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## Important Information Concerning City Elections This Year

An individual may file as an official write-in candidate for Shinnston At-Large City Council position to be elected in the May 14, 2024 election by filing the Write-In Candidate's Certificate of Announcement at Shinnston City Hall, 40 Main

Street, Shinnston, WV during business hours until March 26, 2024. There is no filing fee for Write-in Candidacy. A person wanting to file as an official write-in candidate must meet the eligibility requirements for that specific office.

- Write-in candidates

are not listed on the ballot; rather, a list of official write-in candidates is posted at each polling place during early voting and on Election Day.

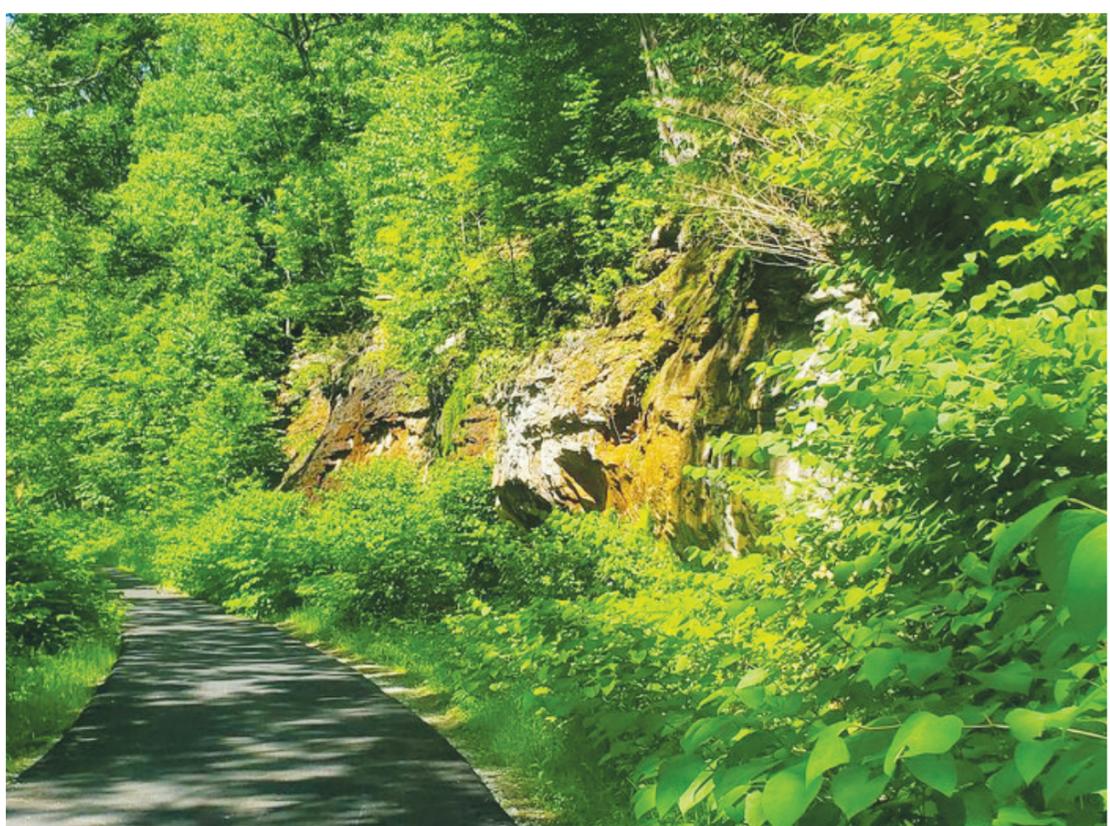
- Only votes for official write-in candidates are counted.
- Write-in candidates are not required to pay

a filing fee or collect signatures. A candidate must file his or her Write-In Candidate's Certificate of Announcement by the deadlines listed below:

- Primary Election write-in candidate deadline for non-partisan candidates: March 26, 2024.



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The Harrison County Commission moved forward on plans to outlaw all motorized vehicle use, outside of emergency and those who must cross trails to get to their residences. West Fork Rail Trail is one of the most popular such developments in the region.

## The Trusted Handyman



By Jim Hunt for the News and Journal

a new program was being introduced into the United States that is being used by millions of homeowners in 18 other countries to deliver services with over a 96% satisfaction rating. Similar to services like Uber, Door Dash and others, this program uses technology to deliver needed handyman services performed by licensed, local professionals. I recently spoke with Justin Steinbugl of the IGS Handyman Program, for an episode of the Amazing Cities and Towns Podcast and learned several interesting facts about why handyman services are so valuable.

A few years ago, I was looking for someone to clean the gutters at my house and I asked one of my friends if he knew anyone who did that kind of work. He said that he had just had his cleaned and gave me the name of a young fellow who did his work. In younger years, I would have risked life and limb and completed the job myself, but as I have gotten older, the thought of doing this type of job was at the bottom of my list. He came by the following week and did a great job cleaning the gutters. When he was finished, I asked him if he could install a mount for a flat screen television that I had bought. He said that he could but was so busy that if would be a couple months before he could get to it. I was so disappointed because I thought I had finally found a trusted guy who could do some of the minor repairs around my house.

