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## Communities in Schools Praised for Positive Results At Nutter Fort

By Stephen Smoot



Nutter Fort Intermediate and Primary Schools have benefited from the Community in Schools partnership for 10 months.

Almost 20 years ago, Communities in Schools got its foot in the door in West Virginia, establishing Greenbrier County as the first affiliate. Over 15 years later, the next set of counties, Berkeley, McDowell, and Wyoming, joined.

As 2024 opens, the program serves students and families in 260 schools across 260 counties. Almost a year ago, Harrison County Schools signed on with services in Norwood Elementary, as well as Nutter Fort Elementary and Intermediate.

“We’re seeing great results,” shared Dora Stutler, Harrison County Schools superintendent. “We were careful where we put it,” she said, adding that “our goal is to have it in all the schools.”

Communities in Schools has operated for nearly a half century across the nation. By the academic year of 2020-2021, the program

operates in almost 3,300 schools in 25 states and the District of Columbia. Its website explains that “we work alongside parents, educators, community based organizations, school and district leaders to help our students overcome obstacles and succeed in school and life.”

In the Mountain State, Governor Jim Justice and First Lady Cathy

Justice championed the program and helped to usher it in.

Schools often serve as the front line for many problems afflicting society, especially for families and individuals in poverty or facing other serious issues. Social problems become school problems because these issues can make children more vulnerable and less

resilient. This in turn often leads to actions or behaviors that can afflict the child or the school community, such as chronic absenteeism or behavior problems.

Other students may face significant problems, yet never create a disturbance or miss school. They still need support to grow, develop, and reach their potential.

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## Shinnston Takes Advantage of State Programs to Address Dilapidated Structures

By Stephen Smoot

A half century ago, the State of West Virginia started its war on eyesores that distract from its scenic beauty. It started with the Rehabilitation Environmental Action Program championed by A. James Manchin, appointed as program director by Governor Arch Moore. The program removed over 5,000 junked cars from the landscape in its first year.

In the past two years, the state has taken aim at an even bigger and more dangerous problem, not junked cars, but junked buildings, better known as “dilapidated structures.”

For Shinnston the problem is on the level of a minor to moderate public nuisance. Other communities, like Piedmont in Mineral County, helplessly watched as non natives bought up properties at tax sales and

neither improved nor maintained them.

Such properties not only ruin the view of a town or city, but also pose a threat. They serve as magnets for curious children or criminals. Homeless often move in and build fires inside during cold weather, which pose a serious danger through the spread of fire. Drug dealers also find dilapidated structures as perfect havens for their endeavors.

Tori Drainer, interim city manager for Shinnston, stated that “they’ve got no utilities. The roofs are falling in. Homeless people move in and start fires in them. We don’t want to endanger our fire department with this.”

Last week, House of Delegates Speaker Roger Hanshaw also noted that dilapidated structures occupy land on which affordable housing could be constructed. The lack of such housing has

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## Safe Streets



By Jim Hunt for the News and Journal

When you say the words “Safe Streets”, it means different things

to different people. A driver of a car or motorcycle might be talking about wide, well-lit streets, with good markings and signage that helps people know where to go. A pedestrian might be talking about well-marked intersections with push button controls to stop the traffic when they approach. They might also be interested in

well-lit sidewalks with protection from a wayward car veering off the road. A bicyclist might be talking about well-marked bicycle lanes and signage to inform pedestrians and motorists that they need to be alert for bicycles. A traffic planner might say that it is a little bit of

everything that has been mentioned.

As cities evolve, their need in the construction and maintenance of streets is a critical component and can literally save the lives of motorists and pedestrians, alike. Over most of the past fifty years, the automobile seemed to rule the day. Much of the investment

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## West Virginia Department of Tourism Launches Culinary Trail

Charleston, W.Va. Heaven.”

– The West Virginia Culinary Trail aims to highlight the must-visit restaurants across the Mountain State that have been selected by the inaugural class of West Virginia Chef Ambassadors. Participants will earn prizes fit for a foodie by checking in at participating restaurants.

“We invite travelers from near and far to put the West Virginia Culinary Trail on their must-do list this winter and beyond,” said West Virginia Tourism Secretary Chelsea Ruby. “While you’re tasting the best dishes the Mountain State has to offer, you might as well enjoy a side of adventure too. Plan a foodie road trip and stay a while in Almost

By highlighting the many world-class and unique dining destinations available to travelers in West Virginia, the Culinary Trail will encourage visitors to add a savory stop to their next adventure. Inspired by the favorite stops of the current class of Chef Ambassadors, restaurants across the state are included in this program. As new Chef Ambassadors join the program, the Culinary Trail will be updated to include their selections.

According to recent research, over half of leisure travelers are also food travelers. Since food and beverage are an integral part of any vacation, this initiative is coming at a great time for the Mountain State. Be Among the First

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## Department of Health and Human Resources Split Should Not Adversely Affect Services

By Stephen Smoot

One of the main goals of both the West Virginia State Legislature and Governor Justice lay in splitting up the massive \$7.5 billion dollar WV DHHR into three new agencies.

As of January 1, WV DHHR split into the Department of Human Services, the Department of Health, and the Department of Health Facilities. An Office of Shared Administration will provide a pool of administrative staff for the new departments.

The Department of Health Facilities, headed

by Secretary Michael Caruso, oversees state operated health care facilities. The Department of Health, led by Secretary Dr. Sherri Young, includes offices, centers, and commissions involved in health and medicine.

Social services, child support, family assistance, and related programs will operate under the Department of Human Services, headed up by Secretary Dr. Cynthia Persily.

The legislation took over a year to craft and faced hurdles. Governor Jim Justice vetoed a 2022 bill that would have split the agency

into two, later saying “it was a very quickly put together thing that could have been a real mistake.” He signed the bill passed in 2023 that created three.

Discussion, debate, and action on separation took place in the context of increasing criticism leveled at WV DHHR, including the issue of deleted official emails sought for a federal class action lawsuit regarding foster care.

According to West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services Director of Communications, Jessica Holstein, “the

goal of the separation was to distribute the authority and responsibility for those programs among three co-equal cabinet-level secretaries to maximize efficiencies resulting in optimal service delivery for state residents.”

Dividing the massive agency into three is also expected to “enable more effective resource allocation” with “resources

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OPINION

The Potential Correlation Between the Decline of Books and the Decline of Western Society

By Stephen Smoot

In the 1980s, Barry Bingham Jr had a revelation. One day, he was working on his personal computer and saw a vision clear as day. He foresaw that the world would eventually get its news from computer screens and that would overturn the primacy of print newspapers.

Bingham was not just anyone. He represented the third generation of his family handling the helm of one of the nation's more respected newspapers at the time, the Louisville Courier-Journal. Once the scales fell from his eyes, he endeavored to distribute his digital gospel to anyone who would listen.

Always an eccentric, Bingham's family and staff found his obsession insane and he was ushered out of a leadership role - only 10 years before the entire industry started to succumb to what he prophesied.

Fast forward to the 2020s, screens everywhere have replaced tangible print as the primary go to for learning - much to the detriment of the entire process of transforming information into knowledge, then wisdom.

Schools have accelerated the process, handing out tablets and relying more on screen delivery. Students look at screens or watch videos more and pick up a book almost never. Parents read to their kids less from books and more often hand them a tablet or put on a video.

Studies consistently show that using screens, whether for reading or videos, fails to even come close to matching the power of a book to reach and shape a mind even down to the very processes of building knowledge.

In some ways, the lack of patience among younger people to read amounts to functional illiteracy. They can understand the words, but they will usually not devote the time necessary to truly read for deeper understanding and comprehension of more complex concepts.

Last spring, Govtech.com (I appreciate the irony here) published an article about some of the findings. According to neuroscientist and digital reading expert Maryanne Wolf, although research into the question continues "our understanding is that print advantages slower, deeper processes in the reading brain. You can use a screen to complement, to teach certain skills, but you don't want a child to learn to read with a screen.

