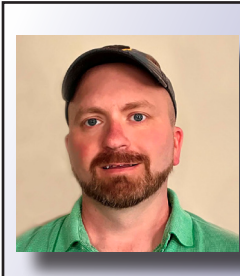


An early map of Shinnston shows street patterns from long ago.

Shinnston Street Origins

The accompanying image is taken from an insert on the Clay District section of D.M. Lake's Harrison County Atlas from the year 1886. As you can see from the map, Pike Street is the 'main drag' through town---still named as such---because you drive the



The Story Behind the Photo

By Bobby Bice

Fairmont-Clarksburg to Pike Street are five city streets: Charles, Running perpendicular Main, Walnut, Locust,

and Rebecca. Charles Street's name origin is unknown to me. It has been erroneously thought by some people to be named for Charles Ashby Short, but that is not true. At the time, this street would have given you access off of

See "Street" on Pg 3

Hot Summer Lineup For Shinnston Music Series Announced

By Stephen Smoot

Two sure fire ways to warm up a summertime Shinnston crowd include great music and delicious food. For years, Wind Down Wednesdays have brought both to the forefront. This summer promises to be the best yet.

"We are changing things up," said Brendan Gallagher, part of the team that puts the event together. A vendor marketplace, which has operated as a farmers' market, will operate right alongside the free music and fun.

Wind Down Wednesdays serves as part of a greater effort to expand arts and cultural events of a variety of types in Shinnston. Organizers bring in acts featuring different genres of popular music that always attract attention.

Part of the continued

popularity lies in two main themes. "We always try to keep it varied," Gallagher explained. He went on to say that "we don't want to bring the same acts every year."

For 2024, Andy Benson will serve as host of the event. The local singer-songwriter will both perform and serve as master of ceremonies for Wind Down Wednesdays. The first featured act will be Double Vision, a locally based band that offers 80s and 90s classic rock and country favorites. They will take the stage at the June show.

Members of the Clarksburg-based band "strive to bring the best performances possible while playing songs that people know and love . . . a one-stop shop for all of your Top Hits!"

Next, in July, will be Samuel James, a 23 year

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Snowy Roads



By Jim Hunt for the News and Journal

One thing to be certain, if you live in the Northeast, you are going to be driving on some snowy

roads. I recently had a business meeting in Annapolis, Maryland and I was a little worried about

the weather before we left. My business partner was driving and after a few snow flurries, the

sun came out and we had a very pleasant drive through the mountains and arrived in Annapolis

in time for our meeting. When we parked in a parking garage close to the Maryland Capitol

building, we left our coats in the car

and enjoyed the mild temperatures as we walked to the

offices of the Maryland Municipal League. We were planning to drive to Harrisburg,

Pennsylvania the next day, so we checked into our hotel and had a nice dinner with some

friends. After watching the University of Michigan defeat the University of Washington in my hotel

room, I fell asleep and set my alarm for 7:00AM. About 5:00AM, I woke up to a weather alert

on my watch and was surprised to find that they had issued a winter storm advisory starting in

a couple of hours. I texted my traveling partner to see if he might want to leave earlier and try

and beat the storm. Unfortunately, he had turned off his notifications, so he did not see my text

until around 7:30. He agreed that we should leave as soon as possible,

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Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Get Strong Support From Program

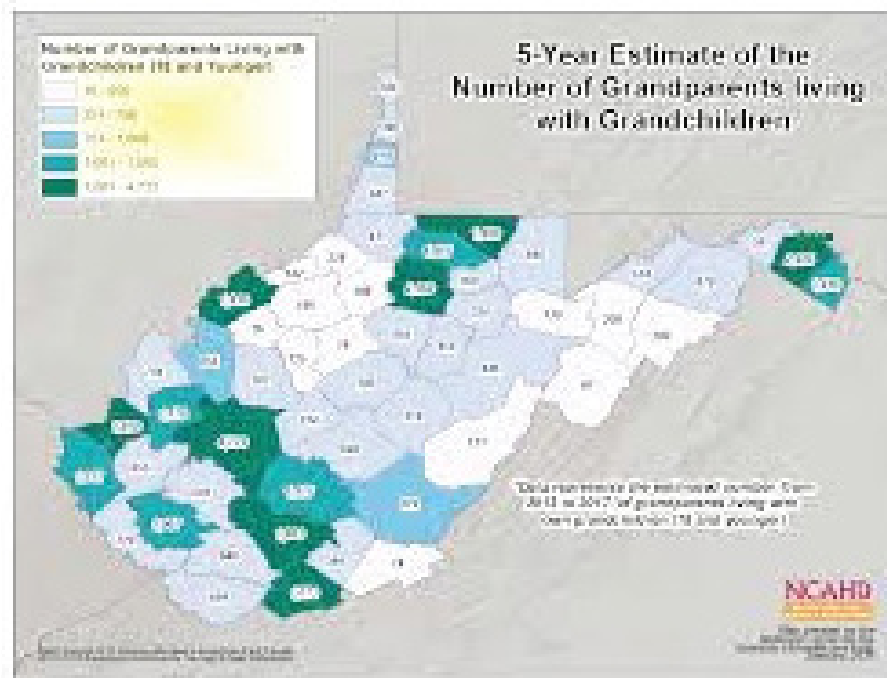
By Stephen Smoot

United States Census Bureau statistics from 2019 paint a challenging picture when it comes to the decline of the traditional family and the stability that institution brought to children. West Virginia placed second in the nation behind South Dakota with almost 55 percent of grandparents raising grandchildren in their homes.

The national average is one in three.

Grandparents emerging as an

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Harrison County has some of the highest numbers and rates of grandparents accepting child rearing duties in the entire state.

Harrison County Homes Face "Moderate" Potential Danger From Radon Gas

By Stephen Smoot

Environmental experts have long called radon, an odorless, colorless radioactive gas that seeps naturally from

the ground, the invisible killer. According to the American Lung Association, almost one third of West Virginia homes have dangerous levels of radon gas.

Harrison County, US Environmental Protection Agency of central West Virginia, faces the level of radon. This potential of what the means that homes

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OPINION

How to file a comment

By Charlotte Lane - Chairman of West Virginia Public Service Commission

I want you to know that here at the Public Service Commission, we suffer through the same concerns that many of you do about the cost of gasoline, water and power bills, groceries, and every other budget item.

We have simple means for you to express your thoughts. You can mail comments to us at 201 Brooks St., Charleston, WV 25301. But the easiest way is to simply use your computer.

Take a look at our website at www.psc.state.wv.us. Look in the yellow field to the left of the pictures of the commissioners. Under the first section, titled "Inside the PSC," you will see a highlighted section that says "Submit a Comment."

The first is a general comment or suggestion. Click on that and it will open a form. It looks busy, but it is fairly simple. At the bottom is a place for you to type in your comments and a submit button.

This site also has a second button. This can be used if you are interested in a formal case already before the Commission. Because this involves a specific case, we require that you be properly identified as a legitimate person.

Fill out this form and add your comments, then we will verify who you are. Once we complete the verification process, your comments will be added as an activity in the formal case process.

We won't include crude or crank remarks, but welcome legitimate comments in any case.

So, here are two different ways you can get involved in the process and explain your position on issues before the Commission. We cannot guarantee your complains will be fully satisfied, but you can know that your words will be heard by the Commission.

We have tried to make this process as simple as possible for your convenience. We hope you'll give it a try.