Justin explained that over 81% of homebuyers are hit with a significant, unexpected repair within the first year of ownership and that 63% of employed Americans are unable to cover a \$500 emergency expense. Having a professional handyman responding to a call, often fixes the problem that might take weeks for a larger contractor to even be able to give an estimate. And the anxiety of unexpected hits to a household budget can delay work being done, while gathering the funds for the repair. The IGS Handyman Program operates on an affordable monthly fee which allows the homeowner to complete the repair without an unexpected hit to their budget. I asked Justin, how the IGS Handyman Program ensures that the handyman is someone

I've learned that in today's world, finding a trusted handyman for household jobs can be a daunting task, from the scarcity of skilled professionals to the high demand for their services. It is with this in mind, that I was excited to learn that

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## Commission Moves Toward Banning Motorized Vehicles On Rails to Trails

By Stephen Smoot

Toward the opening of its regular meeting last week, the Harrison County Commission debated a slate of ordinance options presented by the Harrison County attorney. Each would in

some fashion restrict or ban outright the use of motorized vehicles on any part of the county's "Rails to Trails" system. Each option included a waiver for emergency response vehicles. They also exempted any who must drive through part of the trail to access

their residence. The first option, labeled "Exhibit A" specified a ban against gasoline powered combustion engine driven vehicles. Exhibits B and C carried a broader prohibition

against any motorized vehicle. The county attorney suggested that the commission adopt the "B" option. Commissioner David Hinkle asked how Exhibit B handled

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## Property Appraisals and Other Matters Debated By County Commission

By Stephen Smoot

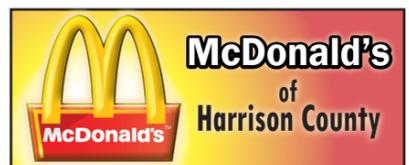
Last week, the Harrison County Commission struggled with a contentious and packed agenda. Proceedings opened with a prayer by Patsy Trecost, saying "we come to serve and not be served . . . In Jesus' name we pray, Amen." The first matter of business after the Pledge of Allegiance lay in recognizing the late Rosemary Dewitt, an employee in the Circuit Clerk's office. The commission recognized a moment of silence on

her behalf. Next, the commission held a lengthy debate over an ordinance concerning use of electric bicycles on the county's trail system. (See "Harrison County Commission Moves Toward Banning Motorized Vehicles On Trails") Commissioners then heard from Martin Broderick, president of Operation Firm Handshake. He explained that "it's been six years since we started this and the Harrison County Commission has been

there since day one." The organization requested support for the holding of their annual day of recognition, which has expanded from one to four days and involves supporters from across the nation. Since 2021, the Harrison County Commission has granted \$2,000 and did the same for 2024. Susan Thomas, Harrison County Commission president, said "thank you for what you do." Andy Lang, Mayor of Bridgeport, was invited up to speak on the

impact of extending the tax increment financing district. He explained his opposition to that measure, saying "I'm concerned about the property tax TIF. It's our mainline source of revenue." The TIF in operation has a 30 year lifespan, with a recent proposal to extend it another 15 years. "Adding 15 years

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OPINION

Weaponization of Federal Law a Symptom of a Larger Problem

By Stephen Smoot

"I'm calling on President Biden to stop this all out war on West Virginia by his federal agencies," Governor Jim Justice stated on Jan 31, adding that "it's so blatantly targeted at our state and our people because we happen to disagree on political issues. It's just plain wrong."

First, the US Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service "made the abrupt decision" to halt issuing a waiver for a secondary containment fence at the State Wildlife Center in French Creek, forcing its closure and the cancellation of Groundhog Day festivities.

In a move that Justice called "blackmail," the US Fish and Wildlife Service threatened to withhold a \$19 million grant used for trout stocking in state streams unless the state adapted its protocols to protect a list of allegedly endangered species supposedly attacked by those fish. West Virginia Department of Natural Resources officials contend that the federal allegation is wrong and that none of the species listed are, in fact, endangered.

The Biden Administration used environmental regulations to once again shut down progress on the Parsons to Thomas stretch of Corridor H. The state had earlier refused to consider a new route proposed by environmental groups, partly because they have cost state taxpayers hundreds of millions over the decades while fighting the highway. The US Fish and Wildlife Service has also delayed progress on the Coalfields Expressway.

A half century ago, Arthur Schlesinger Jr penned "The Imperial Presidency." Often called the "court historian" of both Franklin Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy, his book came on the heels of the disastrous presidency of Richard Nixon, then updated in 2004 to reflect changes between Nixon and George W. Bush.

Though critical of Republican presidents more recently in history, the trends toward the accumulation of presidential power has developed slowly over time. The process happened usually because chief executives increasingly resorted to expedients, such as executive orders, that also eroded the purview of Congress, but allowed them to act more quickly.

James Madison touted the slow and deliberate speed at which the Constitution forced the government to operate, saying that it allowed for time to think and discuss, preventing bad laws from passage due to public emotions or other pressures..