A study published in Acta Paediatrica that examined a sampling of private school students in Ohio showed even more dramatic conclusions. Researchers stated that "the children underwent magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) that assessed their resting state connectivity between the left visual word form area, as the seed area, and other

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Super Crossword

LEGAL THRILLERS

- ACROSS 1 Highest roll of a single die 4 Peak in Thessaly 8 Freaks out 15 Subjective paper piece 19 Never dying 21 Kind of cherry named for its shape 22 — sci. (coll. major) 23 Scaled-down symphony group [1994] 25 Mallorca, por ejemplo 26 "King" primate 27 Writer Ferber 28 Anti-bias job agcy. 29 Gown fabric 30 Program interacting with a remote server [1993] 34 Bygone times 38 Nurtured 39 Kids' song with French lyrics 40 — to go (gung-ho) 41 "It's ch-chilly!" 42 Whimpered like a baby 44 Place to disclose sins [2010] 48 Coinage for something with no name 53 Beginning on 54 "To — much is given ..." 55 Nantes' river 57 Sets of points on graphs 58 Shallowest Great Lake 60 Waltz or tango [1997] 63 Itinerant band member, say 66 State after wedlock 68 Having more seepage 69 Panels that may reverse decisions [2008] 71 Melody 72 Jungle roarer 73 Ouzo flavorer 74 Exact lookalike 76 Brand of rodent killer 80 Horse-man of myth 83 Greeting act conveying confidence [1991] 86 First-rate 88 Flub it up 89 Actress Shire 90 Plant snugly 94 — -cone 95 Junk email sender 97 Samoan peak famous for trapping clouds [1995] 101 Italian port 102 Exactly 103 Money won in a game of dreidel 104 Claudius I's successor 108 Getting the job done 109 What the first word of each of seven answers in this puzzle is, when preceded by "The" 113 Stun with a charge 114 Canceled by crossing off 115 Revising, as text 116 Bishops' jurisdictions 117 Prescription amounts 118 Berlin article 119 Meadow DOWN 1 Ailing 2 Texter's "If you ask me" 3 Mutant Marvel superhero 4 Celestial ball 5 Like a cold, hard gaze 6 Manhattan eatery since 1927 7 Isolated 8 Ad — committee 9 Hatchet part 10 Ram or ewe 11 "The Fox and the Crow" storyteller 12 Tabby's scratcher 13 Bobby of hockey 14 Venus Williams' org. 15 Sedative drug 16 Sticky little sheet 17 "Mama" Cass 18 Actress Wiest 20 Texter's "Yikes!" 24 Bolted to escape 29 Riyadh native 30 Sugar source 31 Shore flier 32 "Not yet sure what my answer is" 33 Director Joel or Ethan 34 Killer whale 35 Neighbor of Myanmar 36 Early James Bond foe 37 Not similar 41 Dust jacket write-up 42 Demi and Dudley 43 Departs 45 Cupcake flourish 46 That lady 47 Less spicy 49 Honey-coated Easter entree 50 Anderson of "WKRP in Cincinnati" 51 Cicero's "Lo!" 52 Cake layer 56 ICU workers 59 Actor Stephen 60 Iran's former name 61 Ball-shaped 62 Put on, as an outfit 63 After-bath powder 64 Andy Taylor's boy 65 Sitting atop 66 Suffix with ball 67 Innocent types 70 President before Donald 71 Shallow pan 74 Swarms 75 Huge conflict 77 Sedate 78 Steinbeck migrant 79 Close 81 In — (more than sleeping) 82 Arm bone 84 Eatery list 85 Baseballer Musial 87 Is really mad 90 Grain fungi 91 "Watch Me (Whip/—)" (2015 hit) 92 "Apollo 13" actor Gary 93 Bills worth 100 bucks 94 "You got that right!" 95 Meat in a sub 96 Coal-mining guys 98 MMA fighter Rousey 99 Armageddon nation 100 Little laugh 104 Silent "yes" 105 Like villains 106 Russo of film 107 Gymnast Korbut 109 Elly May Clampett's pa 110 Good Grips kitchen brand 111 "— a trap!" 112 Ark.-to-Ill. dir.

Grid for Super Crossword with numbers 1-119 and blacked-out cells.

FIND THE SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS ON PAGE 6!

THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Charleston WV — Jan. 11, 1865: Confederate forces under General Thomas Rosser burned the covered bridge at Beverly. Bridge builder Lemuel Chenoweth rebuilt the damaged span in 1872-73. Jan. 11, 1893: U.S. Senator Harley Martin Kilgore was born in rural Harrison County. Kilgore served as a senator from West Virginia from 1940 until his death in 1952. Jan. 12, 1869: Newspaperman Herschel Coombs Ogden was born near Fairmont. In 1888, he relocated to Wheeling and entered the newspaper business. Jan. 13, 1905: Joseph H. Diss Debar died in Philadelphia.

Jan. 14, 1842: Marion County was established and named after Revolutionary War hero Francis Marion. Middletown was chosen as the county seat, but the name was changed to Fairmont the following year. Jan. 14, 1873: The first session of the Glenville Branch of the State Normal School began in the old Gilmer County courthouse. The legislature changed the name to Glenville State College in 1943 and to a university in 2022. Jan. 15, 1864: Frances Benjamin Johnston was born in Grafton. Johnston gained national renown as the first female press photographer, and enjoyed a long and remarkable career as one of the nation's leading documentary, portrait and artistic photographers. Jan. 16, 1850: Lawman Dan Cunningham was born in Jackson County. His remarkable career involved him in the Hatfield-McCoy Feud, the West Virginia Mine Wars, and the destruction of moonshine stills. Jan. 16, 1869: Ephraim Franklin Morgan was born in Marion County. Morgan, a Republican, was governor during the tumultuous West Virginia Mine Wars. Jan. 17, 1918: The War Department hired a New York engineering firm to build the DuPont munitions plant in Nitro. Within 11 months, the powder plant and a complete town with houses, a civic center and a hospital, were completed. Jan. 17, 1956: Musician Blind Alfred Reed died. He was a street singer, fiddler, and songwriter from Pipestem, Summers County. He also is a member of the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame.

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# N&J Briefs

## FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

The Shinnston News provides a calendar of events free of charge to churches and nonprofit organizations. Please submit your listing two weeks prior to the event. Send via email to [newsandjournal@yahoo.com](mailto:newsandjournal@yahoo.com)

Shinnston American Legion Post 31 will hold a Veteran Services Fair Sat Jan 20 at the Legion Hall between 11 and 3. Veterans seeking assistance and support will find a wide range of opportunities to connect with resources during the event.

Warriors Chapel in Shinnston will hold a Community Baby Shower to help parents and guardians to obtain needed supplies and connection with resources. It will take place from 11 to 2 at 68 Main Street in Shinnston

The Harrison County Parent / Education Resource Center has announced the launch of the Spring 2024 Grandfamilies Program. Scheduled to begin on March 5, 2024, at the Clarksburg Baptist Church, the program offers an 11-week series specifically designed to support kinship caregivers.

Covering a wide range of topics from navigating the public school system to addressing family responses to addiction and trauma, the program aims to provide comprehensive support and resources. The initiative also includes discussions on technology, social media, and nutrition, ensuring a holistic approach to the challenges faced by kinship caregivers. Childcare and lunch will be provided during the sessions, emphasizing the program's commitment to accessibility and convenience for participants.

For registration and more information, contact Tammy Romano at [tammyromano@wvfamilyservices.org](mailto:tammyromano@wvfamilyservices.org) or 304-326-7785 or Pam Hotsinpiller at [hotsinp@k12.wv.us](mailto:hotsinp@k12.wv.us) or 304-326-7692.

The Palette in Shinnston is offering "Everyone's Watercolor" a class for all levels every Wednesday, 1-3:00pm, January 17, 24, 31 and February 7, weather permitting. \$30 each class. Supplies provided or bring your own.

Join us upstairs at the Palette! Email Bethany Nuzum at [thepalettewv@gmail.com](mailto:thepalettewv@gmail.com) to register and or more information.