Super Crossword

MONEY-CHANGING

- ACROSS 1 Combination spear and battle-ax 8 Provo native 13 Dawn deity 16 Some fast autos 19 Virtual merchant 20 Strong cordage fiber 21 Performs a charade of 23 Thai money used to buy a Jacuzzi? 25 Height when upright 26 Protest at which people lie on the ground 27 Bright red Indian money? 29 "Madam" counterpart 32 "The Dance" painter Henri 35 Biceps locale 36 Powerful auto engine 37 "You missed your chance for folding over that Korean money"? 42 Already-included tips, e.g. 43 Lima locale 44 "Rapa —" (1994 film) 45 Like even scores 46 Feel sore 48 Refusals 51 She sang "Constant Craving" 56 Rocker Brian 57 Facts, in brief 59 Gobble up Iraqi money? 62 Gal entering society 63 Jazz's Chick 65 Chaise place 66 Cognizant of 67 School where students learn about Swedish money? 72 Norway's capital 74 — facias (certain writ) 75 Used skillfully 76 "— favor, señor" 79 Forms Ghanaian money into a cylinder shape? 83 Brain tests, for short 84 Suffix with meth- 85 Venture out on one's own 86 — Leppard 87 Some PC readouts 89 Kicked out of the game, for short 90 Radio spots 92 Bruins' sch. 94 Major shock 96 Query after someone is told they look like Iranian money? 103 German auto 104 Tampa Bay NFLer 105 Over browned bread 106 Houston-to-Madison dir. 107 Whack some Mexican money? 111 Rapper — Rhymes 113 More intoxicating 114 Refuse to contribute South African money? 120 Getty of TV 121 French river 122 Asmara's nation 123 Gobbled up 124 Airport agcy. 125 Played (with) 126 Label on a bargain item DOWN 1 Use an ax on 2 One "A" of NCAA: Abbr. 3 Chou En- 4 Nest dweller 5 "If I Can't Have You" singer Yvonne 6 Says again 7 Rive — (Paris' Right Bank) 8 E-address 9 Bistro bill 10 Unpaid player 11 Classic cracker brand 12 Tennis-playing guy 13 Kodak founder George 14 Prefix with -genarian 15 Pentagon 16 Reach as high as 17 Large, deep serving dish 18 Painter Jan 22 R-X fillers 24 Attending to the matter 28 Certain Wall St. trader 29 Said 30 Antiseptic element 31 Bucking bovines 33 Jr., last year 34 Spirited horse 38 Eye coverer 39 Takeoff strip 40 Often-pickled veggie 41 Pirate "Captain" 46 From scratch 47 Compelled 49 In the lead 50 Squelched 52 Cat that roars 53 "The Piano" Oscar winner 54 Cable TV's — Geo 55 Miracle- 57 Here, in Lyon 58 Election mo. 60 Elected (to) 61 Virginia Tech team name 64 Cold — (frigid) 68 Court plea, for short 69 Very angry 70 Rule, in brief 71 More than loads up (on) 72 Assoc. 73 Great Lakes' — Canals 77 Like a single-guy band 78 Traditional Irish brew 80 Make laugh uproariously 81 Hoopla 82 "You Be —" (1986 hit for Run-D.M.C.) 88 Jargon 89 Women's patriotic gp. 91 Secondary field of study 93 George who played Danny Ocean 94 Mosaic tile 95 Long rodent feature 96 Most suitable 97 Assess again 98 Skip over in speech 99 Chalice, e.g. 100 Nailed the test 101 Desert of Mongolia 102 Some purple shades 103 Milo of films 108 Piper's wear 109 Twisty fish 110 Average 112 Comic Johnson 115 Uno plus due 116 H.S. proficiency test 117 Gallery work 118 Teachers' gp. 119 Ham-marsjköld once of the U.N.

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FIND THE SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS ON PAGE 6!

THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Charleston WV - Virginia legislature 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. Jan. 18, 1842: Wayne County was established from part of Cabell County. It was named for General "Mad Anthony" Wayne, a Revolutionary War hero who later defeated Ohio Indian tribes Jan. 19, 1848: Wirt County was created by the General Assembly of Virginia from portions of Wood and Jackson counties. It was named for William Wirt, Virginia statesman and a presidential candidate in 1832. Jan. 19, 1894: Railroad worker John Hardy was hanged for killing a man in a drunken gambling

dispute. The episode inspired the widely popular ballad "John Hardy." Jan. 19-20, 1978: An overnight snowstorm paralyzed Charleston. Unusual in that more snow fell in the capital city than in Randolph County, total snow averaged 24 inches, the deepest on record for the city. January 1978 became the snowiest month for both Huntington and Charleston, and extended cold kept snow on the ground into March, the longest known continuous snow cover for most West Virginia towns. Jan. 20-21, 1824: West Virginia's most famous soldier, Thomas Jonathan Jackson, was born near midnight in Clarksburg. When Virginia left the Union in 1861, Jackson went with his native state. He commanded the strategically important post at Harpers Ferry until being appointed a Confederate brigadier general of infantry. He won the name "Stonewall" in the Battle of First Manassas on July 21, 1861. Jan. 21, 1906: The first passenger train ran from Elkins to Charleston following completion of the Coal & Coke Railway. The new railroad, a project of former senator Henry Gassaway Davis, provided a much-needed north-south route through the heart of West Virginia. Jan. 22, 1927: Confederate General John McCausland died. After the fall of the Confederacy, McCausland fled the country. He returned in 1867 and spent the remainder of his life on his large farm in Mason County. Jan. 23, 1850: Raleigh County was established by an act of the Virginia General Assembly. The county's founder, Alfred Beckley, named it after Sir Walter Raleigh.

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Mooney, Miller Introduce New Bill

WASHINGTON – Congressman Alex X. Mooney (WV-02) and Congresswoman Carol D. Miller (WV-01) introduced H.R. 6975 to designate the U.S. Federal Courthouse in Clarksburg as the “Irene M. Keeley United States Courthouse.” This legislation is supported by the entire West Virginia Congressional Delegation with Senators Shelley Moore Capito and Joe Manchin introducing companion legislation in the Senate. Judge Keeley was appointed by President George H.W. Bush in 1992 as the first woman selected as a judge for

the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia, a position in which she served for over 30 years. Congressman Alex X. Mooney said of the bill, “I would like to express my thanks for Judge Irene Keeley’s decades of judicial service. As a mother, educator,

and first woman judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, Judge Keeley exemplifies hard work, perseverance, fairness, and dedication to justice. I am proud to introduce this bill to rename the Clarksburg Federal Courthouse in her honor. Judge Keeley’s service will

continue to inspire West Virginians.” “Judge Keeley has been a trailblazer for West Virginia. As the first woman appointed to be a judge for the U.S. District Court of West Virginia, she set an incredible example for future leaders across the

state. I can think of no better way to honor her than by dedicating the Clarksburg Federal Courthouse in her name. I thank Judge Keeley for her decades of service to our state and know that her legacy will inspire the generations to come,” said Congresswoman Miller.

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olif singer-songwriter from Lewisburg who tours extensively in north central West Virginia. His haunting folk style songs feature lyrics like “my father was driven blind by a woman whose beauty who made most men deaf.” August brings the country stylings of Shane Masters, an artist bringing “heart-

driven writing, bold storytelling, and an emotional delivery” of his own music. Wind Down Wednesday wraps up the 2024 season in September with Byron “Six Six” Cooper. During the pandemic, Cooper entertained over 100,000 across the globe with Facebook Live concerts, bringing

music and cheer into people’s lives during the fear and stress of lockdowns. He brings healthy helpings of energy and fun to his performances of 70s funk and soul classics. Gallagher noted that Cooper “always draws a really big crowd.” “We always have great crowds,” Gallagher stated, adding

that “the smallest crowd was 100. We usually get between one and two hundred a night.” Besides adding to arts and culture offerings to entertain residents and attract visitors to boost the local economy, Wind Down Wednesdays has another core goal. “They’ve always been a great way for people to get together” and

continue building community. He also shared that scheduling the event on Wednesday appeals to a different kind of crowd than Friday or Saturday. Most people come directly after work to socialize, relax, and enjoy a family friendly community gathering. Like other city events through

the year, they show that Shinnston does a superb job in creating events for the public to enjoy that draw large numbers of people for community interaction and rollicking fun. “Bring a chair,” Gallagher suggests “and if you haven’t been coming to them, they’re a really great time.”