Congress has also happily evaded responsibilities

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STORYBOOK SENTIMENT

Super Crossword

- ACROSS 1 Auxiliary professor 8 Nickname for baseball great Ruth 15 Cultural value system 20 High-fashion clothing 21 Knows someone at the company, say 22 Reluctant (to) 23 "Wait, my rant isn't finished ..." 25 Private, as desires 26 Agnus (lamb figure) 27 "Cool beans!" 28 Down dinner 30 Look lewdly 31 2018 war documentary directed by Peter Jackson 38 Composer — Sebastian Bach 40 Hamilton/Burr confrontation 41 Era upon era 42 Turndowns 43 Stati (America, in Italian) 44 Stage design 47 La — Tar Pits 49 Gp. opposed to leather 51 Made a habit of taking risks 54 Actress Cuthbert 57 French for "summers" 58 Bible book after Micah 59 Dwell at 61 —Ops (CIA mind games) 62 Coffee holder 63 In love 67 Big name in candy wafers 68 2011-13 Fran Drescher sitcom 71 Give it (try) 74 Paris' Champs- 75 Certain scanning device: Abbr. 76 St. crossers 79 First book section 81 Former U.N. chief Boutros Boutros- 83 Stool or pew 84 Milk container 85 Just a tiny bit 90 Op-ed writer Maureen 91 Art of Erté 92 Once existed 93 Eldritch 94 Links gp. 96 Canon camera brand 98 — part (role-play) 100 1996-2002 sports sitcom 101 Song phrase following "See you later, alligator" 107 Amazes 108 Daddy's boy 109 Prague citizen 110 Victor's hand gesture 113 Prefix with type or plasm 115 What's spelled out by the starts of six answers in this puzzle 121 Lot units 122 Countering an attack by missile, e.g. 123 Pundit Huffington 124 Hockey feints 125 Fill with more inventory 126 Like soon-to-be-unveiled tech 3 She won a Tony for "Hurlyburly" 4 Stage actress Hagen 5 Pious sister 6 Actor Hume of "Cocoon" 7 Heads, to Henriette 8 Iota preceder 9 Novelist Robbins 10 N.Y. hours 11 Cranky cry 12 Singer DiFranco 13 Stanford — test 14 Occupy 15 — Lilly & Co. 16 Until this time 17 "Just one moment" 18 Verdi opera 19 Tears to bits 24 "Told ya so!" 29 Recurring themes 32 Detests 33 Author Blyton 34 Oil, informally 35 Dweeb's kin 36 Cassini of 20-Across 37 Quick quip 38 Minty Kentucky Derby drink 39 — last legs (about to collapse) 44 Biting turtle 45 Ordinal suffix 46 Like so, informally 48 Correo (Spanish airmail) 50 — over (satisfied for the moment) 52 "Movin' —" (sitcom theme song) 53 Tube prizes 55 Brand of fruit drinks 56 Year, in Brazil 60 Signs up 62 Multilevel structure for Fluffy 64 Suffix with chlor- or fluor- 65 Model Cheryl 66 "ER" or "CSI" 68 Get a move on 69 Lead-in to "So sue me!" 70 Caesar's 202 71 N.C. State's NCAA div. 72 "— Na Na" 73 Toiling away 76 Fetching 77 Certain surrealist paintings 78 Eye maladies 80 Funds 82 Sly — fox 83 Tortoise's top 86 Calf product 87 Caesar's "Behold!" 88 Campus mil. program 89 Singer Halliwell 94 Underside of a dog's foot 95 Liff off stress 97 Hebrew horn 99 With 106-Down, North Pole surround 100 Cling (to) 102 Perfumer Lauder 103 Absurd 104 Missouri's — Mountains 105 Toon pic 106 See 99-Down 111 Kin of -ette 112 Novelist Jennifer 114 Pre-CIA gp. 116 "— a girl!" 117 Fabric dye brand 118 Retired NBAer Ming 119 Vote down 120 "True —" ("Indeedy")

Grid for Super Crossword with numbers 1-126 indicating starting positions for clues.

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Charleston WV — The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org. Feb. 8, 1892: Cartoonist Irvin Dugan was born in Huntington. For many years, his "Adam" cartoon character was a feature on the editorial pages of the Herald-Dispatch. Feb. 8, 1915: Photographer Volkmar Kurt Wentzel was born in Dresden, Germany. He emigrated with his family to the United States at age 11. As a teenager in West Virginia, Wentzel took up with an eclectic group of people who had retreated to Youghiogheny Forest, a Preston County artists colony. Feb. 8, 1918: Medal of Honor recipient Herbert Joseph Thomas Jr. was born. He excelled as a football halfback at South Charleston High School. Herbert J. Thomas Memorial Hospital in South Charleston is named for him. Feb. 9, 1843: Republican leader Nathan Goff Jr. was born in Clarksburg. In 1888, Goff lost West Virginia's most controversial gubernatorial election to A. B. Fleming. Goff's initial 106-vote majority was challenged, and both men were sworn in on inauguration day. The case dragged on until 1890, when Fleming was determined to be



Clarksburg's Nathan Goff was a high profile Union prisoner of war, led the West Virginia Republican Party in the 1870s and 80s, and served his state as congressman, federal judge, and United States Senator. Goff was also involved in the "Year of the Three Governors" in 1888-89, having been elected to office by a narrow margin that was eventually discounted by the Democratic Party led State Legislature.

the rightful winner. McCarthy's speech to a group of Wheeling Republicans launched the 1950s red scare. McCarthy, a Wisconsin Republican, claimed in his speech to have a list of 205 communists who worked in the U.S. State Department.