The Palette in Shinnston is also offering Kids Paint, Tuesday, January 16, 6-7:00pm, \$10 for an 8x10 canvas.

We will be painting a Happy Snowflake! Join us upstairs at the Palette. Email Bethany Nuzum at [thepalettewv@gmail.com](mailto:thepalettewv@gmail.com) to register.

Check Facebook to see what we will be painting!

## "CIS" From Pg 1.

Angie Carvelli, the CIS site coordinator at Nutter Fort Intermediate School, explained that the program in both the intermediate and elementary schools targeted attendance and behavior. That said, the program sees these issues as bigger than merely using punitive measures to correct problems with either students or their families. Poor attendance, bad behavior, and academic problems can originate in environments that fail to meet the basic needs of the students.

Logan McKinney, site coordinator for Nutter Fort Elementary, says CIS "helps to delve into what's causing the behaviors."

Many families, for example, suffer from a lack of nutritious or even varied types of food. One teacher reported that a student looked forward to the day in which his family could get assistance because it meant the family could shop for food.

Carvelli stated that "we do food backpacks." Between both schools, CIS put together 180 backpacks with easy to prepare foods that can help get the student through a weekend if the family lacks food. Food, as well as hygiene

supplies, clothing, and other items, comes from CIS's ability to reach into the community and find donated or other resources.

Resources can sometimes even include services, such as behavioral health and counseling. On other occasions, CIS site officials have worked with families to help to get extensions on utility payments. Some families struggle with the ability to even advocate for themselves and CIS helps where it can.

Stutler agrees that "the main benefit is the connection with all the resources. We have good connections and can provide a bridge to these services."

As traditional families become more scarce, some areas have seen alternative arrangements become the norm. Grandparents, aunts and uncles, and even siblings have taken in children and many struggle with basic necessities. Stutler said resources accessed by CIS were not available before.

CIS also has helped teachers in that prior to the program, it was they who most often had to figure out how to solve these issues.

McKinney explained

that CIS's impact can be seen in the numbers as well. Attendance for Nutter Fort Elementary for the year started at 91 percent. The attendance program has boosted that by the middle of the year to 93 percent.

CIS has a multiple track system for improving attendance. One focuses on the student body overall to build motivation to come to school every day. Classes that have the highest attendance marks receive rewards, such as being excused to relax in a lounge and play games while other classes continue working.

Students with chronic absence or tardiness problems receive case management where officials work closely with both students and families to identify problems. In some cases, the problem lies in parent or guardian work schedules that do not allow them to be present to get a child up for school on time.

McKinney noted that the rate of tardies was 27 per day going into October, but less than 20 since.

The State Legislature will take up the issue of increasing student misbehavior across the state over the 2024 session, but CIS has

already started work to try and roll back the problem. Amy Grady, State Senator and teacher from Mason County, said that the rise of bad behavior serves as a major reason why teachers leave their positions.

She told West Virginia Metro News "some of our students come to school and the only place they feel safe is at school. If we have students that are being constantly disrupting, throwing things, cussing, yelling, slamming things, imagine the experience that gives to a child who thinks that's their safe space."

CIS works with students causing issues, working with them to moderate behavior so they avoid further trouble and disruption.

Jennifer Oliverio, principal of Nutter Fort Elementary, explained that schools "meet the needs of all of our students." She added that "it's so important to educate the whole child. We're going to reach a lot of students and a lot more families."

Stutler said that the goal remains to eventually get CIS into every school in the county.

## "Hunt" From Pg 1.

in streets was to move traffic at increasing speeds and in increasing volume. The iconic two-lane street, through the middle of town, with parking on both sides of the street was replaced with four to six lanes of traffic, with less and less parking and increasing speed limits. As might be expected, pedestrian deaths increased, and citizens became concerned about the lurking danger in our cities and towns.

While not wholly responsible, the emphasis on the auto, led to the growth of suburban shopping

malls with large parking lots in a confined area. It also led many cities to decrease the number of sidewalks next to major thoroughfares, since fewer people were using them. Cities and towns suffered and searched for a solution. One possible remedy for these problems involved slowing the traffic down and putting physical barriers along many roadways to protect pedestrians and bicyclists. Lane dividers were sometimes used to create a well-marked area for bicyclists to ride and to provide an additional buffer for

pedestrians. During Covid, when many downtowns were vacated, restaurants and shoppes expanded their stores onto the sidewalks and sometimes using parking spaces to construct outdoor seating. Citizens liked what they saw and encouraged local leaders to adopt these innovative ways of controlling traffic, while creating a better experience for diners and shoppers.

Another phenomenon occurred when companies like Amazon, FedEx and UPS, started delivering

tens of millions of packages in downtown business districts and neighborhoods alike. These large trucks could not depend on finding an available parking meter or open driveway and began parking wherever they could find a spot. This has led to crowded streets and deteriorating sidewalks, due to the unexpected weight loads, brought about by these heavy trucks pulling onto curbs and sidewalks. Slowly, traffic engineers and city planners are attempting to keep ahead of the curve and are designing solutions for this new world in cities and towns. Since it took over fifty years to get into this traffic mess, it is going to take many years, before significant improvement is noticed by the public. Drone deliveries and driverless vehicles offer some hope and artificial intelligence is also being viewed as a resource to assist in analysis of traffic patterns and data analysis.

While the concept of "Safe Streets" has multiple meanings, the end goal for everyone is to be able to live, work and play in our communities in a safe and secure manner. Let's hope that it comes sooner rather than later!

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# A Gymnasium Filled With Memories

By Bill Nestor

The T. Edward Davis Gymnasium located on the campus of Salem University was a special place to me growing up in Harrison County. It was back then, and remains, the only show in town of college hoops action in our county.

Our love of sports can be traced back to our youth where certain places and people in our past connect us to them. It was my aunt and uncle and the Valley of Learning for me. That is the sign that always caught my eye as we would arrive on campus. Ironically, it is where I learned to love the game of basketball.

We followed the Tigers throughout the 70's, 80's and then into the 90's. I graduated from Fairmont State and went into coaching as soon as I returned to Harrison County. I landed at south Harrison and spent four years in Hawk territory.

I was fortunate enough to coach some exceptional young men, and meet some great people. The Fenstermacher family

was one of these families that you meet and you automatically know why God put them in your life. A true blessing from day one is their entire family. The oldest son, Joe, played for four years on the varsity team and I was an assistant under Robert Shields along with the late great Gene Randolph.

Mike Carey was the beach coach of Salem at the time, and we had a discussion about Joe playing for the Tigers. At that time Coach Carey had them competing for national titles and had some of the best teams ever seen in the mountain state. Joe received a scholarship, played four years, and I can count on one hand how many games that I voluntarily missed.

Through those four years at Salem I grew even stronger relationships, and now I enjoy watching Joe's kids play and coach today.

In 2018, Salem University honored Mike Carey by naming their new court Mike Carey court. Carey was

a former standout player before becoming a legendary coach. Carey played from 1977-1980. He returned to his alma mater in 1987 as an assistant and then took over the program in 1988. Carey spent 13 years at the helm of the program. During that span, his teams won 20 games or more nine times. Carey guided a pair of squads to the division II Elite Eight and one time in the Final Four. The program was at the height of its glory. The 2000's came and Carey departed for West Virginia University to run the women's program.

A few years prior to Carey's move, I had made a move of my own. My son was born and I went from coaching to the media. I began writing for the Shinnston News and Harrison County General and broadcasting. I spent several years as the color commentator for Salem's mens and womens games with Reuben Perdue. This was another special relationship that was centered around this

gymnasium. Reuben moved away and I have since focused more on the play by play aspect of broadcasting.

This past Saturday I was afforded the opportunity for Homecoming if you will. A chance to go back to where it all started for me. I broadcast the Salem men's basketball game with D'Youville on the internet. It brought back so many great memories. The Tigers have an impressive team, the facilities look great, and the staff is top notch. Athletic director Alex Joseph, sports information director, Kaden Shoaf, and the rest of the game day staff had everything running as smoothly as possible.