“Hunt” From Pg 1.

so we rushed around and left the hotel around 8:15. We called our colleague in Harrisburg and informed them that we were going to cancel our meeting and head straight home. He was fine canceling the meeting and agreed that it was prudent to try and avoid the bad weather. As we headed out on Interstate 70, the snow started falling and it was

beginning to cover the roadway. The further we traveled, the worse it got, and we were growing increasingly concerned. We passed a wreck where a car had run off the road and there were police and rescue squads working on getting the person out of the badly damaged car. Before we could even comment on the

wreck, a white pickup truck spun out in the eastbound lanes, and we realized that this was not going to be an easy trip home. We moved along pretty well until the elevation changed and we were going up a gradual grade, where dozens of tractor trailers were struggling to gain traction, and several had jackknifed or ran off the road. We

weaved in between the stalled trucks and slowed down to a snail’s pace. We noticed a plume of heavy black smoke ahead and it seemed that a truck’s engine had caught fire due to spinning their wheels, trying to climb the mountain. What normally takes about four and a half hours was quickly turning into a seven-

hour marathon. We saw several other wrecks along the way and as we drove down Route 50, into Clarksburg, I was never so happy to see our little town. Winter driving is hazardous on the best days of winter and with ice and snow covering the ground, it proved especially treacherous. It had probably been over fifteen years since

I had experienced conditions like this, and I am not looking forward to doing it again. I have a renewed respect for the truck drivers and other vehicles that must be on the roads in such conditions and would encourage others to stay off the roads, if at all possible, in winter conditions. Be safe!

“Program” From Pg 1.

expanding class in that of the impact of the primary caregiver for opioid crisis. Just over children is a symptom half of children who of the core problem, enter foster care, for

example, do so because of parental drug abuse. One of the key responses developed in West Virginia has been the Healthy Grandfamilies program.

“There’s a variety of reasons this is happening,” states Pam Hotsinpiller, coordinator of the Harrison County Healthy Grandfamilies program. “The biggest reason,” she says, “is the opioid epidemic.”

In some cases, parents started “doing drugs, dropped off their kids and never showed back up.” Other times, court orders removed children from dangerous or neglectful homes. Grandparents also step in when parents die of overdoses, go to jail, or try to get clean in rehabilitation. More rarely, grandparents also take over raising children when parents die in vehicle accidents or go overseas with the military.

Harrison County’s opioid problems rise above those in many state counties. Over one in four Harrison County residents use opioids compared to just 13 percent statewide, according to Tammy Romano, the Healthy Grandfamilies project social worker.

The origin of the program came from West Virginia State University. Dr. Brenda Wamsley and Bonnie Dunn spearheaded it through the university

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

Book sale at Bridgeport Public Library on 1200 Johnson Ave in Bridgeport between January 16-20, 2024 Books \$1.00 a bag. Single books \$.25 each, Audio Books \$.75 each, and Music CD’s \$.50 each.

Another sale will be held between January 22-31, 2024 Books \$3.00 a bag. Single books \$.25 each, Audio Books \$.75 each, and Music CD’s \$.50 each.

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Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31 monthly meeting, 7 pm. Post 31, Shinnston.

extension program and it now reaches all 55 counties in West Virginia.

In July 2017, Harrison County Board of Education staff attended a conference that included a presentation of the program. They concluded, according to Hotsinpiller, “we need to do what they’re doing.” They held their first “key stakeholder meeting” in October of that year. By March of 2018, Harrison County put on the first educational session.

A team of Harrison County government and non profit stakeholders teamed up to put together an educational and resource connecting program. The United Way of Harrison and Doddridge counties, Birth to Three, Legal Aid, Marion and Harrison County Family Services, the Harrison County Board of Education, and others team up to support efforts.

Two of the main components of it include spring and fall educational sessions along with monthly meetings. The session for spring 2024 will focus on topics such as schooling and education, family trauma, addiction, and legal issues related to their situation.

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through a variety of means, unofficial abandonment, through Child Protective Services or the foster care system, or other situations. Grandparents need legal advice to navigate the state system or even prevent parents from returning and taking children to an unsafe environment.

Healthy Grandfamilies also sets up monthly meetings for support and education at Clarksburg Baptise Church. Romano explains that grandparents new to raising children in their senior years need extra support. “It’s all new to them,” she said, adding that “raising children is much different than it even was 20 years ago.” Challenges may come from behavioral issues, the impact of technology, different social pressures, and other issues.

Additionally, Romano describes that they endure “disruptions of their lives and lifestyles” that they expected to have in advanced years. While raising children, they must also deal with the traumas and sometimes guilt thrust upon them by their own children’s addiction and related behaviors.

One of the key services provided in the program comes in connection to resources. Grandfamilies must “navigate all of the

issues they will be dealing with and mental health is part of that.” Romano also stated that “all of our sponsors provide help for these families. We give them gas cards, for example. I’m so blessed to be a part of this.”

Hotsinpiller added that “we can provide anything from pacifiers to graduation caps.” She noted that the program even provided some laptop computers and technical education for families using them to educate their children.

She also estimates from census information that possibly as many as 3,000 grandparents may be currently raising grandchildren in Harrison. “We’ve worked with 300,” Hotsinpiller shared. Many grandparents, however, have the resources and capabilities to raise children on their own.

The West Virginia State Legislature has expanded support for the program over time. Hotsinpiller explained that the program more than pays for itself. Currently the State provides approximately \$800,000 but, she says “the rewards are so great that they need to give us more. They’re saving millions in services” because grandparents have put in more on their own.

Signature Win In Morgantown For Eilert

There is no one involved with the West Virginia University men's basketball program that has been feeling as much pressure as interim head coach Josh Eilert. He has been in essence coaching for his coaching career in Morgantown. He knows that this season will determine whether or not he will remain in charge of the Mountaineer program and the interim tag will be dropped, or if he will be removed from the post altogether.

There have been more ups and downs in the early stage of the season than that of a monstrous roller coaster ride.

The new year started with an embarrassing blowout loss to Houston. The 34 point set back in the Lone Star State had fans concerned about the upcoming Big 12 schedule. Just three days later, WVU bounced back at the Colosseum and held a two point lead over Kansas State at halftime. The Wildcats would go on to outscore West Virginia by 16 in the final 2-0 minutes to run away with the victory.

Eilert and his squad had to feel a little dazed



and confused heading into last Saturday night's lock-up with ranked Texas. The Longhorns invaded Morgantown ranked number 25 in the country and were the prohibitive favorite. Eilert knew that he had to make some changes, and to his credit he tweaked his defense and his lineup, both of which proved to be difference-makers in a 76 to 73 upset win over Texas. Eilert placed an extra emphasis on help defense. At the same time, he didn't want his players to spread out and gravitate too far from the basket. That prevents teammates from being in good help position and it creates dribble-drive lanes.

Eilert also made significant changes to his starting lineup, moving Noah Farrakhan, Akok Akok, and Quinn Slazinski out of the starting lineup. Inserted in the starting five were Josiah Harris, Kobe Johnson, and Pat

Svemnick. The changes were just what the doctor ordered and proved the major factor in the matchup with the Horns.

Farrakhan is a terrific ballhandler and can spell Kerr Kriisa at the point guard position. He can also score the ball off the dribble. His drive and dish capabilities can set up pure shooters like Slazinski.

Quinn responded with 13 bench points in the win. Suemnick is a prime example of rewarding a player for hard work. I've been impressed with his attention to detail on post moves since the start of the campaign. His engine goes full speed all of the time and, after his 12-point and five rebound effort in Cougar Country, he earned the start. He responded with 16 points to lead the Mountaineers in scoring on five of seven shooting from the field. He also hauled down six caroms on the night.