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# Alex X. Mooney Votes to Crack Down on Illegal Immigrants

WASHINGTON, D.C. – This week, Congressman Alex X. Mooney proudly voted for the following pieces of legislation to keep our communities safe: the Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act (H.R. 5585), the Consequences for Social Security Fraud Act (H.R. 6678), and the Protect Our Communities from DUIs Act (H.R. 6976). “I’m proud to vote for legislation to remove criminal illegal immigrants from our country. President Biden’s disastrous open border policies are threatening every community. Illegal

immigrants who evade Border Patrol and commit crimes should have no right to stay in the United States,” said Congressman Alex X. Mooney. H.R. 5585, the Agent Raul Gonzales Officer Safety Act, protects American communities by increasing penalties

for smugglers and illegal aliens who evade Border Patrol agents and engage in dangerous high-speed chases. Illegals who intentionally evade Border Patrol agents will be subject to criminal penalties and be deemed inadmissible and removable from the

United States. H.R. 6679, the Consequences for Social Security Fraud Act, creates a new ground of inadmissibility and removal from the United States for illegal aliens who commit Social Security fraud. H.R. 6976, the Protect Our Communities

from DUIs Act, would amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to include driving while impaired as grounds for barring an illegal alien from entering the United States and makes it a deportable offense for those already in the country.

# Farm Bureau Golden Plow Awarded to Shelley Moore Capito

From the West Virginia Farm Bureau

Bureau Federation and West Virginia Farm Bureau today presented Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.V.) with the highest honor the organization gives to sitting members of

Congress, the Golden Plow award. “Senator Capito has proven time and again that she is a strong advocate, fierce negotiator and formidable champion

for agriculture and rural America,” said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. “She’s helped us fight against overregulation by the Environmental Protection Agency, led the charge for

comprehensive economic development and played a key role in supporting affordable, reliable energy production. Our

country’s farmers and ranchers are better off because of the work she has done.” Sen. Capito is the first female U.S. senator

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## “Property” From Pg 1.

is just too long,” Lang stated, adding a list of basic services supported by local taxes. He also said that he supported TIF in principle, but requested that the commission table the idea until it could be discussed in greater detail.

Commissioners turned next to an issue of late payment of utility bills by the county, resulting in late fees. Hinkle suggested that “a breakdown in the accounting system” may be to blame. Thomas suggested that a “blanket requisition” purchase order be allowed so that the county did not have to go through a process that she said takes “a few days” between receiving a bill and making payment.

Laura Pysz-Laulis then shared the latest issues with the General Services Building, saying that “we’re still working through the heating and air issues” as well as other concerning problems.

“I got stuck in the elevator this morning, so we’re still having elevator issues,” she related.

Pysz-Laulis turned next to discussing a proposed resolution to oppose changing the Voluntary Farmland Protection Act that allows farmers to place a perpetual easement on agricultural property to prevent its use in other forms of development. The proposed change would place a 25 year limit on the easement. Pysz-Laulis explained that “if a farmer chooses to put his land in an easement, that is taken away or changed.”

According to West Virginia Farmland Protection, the easements “protect agricultural land and woodland as open space land” and “curb the spread of urban blight and deterioration.”

Farmers looking to join the program will receive compensation. They must make an initial offer, which may or may not be accepted to place the easement.

The proposal has not made it into bill form at the State Legislature yet, but commissioners heard concerns that placing limits would violate Internal Revenue Service rules and, essentially, “gut the program.”

When asked which rules, Hinkle replied “I’d have to get the state director to clear that up. She told me it violates their rules.” He then made the motion for the commission to all approve and sign the resolution. It did pass.

Tensions flared again over the question of obtaining updated appraisals for county owned properties. Hinkle questioned

the purpose of the appraisals, saying “is it the intention to . . . sell everything off?” Pysz-Laulis asserted that the point lay in getting accurate assessments for insurance purposes.

Hinkle suggested that the commission agree to “have all county buildings appraised and the appraisal to be used for insurance purposes and not to be for selling the properties.”

As the commission turned toward the final items of the agenda, it took up the issue of purchasing new cameras for the Parks and Recreation Department with a quote of nearly \$17,000. The purpose, Pysz-Laulis commented, was to “keep an eye on equipment, facilities and the playground.”

Thomas said “I agree. That’s a lot of money for cameras.”

Pysz-Laulis said that the cameras were the same as in the General Services building and that those in place were too obsolete to be effective,

In the administrator’s report, she shared that the county received approval from FEMA for a flooding disaster designation requested due to last summer’s flooding.

Hinkle, during commissioner comment time, stated that “it bothers me that we hold meetings like this and pass stuff without discussion or any plans about what to do. We went out and hired attorneys and we have no idea what these developers are going to do.”

Thomas closed discussion with “I choose to make no comment.” The meeting then adjourned.

## 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)

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1200 Johnson Ave  
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Hours Tuesday-Saturday 10am-4pm

Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024  
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31 monthly meeting, 7 pm. Post 31, Shinnston.

## “Hunt” From Pg 1.

they can trust, and he said that they partner with cities and towns to make sure that every handyman is fully licensed by the city and follows any rules and regulations of the city. The program also

supports and encourages local entrepreneurs to build and develop their handyman businesses, thereby increasing to local government’s tax base. In addition, the IGS Handyman Program, “Golden Hammer

Award” encourages professionalism and skill from the network of handymen throughout the United States.

The next big question was when homeowners in West Virginia can expect to see the IGS

Handyman Program in their city or town. I was pleased to hear that they have already begun signing up cities and that St. Albans, WV and Logan, WV are the first to be enrolled in the program.

## “Trail” From Pg 1.

gasoline engines. The attorney responded by saying that he recommended B because it “provides for a prohibition of any motorized vehicles, including electric.”

“Did you make an exception for Class I e bikes?” Hinkle asked. The attorney responded

by saying B would ban all of them.

