

An Amazing Mayor



By Jim Hunt
For the News
and Journal

Over my career, I have met hundreds, if not thousands, of mayors. Some have been from big cities, like Mayor Eric Garcetti of Los Angeles and Mayor Tony Williams of Washington, DC, or small towns, like Mayor Ted Ellis of Bluffton,



Jim Hunt (standing) with Mayor Terry Williams of Spencer, West Virginia.

Indiana.

A mayor is generally not a lifetime job and most last about eight years, if not less. Being a mayor is a tough job

and there is a lot to learn and many challenges to overcome. There is no school to attend to learn

how to be mayor and many learn on the job.

Some mayors are what are called “strong

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Warner and County Clerks Begin Routine Voter List Maintenance

Charleston, W. Va. – registrations in West Virginia have been identified by an updated address comparison with the United States Postal Service (USPS), the WV Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), or by official election mail that was returned as undeliverable. Of those, 88,000 addresses will soon receive an important confirmation postcard from their county clerk’s office.

“West Virginia and federal laws require election officials to send a postcard to each address of a voter who is identified as possibly abandoning their registration. These voters were identified when they provided a newer address to the USPS, DMV, or when official election mail was returned which indicated a voter may have moved,” said Secretary Warner. “If the voter moved to another West Virginia county, we can help

Over 109,000 instances of possible abandoned voter

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Warriors Chapel Plans February Event in Shinnston to Support New Parents

By Stephen Smoot

In times past, the arrival of a baby served as an event that brought together the new parents’

extended family and friends. People gathered to provide needed supplies, helpful gifts, and dispense wisdom on how to be the best

parent one could be. Today, with families scattered far and wide, not every expecting

parent enjoys that kind of support system. Brand new parents, especially, sometimes

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Japanese Ambassador Mikio Mori, Honorary Consul Larry Rector, and West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner.

Warner Helps Recognize Rector as W.Va.’s First Honorary Consul of Japan

Charleston, W. Va. – inauguration ceremony On behalf of the State of West Virginia, Secretary of State Mac Warner participated in the

Larry Rector, a Steptoe & Johnson resident of Bridgeport PLLC, was appointed and an attorney with Honorary Consul of Japan.

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Commission Discusses Recreation Barn Proposal, Some Residents’ Trash Fees to Rise

By Stephen Smoot

The Harrison County Commission worked a light agenda for their meeting on Dec 13. Commissioner Patsy Trecost left the assembled in prayer, sharing that “Lord,

we thank you for this Christmas season. Not the holiday season, the Christmas season.”

Commissioners then recited the Pledge of Allegiance and commenced the proceedings.

On the subject

of turnover at Harrison County 911, Commissioner David Hinkle asked about

“why we have constant rotation in and out of there with these employees.” Laura Pysz, county administrator,

responded that many

of those leaving the position have spent less than a year in the job.

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Shinnston Police Department’s Brittany Bonnell graduated earlier this month from the Fairmont State University Police Academy.

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OPINION

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Super Crossword

Yes, Virginia. There Is a Santa Claus

New York Sun - 1897

We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

"Dear Editor--I am eight years old.

"Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

"Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun, it's so.'

"Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

Virginia O'Hanlon

115 W. 95th Street

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Charleston WV - Dec. 22, 1928: 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. Dec. 21, 1798: Wood County was established by the Virginia General Assembly. It was named for James Wood, governor of Virginia from 1796 to 1800. Dec. 22, 1928: Radio station WMMN of Fairmont began operations as one of West Virginia's pioneer stations. For nearly two decades beginning in 1935, WMMN was an important outlet for country and western music performers. The highlight of this era was the "Sagebrush Roundup," a Saturday-night live-audience show which began in December 1938 and

was broadcast weekly for nearly ten years. Dec. 23, 1987: Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme escaped from the Federal Prison Camp in Alderson. Fromme, who was serving a life sentence for trying to kill President Gerald Ford, was captured two days later near the prison. Dec. 24, 1852: The last spike was driven on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad between Baltimore and the Ohio River. The event occurred at Rosbys Rock near Moundsville. To mark the spot where the final spike was driven the following words were carved upon the rock: Rosbys [sic] Rock Track Closed Christmas Eve 1852. Dec. 24, 1942: The Committee on Fair Employment Practices ordered that Jehovah's Witnesses be reinstated to their jobs at Pittsburgh Plate Glass in Clarksburg. The workers had been fired for refusing to participate in union-sponsored flag-salute ceremonies at the plant. Dec. 25, 1887: Folk artist James Tyree Rexrode was born in Pendleton County. He created a visual record of rural West Virginia life in the early 20th century. He died in 1976. Dec. 26, 1917: Instrument maker Harold M. Hayslett was born in Putnam County. Hayslett's violins, violas and cellos have received awards for tone and workmanship, and are cherished by collectors and players alike. Dec. 27, 1797: The county seat of Ohio County was moved from West Liberty to Wheeling. Dec. 27, 1923: Businessman and Point Pleasant native Michael Owens, who revolutionized the glass industry through automation, died at age 64.

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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 United Way Family & Friends Christmas Dinner is scheduled to take place at Simpson Creek Baptist Church in Bridgeport on December 14th, starting at 5:30 PM. This heartwarming event will provide an opportunity for families to come together, enjoy a delicious meal, and create lasting memories during the holiday season.

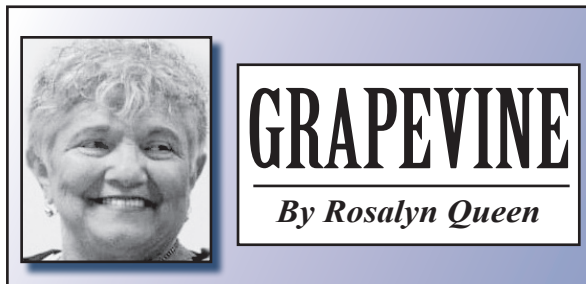
****Clarksburg First Friday Festival, 4:30-8 p.m., downtown Clarksburg.** Live music at three locations: Historic Waldomore (4:30-6:30), GoreLuxe (6:00-8:00), and the Art Gallery, 331 West Main Street (5:00-6:00); Children's music rehearsal at Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library (4:30-6:00); Craft vendors at the GoreLuxe; Clarksburg History Museum (11AM-8PM); Clarksburg Area Model Railroad Club; Art Gallery Lego Art Competition (6-7) and Art Show (4:30-8); Downtown Restaurants and Businesses open; Food Trucks on W. Pike Street; Special Appearance by Ron Holloway, saxophonist; Clarksburg Visitors Bureau, 304-622-2157.