There was plenty of room in the bleachers for more fans. Make an effort to come out and support your county's only University. They have a great product, special people, and there is a great opportunity for you and your family to make special memories of your own.

## 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 Athlete Spotlight

By Bill Nestor

The Harrison County athletes in the spotlight this week are Robert C Byrd's Martinia Howl and South Harrison's Cam Evans.

Flying Eagle basketball player Martina Howe had a couple of impressive outings in the The City Construction Hoops Classic recently.

In the opening win over East Hardy, Howe netted a game high 20 points including six three pointers. In

the championship win over Wheeling Central, Howe pumped in a game high 35 points, recorded six steals, and pulled down 4 rebounds.

Hawk hoopster, Cam Evans, scored a game high 34 points including six three pointers in a victory over Roane County. Evans also handed out 3 assists in the win.

Congratulations to our CB's Martina Howe and South Harrison's Cam Evans for shining bright in the SN and HCJ Athlete Spotlight!

## North Marion to Compete In "Battle for the Springhouse" at The Greenbrier

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. — (January 5, 2024): Since its inception in 2022, The Battle for the Springhouse — an annual high school basketball tournament that features top programs from across West Virginia playing inside Colonial Hall at the historic Greenbrier resort — has been one of the most anticipated events on the high school sports calendar.

This year's tournament, which will take place February 2-3, 2024, will continue that tradition, with four top-level boys' teams and four powerhouse girls' teams taking the court for eight games over two days inside one of the most unique venues in the sport. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased by visiting [Greenbrier.com/Events/Springhouse](http://Greenbrier.com/Events/Springhouse). Tickets are sold on a game-by-game basis and are \$5 for each game. The arena will be cleared at the conclusion of each game.

The Battle for the Springhouse offers experiences that cannot be found at other tournaments. Players and coaches will not only have the opportunity to face a high level of competition, but they will also learn about the incredible legacy of America's Resort, sample the world-class cuisine and experience the incomparable accommodations. The Greenbrier also invests in the future of the participating student-athletes, not only by providing an unforgettable experience that they will

remember for a lifetime, but also by awarding one player from each participating school with a scholarship to be used toward his or her future education.

One of the event's premier partners, GameChanger, will once again be a major part of the weekend, educating the student-athletes about the dangers of substance misuse and the value of a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

Every game will be streamed live, bringing the action into homes around the world and providing maximum exposure to both athletes and sponsors.

The 2024 boys' field features four Class AAAA powers in Greenbrier East, Huntington and Morgantown, along with one of the top schools in Class AAA, defending Battle for the Springhouse champion Shady Spring. The girls' field in 2024 features Class AAAA Greenbrier East, Logan and North Marion out of Class AAA and defending champion Mingo Central out of Class AA.

"This event has continued to grow each year, and teams are begging to be a part of it," said Jill Justice, DO, President of The Greenbrier. "We're thrilled to have teams representing all different areas of the state, and we look forward to welcoming them to The Greenbrier and providing them with an unforgettable experience."

Games begin Friday, February 2. For the latest updates, follow Battle for the Springhouse on Facebook and Twitter.

## Cougars Ground Falcons



Nate Swiger defends a Frankfort player during their recent 56 to 50 win over the team from Mineral County.

## Lincoln Takes KVI Title



Ashlyn Riley and Brooklyn Davisson earned all tournament honors as the Cougars claimed the title



# HCSCC SPOTLIGHT

Featuring news from the Harrison County Senior Citizen Center

## HCSCC Board of Directors News

Meeting schedule for 2024: January 25, March 28, April 25, June 27, September 26, and October 24. All meetings will be held at 9:30 am in hybrid format.

### Board Officers and Members

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## Pancake Breakfast and Sangria Day

On Monday, December 18, 2023, Randall Lynch, friend of the Senior Center, treated staff and members to a free sausage and pancake breakfast using his secret pancake batter recipe. Everyone enjoyed the fluffy treat. HCSC Board President E. Ryan Kennedy paid a special visit to enjoy pancakes and thank Randall for his generous donation. Pictured L - R: HCSC Board President E. Ryan Kennedy, Betty Waddy, HCSC Board Treasurer, and Randall Lynch, Pancake Creator Extraordinaire.



Later that week on December 20, 2023, HCSC celebrated National Sangria Day with non-alcoholic Sangria. Randall R, Michael Gorzka, Admin. Assistant, volunteered to be our server for the day. In addition to a glass of Sangria with your choice of fruit, he also served homemade hot wassail to the seniors in the Kinley Café. Pictured L - R, Naomi Powell, center member, and Randall Lynch, server.



## HCSC Purchases ADA Compliant Minivan

During the last 18 months, HCSC has had to retire four older transportation vans due to maintenance issues. The 5310 Federal program to purchase vans has had production issues resulting in extensive delivery delays for vehicles. To continue to provide transportation services for seniors, HCSC has purchased an ADA compliant minivan out of available HCSC funds. The new van has a rear ramp to load a rider in a wheelchair. The logo and lettering will be added soon. Pictured in the new vehicle is Cathy Riley, Van Driver.

## HCSC Receives Donation from Antero Foundation



On December 5, 2023, Antero Foundation Representatives Jason Ware and Carrie Ray, presented the HCSC Food Pantry with a \$2000 donation. Many volunteers and employees assist in providing pantry services to community members in need.

Pictured from L-R: Bill O'Field, HCSC Board Vice President, Beth Fitzgerald, HCSC Executive Director, Carrie Ray, Antero Representative, Tom Brosius, volunteer, Kim Lowther, Programs Administrator, Crystal Pumphrey, In-Home Admin. Assistant, Roger Turner, volunteer,

Jason Ware, Antero Representative, Curtis Short, Operations Manager, Vickie Turner, Kitchen Supervisor, Cindy Hutton, In Home Caregiver, Joe Caruso, CFO, Jesse Herrod, and Paul Bennett, Title V worker.

## HCSC Closes for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

HCSC will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 15, 2024.

## HCSC Inclement Weather Policy

In case of inclement weather, HCSC will post on local news stations weather delay or closing lists, radio, and our Facebook page.

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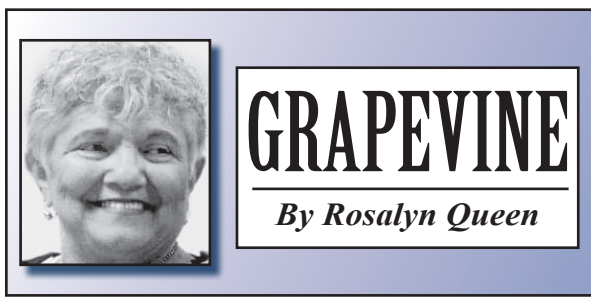
# Never Underestimate the Meaning and Power of Words

by Rosalyn Queen

The word of the week is "plagiarism." The definition of plagiarism is using the thoughts or words of another author without permission to do so or without acknowledging who the works belong to.

The word is up front in our news this past week due to the resignation of the president of Harvard University. The last

few days every time I listen to the news. This subject comes up. As I see it, it seems quite clear that the above is truly the meaning of the word. Over the years I have heard individuals who have taken words and used them as their own. I have never heard of anyone being prosecuted for doing this but I guess with a little research I might come up with someone.



Now I want to share my involvement with this act. When I was about five years into the Italian Festival, I got a call from friend and author, Phylis Moore. She advised me

that she was reading a news release that I had just released and she was sure that I had committed plagiarism. I replayed that I had only used what the individual had

supplied me as a bio and that I had lifted out parts when preparing a release.

No matter how hard I tried to explain my actions, Phylis led me to believe I was guilty. I asked her to help me rectify this. I was scared and was sure I might end up in jail. So I followed her advice and contacted the honoree. They agreed I would release a statement giving them

credit for the statements. Then I gave them an ad in the souvenir book promoting their book. This seemed to end my actions.