When asked why the commission should support B over A, the attorney replied that “if you start to craft distinctions, you have problems” and “it’s easier to apply if you ban them all” a “broad prohibition without

exception.”

Hinkle protested that “I think that’s totally wrong.” He argued that e bikes “help elderly people to use the trails” and “my recommendation is to not even consider B as far as electric vehicles go.” He then proposed that Harrison County Commission President Susan Thomas set up a session to discuss the issue in more detail.

Thomas and Trecost, however, voted down Hinkle and stated that a second reading would take place in two weeks. Hinkle shot back that today’s action didn’t represent a first reading and closed the discussion with “we’ll see how this commission likes writing tickets to elderly people trying to use their electric

bikes.”

Kathleen Panek, owner of the historic Gillum House bed and breakfast in Shinnston, said “rail trails are very beneficial for a city or county because they give a quality of life people want.” She added that they also raise values of property located near or along them.

“Many seniors have embraced the e-bike as an aid,” Panek also said, but “only e-bikes that are pedal assist.”

As far as the ordinance is concerned Panek, who is also Shinnston City Clerk, noted that “federal law bans motorized vehicles - except motorized wheelchairs - on any trail or rail trail built using Federal funds, usually alternate transportation grants.”

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# Round Ball Takes Front Seat

By Bill Nestor

Clarksburg native Mike Carey was back in familiar surroundings this past week. The winningest women's basketball coach in West Virginia University history was back in town, Carey is currently an assistant coach at the University of Central Florida, and since the Knights were in town for a lock up with the Mountaineers, Athletic Director Wren Baker took full advantage of the opportunity. Baker brought the legendary coach onto the floor, honoring his time in Morgantown and providing him with a framed jersey.

Carey received a well-deserved round of applause from those in attendance, many of whom realize his significance to the program. During his tenure at WVU (2001-2022), Carey amassed a 447 and 239 record. His teams made 11 NCAA tournament appearances, making it an expectation to make it to the second season. He was known for his ability to develop talent, sending several players



to the WNBA.

Carey would retire in March of 2022, but showed a deep desire to return to his previous post. Baker, however, would settle on current Mountaineer coach Mark Kellogg. Carey and UCF head coach Sytia Messer have a closer relationship, which eventually brought the veteran mentor out of retirement. Carey is one of the most competitive, hard-working coaches that I have ever met and, no matter where he lands, he will be successful. I'm glad to see him receive the recognition he deserves for making the program what it is today.

West Virginia University's men's basketball team had something happen for the first time this season. They were at full strength as interim head coach Josh Eilery had his full complement of players to play in the Big 12 class

with Cincinnati this past Wednesday. The result was a dramatic come from behind win that left the fans in attendance cheering for more. WVU was down 10 points with six minutes left and rallied for a four-point victory.

In this modern era of basketball, it was a golden oldie that proved to be the difference maker in the epic battle. Jesse Edwards returned from a five week hiatus due to a broken hand and teamed with point guard Kerr Kriisa to form an unbeatable combination. Kriisa served a nine game suspension to start the year and, before he became eligible, Edwards was lost to injury.

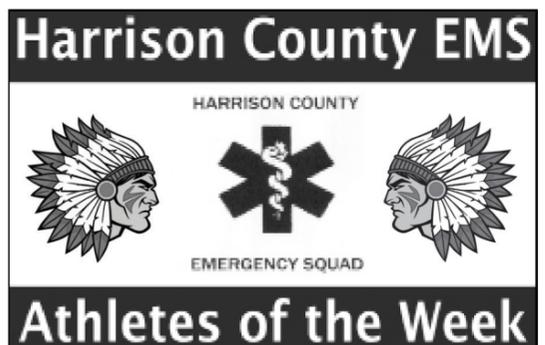
Eilery put them together in a pick and roll scenario and it proved to be more than the Bearcats could handle. Edwards played 29 minutes, scoring 25 points on 11 of 17

shooting. Kriisa netted 10 points and dished out a team high seven assists. The win was a confidence builder, proving this group can come from behind to claim victory. The next step in the progression of this group is to start clawing wins on the road.

This past week brought a big matchup in both boys' and girls' basketball. As Robert C. Byrd and Lincoln locked up. In girls' action, the Flying Eagles edged the Cougars 45 to 42. Martina Howe netted 19 while Carleigh Curotz scored 11 in the victory. Lincoln was led by Ashlyn Riley's 22 points.

On the boys' side, the Flying Eagles upended Lincoln 44 to 38 on Wednesday. Logan Boyce (15 points), Cam Newsun (11 points), and Manny Holmes (11 points) paced Robert C. Byrd. David Burdette led the Cougars with a team high 10 points.

It was the first of what could be a three game series for these teams and with each contest the stakes get higher. This is what high school sports is all about!



*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 Liberty's Emma Elliott and Robert C. Byrd's Logan Boyce

Mountaineers basketball player Emma Elliott put up some impressive state sin last week's loss to Fairmont Senior. Elliott scored a game high 27 points, pulled down nine caroms, and recorded five steals.

Flying Eagle hoopster Logan Boyce helped his team to a two and one record this past week. The wins were over Big 10 opponents Lincoln and Grafton, while the loss was against defending champion Fairmont Senior. During teh three game stretch, Boyce averaged 19.3 points per game.

Congratulations to Liberty's Emma Elliott and RCB's Logan Boyce for shining bright in the SN and HCJ athlete spotlight!