My 2023 Letter to Santa

Dear Santa. I hope all is well with you and Mrs. Claus. Please get some rest as you prepare for your long journey on Christmas Eve. As always I have given some thought as to what I would say to you. And each time I get ready to write I change my mind and start a new approach.

Since it is getting close, I have decided that now is the time to get this yearly errand done.

First Santa I want you to bring good health for the new year to my family and to all those who are so good to me. Be sure they have food to eat and a warm home. Help them learn how to be happy and how to



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By Rosalyn Queen

love each other. Help them share all their blessings with those less fortunate than they are and give them all the love and good health they can stand. And if you have an extra Reese Cup, put it in their stocking. And be sure to eat their cookies and milk and I bet they will even leave you some pita Piata.

Next Santa I want you to leave me all the good health you can for next

year. So I know you cannot take away all those 84 year old aches and pains but maybe leave me a little Ben Gay. Please surround me with my four children and their spouses, my grandchildren and my great grandchildren, all my cousins and especially my sisters, Joan and Cathy and my brother Bill. Please let us enjoy each other as a special present. It would be wonderful if you

could gift each of us with the knowledge to forgive and approach each day with a new spirit.

Do not forget to allow all of us to share memories of Christmas past. Those wonderful gatherings at Grandmas.

Leave each of us the ability to forgive and forget, to share our good fortunes and to accept our misfortunes

Santa I will be listening as you leave and I will hear you proclaim "Merry Christmas To All And To All A Good Night."

Merry Christmas to all my readers and a blessed and holy Christmas from the Queen Family.

Family & Friends Christmas Dinner Event to Support Grandfamilies

The United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties, in collaboration with Healthy Grandfamilies, LegalAid of WV, CASA, Harrison County BOE, and Hands of Hope, is pleased to announce the upcoming Family & Friends Christmas Dinner event. This special occasion aims to bring joy and support to over 70 children, 60 grandparents, foster families, and dozens of volunteers from the community.

Healthy Grandfamilies, an esteemed organization dedicated to empowering and educating grandparents, will provide an information series during the event. The series focuses on equipping grandparents with the necessary tools to support their

households effectively. By linking them to valuable resources and fostering a community of support, Healthy Grandfamilies seeks to enhance the lives of these grandfamilies.

Legal Aid of WV will also be present at the evening's event, hosting an educational seminar covering multiple topics. This seminar aims to provide grandparents with valuable information to help keep their grandchildren safer and healthier. The topics covered will address various aspects of grandparenting, offering guidance and support to the attendees.

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Bridgeport on December 14th, starting at 5:30 PM. This heartwarming event will provide an opportunity for families to come together, enjoy a delicious meal, and create lasting memories during the holiday season.

Brad Riffie, the Executive Director of United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties, expressed his pride in fully funding the social worker position for the Healthy Grandfamilies program through United Way support. Serving over 238 grandfamilies, the program's dedicated social worker, Tammy Romano, and Harrison County BOE volunteer coordinator, Pam Hotsinpiller, go above and beyond in

facilitating connections between grandparents and essential resources. The United Way's support plays a crucial role in ensuring the success and impact of this program.

Riffie also invites individuals and organizations to make a difference in the lives of these families and others to be served by gifting a generous donation to the United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties. Contributions can be made by contacting the United Way at 304-624-6337 or visiting their website at www.unitedwayhdc.org. 100% of each donation will support this program and 21 other United Way fund partners.

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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.

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

Bible Passage

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace"

Isaiah 9:6

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Japan by Ambassador Mikio Mori who serves as the Consul-General of Japan in New York.

The inauguration ceremony was held at the West Virginia Culture Center at the State Capitol. Other dignitaries attending the ceremony included Satoshi Miura, the

President of the Japanese External Trade Organization's (JETRO) New York Office.

Honorary Consuls are assigned to represent Japan's interests as well as Japanese residents through means such as fostering increased business activities and promoting cultural exchanges between Japan and regions where no Consulate-General office is established.

Japanese Ambassador Mikio Mori, Honorary Consul Larry Rector, and WV Secretary of State Mac Warner

Citing the thousands of residents of the state who are employed by Japanese companies, Secretary Warner commended Rector for taking this significant step towards building a closer and more meaningful relationship between West Virginia and the government of Japan. Rector's appointment is expected to enhance political, business, and cultural relationships that will foster continued growth for the state's economy.

Immediately preceding the ceremony, a business forum titled "The Current and Future of Business Exchanges between Japan and West Virginia" was hosted by the WV Department of Economic Development, the Consulate General of Japan in New York and JETRO New York.

The forum included presentations by President Miura, WVED International Director Steve Spence, and Barry Pearson of Toyota Manufacturing in Buffalo, WV.

A photo gallery of the business forum, inauguration ceremony and reception that followed can be found here.

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lack that source of advice or extra help that can make all the difference.

As part of Warriors’ Chapel’s yearly drive to “show love to the community,” the church has chosen to put together a Community Baby Shower on Feb 10. It will take place between 11 AM and 2 PM at Warriors’ Chapel. All are welcome to participate.

According to organizer Ashley Dytzel, the idea sprang from the fact that “we have a lot of new moms

in the church, many of them with littles.” Each year, the church holds a community resource event in the second month of the year, but in 2024, they plan to address more specific needs.

The Community Baby Shower will work to assist both parents with children under 12 months and also those who are expecting. Along with the availability of items, such as free diapers, wipes, clothes up to 12 months, furniture, and more, there will also be

volunteers there to give advice.

As of now, this includes a financial advisor and a lactation consultant.

The first 20 to register, which can be done by texting BABY to (304) 672-2011, get door prizes. Light refreshments will also be included. The church will also raffle off a high chair.

“Other than the hospital,” Dytzel said, “there’s not a lot of places to get information. This puts it out there for people who

are planning. There’s a lot of new moms who need information. It’s nice to have a place to talk.

That is the other major purpose of the shower, “just loving on people,” Dytzell explained, adding “talking to them about what they’re going through.” Many times, parents just need someone to listen to their stresses and struggles.

Though planned, the organizers continue to canvass the community to find donations so as to assist as many parents

as possible. Those with items to donate can drop them off at the church ramp at any time.