That has been many years ago, but every time I start to write I remind myself to be careful with the words I use. If I use a joke, a song, a poem or a saying anyone has made famous I try to give them credit for it.

## "Books" From Pg 2.

brain regions." They gathered information about whether each child learned primarily from print books or digital devices.

Children who learned to read with print books alongside adults and who used print books primarily growing up had "higher functional connectivity" at the early adolescent stage, ages eight through 12.

"In contrast," the article stated, "screen time was related to lower connectivity between the seed area and regions related to

language and cognitive control."

In other words, actual books help to build a superior foundation for better learning, deeper understanding, and, most importantly, the development of wisdom than use of computer, phone, or tablet screens. They also develop discipline and focus that leads to deeper comprehension of complex issues.

One could speculate that 5,000 years of using tangible media to access information hard wired the human brain to

learn in that fashion. Or it could be that screen reading is inherently distracting and prevents full engagement of the brain on a topic.

Correlation on its own should never be seen as causation. One does, however, see a marked decline in the type of in depth understanding necessary to competently evaluate the world as the 21st century grinds on. Last May, the National Assessment of Educational Progress showed that only 13 percent of eighth

graders had a proficient knowledge of history and 22 percent had a basic grasp of civics.

History and civics also require more than a cursory treatment to develop a usable base of knowledge, much less understanding. Though not mentioned, one could speculate that the level of knowledge of economics was even worse. These subjects are vital to understanding who Americans are, where the nation has come from, and where it's going.

One simply cannot understand the issues underlying any of these subjects in any real depth from short articles or videos. Only books can carry that load. Imagine using a pickup truck instead of a train or large trucks as the primary delivery vehicle for coal from a mine to its customers

In such an environment, it becomes easy to grasp why young people have developed so many negative and absurdly wrong ideas about America and the West.

Education policy makers and parents also need to pay attention to the emerging results of the screen experiment.

Computers and tablets using visually exciting whiz bang programming in schools make great headlines and have the appearance of progress, but they may actually be the instruments of regress both individually and collectively, not just in the United States, but in the entire industrialized world.

## "Programs" From Pg 1.

emerged as an economic development impediment in the past several years statewide.

Drainer has led the effort to identify problem structures in town and prioritize the removal of the worst with the help of a \$112,000 grant from the state.

"We tore down the most dangerous ones first," Drainer said. The process of selection centered around surveying Shinnston police and fire units on which they'd least want to enter. The city has removed three so far with four more planned for removal soon. The City is "going through the court process to . . . get right of entry."

She also explained that the city's code enforcement officer will help "to identify

the next round" of buildings subject to removal.

State law and policy formerly allowed out of state investors to acquire tax sale properties with ease, but never held them accountable for what happened to them. State Auditor J. B. McCluskey told The Review last year "to be fair, we were part of the problem . . . promoting out of state buyers who didn't have community interests at heart" and "didn't care that they were destroying communities."

The reformed sale structure gave struggling landowners more helpful options to work on paying their taxes if they fell behind. It also

worked to ensure that properties sold ended up in the hands of those working for development.

Beyond the safety and housing issue, Drainer explained that "we want our city to be beautiful." She added that "we're being proactive. We have enough people on our side to make this a beautiful city. My goal is to keep getting grants for this."

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## OBITUARIES



**Charlene Baker**

Charlene Baker, 66, of Shinnston, passed away January 2, 2024. She was born on January 7, 1957, in Clarksburg, a daughter to the late Wilma Shriver. Along with her mother, she is preceded in death by her grandparents Ada Beatty and Orin Earl Shriver; uncles, Duane (Juke) Shriver, Robert (Bob) Shriver, Ray (Jack) Shriver, and Howard Shriver.

Charlene is survived by her husband Scott, whom she married on August 14, 1996. She's also survived by her aunt Shirley Shriver, uncle Arlin Roscoe Shriver of Stonewood,

aunt Claudine Laxton of Leitchfield, KY; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.

She worked at Shop 'N' Save (now Price Cutter), was Methodist, and enjoyed collectibles including knick-knacks, listening to music, reading, doing puzzle books, and was a pet lover.

Per her wishes, Charlene will be cremated.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at [www.harmerfuneralhome.com](http://www.harmerfuneralhome.com)

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**Dann Minnix**

Dann Minnix, 82, of Shinnston passed away suddenly on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at his home. He was born January 20, 1941 in Keyser, WV a son of the late J.C. Minnix and Oreon Olivia Nelson.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Connie Harvey Minnix, whom he married October 10, 1959.

He is also survived by his four children, Danny Minnix and his wife Debbi; Cheryl Carey and her husband Mike; Kim Collins and her husband Boone; Tracy Drago and her husband Aaron; 12 grandchildren, Duke Minnix; Megan Minnix and her fiancé Arden Fox; Logan Minnix and his partner Cameron Lewis; Chris Carey and his wife Erica; Chelsy Smith and her husband Wellington; Craig Carey; Chelby Dyer and her husband Nick; Brad Bennett and his wife Ashley; J.J. Kearns; Shana Skidmore and

her husband Kevin; Josh Sabala; Corey Sabala and her fiancé Nolan Zirkle; his great-grandchildren, Emily Skidmore who was raised by Dann and Connie; Jaden, Addison, Ryker, and Marleigh Minnix; Caden and Cameron Carey; Sloane and Savannah Smith; Grace and Grant Dyer; Connor and Emma Bennett; James, Hunter, and Karter Kearns; Kylin Skidmore and her companion Cameron Parks; Molly Snider; Urijah and Sawyer Sabala; Mallory, Ryan and Roman Skinner; two great-great-grandsons, Jax Boley and Hudson Parks. He is also survived by his step-brother, David Hillyard and his wife Rosie and their family Steve Durst and his wife Glenna; and his nephew, Matt Durst.

In addition to his parents, Dann was preceded in death by his step-mother, Carolyn Minnix; his sister,

Sharon Minnix; his father and mother-in-law, Curley and Polly Harvey; his sister-in-law, Rita Durst; and his great-granddaughter, Angel Bennett.

In 1958, Dann graduated from Lumberport High School and went on to attend Potomac State College. He was a 50-year member of the St. Johns Lodge No.24 A.F. and A.M. of Shinnston. Dann was also a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of the Nemesis Shrine of Parkersburg. For many years, Dann was an active member of the Shinnston Volunteer Fire Department where he retired as a Captain. He also taught confined space and rope rescue classes around the tri-state area. He was the first president of the Lincoln Athletic Boosters where he served on the committee to build the new fieldhouse at Stydahr field. Dann was vice-president of

Commercial Hydraulics and several other coal related businesses. Dann also served as a board member of the First United Methodist Church of Shinnston.

Friends will be received at Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St. Shinnston, on Wednesday from 1-8pm and on Thursday from 11:00 am until the time of the funeral service at 1:00pm. Rev. Michael Burge will officiate the service. Entombment will follow at the Shinnston Memorial Mausoleum. Firefighter funeral honors will be accorded by the Shinnston Volunteer Fire Department. Online memories and condolences can be shared with the family at [www.perinefunerals.com](http://www.perinefunerals.com)

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

### “Services” From Pg 1.

directed to the most critical priorities and programs.”

Holstein emphasized that “no service interruption will be

felt by any resident who receives DHHR services as a result of the reorganization.” Also, the state will maintain the dhhr.

wv.org website for the convenience of those seeking information.

Additionally, the reorganization did not cut services or positions.

Holstein said “it remains important to continue to fill vacant positions.”

Governor Justice remarked last May that “we have made

incredible progress in DHHR, and the achievements have been remarkable because we are pulling the rope together.”

He added that “we want to continue making things better as we transition to this new organizational structure.”