# Cougars Bested By Eagles 44 to 38



Lincoln Head Coach Jordan Toth gives his team direction as they battle the Flying Eagles.

## “Opinion” From Pg 2.

by giving federal agencies far too much regulatory latitude, saving them from blame when the public reacts negatively.

The growth of the power of the president has tremendous negative consequences for the nation. In the past, most of society did not view the power

of the presidency as potentially punitive to their personal lives. Now, with the stroke of a pen, a president can ruin an entire business sector, or create an inflationary dynamic that brings back serious talk of the 70s era “misery index.”

Fear of presidential power has turned the

election cycle into an every four year battle over who gets to impose the power of the president on his or her enemies. Whatever good it does to grant a president enough power to make positive change is drastically outweighed by the impact of people fearing that the government will

take away their rights or ruin their livelihoods.

Rolling back expanding national divisions requires that the presidency and the executive branch be stripped of sufficient power that the people and the states feel safe from, at best incompetent, at worst punitive, actions from

the White House. Some of these powers ought to return to the states, others to Congress, and still others should never have been assumed by any government in the first place.

This is not a party issue. Republicans fear Biden as much as Democrats fear Trump.

In a truly free country,

however, law-abiding citizens should not live in fear of what a change in government might bring.

Restore American freedom by taking power from the president and the executive branch, ensuring that Americans need not fear their government..

# HCSCC SPOTLIGHT

*Featuring news from the Harrison County Senior Citizen Center*

The HCSCC Board of Directors met on Thursday, January 25, 2024, in a hybrid fashion in-person in the boardroom and on Zoom.

At the meeting, the Board approved the draft audit report for

the year ended September 30, 2023 as presented by the audit firm of Gray, Griffith, and Mays, and the HCSCC holiday schedule for 2024 - 2027.

The remaining meeting schedule

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

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O'Field, Vice President, Franklin Hairston, Secretary, Betty Waddy, Treasurer, Carol E. Brown, Linda Coffman, Janet Dotson, Will Hyman, Harley Jeffries, Bill Phillips, Donna Stuart, and Susan Thomas.

## HCSC Members of WVDSCS Attend Legislative Reception



On January 23, 2024, WVDSCS (West Virginia Directors of Senior & Community Services) members held a Legislative Reception to discuss senior issues with WV Senators and Delegates. HCSC Members Beth Fitzgerald and Bill O'Field attended. Pictured L-R are Beth Fitzgerald, HCSC Director, WV Delegate Mikey Petitto, WV Senator Ben Queen, WV Delegate Keith Marple, and Bill O'Field, HCSC Vice President.

## Nazareth Farm Volunteers Paint Ballroom



L-R: James Cunningham, Crew Chief, Barabara Hume, and Danni Xu.



L-R: James Giallella, Makayla May, Emily Hanrahan, Zane M. Leimani, and Sister Rose.

Nazareth Farm sent 12 & 18, 2024. One of 25 volunteers to assist the senior center staff with some cleaning and painting projects on January 9, 10, 11, for their assistance

in special projects and participation and interaction with the seniors in their activities.

## Representative from Senator Manchin's Office Visits Center



On Monday, January 29, 2024, Wendy Madden, Outreach Representative for North Central West Virginia, visited HCSC to discuss senior issues and concerns with the Executive Director and a Board Representative. Pictured L-R: Beth Fitzgerald, Executive Director, Wendy Madden, and Bill O'Field, HCSC Board Vice President.

## HCSC CLOSING FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY

HCSC will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day on February 19, 2024.

## HCSC INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

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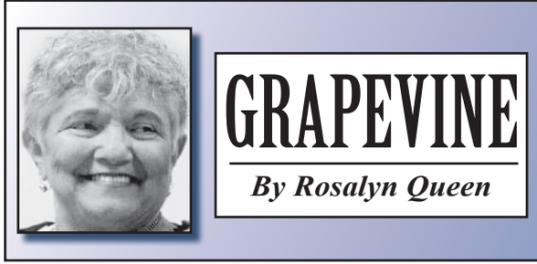
Grapevine by Rosalyn Queen

Over the past several weeks my faith in mankind has been restored and I want to share these two incidents with you and see if you do not agree with me.

First, last week I was on my way to the Post Office and then I was going to the Clarksburg Lions Club meeting. It was a pretty Friday morning and I decided that I would drive although I do limit my driving. I figured I was driving about thirty miles an hour when I heard a boom and it appeared that my

front passenger tire had blown out and seconds later another boom and my back passenger tire blew out. I stopped immediately and pulled as close to the curb not wanting to drive for fear of ruining the rim.

Immediately a young man appeared at my window and advised me that I had two blown out tires and that he was behind me when it happened and he was directing traffic around me and advised me that he would stay with me until someone came. Being a member, I called AAA and they said they would send a wrecker. The wrecker arrived in less than



thirty minutes. The gentleman continued to direct traffic and his wife and two young daughters came to my car and talked to me. I learned they were from GRAFTON. BUT did not get their names. A very polite Clarksburg policeman came and was also very nice. The wrecker service was A and S and he also was a gem. He hooked my car up, put me in his

cab and took us both to the tire shop. Long story short, everything is ok and a big thanks to three great guys.

MY next incident was several weeks ago when I became concerned about my cousin Donna June Winslow who lives in Webster, New York. Donna had been sick and the last time she called me she wanted to tell me she was in the hospital and she would

keep in touch as she felt better.