Dytzell shared her family’s personal reasons for being a part of the drive. “My husband and I are younger,” she said, adding that “we have three little ones who are younger. I think we can relate pretty well.”

She also stated that area churches work in tandem to spread out community assistance events through the year, so none compete with each other and

people can have broader access to help. “It’s nice. We get to focus on each season. We plan to make it bigger and bigger each year.”

Holding community support and service events also helps the church to fulfill its overall mission, “being the hands and feet of Jesus. The Bible teaches us to help those in need.”

“That’s our mission. To help those who are broken and in need.”

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them update their registration,” Warner continued. “If they moved out of state, they are no longer eligible to vote and we encourage them to cancel their voter registration.”

These postcards are expected to arrive in voters’ mailboxes in the coming weeks. The postcard asks the voter to confirm that they are still a resident of the

state and county at the address on their voter registration record.

Secretary Warner encourages every voter who receives the confirmation postcard to confirm that they reside at the address on file or update the address by scanning the QR code on the postcard with a mobile device and follow the easy steps to keep their registration in

“active” status. Voters can also check and update their registration information online at ovr.sos.wv.gov, or by returning the pre-paid postage postcard to their county clerk.

Regular maintenance on voter registration lists is mandated by the National Voter Registration Act and West Virginia law. Voters who confirm their

address by returning a postcard will remain “active.”

Voters whose postcards are not returned, or are returned by the USPS as “undeliverable,” will be categorized as “inactive.” Voters who are “inactive” still remain eligible to vote in the next two federal election cycles. However, if a voter’s

registration address remains unconfirmed for the next two federal general elections after receipt of the confirmation notice, 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 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) 558-6000.

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mayors”, which means that they are the chief administrative officer of a city and supervise the staff, along with preparing budgets and proposing legislation for the city council to consider.

Another type of mayor is called a “weak mayor” and this does not mean they are physically weak, but rather, that they perform ceremonial duties, like cutting ribbons and issuing proclamations, and leaving the administrative duties to a city manager or city administrator.

Of all the mayors that I have known, one stands out for many reasons. For one, he has been the mayor of his town

since the age of twenty-four and has served for over forty-seven years. He has been involved in hundreds of projects and worked with seven different governors during his tenure. He led the effort to build a new city hall and has helped rebuild his city’s downtown core to a viable and quaint shopping area.

Mayor Williams has received many honors during his time as Mayor of Spencer and has served as President of the West Virginia Municipal League three times, along with being selected as Mayor of the Year and received the league’s Quiet Strength Award. He has served as President of the Black

Walnut Festival five times and was recognized by his alma mater, Glenville State College for their 2019 Alumni Achievement Award.

While his honors and recognitions are substantial, his most impressive feat is his ability to inject a human touch to the oft-staid approach to local government. Meetings are never boring when Mayor Williams is in the room and his zingers are often directed at those who are the most strait-laced and stoic.

He is in charge of presenting the West Virginia Municipal League’s “Mayor of the Year” award each year and as he reads the description of the

honoree, with their family in attendance, it is hard to tell if they are the state’s best mayor or one of the ten most wanted criminals. At meetings, there is usually a crowd gathered around him and his stories are legendary.

One that he particularly enjoys telling is about the USDA loan officer who was processing the final payment of a 40-year loan the city had taken out, and he asks the Mayor if he is the same guy who signed the original document and upon learning that he was, exclaimed, “I don’t think we’ve ever had the guy who signed for the loan, still being around when it was paid off!”

Terry laughs when he tells the story, but this is

a rare instance indeed.

More than humor, Mayor Terry Williams has formed lifelong friendships throughout the state

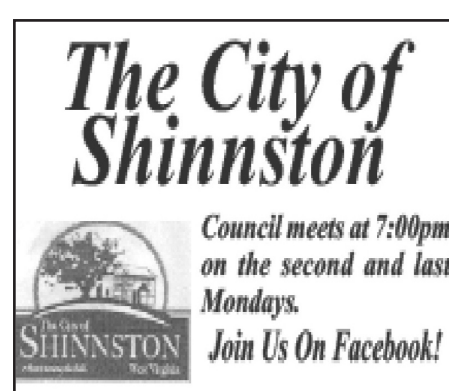
of West Virginia, and I have seen his care and compassion when a fellow official is going through a tough time. The late Tom Oxley of Oak Hill, WV was a frequent target of Terry’s barbs and the two had a close friendship through the years.

When Tom fell ill, Terry kept in touch with him and did his best to keep his spirits up. Mayor Williams did a touching tribute to Tom at the league conference in Wheeling and there was not a dry eye in the crowd.

Politics can be a

heartless, humorless endeavor and many times we forget that there are human beings in these roles, performing a public service, through the slings and arrows of an often-unforgiving public. I have been honored to know many of these outstanding leaders and Mayor Terry Williams is one of the best.

With his wife, Carol at his side, he has carried the hopes and dreams of his little town of Spencer, on his shoulders for nearly half a century, as he carved a career that few could have endured for so many years.



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WVU Medicine Children's encourages safe holiday travel

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – The holidays are a time to visit friends and family, which usually means travel. With more people on the roads, the WVU Medicine Children's Injury Prevention and Safety Program is reminding families to stay safe while out and about.

Before any holiday fun, families must arrive safely to their destination.

The Injury Prevention

Team says to go by the rule of "everyone buckled, every ride, every time." That includes making sure children are in the appropriate car seats for their height and weight.

Those car seats should also be used on airplanes. As an added benefit, this will ensure that families have the proper car seat with them for any additional driving at their destination.

Before leaving home in the winter, prepare for any emergencies that could happen on the road. The Injury Prevention Team recommends packing extra blankets, food, diapers, and anything else that may be needed to care for children. Also make sure to keep cell phones fully charged.

While loading the car, also make sure that any hot foods, large packages, and anything

that could fly around in a crash are secure in the trunk.

The final step to safe driving is being aware of the environment because roads and parking lots are busier during the holidays. Stay alert and avoid distractions. Don't use the phone or listen to loud music.

When arriving at the destination, there are a few more steps parents should take to make

sure their children stay safe. Safe sleep should always be a priority, no matter where the family is traveling.

The Injury Prevention Team wants parents to remember these safe sleep tips:

Babies younger than one year should always be placed on their backs to sleep on a firm, flat surface.

Infants should always sleep alone and in a crib that is free of any toys,

blankets, pillows, or other persons.

Co-sleeping, sleeping in an adult bed alone, or with anyone else should be avoided due to risk of suffocation.