The defensive moves made also paid huge dividends, forcing the visitors into 22 turnovers. That is a big number that played a substantial role in the outcome of this key contest. These moves showed that Eilert knows a thing or two about the game of basketball and that he is not afraid to make the necessary moves needed to win.

He already has shown that he is an exceptional recruiter and that he can bring top talent to town. Now he has that signature win over a ranked Texas team to add to his resume. The fact that he made the moves to make it happen has to make it that much sweeter. Hopefully, this win will take the monkey off of his back and allow him to settle into a groove. Another positive sign is that standout center, Jesse Edwards, could return from injury in a couple of weeks. Edwards will provide more power in the paint and, with Suenmick's emergence, there could be a twin towers sighting at the Colosseum.

Things are starting to look up for Eilert and the Mountaineers!

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 Bridgeport's Maddy Amick and South Harrison's Halle Bland.

Indian basketball player Maddy Amick helped her team to a Big 10 win over county foe Liberty recently. Amick scored a game-high 21 points while collecting

four steals.

Hawk hoopster Halle Bland led her team to a victory over Notre Dame this past week. Bland scored a game-high 27 points with the help of seven three-pointers.

Congratulations to Bridgeport's Maddy Amick and South Harrison's Halle Bland for shining bright in the SN and H CJ spotlight!

Lincoln Swimmers Compete



A Lincoln High School swimmer awaits her teammate during a recent event. Photo published by Lincoln High School and taken by yearbook staffer Zarah Klimek-Jenkins.

GSU Boxing Presents "War in the Waco VIII" on January 20th

Glenville State University Boxing is set to ignite the Waco Center with an electrifying evening of boxing on January 20th. Titled "War in the Waco VIII," this event promises to deliver a thrilling showcase of talent, determination, and sportsmanship as fighters from Glenville State University step

into the ring to showcase their skills.

Date: January 20th
Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Waco Center, Glenville State University

Glenville State University Boxing has consistently been a beacon of excellence, and "War in the Waco VIII" is poised to raise the bar even higher.

The event will feature a series of intense bouts, showcasing the dedication and hard work of the university's boxing team. With a commitment to fostering both physical and mental discipline, Glenville State University Boxing aims to inspire and entertain the audience.

"We are thrilled

to bring 'War in the Waco VIII' to our community," said Duane Chapman, Head Boxing Coach at Glenville State University Boxing. "This event is not just about sport; it's about camaraderie, discipline, and the pursuit of excellence. Our fighters have trained tirelessly, and we're excited to

see them showcase their skills in the ring." The evening promises an adrenaline-packed atmosphere, with each bout meticulously matched to provide fans with an unforgettable experience. From rookies eager to make a name for themselves to seasoned fighters seeking to solidify their legacies, "War in the

Waco VIII" will feature a diverse array of talent.

Admission for "War in the Waco VIII" is FREE! Do not miss this opportunity to witness the raw power and precision of Glenville State University's boxing team. Join us at the Waco Center on January 20th for an evening that promises to be a knockout success.

UNITED HOSPITAL CENTER'S HOME VISIT

HOUSE Call

A GUIDE TO STROKES

by **BRENDA CONCH, RN, MSN**, Clinical Nurse Specialist



A stroke can happen to anyone—any age, any time—and everyone needs to know the warning signs. Stroke is the fifth leading cause of death in the U.S.

Can recognizing a stroke save your life?

If you are having a stroke, it is critical that you get medical attention right away. Immediate treatment may minimize the long-term effects of a stroke and even prevent death.

Thanks to recent advances, stroke treatments and survival rates have improved greatly over the last decade.

But to seek treatment, you must recognize the signs and symptoms of a stroke and know what to do:

ACT FAST

FACE DROOPING



ARM DIFFICULTY



SPEECH SLURRING



TIME TO CALL 911



Also, watch for sudden:

- Numbness or weakness of face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body
- Confusion, trouble speaking, or understanding speech
- Trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance, or coordination
- Severe headache with no known cause

Are the symptoms of stroke different for men and women?

Men and women who have strokes often feel similar symptoms such as face drooping, arm weakness, and speech difficulty.

Other common signs for both women and men include problems seeing out of one or both eyes and balance or coordination problems.

Women can also experience:

- General weakness
- Disorientation and confusion or memory problems
- Fatigue, nausea, or vomiting

However, some signs of stroke in women can be subtle enough to be missed or brushed off. That can lead to delays in getting time-sensitive, lifesaving treatments.

When do I call 911 concerning a stroke?

A stroke is an emergency—every minute counts. If you think you are seeing a symptom but are not sure, call 911. Any first responder or medical professional would prefer a false alarm over taking a chance that someone could die or experience lifelong disability.

What do I say to the 911 operator?

A 911 operator may ask a few questions to quickly dispatch the right emergency responders. **When you suspect a stroke, let the operator know:**

- The address or the location if you are in a public place, such as a park.
- You suspect a stroke, and what symptom(s) you are observing. Keep it to short, essential information until the operator asks for more details.
- When the person started experiencing stroke symptoms.

This could sound like: "I think my mom is having a stroke. She seems to be having trouble talking, and the left side of her face just started drooping two minutes ago. We are at 123 Main Street in Anytown."



If you or someone with you is experiencing these or other stroke symptoms, urgent medical evaluation and treatment are needed. Check the time so you'll know when the first symptoms appeared. Call 911 even if the symptoms go away.



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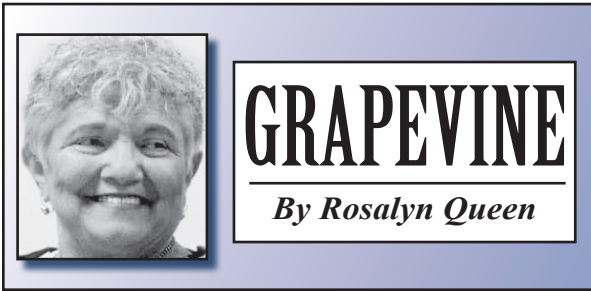
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A Baby Dog's View of the State of the State

This past week West Virginians were able to view Governor Jim Justice deliver his State of the State speech. It was delivered in the State Capitol with all the Delegates, Senators, Justices, Board of Public Works, elected officials and a balcony of invited guests. Seated in the front was the First Lady and their two children. But also, seated in a front row seat was the Governor's companion, Baby Dog. He is a cute little fellow, very well trained and seems to cling to every word the governor speaks.

On this evening Baby Dog was able to hear his owner speak about the



future of West Virginia for 2024. He heard him speak about his funding for roads, education and tourism. He outlined his vision for foster care, for Moms and babies, for state parks, for Veterans and for reduction in taxes and many other items.

Baby Dog was glad to welcome the governors girls basketball team as they sat in the balcony. He was equally pleased to listen to the Governor explain a

saying his father said to him and that he has applied to many different circumstances in his life. The saying is "KEEP SAWING THE WOOD." The Governor shared many instances when he applied it and many times he encouraged others to apply it.

The speech ended to a standing applause and Baby Dog who laid on his chair throughout the speech seemed to understand that he too



Pictured is Baby Dog who belongs to Governor Justice and Rosalyn Queen as they become introduced to each other. He really seems to be listening to every word she has to say. But oh, if he could only speak what a story he could tell!

was to get up and he did. The relationship between this dog and his master paints a loving picture.

Now it is time for

the Governor and the Legislature to get to work. Just a footnote; I was so proud to see Senator Ben Queen enter the venue right

before the Governor. Stay safe, watch the weather and until next week "Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine."

"Street" From Pg 1.

the pike and taken you up the hill and into "the country", so my guess is that it may have been named for a man who lived at its access point.