Three days passed and I did not hear from her so I tried to call her but I had the wrong number. I waited another day and still no contact. Webster is a little suburb off of Rochester. I did not know the name of the hospital. So I did what I thought was best. I called the Webster police. I got a 911 line saying what is your emergency? I became a little alarmed thinking I might be in trouble.

Very quickly I explained my situation. I gave him my name and told him I was from West Virginia and that I was very concerned

about my cousin Donna. He asked for her address and advised me someone would call me. A few minutes later my phone rang and it was Donna. The policeman told her "call your cousin in West Virginia." Thanks to a polite and helpful policeman.

Everything is right in our world. Do not let a bad apple spoil the whole bushel. God bless these people who passed through my life and made it better.

Take care, stay healthy and until next week "Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine."

# Review Team Would Examine Deadly Incidents for Children in State Custody

When children are entrusted to the state's care, loved ones should be able to trust that they will be safe. However, that hasn't always been the case. Lawmakers seek to improve outcomes for these children with a bill currently under consideration by the state Senate.

Senate Bill 474

establishes a Critical Incident Response Review Team under the West Virginia Department of Human Services to oversee and assess circumstances of the "death or near death" of a child in state custody. The Review Team will also examine cases of "death or near death" of youth with an ongoing Child

Protective Services case, or in a family served or assessed by the agency during the prior 12 months.

Lead sponsor Mike Woelfel (D-Cabell) said, "The composition of the Review Team is diverse, which should add to the quality of its assessment of these tragic events. Adoption

of a formal, ongoing oversight team will move us toward best practices, is overdue and will save lives. It is important we give the newly created DHS and its administration an opportunity to

modernize how at-risk youth are served. The prior DHHR was much too unwieldy and, at times, poorly led. I see a renewed commitment by Dr. Cynthia Persily and her team to assure proper care and

supervision of our most vulnerable children."

The bill is up for a final vote in the Senate on Wednesday, after which it will proceed to the House of Delegates for consideration by that chamber.



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Patrick A. Kovalck - Licensed Director**OBITUARIES****Faith Ashcraft**

Faith Ashcraft, 67, of Clarksburg, passed away on January 30, 2024 at Clarksburg Healthcare Center. She was born in St. Petersburg, FL on October 17, 1956 to the late Floyd Ashcraft and Zelfhia (Riddle) Ashcraft.

Faith had worked at the snack bar at United Hospital Center. She enjoyed working outdoors and animals ... especially cats!

She is survived by one niece, Pamela Kay Spagnulo and husband Anthony "Tony" of Shinnston; two nephews: Michael Glenn Ashcraft and wife Vickie of Shinnston and Mark Patrick Ashcraft of Shinnston.

In addition to her parents, Faith is preceded in death by her half-brother, Paul Ashcraft.

In accordance with Faith's wishes cremation was honored and inurnment at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery will be at the family's convenience.

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

**John Beverly**

John Beverly, Sr., 80, of Lumberport, passed away on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at the

**Darlene**

Rosewood Center in Grafton. He was born June 4, 1943 in Sardis, a son of the late John Edison and Maude O'Dell Beverly.

In 1965, John married Roberta Rose Beverly who preceded him in death on October 4, 2010.

He is survived by his two sons, John K. Beverly, Jr and his wife Linda of Lumberport; and Franklin "Scott" Beverly and his wife Rebecca of Flemington; his grandchildren, Tiffany Helke and her husband Thomas; and Cerinity Beverly, both of Grafton; Dominic Beverly; Cheyenne Beverly; Olivia Beverly; and Zane Beverly, all of Flemington; and Isabel Harbert of Lumberport; and his great-granddaughter, Lindsey Helke.

In addition to his parents and wife, John was preceded in death by his grandsons, Edison and Lucian Beverly; his siblings, Charles "Whitey" Beverly; Bernard Joseph Beverly; June Reed; Effie Flanigan; Charles "Pete" Beverly; Sarah Layton; John Roy Beverly; and William Beverly.

John was an avid college football and basketball fan. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and going for drives through the county side.

Friends will be received at Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St. Shinnston, on Sunday from 4-8pm. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Monday, February 5th, at 11:00am with Pastor Tim Sandy officiating. Interment will follow at the WV National Cemetery in Pruntytown. Graveside

Military Honors will be accorded by the Harrison County Honor Guard and the US Army. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contribution be made to Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St. Shinnston, WV 26431.

**Rosemary Dewitt**

Rosemary Dewitt, 72, of Clarksburg and formerly Shinnston, passed away on January 22, 2024 at Ruby Memorial Hospital surrounded by her family. She was born in Clarksburg on May 15, 1951 to the late Rose Loria Dewitt.

She was a graduate of Shinnston High School and had worked for the circuit clerk's office at the Harrison County Courthouse.

Rosemary is survived by one brother, Ed "Junior" Dewitt and wife Tammy of Shinnston; one nephew, Matthew Dewitt of Shinnston; one niece, Morgan (Dewitt) Adkins and husband Jammie of Bridgeport; two great nieces: Ava Rose and Penelope Ann "Nellie"; cousins: Alice Beezel and husband George of Hepzibah, Connie Swanger and husband Don of Bridgeport, Greg Loria of California, Kathryn Wood of Michigan and Florida, Sam Loria of Edgewood, Susan Phillips of Gypsy, Michelle Frye; a treasured friend, Melva Fittro of Adamston as well as several second and third cousins. Rosemary was like a second mom to Matthew and Morgan.