Infants should not routinely sleep in any infant seat, swing, stroller, or bouncer.

Make sure grandparents, caregivers, and other family members know the best safe sleep practices.

First cohort of WVU Medicine Aspiring Nurse Program students introduced

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – WVU Medicine WVU Hospitals hosted a formal signing ceremony today (Dec. 13) for nursing students from the Laurel Institute, West Virginia Junior College, Fairmont State University, and WVU accepted into the WVU Medicine Aspiring Nurse Program.

"As the academic flagship organization and only American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Magnet®-designated hospital in West Virginia, our commitment to nursing education is paramount," Mary Fanning, D.N.P.,

R.N., F.R.E., N.E.A.-B.C., interim chief nursing officer at WVU Hospitals, said. "The Aspiring Nurse Program provides an innovative and proactive strategy to support our organizational growth by targeting financial resources for nursing students when they need them most."

The students selected will complete clinical rotations at WVU Medicine WVU Hospitals to ensure they receive high quality, hands-on clinical immersion experiences to assist them as they transition to professional nursing

practice.

The WVU Medicine Center for Nursing Excellence established the Aspiring Nurse Program to provide day-to-day life expenses for nursing students to support their everyday needs. The students who were accepted to the program receive up to \$25,000 over the course of four semesters, including a sign-on bonus upon hire in exchange for a three-year work commitment following graduation. The students will also receive support from academic success coaches and retention specialists. The inaugural cohort at WVU Hospitals includes approximately

40 students.

WVU Medicine has developed new, formalized partnerships with nursing education programs at 14 colleges and universities for the Aspiring Nurse Program to offer access to the program at 19 WVU Medicine hospitals in Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. Additional partnerships are in the works.

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(Front row, left to right) Jessica Huffman, D.N.P., R.N., C.N.E.P., assistant vice president of clinical services at the WVU Medicine Center for Nursing Excellence; Mary Fanning, D.N.P., R.N., F.R.E., N.E.A.-B.C., interim chief nursing officer at WVU Medicine WVU Hospitals; and Jennifer Strait, M.S.N., R.N., N.P.D.-B.C., O.D.C.P., director of nursing professional development and education at WVU Hospitals, pose for a photo with the inaugural cohort of Aspiring Nurses at WVU Hospitals.

opportunities to attract B.C., chief nurse and retain the best executive for the WVU Health System, said. "Our vision is to improve the quality of and access to care," Melanie Heuston, D.N.P., R.N., N.E.A.- pipeline of nurses."

Allied Health Solutions Pharmacy to shift to WVU Medicine Specialty Pharmacy and Home Infusion

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Oliver Nay: Prisoner of War at Andersonville

By Bobby Bice

The accompanying image is taken from a tin type encased in a small walnut frame. I took the frame to Buffington Studios several years ago and had them create a high-quality copy of the image. The original tin-type is hand colored. It depicts Olliver (Oliver) Nay, a Union soldier during the Civil War.

Born in 1834, Oliver was raised near Enterprise on his father's farm, close to the Marion County line. One of a dozen children born to Elijah and Hannah (Smith) Nay, Oliver and two of his brothers, Silas and John, were not only farmers, but carpenters and builders as well. Their shop was located on [what is today known as] lower Walnut Street in Shinnston.

In those days, the street was known as Ferry Street due to the ferry operation located there that allowed access to the west side of the river, before a bridge was constructed. Oliver and his brothers were master builders, constructing not only pieces of furniture, but houses and other structures as well.

One of the still-standing structures known to have been built by them is the building next to the current Harmer Funeral Home in Shinnston.

Built in 1860, the 2 story building housed one of Shinnston's first schools. It originally fronted several lots along Pike Street, but was later turned 90 degrees to utilize the depth of the land as well as create additional space for more buildings to have access along the 'pike'.

Oliver and his brother John married sisters, Minerva and Elizabeth, respectively. They were daughters of Dr. Jacob and Amy (Shinn) Fortney. Oliver's brother, John Nay, did not serve during the Civil War; however, he made a mark on local history because of the war. He was a supporter for the Union cause and served as a guide for the local Union Home Guards when they attacked Peter B. Righter's farm at Coon's Run. The Nay family farm,



Oliver Nay was captured by the Confederacy and held as prisoner in Georgia's notorious Andersonville prison. The commandant was the only Confederate executed for war crimes after the end of the conflict.

where John and Oliver grew up, adjoined Righter's farm and John directed the group of Home Guards on their path to the Righter place. The Union Volunteers burned the Righter farm house and several outbuildings. The farm was being used as a recruiting station for Confederate soldiers and when they fought in retaliation, John Nay was shot in the leg. He remained a cripple for the rest of his life.

Over the years, a chant was sung to add to the story that symbolizes what John Nay was saying as he led the group to the Righter place: "Come on boys, step a little lighter; We'll go down and get Pete Righter." When Oliver married Minerva in 1856, they

established their home two children (twins) along present lower Walnut Street where they began a family, He enlisted as a Private on June 25 th , four children. The last 1861 at Clarksburg and

it was from there that he would leave on a train to defend the Union cause. When he enlisted, he was part of Company E of the 3 rd Virginia

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Super Crossword

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OBITUARIES



Joshua Allen Goodwin

Joshua Allen Goodwin, 41, of Clarksburg, passed away on December 10, 2023. He was born on July 18, 1982 in Harrison County.

He is survived by his fiancé Jennifer Taylor of Clarksburg; his children, son Austin King of Salem, and daughters Cheyenne, Shayla, and Kaitlyn King all of Clarksburg; mother Lillian Goodwin (Steve Snyder) of Lamberts Run; father Richard Goodwin (Debbie) of Hepzibah; grandson Willow, brothers Rob and Scott Johnson; and his nieces and nephew.

Josh worked construction and enjoyed motorcycles, loved music, liked cutting the grass, and spending time with his family.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Monday, December 18,

2023 from 11:00AM-1:00PM. A funeral service will be held at 1:00PM with Pastor Jeff Burnside officiating. Entombment will follow at Rose Hill Mausoleum, West Milford.

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

Mary Ella (Turpen) Jett



Mary Ella (Turpen) Jett, 86, of Meadowbrook, passed away on Friday, December 15, 2023. She was born in Goodlett, TX on November 7, 1937 to the late Raymond and Mildred (Hyden) Turpen.

She had worked as a sales clerk for Montgomery Wards.

