrate the tremendous condemned comments this critical sector of

return on investment that United Way and its donors have made in our community, however, United Way of HDC needs more community members and business to join in donating, whether it's \$2 per pay period, with one-time gifts, or corporate donations.

"Beyond meeting immediate needs, United Way programs empower individuals by teaching them how to ultimately achieve self-sufficiency and sustainably," Brad Riffee, Executive Director of United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties, said. "If people are looking to support an organization who is feeding people, clothing people, and teaching them how to live better lives, please call me, because we are providing these exact services and doing so much more."

Riffee emphasized that every citizen is the face of their organization, and their voices hold significant power. United Way listens to the community and encourages active participation, envisioning a community where collective action can reclaim and revitalize our neighborhoods. He would like to see more citizens get involved and support their cause so they can strengthen this

"Our donors and volunteers speak, and we 74 children with social, physical, and listen," Riffee continued. "That's the power of a community driven organization."

United Way is currently at 40% of their \$780,000

This holiday season, we invite everyone to support United Way's long-term solutions for our community's needs by donating to the gift wrap booth at Meadowbrook Mall or by visiting www. unitedwayhdc.org. Your contribution will make a lasting impact and help create a brighter future for

For more information and to stay updated on United Way's initiatives, visit United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties Facebook page,

Treasurer condemns Biden's international pact to eliminate coal

made by Biden our economy. Administration Special Envoy for Climate John weaken the United Kerry at an international States, but it will also United Nations climate embolden China change summit, where which is continuing Kerry announced the to build up its coal-United States would fired infrastructure," begin a phase-out of all existing coal-based power plants and called on coal use to be these eliminated across the world.

Treasurer also urged Congress source of energy. This to exert its authority to agreement block the international an unnecessary, selfagreements made at inflicted wound to the the summit.

"John Kerry has made the Administration's position crystal clear: Nations they want to eliminate Change industry coal worldwide the destruction inflation it will cause," Treasurer Moore said. "For the past three years. Kerry – on behalf of the President existing plants.

- has been working behind the scenes on an to accelerate unabated unrelenting campaign to pressure private companies and global elites to eliminate

CHARLESTON, fossil fuels and now W.Va. - State Treasurer he's no longer hiding Moore today their efforts to destroy

> "Not only will this Treasurer Moore said. "China not abide by any of international agreements because they know coal is an Moore affordable. reliable will be American economy."

Over the weekend, Biden Kerry announced at the 28th United Climate Conference (COP28) that the United regardless States would ioin the economic international Powering or Past Coal Alliance, which would commit the U.S. to building no new coal-fired power plants and to phase out

"We will be working coal phase-out across the world, building stronger economies resilient more

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Light for People in Darkness

By Abraham Skorka From L'Osservatore Romano

According to rabbinic tradition Rosh Hashanah 17b), God has thirteen attributes. The rabbis derived them from Exodus 34:6ff: "The Lord! the Lord! a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness." Hebrew translated here "steadfast love" is hesed, which does not have direct cognates in other languages. It has been rendered in many ways, including steadfast love, lovingkindness, mercy, and covenantal love.

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charity [tzedakah, can also be rendered righteousness or fairness]: Charity can be performed only acts of hesed can be hesed are done for both the poor and the rich. Finally, charity is given of hesed are performed both for the living and the dead."

described the character of a person who seeks understood to embody God's hesed. Such a person is called hasid. Rabbeinu Yonah Gerondi in his grace, unexpected gift, Talmudic discussion of Unforgiving Talmudic text b. Sukkah David Kimchi in his as Sages exegesis on Psalms taught that for three (4:4), explains that a (Matthew

rabbis

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are superior to those relates to everyone instructed his disciples darkness and pessimism beyond the bounds of to rote justice and seeks to imitate the divine virtues of goodness and mercy. According to the with one's money, while opinion of another sage, money. Charity is given (b. Avodah Zarah 20b). to the poor, while acts of Thus, in Jeremiah 3:12, the prophet, speaking for God, declares: "I will not look on you to the living, while acts in anger, for I am compassionate [hasid] — declares the Lord; I do not bear a grudge for also all time."