### “Tourism” From Pg 1.

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The first Culinary Trail will begin November 2023. Each year, the challenge will be

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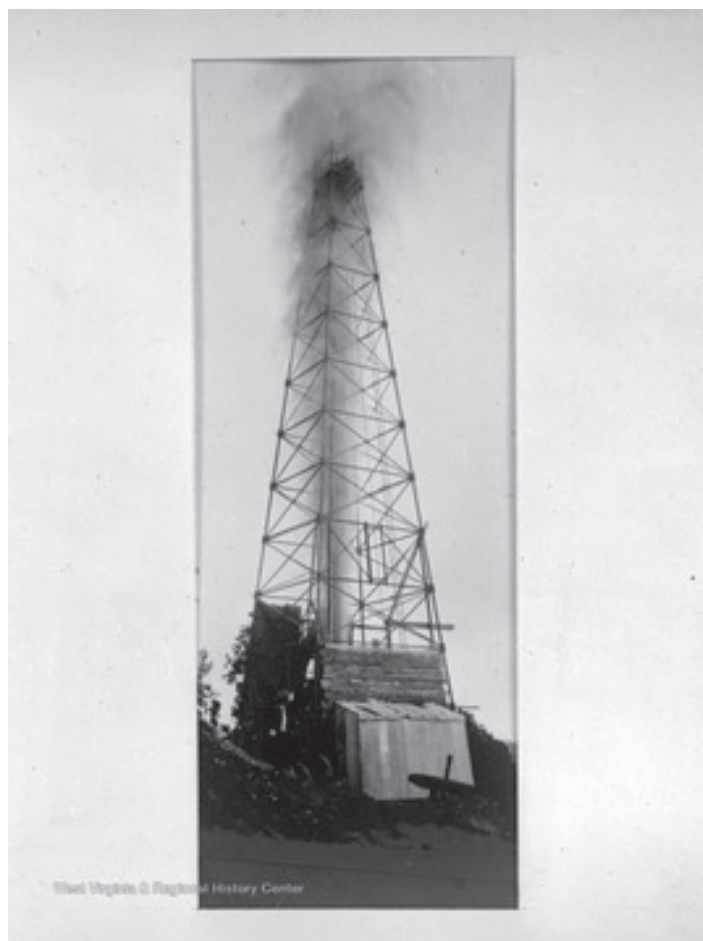


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A symbol of Shinnston's once thriving oil industry. This derrick likely operated between 1890 and 1900.



# New law takes effect for WV motor vehicle inspections

CHARLESTON, WV - A new law took effect in West Virginia on Monday, January 1, 2024, extending motor vehicle inspection requirements from one to two years.

Gov. Jim Justice signed HB 2310 into law in March 2023. The change allows drivers

to get their vehicles inspected every two years. As part of the new law, the maximum inspection sticker fee has been increased to \$19, which covers the two-year period.

“The people of West Virginia have been eagerly waiting for this change, and I’m glad

we got it across the finish line,” Gov. Justice said. “However, it is important to note that personal responsibility is still very important when keeping your vehicle up to date. Our priority is the safety of all drivers and ensuring that cars are roadworthy. So, while this is fantastic

news for everyone with a vehicle, it’s still essential to stay alert about your vehicle’s upkeep, especially now with this extended inspection period.”

According to state law, the Superintendent of the West Virginia State Police requires every motor vehicle,

trailer, semi-trailer and pole trailer registered in West Virginia to be inspected once every two years and have a valid inspection sticker.

The inspections, which are done at official state inspection stations, ensure that a vehicle’s mechanism, brakes and equipment

are working properly.

The West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles says more than 1.775 million passenger vehicles, trucks, trailers and semis, motorcycles, buses and taxi cabs were registered in the state in fiscal year 2023.

# Manchin, Colleagues urge EPA to Revise Power Plant Rule

Charleston, WV — Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV), Chairman of the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Mark Kelly (D-AZ), Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ) and Jon Tester (D-MT) called on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

(EPA) to revise a proposed rule that would jeopardize grid reliability, harm energy workers and raise energy costs for West Virginians. In the letter, they urge EPA to ensure that power plant regulations maintain affordable, reliable power, protect

West Virginia jobs and promote American energy independence.

“Recently, Congress has worked in a bipartisan manner to pass important laws advancing American innovation through promising technologies like hydrogen, carbon capture, and

advanced nuclear to create additional pathways to achieve a clean energy future. Unfortunately, EPA’s recent power plant rule overestimates the current and anticipated maturity of these promising technologies, to the detriment of

American workers and consumers. While we hope these technologies will be available in the near future, we cannot ask our constituents to bear the cost of that risk in the form of significantly higher utility bills and unreliable electricity. A

final EPA power plant rule must reflect these realities and rely on the proven technology as we continue to pursue innovation, commercialization, and technological breakthroughs,” the Senators wrote in part.

# Organizations from Around WV Joining Together to Help Uninsured

Charleston - On January 9, 2024, organizations from around the state are coming together to create the first annual Cover WV Day. The day is dedicated to raising awareness about how to get health coverage and helping uninsured people in WV find and enroll in health insurance. Over 20 organizations are joining to offer free assistance to those who need coverage. The WV Primary Care Association,

the WV Navigator Program, the WV Office of the Insurance Commissioner, and many other non-profit organizations and community health centers have joined to offer over 30 locations across WV for this one-day event. Each location will offer walk-in hours where anyone can get questions answered or receive free help enrolling in health insurance. All locations will be staffed by certified Assisters such as Health Insurance

Navigators or Certified Application Counselors who provide free help with Medicaid, CHIP, and Health Insurance Marketplace enrollments. The Open Enrollment period for the Marketplace ends on January 16, so this will be an opportunity for people to get free help before the deadline.

Over 100,000 people, or about 5.9% of West Virginians, lack health coverage. Organizers aim to educate fellow West Virginians about the different

options available to those needing health coverage. WV Medicaid and the Health Insurance Marketplace provide options for most people without coverage. Four in five people who get a plan on the Marketplace can qualify for plans starting at under \$10/month this year.

“Most people will qualify for substantially lower costs this year if they get their insurance on the Marketplace,” said Jeremy Smith. “We are urging people to

look at the new plans and prices released this year. The plans are often more affordable than we have ever seen. Even if you have looked into insurance on the Marketplace in past years and were unhappy, you should look into it again this year.” Smith says getting help signing up is essential, as many people are overwhelmed by the options or may not realize how to shop for affordable health coverage. “With so many experts

partnering all over the state, we are hopeful that anyone who has questions or needs help will be able to get what they need by showing up to a Cover WV day location.”

For more information or a list of site locations, please visit [www.wvnavigator.com](http://www.wvnavigator.com) or [www.wvpc.org](http://www.wvpc.org). To help promote the event on Facebook, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/p/Cover-WV-Day-61554192677247/>

# Warner effort on new federal reporting requirements for businesses

Charleston, W. Va. – WV Secretary of State Mac Warner is launching a public education campaign to assist West Virginia businesses with navigating a new federal requirement that took effect on January 1, 2024. The Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) is a federal (not state) law that requires most businesses to file specific “Beneficial Ownership Information”

(BOI) through an online portal operated by the US Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN). The information will not be publicly available but will be shared with law enforcement when or if requested.

According to the federal government, the purpose of the CTA is to prevent and identify financial crimes such as money

laundering, tax fraud, and sanctions evasion. FinCEN expects to produce additional educational materials for public consumption in the future. In the meantime, Secretary Warner is committed to supporting West Virginia businesses in every possible manner.

A landing page on the WV Secretary of State’s website has been added to easily

redirect internet traffic to FinCEN’s reporting page. In addition, the WV Secretary of State’s 24/7 virtual assistant (called S.O.L.O.) is equipped to answer basic questions on the new CTA requirements. S.O.L.O. is located at the bottom-right corner of the Secretary of State’s homepage. Business & Licensing Specialists in the WVSOS

Business Division also remain available for personalized assistance during regular business hours by calling 304-558-8000.

Companies in existence in West Virginia before January 1, 2024 must file their initial reports before January 1, 2025. New companies created between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024 will have 90

days after registration to file. Reporting companies created on or after January 1, 2025 will have 30 days after registration to file. Any change to Beneficial Ownership Information must be reported within 30 days of the change (e.g. sale, merger, acquisition, or death of a member).