Mary is survived by three sons: Raymond Jett and companion Veronica Arnett of Meadowbrook, Jeffrey Jett and wife Mary Ann of Jefferson, GA and

Marvin Jett and wife Vickie of Roanoke, VA; six grandsons: Travis, Jayden and Daniel Jett and Robert, Nate and A.J. Gentry; two granddaughters: Destiny Jett and Sabrina Sprouse; two great granddaughters: Jenova Sprouse and Chloe Gentry and three great grandsons: Craig, Logan and Bentley Gentry.

In addition to her parents, Mary is preceded in death by her husband, Harvey Leonard Jett and two sisters: Shirley Moore and Barbara Alford.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Mary's care fund on our website.

Family and friends will be received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston on Monday, December 18, 2023 from 11:00am until time of service, 1:00pm with Pastor Jeffrey Jett and Pastor Thomas Aaron officiating. Interment will follow to Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

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



Marcia Lynn Jones

Marcia Lynn Jones, 76, of Shinnston, passed away on December 12, 2023. She was born in Clarksburg on February 8, 1947, a daughter to the late John W. Currey and Dorothy L. Zirkle Currey.

Marcia is survived by her husband L. Wayne Jones, whom she married on August 5, 1967. She's also survived by her two sons, Steven (Kristi) Jones of Belmont, and Chris (Katherine) Jones of Bruceton Mills; siblings Linda (Rodney) Osbourn of Shinnston, John (Cindy) Currey of Morgantown, and Melissa Rice of Bridgeport; grandson Kyle Jones; and nieces and nephews Lisa Rawlings, Wes Osbourn, Casey Kukoly, Nick Currey, Alex Rice, and Paige Rice.

She worked at the Bank of Shinnston as a Proof Operator. Marcia was a member of the Eastern Star, and enjoyed camping and ceramics.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Thursday, December 14, 2023 from 4:00PM-8:00PM. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Friday, December 15, 2023 at 11:00AM, with Pastor Harry Holbert officiating. Interment will follow at Mannington Memorial Park.

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Mariah Joe Ann Pauschel

Mariah Joe Ann Pauschel of Adamsville

passed away Monday evening Dec 11 with her family around her due to complications of existing health conditions.

Mariah is survived by her two reasons for life, Blake Timothy Sisler, 15 and Joplin Beverly Pauschel, 3, and her soul mate Ernie Cienawski. Mariah was a graduate of Lincoln High School class of 2000 and attended Fairmont State College.

Mariah is also survived by her mother and father, Mary Anderson Pauschel and Tim Pauschel. She is also survived by her sister and best friend Megan Pauschel. She is also survived by 2 uncles, Joey Pauschel and John Anderson, and one aunt Joyce Anderson and several cousins. She is also survived by her loving dog, "Bubby."

Mariah was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Joe and Beverly Pauschel, and her maternal grandparents, John and Joann Anderson.

Mariah enjoyed canning, skiing, tie dying and other outdoor activities.

Cremation will take place. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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

Linda Lou (Carder) Pulice

Linda Lou (Carder) Pulice, 78, of Shinnston passed away on 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.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Pulice, whom she married in May of 2010.

She is survived by brothers Marvin Carder and wife Janet, Four States, and Ferlin Carder and wife Kim, Shinnston; her sister, Emma Garrett and husband Paul, Jane Lew; Brother-in-law Don Bowyer, Harrisville; Step-children, Cathy Secreto and Chris Pulice; 4 Step-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

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

Linda was employed by G.C. Murphy and later Murphy Mart. Also, she was an employee of B.F. Specialties and Wholesale Tire.

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

Friends will be received at the Harmer Funeral Home, 300 Pike St., Shinnston, on Friday from 11 am to 1 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.

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Tigers Top Slippery Rock

Salem University
Athletics

SLIPPERY ROCK, PA - The Salem Tigers squared off tonight in their eleventh game of the 2023-24 regular season against Slippery Rock University (0-4). The Tigers (2-8) looked to bounce after a tough one-point loss on their home court to the Senators from Davis & Elkins.

It was Slippery Rock who grabbed the first lead of the night with a layup in transition before the Tigers responded with a 7-0 run. Teodora Popovic was feeling it early as she drained two shots from distance

to chip in for six of the Tiger's sixteen first-quarter points. The Salem defense held strong all through the first, allowing just nine points and forcing three turnovers.

Slippery Rock made a run at Salem to start the second, outsourcing the Tigers 7-3 in the opening four minutes of play. Salem responded with a run of their own led by Anna Machytкова who continued to thrive after a great first quarter. Teodora Popovic made it three three-pointers on the night before the half and Salem went into the break up 32-22.

Both offenses caught fire in the third. Salem

scored twenty-one points in the period and got contributions from seven different players. This team was clicking at their best point of the season and seemingly could do no wrong. Slippery Rock seemed to figure out the Tiger defense some at the half. They scored seventeen points in the third nearly matching Salem. Going into our final quarter of regulation the Tigers held on to their lead 53-39.

The powerful offensive output of the third had slowed to a near snail's pace by the fourth. Both teams struggled to shoot a high percentage from the floor. As a result, the Tigers took the action to

Slippery Rock, making it a point of emphasis to drive the basket and force the issue. Four of the Tiger's five baskets in the fourth quarter came at the rim, including a tough and-one from Anete Bluma on a dish from Carine Pinkney. Salem's consistency tonight was key for them as they held on to win 64-50 and advance to (3-8) on the season.

The Tiger's next game comes Saturday, December 16th at 2:00 PM when they will host the Yellow Jackets of Cedarville University at T. Edward Davis Gymnasium in Salem, WV.



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 Athlete Spotlight

By Bill Nestor

The Harrison County athletes in the spotlight this week are Lincoln's Ashlyn Riley and Bridgeport's Landon Sanders.

Cougar basketball standout Ashlyn Riley was impressive in a pair of games this past week. Riley scored 25 points, grabbed five rebounds, and blocked two shots in Monday's loss to St. Mary's. The next night, Riley led her team to a win over Buckhannon-Upshur. She scored a game-

high 26 points, had four steals, and dished out three assists.

Bridgeport Indian basketball player Landon Sanders helped his team to a huge win over cross town rival Robert C. Byrd last Friday. Sanders scored a game high 18 points in the affair with 12 of them coming in the second half.

Congratulations to Lincoln's Ashlyn Riley and Bridgeport's Landon Sanders for shining bright in the SN and HCJ spotlight!