Main Street was once the main thoroughfare into the town of Shinnston. Before a bridge was constructed, two ferry operations provided access across the West Fork River when wading was not an option. Jacob Fortney, an early doctor of the West Fork Valley lived on the west side of the river in a brick house (currently the Brown residence) and that doctor operated a ferry from his property that came to the town side of the river at the riverbank of Main Street. Once you got off of the ferry and headed into town, you were on the "main" street. During the town's earliest years of development, as well as through most of the 1800's, several businesses were located along Main Street. These include taverns, hotels, bakeries, potteries, apothecaries, dry goods stores, grocery stores, a tailor, a hatter, a wagon maker,

and many others. There was also a schoolhouse on the south end of upper Main Street.

In 1898, the Methodist Protestant denomination relocated to Main Street from its Charles Street location (black square depicted on the map near the river). The Main Street church building is still being utilized today by Warrior's Chapel.

The next street heading north was named Walnut Street at the time this map was printed. As I stated earlier, there were two ferry operations that provided access across the West Fork River. The first one entered town at Main Street; the second one was located along the riverbank of Walnut Street and was operated from the town side. This street had previously been appropriately named Ferry Street. Once a bridge came to town, ferry operations were no longer necessary and this street was renamed to Walnut, symbolizing the large grove of walnut trees on the hill above it.

The current Bridge Street was still named

Locust Street in 1886. A crossing over the West Fork is depicted in the image, symbolizing the bridge constructed ten years earlier. It was the first one to span the West Fork at Shinnston, but its low level deemed it prey to nature's destructive ways and was washed away during the 1888 flood. A higher iron bridge was constructed the following year in its place, at which time the city renamed this street to reflect its pride in the structure. Perhaps one day, the city government will again rename this street to bring less confusion to the out-of-towner!

As shown in the image, Locust Street extended up and curved by way of what we currently know as East Avenue. At the time, this was still named

'the pike'. There was no access, other than horseback, heading north on the west side of the river through the communities we know as Big Elm, Midway, Viropa, or Enterprise. Privately-owned farmlands were not entirely given up to permit a road being built through them for wagon use. As a result, the Clarksburg-Fairmont turnpike traveled out of Shinnston through the lands currently known to us as East Shinnston and Bethlehem and ended up near the current Enterprise Cemetery. The pike stayed on the east side of the river until it crossed at Worthington.

Rebecca Street was the last street in town at the time this atlas was printed. It marked the edge of

Shinn's farmland and was appropriately named Rebecca for both his wife and mother.

North of Rebecca Street was a large fenced-in meadow from D.M. Shinn's farm, whose house still stands as the Burnett residence at the top of Clement Street. During the 1890's, this meadow section of land was laid out for development and two additional streets were named for members of the Shinn

Family: Clement and Mahlon.

The dotted line running through town, between Pike Street and the West Fork River, was a proposed location for the railroad. The line didn't officially come to Shinnston until the year 1890, at which time they had decided to re-route it closer to the river. The dotted line shown on the map is currently known as Davis Court.

And that is the story behind the photo!

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OBITUARIES



Barbara L. Bunner

Barbara L. Bunner, 75, of Pitman, PA, passed away on January 7, 2024. She was born on February 21, 1948, in Dearborn, MI, a daughter to the late Frances Edward Wright and Ruth Mae Waters. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bruce Alan Bunner, whom she married on August 7, 1976.

She is survived by her brother, Robert Wright of Peoria, AZ; daughters Cynthia Zemerick of Worthington, WV; Christine (Mike) Thomas of Dillsburg, PA; son Michael (Meghan) Bunner of Levittown, PA; and grandchildren Kayleigh Zemerick, Sarah Zemerick, Joseph Bruce Thomas, and Baby Bunner (due April 2024).

Barbara worked at the Ford Vet Hospital, Hazel Park Race Course, and Tanglewood Farms and Bunnars Arabians, which was a family-owned horse business for breeding, showing, and training. Barb was a Methodist and she belonged to the Arabian Horse Association and the Michigan Arabian Association. She enjoyed going to horse events, reading, and going to family events and music.

Friends will be

received at Harmer Funeral Home on Friday, January 12, 2024 from 3:00PM-8:00PM. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 11:00AM with Pastor Sabrina Haight officiating. Interment will follow at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.



Freeda Victoria McHenry

Freeda Victoria McHenry, 80, of Lumberport, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, January 7, 2024 at her home. She was born August 19, 1943 in Baltimore, Maryland a daughter of the late Russell Clark and Freda Irene Rogers McHenry.

Freeda is survived by her brothers, Russell Allen McHenry of Lumberport; and Buck McHenry and his wife Donna, of Gore; her nieces and nephews, Lori and Scott Rowden; Rusty and Alex McHenry; Celeste Cutlip; Gianna Cutlip; Clark McHenry; Lilly McHenry; Hunter Rowden; Trey Murray; Gracie Murray; and Buzz Murray; as well as several cousins. Freeda was also preceded in death by her long-time companion, Andrew Hamrick.

Freeda enjoyed making crafts and watching Westerns. She was excellent at doing upholstery work and

made that her business. Freeda had an amazing collection of Minnie and Mickey Mouse memorabilia. Freeda also loved caring for her dog, Booty.

The family would like to thank Freeda's caregivers, Fonda Miller and her family; Kelly Oliverio; the Hayhurst family; Randy and Jessica; and her good friend, Corey Hagan.

Friends will be received at Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St. Shinnston, on Thursday from 5-8pm. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Friday, January 12, at 11:00 am. Interment will follow at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. Online memories and condolences can be shared with the family at www.perinefunerals.com

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



Lurella L. Maxey

Lurella L. Maxey, 85, passed away on January 13, 2024. She was born on January 23, 1938, at Bennets Run, a daughter to the late Robert E. Harbert and Otoeva Harbert. Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Robert E. Maxey, whom she married on June 3, 1955.

Lurella is survived by her children,

daughter Jodi Knight (Draper); grandkids Shawn Hyre and Dalton Morris; great-grandchildren Catalina Hyre, Shawn Hyre Jr., and Tidus Hyre; son Brian Maxey (Valerie), and grandchildren Taylor and Jayc Maxey; son Michael Maxey (Ashley), and grandchildren Kadin, Kierstyn, and Kollin Maxey; and siblings Carol Robey of Massillon, OH, Darlene Goff of Morgantown, Navonda Hayhurst of Enterprise, and Rick Harbert of Clarksburg.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Ten Mile Baptist Church where she taught fourth and fifth grade. She also belonged to the Lumberport Women's Club and Bennet's Run Quilt Club. Lurella enjoyed crocheting, sewing, cooking, and baking.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Wednesday January 17, 2024 from 2:00PM-8:00PM. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 11:00AM with Pastor Jeff Perine officiating. Interment will follow at Rosebud Cemetery.



Glen Perine

Glen Perine, 88, of Bridgeport, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at his residence.

He was born in Reynoldsville, March 31, 1935, a son of the late Forest Elexis "Tom" and Florence Hardman Perine. On August 26, 1955, he married Helen Jean McCarty Perine, who preceded him in death on August 27, 2021, after celebrating 66 years of marriage.

Surviving are three children; Rev. Robert Glen Perine and his wife Janey, Harrisville, Pastor Jeffrey Alan Perine and his wife Julie, Bridgeport, Beth Ann Wilmoth and her husband Dave, Bridgeport; and his daughter-in-law Jackie Perine, Shinnston.

He was known as "Pappy" to his 13 grandchildren— Jason Perine and his wife Leslie, Rachelle Coffey and her husband Brian, Deanna Garrett and her husband Gary, Rebecca Prunty and her husband Chad, Adam Perine and his wife Tara, Brittany McQuaid and her husband Andrew, Andrew Perine and his wife Sarah, Jeffrey Perine, Allison Satterfield and her husband Ryan, Mitch Wilmoth and his wife Brittany, Alana Hoskinson and her husband Alex, Kayla Cottrell and her husband Cody, Jacob Perine and his fiancé Jaryn; 30 great-grandchildren, many extended family and his beloved dog, Sugar Baby. Glen was also preceded in death by a son, Timothy E. Perine.