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# High Levels of Radon Gas Detected in over 28 Percent of W.Va. Homes

CHARLESTON – is responsible for an estimated 21,000 lung cancer deaths every year and is the leading cause of lung cancer in people who have never smoked. Here in West Virginia, in 28.5 percent of homes in West Virginia. During January for National Radon Action Month, the American Lung Association in West Virginia is urging everyone to help save lives by testing their home for radon and mitigating if high levels are detected.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas emitted from the ground. Radon is odorless, tasteless and colorless, and can enter a home through cracks in floors, basement walls, foundations and other openings. Radon can be present at high levels inside homes, schools and other buildings. Nationally, it

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Environmental Health for the Lung Association. “Testing for radon is the only way to know if the air in your home is safe. The good news is that it is easy to test. Do-it-yourself test kits are simple to use and inexpensive.”

After high levels are detected, a radon professional should install a radon mitigation system, which is easy and relatively affordable. A typical radon mitigation system consists of a vent pipe, fan and properly sealing cracks and other openings. This system collects radon gas from underneath the foundation and vents it to the outside. Contact your state radon program for a list of certified professionals in your state. Some state health departments offer financial assistance or low interest loans for radon mitigation.



# LEGAL

(2021-S-0000046 - Harrison County - JEFFERY COTTRILL)

To: JAMES B. HAUGHT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT EAGLE LUMBERPORT CORP MAP 1804 PARCEL 0151 0000**

You will take notice that JEFFERY COTTRILL, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-0000046, 1 LOT 1 FAIRMONT B & I ADD, located in EAGLE LUMBERPORT CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of HAUGHT JAMES B, 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 March 4, 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, March 3, 2024, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 3, 2024.	\$ 471.05
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 3, 2024.	\$ 341.56
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, 2021, following the sheriff's sale to March 3, 2024.	\$ 1,063.36
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 3, 2024.	\$ 52.97
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 1,928.94
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

**You may redeem any time before March 3, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.**

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# LEGAL

(2020-S-00000182 - Harrison County - VOLUSIA VENTURES LLC)

To: OCCUPANT, TIFFANY MCAKEY, THE ESTATE OF STEPHEN RAY BISSETT, STEPHANIE PALETTA, 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 SIMPSON OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 2305 PARCEL 0056 0000**

You will take notice that VOLUSIA VENTURES LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000182, 2 LOTS 8 9 BLK 5 MEADOWBROOK INC PCL58, located in SIMPSON OUTSIDE DISTRICT, which was returned delinquent in the name of PALETTA STEPHANIE LANE &, 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 5th day of November, 2020, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after March 4, 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, March 3, 2024, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 3, 2024.	\$ 282.38
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 3, 2024.	\$ 157.11
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, 2021, following the sheriff's sale to March 3, 2024.	\$ 1,191.83
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 3, 2024.	\$ 316.98
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 1,948.30
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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# LEGAL

(2021-S-00000371 - Harrison County - WVTJ LLC)

To: STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA HARRISON COUNTY MAGISTRATE, JOHN D MARTIN TRUSTEE, HARRISON COUNTY BANK, WILLIAM TODD STEWART, WILLIAM TODD STEWART, WILLIAM TODD STEWART, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA HARRISON COUNTY PROSECUTOR, WILLIAM TODD STEWART, 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 UNION WEST MILFORD CORP MAP 385 PARCEL 0075 0001**

You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000371, .56AC WEST MILFORD (1977 14X56 M/HOME), located in UNION WEST MILFORD CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of STEWART WILLIAM TODD, 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 February 5, 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, February 4, 2024, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to February 4, 2024.	\$ 613.21
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to February 4, 2024.	\$ 479.36
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 February 4, 2024.	\$ 1,375.15
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to February 4, 2024.	\$ 495.10
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 2,962.82
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

**You may redeem any time before February 4, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.**

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# LEGAL

(2021-S-00000361 - Harrison County - WVTJ LLC)

To: ROBERT CURTIS WEBB, ROBERT CURTIS WEBB, ROBERT CURTIS WEBB, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, WIRT C WEBB ESTATE, 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 SIMPSON OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 290A PARCEL 0007 0000**

You will take notice that WVTJ LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000361, 1 LOT #1 RAIN TREE ACRES BLK A, located in SIMPSON OUTSIDE DISTRICT, which was returned delinquent in the name of WEBB WIRT C 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 February 5, 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, February 4, 2024, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to February 4, 2024.	\$ 700.27
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to February 4, 2024.	\$ 543.83
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 February 4, 2024.	\$ 1,200.04
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to February 4, 2024.	\$ 320.82
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 2,764.96
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

**You may redeem any time before February 4, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.**

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# LEGAL

(2022-C-000261 - Harrison County - ROB HAWKINS)

To: RYAN LILLEY, RYAN LILLEY, RYAN LILLEY, NAJ LLC ATTN: ROBERT L. JOHNS, THOMAS F. JOHNS, ROBERT L. JOHNS, ROBERT L. JOHNS, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT CLAY SHINNSTON CORP MAP 1001 PARCEL 0016 0000 6001**

You will take notice that ROB HAWKINS, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000261**, located in CLAY SHINNSTON CORP, District, PT OT 7 HOWARD PLACE (PART GARAGE), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of LILLEY GLORIA ANN ESTATE and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on April 27, 2023. ROB HAWKINS requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after June 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before May 31, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 18155.	\$ 210.33
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022 - 18264.	\$ 135.57
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 212.70
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 830.27
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to <b>WV State Auditor</b> - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,388.87

**You may redeem at any time before May 31, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.**

Given under my hand December 11, 2023

**G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.**

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.

Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and

Nonentered Lands of GREENBRIER County, State of West Virginia

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# Introducing the Newest Member of the UHC Medical Staff: Jennifer S. Turner, MD

Bridgeport, WV— West Virginia native Jennifer S. Turner, MD, brings a wealth of experience as she becomes a member of WVU Medicine United Hospital Center's Medical Staff.

Dr. Turner graduated summa cum laude from WVU's School of Medicine with a degree in exercise physiology. She went on to earn her MD degree from WVU, did her residency there in internal medicine where she was chief resident, and then was a fellow in endocrinology, also at WVU.

She is board certified in both internal medicine and endocrinology, diabetes, and metabolism.

In addition to



research, she has published a number of articles in professional journals, contributed presentations at various conferences and has had a varied teaching career, most recently as an assistant professor of endocrinology at WVU School of Medicine, where she was also the assistant program director of the endocrinology and metabolism fellowship.

She has been active in the WVU Endocrinology Fellowship in other capacities and also has been involved with the WVU Inpatient Diabetes Committee.

Memberships include the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists, the Endocrine Society, West Virginia State Medication Association, and the American Medical Association.

Dr. Turner joins Bridgeport Endocrinology, the practice of Ayesha Jameel, MD, which is located at 710 Genesis Boulevard, Bridgeport.

For more information, please call Bridgeport Endocrinology at 681-342-3070.

# PSC takes comments in January on major electric power case

CHARLESTON – Commission of West Virginia regulators are encouraging public comments through January on a \$207.4 million rate increase proposal filed by Monongahela Power Co. and The Potomac Edison Co.

headquarters at 201 Virginia has set aside Brooks St., Charleston. The case was filed May 31, 2023.

Those public comments can be filed by email on the Commission's website, or they may be mailed to the PSC. Be sure to reference Case No.

23-0460-E-42T in your comments. Written comments should be addressed to Karen Buckley, executive secretary, 201 Brooks St., Charleston, WV, 25323.

“We encourage and actively seek comments from those affected by

any rate increase pending before the Commission,” PSC Chairman Charlotte R. Lane said. “But these larger cases seem to attract more notice than smaller cases.”

If approved by the Commission, the average retail customer would see an increase of \$18.07

in monthly rates, while the overall rate increase being sought by the companies is 13 percent.

More information on this case can be found on the PSC website: www.psc.state.wv.us. Click on “Case Information” and access Case No. 23-0460-E-42T.