Has There Finally Been Some Order in the Court?

By Bill Nestor

If there is order in the court, then there can be some order found on the court. This past year has been an emotional roller coaster for West Virginia basketball players Rae Quan Battle and Noah Farrakhan.

Battle and Farrakhan have been dueling with the NCAA for the right to participate in games this season. The NCAA has denied both players the opportunity because they have played at previous schools and now it's time for a break. Battle and Farrakhan did not want a time out, so they decided to take on the NCAA.

This isn't what you would call a fair fight as the two hoopsters enlisted the aid of others

in hopes of overturning the giant. West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey, Ohio Attorney General David Yost, and six other surrounding states' attorneys general banded together to join the cause.

Last Wednesday in Wheeling, good news came down from Judge John Bailey. Bailey issued a 14 day temporary restraining order which was then converted to a preliminary injunction which was scheduled to last until the end of spring sports. This opened the door for the pair of players to make their Mountaineers debut. However, there was still concern that if they suited up this season, and if there

was an about face in the courtroom, would they be eligible to lose eligibility?

It looks like that is just a chance they are willing to take. Farrakhan played just three days later against Massachusetts in the Basketball Hall of Fame Classic. Battle did not play because of flu-like symptoms, but is ready to go as soon as his health improves.

Another WVU player that saw his first action of the year in the Hall of Fame Classic was Kerr Kriisa. Kriisa was doing his time for an NCAA violation of rules that kept him out of the first nine games of the year. Mountaineer head coach Josh Eilert

decided to throw caution to the wind with his point guard as Kriisa played a team-high 36 minutes. Kriisa responded with 20 points and a game high seven assists. Farrakhan was impressive in the affair as well. The senior scored 15 points in 18 minutes on seven of 11 shooting from the field.

West Virginia scored a season high 79 points in the loss to UMass. That is the biggest positive to take away from the setback. Now that the roster has been filled with talent, Eilert and his staff can now address some of the concerns. The top priority is to tighten up the defense, which gave up a season

See "Court" on Pg 5

Lincoln High School Takes Fourth In State Cheer Championships

By Stephen Smoot

For the third year in a row, those who lead the cheers for Cougar sports teams have gone to Huntington to compete for a state double A title.

This year, their young squad earned a fourth place finish.

In the week leading up to the competition, as Coach Mandi Brown describes, "they were nervous, but excited." She added that the team "can't wait for it to come, but they're nervous for it to come." They felt a classic competitive combination of nervousness and excitement, their coach said.

Five of the squad, all freshmen, had competed before but not at this level. "It was a brand new experience," their coach explained, "an experience like no other to think that you could be getting a state championship."

For the junior class,

however, this made their third trip to states. Brown said "they really helped the freshmen."

Competition took place at the Cam Henderson Center on the campus of Marshall University. The stadium, which seats almost 10,000, dwarfs the venues in which the team is generally accustomed to perform. Brown said "it's such a big place, all the seats, the jumbotron, it starts to get overwhelming."

Every year, the competition rotates which class will open the day. Class double A started off this year at 10 AM. "We had to be at Cam Henderson Center at 8:30 to get there in time to be settled in," Brown stated. The girls checked in, stretched and warmed up for five minutes, then commenced the seemingly long wait until they could take the floor.

With an inexperienced

team, Lincoln faced a tough climb to have a shot to win. "Double A was stacked," Brown shared, listing Fairmont Senior, East Fairmont, Logan, and Winfield among the most accomplished in attendance.

"We knew it would be tough," she added.

To prepare for competition, the cheer squad practices six days a week to transform the intricate series of choreographed physical moves into "muscle memory." Brown praised Lincoln High School, saying "our school works great with us and makes sure we get gym time," which comes at a premium with both boys and girls basketball also practicing.

The team got two minutes and thirty seconds to perform a single routine from which judges would assign scores and placement.

"We made a couple of little mistakes," Brown said, adding that "we didn't win, but the future is bright. We knew it had to be a flawless routine."

She also shared her pride in how her team handled the setback, saying "they were professional. There was no emotion shared as to how bummed they were. They surprised me how they held it together."

Furthermore, the team immediately set to work thinking about how to get back and perform better in 2024. "They're already asking me how they can improve for next season," Brown said proudly.

With all juniors having three years of state competition under their belts and the team only losing one from the competitive squad, Lincoln should be a favorite to return - and hopefully dominate the competition - next year.



Lincoln star soccer player Payton Riley signs her letter of intent to continue her career at Glenville State University

Tigers Hit the Road for Exhibition Against the Herd

Salem University
Athletics

HUNTINGTON, WV - The Tigers made the trip out to Huntington tonight to face off in an exhibition against the Thundering Herd of Marshall. Tonight's match will not impact either team's regular season records and was a great opportunity for both teams to improve mid-season.

The Tigers hung with the Herd in the first quarter after getting down 8-0 early. From that point

on Salem stayed with the Herd, tying them 12-12 in the final six minutes of the quarter to end the first down 20-12. It was a healthy mix of offense for Salem with five players scoring in the quarter.

In the second quarter of action, the Herd turned up the pace. Salem struggled against the size Marshall had to offer and offense was difficult to come by. The Tigers were outscored 35-13 in the quarter which led to a 55-25 deficit going into the half. Carine Pinkney

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“Court” From Pg 8.

high 87 to UMass. He has two more non-conference tilts left to do some tweaking before conference play begins on Jan 6. This Saturday, Toledo comes to town (just two days before Santa)

and it's Ugly Holiday Sweater Day. Eilert should be able to play any combination of players and implement any new wrinkles and still get a win. The last game of the year will provide

a tougher test and a measuring stick lock-up for his team. They travel to Columbus, Ohio to play the Buckeyes. Ohio State has lost just one non-conference game and are six and one at home, currently. A win

over the Bucs would be a great way to ring in the New Year and would set the record at six and six. Practice makes perfect and the Mountaineers will have nearly a full week

to prep for the road trip to Houston to start Big 12 play. On Jan 9, Kansas State comes to Morgantown, followed by Texas on Jan 13. Action picks up from there as the time right now is crucial for Eilert

to build team chemistry and cohesiveness. The next few weeks will define the entire season. Since the roster is at full strength for the first time all year, the final verdict could be in Eilert's favor.