Glen served with the Army National Guard for 6 years. He was formerly employed at the Union Carbide and retired from CNG Transmission with 35

years of service. He was a member of the Reynoldsville Baptist Church for more than 70 years where he served as a deacon for more than 50 years, many of those years as Chairman. He also was a choir member, Sunday School teacher, and past treasurer at the church. He served for more than 30 years on the Board of Directors for the Hope Federal Credit Union and was a past president.

Glen and Helen enjoyed having their large family in for holidays and special events. He was a man of faith who raised his family in a Christian home and passed down his legacy and love for Jesus Christ. He loved his family and will be deeply missed.

The family will receive friends at the Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St., Shinnston, from 2-8pm, Friday. A funeral service will be held at the Reynoldsville Baptist Church, 3043 Wilsonburg Rd., Reynoldsville, at 10am, Saturday with Rev. Robert Perine, Pastor Jeff Perine, Pastor Jon Hayes, and Dick Miller officiating. Glen will lie in state one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in the Bridgeport Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Reynoldsville Baptist Church or Judson Baptist Camp. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Perine family.

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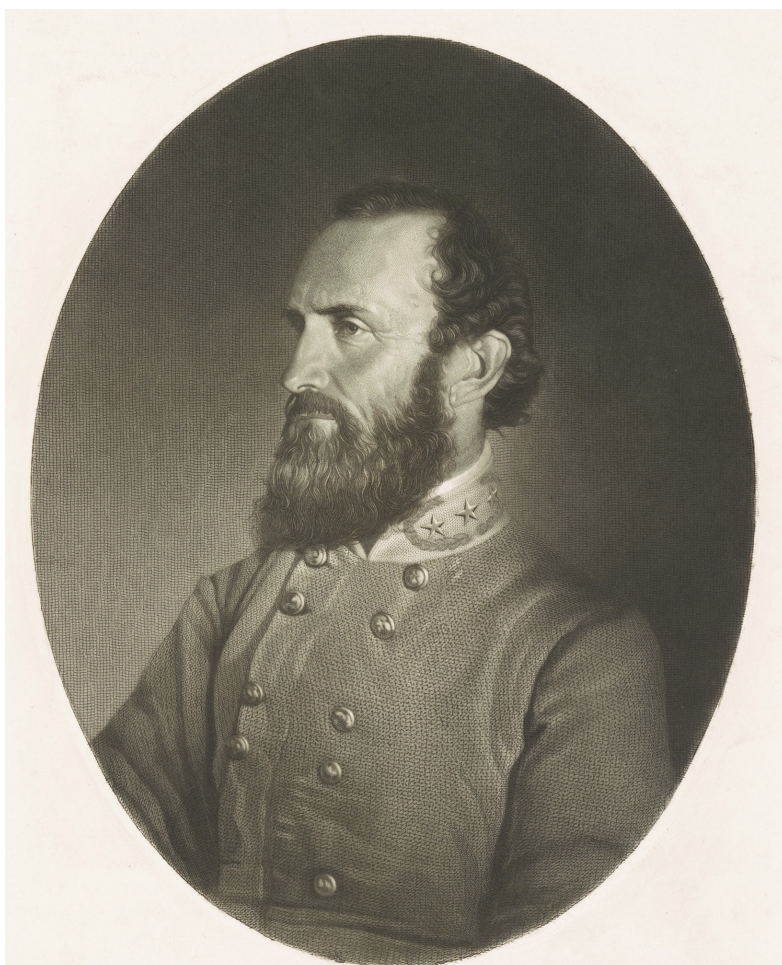
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"Obituaries" From Pg 7



William (Bill) Jennings Salerno

William (Bill) Jennings Salerno, 85, of Pine Bluff, passed away Tuesday, January 9th, 2024 at United Hospital Center. He was born in Pine Bluff, WV on December 19th, 1938, a son of Tony and Maria Rosa Salerno.

Bill was preceded in death by his first wife Jane and son Michael who died tragically in a fire in 1968 along with a sister Antionette. He was also preceded by 6 brothers, Sam, Patsy, Joe, Albert, Jimmy and Junior Salerno and 4 other sisters, Jennie, Rosie, Gay and Mary.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Martha Salerno of Pine Bluff, WV, five children and ten grandchildren, Toni Williams (Rory) of Covington, LA and children Aubrie Johnson (Gabriel) of Salem, WV and Aliza of Covington, Stacia Talkington (Jason) and children Isaac, Leah, Jude and Eden of East Berlin, PA, Kristen Toth (Brandon) and children Lydia and Braxton of Pine Bluff, WV, Nicholas Salerno (Amber) and daughter Sloane of Bridgeport, WV, William Salerno (Tabitha) and son Hastings of Williamsburg, VA. Bill is also survived by one sister, Polly Costa of Fairmont, WV; sister-

in-law, Mary (Cookie) Salerno of Shinnston, WV; brother-in-laws, Tom (Nancy) Moore, Dave (Linda) Davis, Libby (Bud) Hildreth, Bernard (Barb) O'Dell, Minda Shingleton, Linda (Sid) Hickman and Mary (Matt) Osbourn. In addition, Bill had many nieces and nephews that were a very important part of his life.

Bill got his early schooling at the old one-room Pine Bluff School, graduated successfully from Shinnston High School where he met Jane his first wife, and attended Fairmont State College for one year. He received his real-life education and hands-on training working at Salerno Brothers, working with his brothers, since high school. Bill became a highly competent operator of all types of heavy on- and off-road construction equipment. He was a decades-long member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 137 and well known in the region for his expert crane operating skills.

While working at Salerno Brothers, he was involved and worked on numerous major infrastructure projects that provided significant economic opportunity for the local community and region, including the construction of I-79, the Harrison Power Station, and numerous sewer and water projects throughout the region of WV, PA and MD. During this time he also operated a coal strip and stone quarry in the Pine Bluff area that supplied many construction projects throughout the decades.

In the mid-90s, he incorporated Bingamon Corp and continued to run the stone quarry and trucking operation, which continued to be a significant contributor to the local community.

Bill became a very well-known business owner in the area and had a reputation for being fair and generous in the local community. He contributed funding, equipment, and services to numerous local community projects and events over the years, including the Shinnston Veterans Memorial, Lincoln football stadium lighting, Shinnston Community Park, and the Annual Turkey Trot, to name just a few.

Bill's strong work ethic, passion for life and compassion for people were heavily influenced and molded during his formative years as a young man working at Salerno Brothers, working the family farm, proudly serving his country in the US Army during the Vietnam conflict, and enduring the tragic loss of his first wife and young son and raising his infant daughter as a single father for almost 10 years with the help of his entire family. Fortunately, Bill then met the future love of his life, Martha Moore, at the Wyatt Market and in 1978 started a new chapter that resulted in 45 happily married years and 4 more loving and talented children.

Bill's passions were his family and his work. He especially loved being a farmer, putting up hay, and tending to the many horses and cattle he raised over the many years. He became a well-known horseman

and cattleman in the area and was known for raising some of the finest Belgian horses, many of which would be sold in the Amish Country over the years. His horses and wagons were a familiar sight in many a Shinnston and Mannington parade and Fairs over the years, something he was always very proud of. Bill was also a faithful member of the Wyatt Union Fellowship.