# Whosoever harms a single woman profanes God

From *L'Osservatore Romano*

On Monday, 1 January, Pope Francis presided over Holy Mass in Saint Peter's Basilica for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. "The world", he said, "needs to look to mothers and to women in order to find peace, to emerge from the spiral of violence and hatred, and once more see things with genuinely human eyes and hearts". On New Year's Day, the Church also celebrates World Day of Peace, this year in its 57th edition. The following is the English text of the Holy Father's homily.

The words of the Apostle Paul illumine the beginning of this new year: "When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman" (Gal 4:4). The expression "the fullness of time" is striking. In ancient times, time was measured using vases of water; the passage of time was marked by how long it took for an empty vase to be filled. Hence the meaning of the phrase "fullness of time": once the vase of history is filled, divine grace spills over. God becomes man and he does so through a woman, Mary. She is the means chosen by God, the

culmination of that long line of individuals and generations that "drop by drop" prepared for the Lord's coming into the world. The Mother, then, stands at the very heart of the mystery of time. It pleased God to turn history around through her, the woman. With that one word, "woman", the Scripture brings us back to the beginning, to Genesis, and makes us realize that the Mother and Child mark a new creation, a new beginning. Thus, at the beginning of the time of salvation, there is the Holy Mother of God, our Holy Mother.

It is fitting, then, that the year should open by invoking her; it is fitting that God's faithful people should acclaim her with joy, as once those bold Christians did in Ephesus, as the Holy Mother of God. For those words, Mother of God, express the joyful certainty that the Lord, a tiny Child in his Mamma's arms, has united himself forever to our humanity, to the point that it is no longer only ours, but his as well. Mother of God: a simple phrase that confesses the Lord's eternal covenant with us. Mother of God: a dogma of faith, but also a "dogma of hope"; God in man, and man in God, forever. The Holy Mother of God.

In the fullness of time, the Father sent his Son, born of a woman. But Saint Paul also speaks of a second sending: "God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba, Father!'" (Gal 4:6). In the sending of the Spirit, the Mother also plays a central role: the Holy Spirit comes to rest upon her at the Annunciation (cf. Lk 1:35); later, at the birth of the Church, he descends upon the apostles gathered in prayer "with Mary, the Mother" (Acts 1:14). Mary's receptiveness to the working of the Spirit brought us the greatest of all gifts: she "enabled the Lord of Majesty to become our brother" (THOMAS OF CELANO, *Vita secunda*, CL, 198: FF 786), so that the Spirit can cry out in our hearts: "Abba, Father!" The motherhood of Mary is the path leading us to the paternal tenderness of God, the closest, most direct and easiest of paths. This is God's "style": closeness, compassion and tenderness. Indeed, the Mother leads us to the beginning and heart of faith, which is not a theory or a task, but a boundless gift that makes us beloved sons and daughters, tabernacles of the Father's love. It follows that welcoming the

Mother into our lives is not a matter of devotion but a requirement of faith: "If we want to be Christians, we must be 'Marians'" (SAINT PAUL VI, Homily in Cagliari, 24 April 1970), that is "children of Mary".

The Church needs Mary in order to recover her own feminine face, to resemble more fully the woman, Virgin and Mother, who is her model and perfect image (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, 63), to make space for women and to be "generative" through a pastoral ministry marked by concern and care, patience and maternal courage. The world, too, needs to look to mothers and to women in order to find peace, to emerge from the spiral of violence and hatred, and once more see things with genuinely human eyes and hearts. Every society needs to accept the gift that is woman, every woman: to respect, defend and esteem women, in the knowledge that whosoever harms a single woman profanes God, who was "born of a woman".

Just as Mary, the woman, played a decisive role in the fullness of time, she is also decisive in the lives of each of us, for no one knows better

than a Mother the stages of growth and the urgent needs of her children. Mary shows us this in yet another "beginning": the first sign that Jesus performs, at the wedding feast of Cana. There, she is the one who realizes that the wine has run out, and who appeals to Jesus (cf. Jn 2:3). The needs of her children move her, the Mother, to beg Jesus to intervene. At Cana, Jesus says: "'Fill the jars with water'. And they filled them up to the brim" (Jn 2:7). Mary knows our needs; she intercedes to make grace overflow in our lives and to guide them to authentic fulfilment. Brothers and sisters, all of us have our shortcomings, our times of loneliness, our inner emptiness that cries out to be filled. Each of us knows this well. Who can fill our emptiness if not Mary, the Mother of fullness? Whenever we are tempted to retreat into ourselves, let us run to her; whenever we are no longer able to untie the knots in our lives, let us seek refuge in her. Our times, bereft of peace, need a Mother who can reunite the human family. Let us look to Mary, in order to become artisans of unity. Let us do so with her maternal creativity and concern for her children. For she unites

them and consoles them; she listens to their troubles and she dries their tears. And let us look upon that tender icon of the *Virgo lactans* [of Montevergine Abbey]. That is how our mother is: how tenderly she looks after us and draws close to us. She cares for us and remains close to us.

Let us entrust this coming year to the Mother of God. Let us consecrate our lives to her. With tender love, she will open our eyes to their fullness. For she will lead us to Jesus, who is himself "the fullness of time", of every time, of our own time, of each one of us. Indeed, as was once written: "It was not the fullness of time that brought about the sending of the Son of God, but the sending of the Son that brought about the fullness of time" (cf. MARTIN LUTHER, *Vorlesung über den Galaterbrief* 1516-1517, 18). Brothers and sisters, may this year be filled with the consolation of the Lord! May this year be filled with the tender maternal love of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

I now invite all of us together to proclaim three times: Holy Mother of God! Holy Mother of God! Holy Mother of God!

## Moore Announces 17th Annual SMART529 Essay Contest

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – State Treasurer Riley Moore yesterday kicked off the statewide 2024 SMART529 "When I Grow Up" student and teacher essay contest at Mountainview Elementary School in Morgantown.

The annual essay contest gives students the chance to win up to \$5,000 in SMART529 savings for higher education. Teachers have an opportunity to win a \$2,500 cash prize.

"The goal of our contest is to inspire children to begin

thinking about potential career opportunities and explore how they can achieve their dreams by attending college or a trade school," Treasurer Moore said. "Last year, more than 3,000 students from across the state participated in the contest, working with their families and educators to discover job pathways that spark their interests and can lead them to a fulfilling future career."

In its 17th year, the SMART529 When I Grow Up essay contest gives kindergarten through fifth-grade

students a chance to win both SMART529 savings for higher education and cash prizes for their schools. Essay entries will be judged among five regions in three age groups (K-1, 2-3, 4-5), making for a total of 15 regional winners.

The regional breakdown is as follows:

Region I – Beckley/Bluefield area

Region II – Charleston/Huntington area

Region III – Clarksburg/Weston area

Region IV – Martinsburg area

Region V – Wheeling area

The 15 winners will be awarded \$500 invested into SMART529 college savings accounts. Out of the regional winners, one grand prize winner will be randomly selected to receive a total of \$5,000 toward a SMART529 account during an awards ceremony this fall at the state Culture Center in Charleston. Each winner's school will also receive a \$500 cash award.

Teachers of grades kindergarten through fifth also have the

opportunity to compete in the teacher portion of the essay contest. This year's winning teacher will receive a \$2,500 cash prize.

The SMART529 When I Grow Up essay contest allows students to submit, in 200 words or less, an essay that explains what they want to be when they grow up. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity and the importance of post-secondary education.

Entry forms for both students and teachers are available at [www.SMART529.com](http://www.SMART529.com). In

addition, entry forms will be available at elementary schools throughout the state. The deadline for entry forms and essay submissions is Friday, February 23, 2024.

SMART529 is a qualified tuition program issued by the Board of Trustees of the West Virginia College and Jumpstart Savings Programs and administered by Hartford Funds. Complete information about SMART529 plans and investment options is available at [www.SMART529.com](http://www.SMART529.com).

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