“Tigers” From Pg 8.

and Teodora Popovic were able to have some success on offense as they chipped in five and four points respectively. After a big end to the first quarter, Marshall didn't let up. They

continued to push the pace and make shots at a high percentage while holding the Tigers down on the defensive end. Emerson Wells came up with two shots from long-range for the

Tigers in the third to put six on the board for them. Going into the fourth the Tigers found themselves down 86-40. The fourth continued on as the second and

third had before it with Marshall continuing to impose their will on the Tigers. Salem looked to their bench for answers in the closing minutes of the exhibition and they

answered down the stretch. While the lead was insurmountable the Tigers were able to close the gap some down the stretch. In the end, the Tigers lost 115-56.

Salem will be back in action on Thursday, December 14th when they travel to Slippery Rock University for their 5:30 PM game.

“Barn” From Pg 1.

Partly due to rotating shifts, “they decide this is not the best job for them.” Last April, the 911.gov website ran an article explaining that “more than half of 911 centers across the US are facing a staffing emergency.” Almost 4,000 telecommunicators left their job in 2022. Pysz then reported that she had been in phone conversations with contractors about working to resolve

issues with the General Services Building requiring resolution, but had held no regular meetings recently. Next, commissioners discussed the proposal from Thrasher to construct a recreation barn on a property near the North Central West Virginia Airport. The proposal calls for separating 10 acres from a 54 acre plot, with the remaining 44 to be sold for private use. Hinkle stated that

one or two more acres should be added to the initial 10. He said he “saw how we left the potential of land all the way around it, which is unusual. It will be strange for someone else's use.” Hinkle proposed that the land set aside for the recreation barn be extended all the way to the current property line to eliminate the issue. The purpose of the barn would be

to serve student and youth agricultural organizations with livestock sales and other activities. In her administrator report, Pysz stated that “we're trying to finalize plans and projects we want to wrap up before Christmas.” She then added that the county offices had been holding a Christmas decoration contest with the Harrison County Senior Center staff as judges. Unmentioned in

the meeting, but included in the agenda's accompanying documents was a statement from West Virginia Waste Management, As of Jan 1, their customers will see a 6.94 percent fee increase that excludes fuel and tipping charges. The West Virginia Public Service Commission allows a rate increase without permission if customers receive notice and if the

increase does not rise above previous year to year increases. The statement also notified customers that the fuel surcharge would be reclassified as an energy surcharge. While the commission will meet next week, they will likely not meet on the Wednesday between Christmas and New Years.

“Nay” From Pg 1.

Regiment, Volunteer Infantry. Less than a month after his enlistment was the First Battle of Bull Run, which was fought on July 21, 1861 and noted as the first major land battle of the Civil War. (Note: Philippi is known as being the first land battle, or maybe organized skirmish.) Two years later, the rending of Virginia made him part of the 3 rd West Virginia Regiment, Volunteer Infantry. Most documentation states that Oliver was appointed Farrier on November 1, 1863, but I have found one piece of documentation which reports that as recorded erroneously. A Farrier is responsible for keeping horses hooves taken care of in terms of balancing and trimming as well as keeping proper horse shoes on their hooves. Typically, a Farrier has

blacksmithing skills. On January 26 th , 1864, the 3 rd Infantry was changed to the 6 th Cavalry and Oliver was reassigned to Company C. His original term of service expired so he re-enlisted as a Veteran Volunteer on Feb. 29, 1864 at Martinsburg, WV where the unit was stationed until April. On June 26 th , 1864, a group of approximately 60 men in the detachment were bathing in the south branch of the Potomac River near Springfield, WV in Hampshire County. While there, they became surrounded by Confederate soldiers and were taken as prisoners without a fight. The Confederates eventually led these prisoners to the infamous Andersonville Prison in Andersonville, Georgia. Most people probably recognize the name ‘Andersonville Prison’ as a Civil

War prison camp, but few may realize the deplorable conditions that men had to endure while imprisoned there. It had the highest mortality rate of any Civil War prison with nearly 1/3 of the men dying who were interned there. The layout of the camp was originally constructed in early 1864 on just over sixteen acres of land for a capacity of 10,000 prisoners. However, in just six months time, the prison population swelled to more than 30,000, with Oliver Nay being one of them. It has been written that it became increasingly hard for the prisoners to find space to even lie down. In the hot Georgia summer of 1864, Oliver was just one of over 30,000 men who were stripped of most of their clothing, covered in filth, and suffering from disease and malnutrition as the

food supply was not adequate to service the over-crowded prison camp. It also became a home to swarms of insects in the Georgia heat, which fed off of the wretched living conditions of the prisoners. The primary water supply for Andersonville Prison was from a small stream that ran through the camp, which served as the bathing and drinking water, as well as the latrine. These conditions forced a ten acres expansion in the summer of 1864 with the Confederate Army using the skills of its prisoners to expand the camp. Since this was the time that Oliver Nay became imprisoned there, along with the fact that he was a builder by trade, it is likely that he was one of the prisoners whose talents were put to use. I tend to never ‘assume’ history because I like to find out the facts,

but with Andersonville being in operation for just a little over a year, and Oliver being held there during its expansion period, I feel led to believe he held a part in its extension. On October 31 st he was sent to Camp Lawton near Millen, Georgia, but the approaching Sherman's Army forced evacuation within a few weeks. Several prisoners were exchanged (or paroled as they called it) at Savannah on Nov. 19 th . Six days later, Oliver was taken to a Union Hospital out of Atlanta. He died in Annapolis, Maryland at the United States General Hospital, Division No.2, on December 19, 1864, exactly one month after being released from the Confederacy. He was only 30 yrs old. His body was brought back

to Clarksburg by train. (Note: The Clarksburg depot at this time was located along East Pike Street near present Southern States. Also, the railroad did not come to Shinnston until 1890). Oliver's body was turned over to his brother, John, and the casket was loaded onto a wagon and horses brought him to Shinnston where he was taken to the cemetery on the high hill at the north end of town, overlooking the city. His death certificate lists several causes of death: Disease contracted at Andersonville Prison, fever contracted while a prisoner, and chronic diarrhea. Sadly, Oliver's wife, Minerva, died in 1870 at 34 years of age. Oliver's brother, John Nay, was appointed guardian of their children four months later.