Family Patriarch, Dedicated Son and Brother, Faithful Husband, Father and Grandfather, American Patriot, Skilled Operating Professional, Successful and Respected Entrepreneur and Businessman are some of the many words you can use to describe Bill Salerno. He will be best remembered for the legacy of a large and loving family that he leaves behind and the many good friends he made and the generosity and compassion he showed many people in the local community over his many years.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital to 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Friends and family will be received at Harmer Funeral Home 300 Pike St. Shinnston on Saturday, January 13, 2024 from 4:00PM - 8:00PM and on Sunday from 12:00 PM - 8:00PM. A funeral service will be held on Monday January 15, 2024 at 11:00AM at Harmer Funeral Home with Pastor Chris Shingleton and Pastor Roy Clark officiating. Entombment will follow at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery Mausoleum.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at Harmerfuneralhome.com



David Tartell

David Tartell, 85, of Fairmont, passed away on January 7, 2024. He was born on July 25, 1938, in Monongah, a son to the late Lee Tartell and Josephine (Monell) Tartell. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Delores (DeMary) Tartell, whom he married on April 19, 1969; brother-in-law James Shultz; nephew James Shultz Jr.; brother Louis (Helen) Tartell; nephew Ronnie Griffin; sister Elda (Stanley) Sharpe; nephew Craig Sharpe; brothers Eugene and Phillip Tartell; sister Christina Arnett; niece Lisa Arnett; sister Lorraine (Walt) Meredith; brother-in-law John D. DeMary; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law Harvey (Norma Jean) Hammons.

David is survived by his sister, Elizabeth Shultz; nephews Greg Shultz, Gary Shultz, Robert Tartell, Kevin Sharpe, Eugene Tartell II, Joe Tartell, John Arnett, Jim Arnett, Mark DeMary, John M. DeMary, and James Hammons; nieces Debra Matthews, Linda Pugh, Helen Roberts, Joni Kollmer, Jennifer Miller, and Ann

Aunins; and sisters-in-law Helena Tartell and Kathryn DeMary.

David graduated from Monongah High School in 1956 and Fairmont State College in 1961. He served in the US Army and Reserves. He was the Athletic Director for the Dayton Boys Club from 1964-1969, worked for DeMary Brothers Transfer, and later became owner in 1972, and was owner of D & D Properties until his retirement in 2003. David was a member of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Monongah. In addition to his lifelong dedication to community service, David's passion was his family, he was an avid outdoorsman and hunter and enjoyed woodworking, bird watching, traveling, football, and basketball (he played both football and basketball for Monongah High).

The family would like to thank his wonderful caregivers Shirley Moorehead, Connie Hilling, Misty Hoover, Midge Wetzell, Melissa White and Carie Watkins.

Friends will be received at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Monongah from 4-8 PM, Friday. Holy Rosary will be recited at 6:30 PM Friday. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Monongah at 10:00 AM, Saturday, January 13, 2024, with Father Romeo Bacalso as Celebrant, and assisted by Deacon David Lester. Interment will follow at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Monongah, WV in David's memory.

LHS Students of the Month

Alexis Kristine Williams



Alexis Kristine Williams is the daughter of Jeffery and Melissa Williams, and the granddaughter of Robert and Aleta Hell, and Alice Williams and the late Arthur Williams.

Throughout her four

years at Lincoln, Alexis has earned a spot on the perfect honor roll due to her exceptional grades. She is ranked in the top 25 of her entire class, and has been the recipient of several Top Scholar awards. Alexis was inducted into the National Honor Society her sophomore year, where she now serves as Treasurer. She was also, impressively, chosen as a WVSSAC Chick-fil-a Leadership Representative.

Alexis has been a member of the Student

Council and Key Club, where she has served as a board member for two years in each club. She also holds membership in the

Caring Cougars club, and is a member of the yearbook staff. She has spent countless hours volunteering in her community to local businesses and programs. Some of these include: Angel Luv, Feed-a-Family, community blessing boxes, Special Olympics, and Veterans Nursing Facility.

Athletically, Alexis

has been a member to several teams while at Lincoln. She is a four-year member of the volleyball, basketball, and softball teams where she has earned All State, All County, and Big 10 athletic honors.

Outside of school, Alexis enjoys traveling, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

Alexis has plans to attend United Hospital Center for Radiologic Technology.

Jaden Adeline Harbert



Jaden Adeline Harbert is the daughter of Polly Harbert, and the granddaughter of Shirley Harbert and

Gary Harbert.

Throughout her four years at Lincoln, Jaden has earned a spot on the perfect honor roll due to her exceptional grades. She is ranked in the top 25 of her entire class, and has been the recipient of several Top Scholar awards. Jaden was inducted into the National Honor Society, has taken numerous college and Advanced

Placement classes, and is one of the top 25 ACT and SAT scorers in the entire school.

Jaden has been a member of the Student Council and Key Club, and is a member of the yearbook staff. She has spent countless hours volunteering in her community to local businesses and programs. Athletically, Jaden is a two-year member of

the cheer team, one year member of the track team, two year member of the danceline, and a two year member of the tennis team.

Outside of school, Jaden enjoys tennis, dance, reading books, watching movies, and attending concerts.

Jaden has plans to attend West Virginia University to become a history teacher.

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(2021-S-00000046 - 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-00000046, 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 The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.	\$ 1,928.94
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

You may redeem any time before March 3, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Return this letter and both certified funds to the WV State Auditor's Office, County Collection Division
1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114
Charleston, West Virginia 25305.
Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2

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 The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.	\$ 2,962.82
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

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(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 WV State Auditor - 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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(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 RAINTREE 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 The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.	\$ 2,764.96
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

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(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 The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.	\$ 1,948.30
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.	\$ 35.00

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Schopp Named Recipient of Prestigious Mountaineer of Honor Award

Harrison County, WV, The Mountaineer of Honor Selection Committee is pleased to announce that Al Schopp, former Chief Administrative Officer and Regional Senior Vice President of Antero Resources and current President of the Board of The Antero Foundation, has been selected as the recipient of the prestigious Mountaineer of Honor award. This award is dedicated to recognizing an outstanding professional who has made a lasting impact both professionally and philanthropically in North Central West Virginia and across the state.

Throughout his career, Al Schopp has exemplified what it means to be a Mountaineer. His commitment to excellence, dedication to service, and unwavering support for the community have set him apart as a true leader. As Chief Administrative Officer and Regional Senior Vice President of Antero Resources, Mr. Schopp played a vital role in the company's success and growth. His visionary leadership and strategic decision-making have contributed significantly to the energy sector in West Virginia.

Schopp is a humble and passionate individual whose success can be attributed not only to his own hard work and dedication, but also to the unwavering encouragement, sacrifice and love of his wife Joanne, their children, and their close friend circle. In addition to the love and support of his family, Schopp's success has also been influenced by his immense faith and his commitment to giving back to others. He has always approached his blessings with a heart of compassion and genuine grace, understanding the importance of using his gifts to make a positive impact in the world for others.

Furthermore, his colleagues at Antero Resources have been an integral part of Schopp's story. Together, they have built a strong and supportive team that has laid the foundation for their corporate philanthropy. Over the last decade, spurred by Al's leadership and vision, Antero has invested millions of resources in philanthropic projects and causes, truly embodying what it means to be a compassionate corporate citizen. These charitable efforts, supported by time and treasure of the company and its employees, have made a tangible difference in the lives of thousands of local residents in need. This commitment to giving back has been a key focus and hallmark of Schopp's legacy. Beyond his professional achievements, Schopp has demonstrated an exceptional personal commitment to philanthropy and community development highlighted by his own charitable giving including major gifts to West Virginia University and to the campaign to restore the historic Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center. His generous leadership in facilitating non-profit program growth and support has had a profound impact on countless individuals and organizations in our area. Schopp's dedication to giving back to the community reflects the true spirit of a Mountaineer. The Mountaineer of Honor award ceremony will take place on March 5th, 2024, at Pete Dye Golf Club. The event will be a celebration of Al Schopp's remarkable contributions and his embodiment of Mountaineer values. Distinguished guests, community leaders, and industry professionals will gather to honor Schopp's achievements and to pay tribute to his lasting legacy.