Jesus as Jew the importance of hesed as a divine virtue. This is evident, for example, in the Parable of the Servant the Pirkei Avot (2:5:1; (Matthew 18:21-35), in the 2:8:5), as well as Rabbi his saving, "Be perfect your perfect" Father is

pray, "Forgive us our trespasses as those who trespass against us (Matthew 6:12). These thoughts to be a hasid means to come to my mind as performed both with obtain the highest of I see my Christian one's body and one's the attributes of God friends preparing to commemorate birth of the one who, join together to herald a according to their faith, brought the Good News of the hesed of God to the wider world.h

Dreadfully, neither hesed nor tzedakah — lovingkindness nor charity/fairness characterize our world today. Hatred and violence blind the minds and spirits of many, and attitudes of peace and reconciliation do not prevail over destructive madness. The savagery of our times poisons heavenly minds and desensitizes The prophet Isaiah also hearts. After a painful 5:48), pandemic that killed

seems to have descended humanity. Nature forgiven itself seems to protest the lack of human care and respect for it.

I believe we live in a time that demands everyone who cherishes the divine attributes of hesed and tzedakah to world in which weapons are set aside and justice and peace are the pillars of existence.

There is a passage in the prophet Habakkuk that the later rabbis in b. Makkot 24a thought was the ethical essence of the Hebrew Bible. That verse, which also informs the Christian New Testament, reads, "the righteous person [tzadik, from tzedakah] will live because of his faith" (Habakkuk 2:4). speaks of "The people that walked in darkness reasons acts of hesed hasid is someone who and in the phrase he millions, a pall of have seen a brilliant D.C.

light; on those who dwelt in a land of gloom light has dawned" (9:1[2]). These cries of the ancient prophets remind us who are living in a time of darkness of the importance of following in the ways of the lovingkindness and merciful justice of the ever faithful One who gives us life. The light of God illuminates our way, if only we will turn to it.

May the lights Hanukkah Christmas lighted this inspire month respective peoples to renew our dedication to the world of hesed envisioned by prophets and proclaimed by Jesus.

Merry Christmas!

Georgetown University, Washington

Lincoln High School NJROTC Rifle Team



Photo courtesy of Lincoln High School

Lincoln High School NJROTC Rifle Team competing in the San Benito Rifle Competition. Their targets will be mailed to San Benito, Texas for scoring and competition with participating units throughout the





Wisdom from Poor Richard's Almanack

By Benjamin Franklin

An egg today is better than a hen tomorrow. An empty bag cannot stand upright.

A new truth is a truth, an old error is an error, though Clodpate won't allow either.

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communities," said.

Later conference, world, telling those allow gathered, power permitted anywhere in the world."

Treasurer Moore said if the goals of Kerry and President Joe Biden are achieved, it would not only devastate the West Virginia economy, but that of the entire United States.

economy already reeling from made a few speeches the rampant inflation in between cocktail suffered under Biden Administration, international and if we allow them to achieve their goals of destroying coal and to other fossil fuels like oil Treasurer Moore said. and gas, it will literally be 'lights out' for West exert its authority and Virginia and United reject any attempts States," Treasurer to Moore said.

"Even the head of international the COP28 summit has cabal said there is 'no science' behind this fossil fuel energy phase-out, adding it overall economy."

Kerry would be impossible to achieve these goals the 'unless you want to Kerry take the world back said coal should be into caves," Treasurer eliminated across the Moore said. "We cannot these radical "There elites to destroy our shouldn't be any more economy in the name of plants fake science."

Treasurer Moore called on Congress to take steps to block any international anti-coal commitments made by Kerry at the U.N. summit.

"Just because John

Kerry and his fellow jet-setting global elites soiree does not mean the United States is bound his promises," "I urge Congress to commit United States into an climate destroy our nation's sector