Preserving the ashes of the deceased following cremation

From *L'Osservatore Romano*

In response to questions proposed by Archbishop Matteo Zuppi, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith affirms it is possible to arrange a sacred place “for the commingled accumulation and preservation of the ashes of the baptized,” that is, a communal cinerary where the individual ashes are poured out. The Archbishop of Bologna submitted two questions to the Dicastery concerning the disposition of the remains of believers who have been cremated. The response to the second question says ecclesiastical authorities may also consider and evaluate the request of family members to keep a portion of a deceased person’s ashes in a place significant to the history of the person who died.

Cardinal Zuppi presented the questions in light of the increasing number of people who choose cremation for their deceased loved ones and then choose to disperse the ashes in nature. The questions

were also motivated by the desire that “economic reasons” suggested by the lower cost associated with scattering ashes “not prevail”; and by the desire to provide indications “regarding what to do with the ashes once the term for their preservation has expired”, with the intention not only of corresponding with the requests of family members, but “more importantly, with the Christian proclamation of the resurrection of the body and the respect due to it.”

The first question, then, was: “Taking into account the canonical prohibition against scattering the ashes of the deceased, is it possible to prepare a defined and permanent sacred place for the commingled accumulation and preservation of the ashes of the baptized, indicating the basic details of each person so as not to lose the memory of their names, similar to what occurs in ossuaries, where the mineralized remains of the deceased are cumulatively deposited and preserved?”

The second question was, “Can a family be allowed to keep a portion of their family member’s ashes in a place that is significant for the history of the deceased?”

In a text signed by Prefect, Cardinal Victor Fernandez, and approved by Pope Francis on 9 December, the Dicastery responds in the affirmative to both questions.

First of all, it recalls that according to the 2016 Instruction *Ad resurgendum cum Christo* (no. 5), “ashes must be kept in a sacred place, such as a cemetery, or in an area dedicated to this purpose, provided that it has been so designated by the ecclesiastical authority.” The reasons for this choice are cited, namely the need to ensure “that they are not excluded from the prayers and remembrance of their family or the Christian community,” and to prevent “the faithful departed from being forgotten, or their remains from being shown a lack of respect,” as well as preventing “any unfitting or superstitious practices.”

The document goes on to recall that “faith tells us that we will be raised with the same bodily identity, which is material [...] even though that matter will be transfigured, freed from the limitations of this world.” In this sense, “the resurrection will be ‘in this flesh in which we now live.’” But this transformation “does not imply the recuperation of the identical particles of matter that once formed the human being’s body.” Therefore, “the body of the resurrected person will not necessarily consist of the same elements that it had before it died. Since it is not a simple revivification of the corpse, the resurrection can occur even if the body has been totally destroyed or dispersed. This helps us understand why, in many cinerary urns, the ashes of the deceased are conserved together and are not stored separately.”

The Dicastery goes on to emphasize that the “ashes of the deceased person, moreover, come from the material remains that were part of the person’s historical journey —

so much so that the Church shows particular care and devotion concerning the relics of the saints. This attention and remembrance also leads us to have an attitude of sacred respect toward the ashes of the deceased, which we conserve in a sacred place suitable for prayer...”

In response to Cardinal Zuppi’s question, then, the Dicastery replies that “a defined and permanent sacred place can be set aside for the commingled accumulation and preservation of the ashes of deceased baptized persons, indicating the identity of each person so as not to lose the memory of their names.” The Church, therefore, admits the possibility of putting the ashes into one common place, as happens with ossuaries, while preserving the memory of each deceased individual.

In response to the second question, the Dicastery states: “The ecclesiastical authority, in compliance with current civil norms, may consider and evaluate a request by a family to preserve in an appropriate way

a minimal part of the ashes of their relative in a place of significance for the history of the deceased person, provided that every type of pantheistic, naturalistic, or nihilistic misunderstanding is ruled out and also provided that the ashes of the deceased are kept in a sacred place.”

In response to a question from Vatican Media, the Dicastery explained that the intervention and assessment of the ecclesiastical authority is not only canonical but also pastoral in nature, to help the family discern what choices to make, while taking all considerations into account.

As some civil legislation forbids the division of the ashes of the deceased, the Dicastery explained that the second question emerged from a dialogue between bishops from several different countries to which Cardinal Zuppi gave voice. The Dicastery’s response considered the possibility from a theological rather than a civil point of view, as was later clarified in the reply.

Wisdom From “Poor Richard’s Almanack”

By Benjamin Franklin

He that drinks his Cyder alone, let him catch his

Horse alone.

Who is strong? He that can conquer his bad Habits. Who is rich? He that rejoices in his Portion.

He that has not got a Wife, is not yet a compleat Man.

What you would seem to be, be really

Christmas Prime Rib



Submitted By Debra Smith

- 1 (6 pound) boneless prime rib roast
- 2 tablespoons prepared horseradish
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt

- 2 teaspoons coarsely ground black pepper
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 stalks celery, cut into 2-inch pieces

- 1 carrot, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 1 small, unpeeled onion, quartered and separated
- Au Jus Sauce:
 - 2 teaspoons concentrated beef base (paste)
 - 1 ½ cups water
 - 1 teaspoon cornstarch
 - 1 teaspoon water

The day before serving, remove the roast from the package and dry thoroughly with paper towels. Set roast on a baking sheet, and place in refrigerator overnight. Remove from refrigerator 1

hour before cooking to allow meat to reach room temperature. Rub the roast all over with horseradish and Dijon mustard. Mix kosher salt, black pepper, thyme, and garlic powder together in small bowl; sprinkle over the roast.

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F (230 degrees C). Place celery, carrot, and onion into the bottom of a roasting pan; place the roast on top.

Roast in the preheated oven for 30 minutes. Reduce oven

temperature to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C), and roast until the meat is browned and an instant-read meat thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the roast reads 130 degrees F (54 degrees C) for medium-rare. Remove from oven, transfer roast to a platter, and cover with a tent of aluminum foil. Allow to rest for 30 minutes. The temperature of the meat will rise about 10 degrees during resting time.

To make au jus sauce: Skim excess fat from pan drippings in the roasting pan. Place the pan over a burner set to medium heat; stir in beef base and 1 1/2 cups of water. Bring to a boil,

scraping and dissolving any brown flavor bits from the bottom of the pan. Strain out and discard vegetables. Combine cornstarch and 1 teaspoon of water in a small bowl; whisk the mixture into sauce. Allow sauce to thicken slightly; pour into a gravy boat and serve with roast.

Remember, readers, if you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share, we welcome your submissions. E-mail your recipe to us at debra@mountainmedianews.com. And don't forget to stop by your local Price Cutter to purchase all of your cooking and baking needs.



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