To ensure that you have the opportunity to secure your presence at this grand celebration, we are extending the privilege of reserving your table or seat, but please do so as soon as possible, as seating is limited. Please contact Brad Riffée, Executive Director of United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties, at 304-624-6337 for sponsorship information, which includes the various packages available for your consideration. In addition to reserving your table or seat, we invite you to take advantage of this opportunity to showcase your business or personal message by purchasing an ad in the event's program, which will serve as a keepsake for our awardee, their family, and those in attendance. Ad sizes include full page, ½ page, and ¼ page. If you wish to place an ad, kindly contact United Way at 304-624-6337 and send all ad details by February 16, 2024, to briffee@unitedwayhdc.org to ensure its proper inclusion. “We are delighted to learn of Al's recognition as the Mountaineer of Honor,” said Paul Rady, Chairman of the Board, CEO, and Co-Founder of Antero Resources. “I have worked with Al for almost two decades and have personal, first-hand knowledge of his outstanding professional accomplishments and his dedication to our employees and the communities in West Virginia. Antero remains grateful for Al's valuable leadership and compassion for all people who have been instrumental in our growth in Appalachia. Congratulations, Al!” For more information about the Mountaineer of Honor award and the upcoming ceremony, please contact Brad Riffée at 304-624-6337 or briffee@unitedwayhdc.org.

Exactly like any ordinary man

From L'Osservatore Romano

The story in Mark of the baptism of Christ is spare and quickly told, as events tend to be in this briefest Gospel. The other books give us precious insight into the character of John, and, through him, the character of Jesus. Mark tells us, in his account of this meeting of prophet and Savior, only what is most essential. His brief telling exalts the tale.

John leapt in his mother's womb at the sound of Mary's voice, according to the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of John tells us that the Baptist, seeing Jesus

among those who have come to him at the Jordan River, says, "I myself did not know him," the man, presumably his kinsman, whom he declares to be "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." This moment of astonished recognition, in which Jesus, standing quietly among the crowd of people hoping for relief from their sense of sinfulness, is transformed in John's eyes by an overwhelming realization that the righteousness and holiness of his kinsman Jesus is altogether of another kind than any he has ever encountered

before. By his presence among mortals as one of them, God is already effecting a vastly profounder remission of sins than John, great as he is, can begin to offer.

John has gone to the wilderness to prepare himself to speak harsh truth and to offer comfort to a people prepared by tradition to value their prophets. He wears the garb and lives the life of an ascetic. The Pharisees and Sadducees who come to John are attired, schooled and disciplined as religious men. So far as we can know, Jesus has simply worked as a carpenter. This figure of world-

transforming holiness awaits baptism among the sinners, exactly like any ordinary man.

What appears in Matthew to be John's embarrassment or confusion — he says, quite reasonably, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"— reflects an unimaginable moment. A prophet has come face to face with the Fulfillment of prophecy. John's struggle to express the degree of difference he feels between his mission and that of Jesus affirms his prophetic insight and his own high place in the sacred narrative. Jesus desires and accepts his

baptism. According to Mark, the Gospel of Jesus Christ begins with the preaching of John the Baptist and the promise that "After me comes he who is mightier than I . . . I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." This is true, and no more than the foreshadowing of much greater truth. We are told that Jesus comes to John from Galilee. No words pass between them. Jesus does not speak at all. We know that the baptism has occurred because "he came up out of the water." And in this defining

moment, "immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove." What would be seen when the heavens opened we are not told, but the words do tell us that Jesus's rising from the river is an event whose beauty enlists the grandeur of Creation in response. Then the Spirit invoked in the fiery language of the Baptist descends on him "like a dove," gently, silently, elegantly. In this momentous silence, the voice of God is heard: "Thou art my beloved Son: with thee I am well pleased."

Marilynne Robinson

DH, DHF, and DoHS Provide Update on Changes

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — On January 1, 2024, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) was officially reorganized into three separate departments in accordance with House Bill 2006. The legislation passed during the 2023 Legislative Session and was signed by Governor Jim Justice on March 6, 2023.

Governor Jim Justice appointed Sherri A. Young, D.O., MBA, FAAFP, as Cabinet Secretary of the West

Virginia Department of Health (DH); Cynthia Persily, Ph.D., as Cabinet Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Human Services (DoHS); and Michael J. Caruso as Cabinet Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Health Facilities (DHF). All three new secretaries began working with their respective departments on July 5, 2023, in preparation for the January 1, 2024, official transition.

Governor Justice prioritized improving

health and human services so that West Virginians are served with the highest degree of care. DHHR was the largest executive branch agency in West Virginia and encompassed a vast array of programs and services to state residents throughout their lifetimes.

"With the support of the dedicated DH team and under the leadership of Governor Justice, my primary goal is to improve the health of West Virginians," said DH Cabinet Secretary Young. "I am

committed to creating a healthier future for all residents with a focus on access to quality health care services and addressing the unique health challenges faced by West Virginians."

DH includes the Bureau for Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Center for Threat Preparedness, Health Care Authority, Office of Inspector General, Human Rights Commission, Developmental

Disabilities Council, WV Advisory Council on Rare Diseases, WV Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and WV Governor's Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council.

"We, along with the Justice Administration, are dedicated to fostering a resilient community where individuals and families thrive," said DoHS Cabinet Secretary Persily. "My commitment is to enhance the well-being of West Virginians through comprehensive

and compassionate services."

DoHS includes the Bureau for Behavioral Health, Bureau for Child Support Enforcement, Bureau for Family Assistance, Bureau for Medical Services, Bureau for Social Services, Office of Drug Control Policy, Commission to Study Residential Placement of Children, Family Protection Services Board, James "Tiger" Morton Catastrophic Illness Commission, and WV Women's Commission.

"Radon" From Pg 1.

could have a "predicted average indoor radon screening level between two and four pico curies per liter."

"Radon is a problem you can't see, taste, or smell, but that doesn't mean the poisonous gas isn't there," said Dr. Matthew Christiansen, State Health Officer and Commissioner of DH's Bureau for Public Health. "The cancer-causing, radioactive gas comes from the natural breakdown of uranium in soil, rock, and water, and can get into the air we breathe."

Experts say that exposure to high levels of radon equals the potential damage of smoking eight cigarettes per day.

"Radon in homes is

more common than you think. In fact, high levels of radioactive radon gas

have been found in every state but most places in the country remain undertested,

so this isn't something that should be taken lightly. Exposure to radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States," said Kevin Stewart, Director, Environmental Health

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."

Those who smoke tobacco have a higher potential risk of cancer when exposed to radon, five times the average likelihood of dying in an automobile accident,

according to the EPA.

Testing for radon costs little with kits often available at hardware stores or online. In some cases, homes with maximum energy efficiency features make the radon problem more acute because they have less opportunity for ventilation of fresh air from the outside.

According to the American Lung Association "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." The EPA recommends contacting the appropriate state officials to find contractors that specialize in radon mitigation.

Radon gas originates in the natural decay of uranium in the ground. Uranium appears in trace amounts everywhere, but some areas have higher concentrations than others, leading to a greater risk.

The Office of Environmental Health Services' radon program monitors levels across the state, reporting results on the Public Radon Dashboard. Residents may request a free radon testing kit by emailing radon@wv.gov or by calling 304-352-5039.

Kanawha, Boone, Logan, McDowell, Wyoming, and Mingo county residents face a minimum potential for radon gas issues. The eastern and northern border counties, however, have the highest rated risk of a potential of four pico curies per liter or more.

The EPA recommends that all residences, regardless of potential threat level, test for radon.

Radon can enter your home in many ways:

- Cracks in solid floors
- Construction joints
- Cracks in walls
- Gaps in suspended floors
- Gaps around service pipes
- Cavities inside walls
- The water supply

Labels in diagram: RADON IN SOIL, RADON IN WELL WATER, FLOOR CRACKS AND CRAWL SPACE, FLOOR-WALL JOINTS, SUMP PIT, SHOWER WELL WATER.

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