In addition to her mother, Rosemary is preceded in death by

one cousin, Sammie Male and several aunts and uncles.

Honoring Rosemary's wishes, she will be cremated. A Memorial Service will be held at Dorsey Funeral Service, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston on Sunday, February 4, 2024 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm with Pastor Jim Glaspell officiating.

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

**Kenneth "Kenny" Robert Sisler**

Kenneth "Kenny" Robert Sisler, age 79, of New Martinsville, WV, passed away Thursday, February 1, 2024, at his residence.

He was born November 4, 1944, in Shinnston, WV, son of the late Lester Lincoln and Edna Virginia (Carlin) Sisler.

Kenneth was a US Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, and a former coal miner. He was a member of the Ten Mile Baptist Church, in Lumberport, WV and the Lions Club of New Martinsville.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years,

Deloris June Swiger Sisler in October 2021; brother Terry Lynn Sisler; sister Charlotte Fay Starkey.

Survivors include a brother, Ernest (Betty) Sisler of Philippi, WV;

brother-in-law, Robert Starkey (Gayla Fisher) of Friendly, WV; niece and caregiver, Elaine (Randy) Snider of Salem, WV; nephew, Thomas (Jandy) Starkey of Fleming, OH; niece, Lisa (Andy) Vanderwerf of Arlington, TN; niece, Lisa (Mike) Elmore of Belington, WV; niece, Wendy (Daren) Gain of Philippi, WV; niece, Tracey (John) Shumway of Philippi, WV; and brother-in-law, Eugene (Trisha) Swiger of Tampa, FL; and several great nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends on Friday, February 9, 2024, from 5-8 pm at the Grisell Funeral Home and Crematory, 751 Third Street, New Martinsville, WV and Saturday, February 10, 2024, from 11 am until time of service at 12 noon at Ten Mile Baptist Church 1293 Wallace Pike,

Lumberport, WV with Pastor Jeff Perine officiating.

Interment will follow in Lion Cemetery, Lumberport, WV.

**Ronald K. Smith**

Ronald K. Smith, 76, of Clarksburg, passed away on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at his home with his family by his side. He was born February 28, 1947 in Morgantown, a son of the late Verl Wilton

and Grace Harshbarger Smith.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Janie M. Weekley Smith whom he married on December 14, 1969.

Ronald is also survived by his two sons, Douglas K. Smith and his wife Tina of Clarksburg; and Stephen B. Smith and his wife Kelli of Clarksburg; three grandchildren, Quinten, Emalee, and Breckston Smith; his sister, Linda Grace Smith of Clarksburg; two sisters-in-law, Barbara Wilson of Salem; and Elaine Childers of Clarksburg; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Ronald was preceded in death by his brother, Verl "Junior" Smith and his wife Linda Kay; his brother-in-law, Patrick Weekley; and two nephews, Michael Verl Smith and Matthew Loren Knotts.

Ronald served our country in the U.S. Air Force. He was later employed at Benkins Vanlines, the WV National Cemetery, and West Fork Motors in Shinnston. He enjoyed his work as an automotive detailer at Bob Trickett GMC, Pontiac and Cadillac from which he retired. He also enjoyed watching Western shows and movies. Ronald was a member of The American Legion Post #31 in Shinnston.

In keeping with Ronald's wishes, cremation services were provided by Perine Funeral Home, Shinnston. There will be no public services. Online memories and condolences can be shared at www.perinefunerals.com

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**Out of the Past**

Memorable photographs from around Harrison County



An unidentified groups sits down for dinner at the Lambert Restaurant in Adamsville, Shinnston, W. Va. Photo courtesy of West Virginia University.

## Statement from the ARC on Chair Manchin's Vehicle Accident

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 30, 2024—On Monday afternoon, ARC Federal Co-Chair Gayle Manchin and Guy Land, ARC congressional liaison,

traveled to Birmingham, AL, to attend an ARC grant workshop. While they were driving from the airport to their hotel, another vehicle struck their car.

Federal Co-Chair Manchin and Mr. Land were transported to a nearby University of Alabama-Birmingham (UAB) medical facility to be assessed

for injuries. Federal Co-Chair Manchin and Mr. Land are receiving excellent medical care and remain at a UAB facility as they recover.

## OPM Finalizes Regulation to Prohibit Use of Non-Federal Salary History

Washington, D.C. — Today, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) released a final regulation that prohibits the use of previous non-federal salary history in setting pay for federal employment offers. Under the final regulation, federal agencies cannot consider an applicant's non-federal salary history when setting pay for new federal employees in the General Schedule, Prevailing Rate, Administrative Appeals Judge, Administrative Law Judge, Senior Executive Service, and senior-level and scientific or professional pay systems.

"The federal government has been, and continues to be, a national leader in pay equity," said OPM Director Kiran Ahuja. "Relying on a candidate's previous salary history can exacerbate preexisting inequality and disproportionately impact women and workers of color. With this regulation, the Biden-Harris Administration sets a new standard and demonstrates to the nation that we mean business when it comes to equality, fairness, and attracting the best talent." Under the final

regulation, agencies will no longer be able to set pay based on non-federal salary history for those who are joining the federal government for the first time or are returning after a break in federal service. Agencies also will not be permitted to consider the salary in a candidate's competing job offer when setting pay. Finally, agencies will be required to have policies regarding setting pay based on a previous federal salary for employees who have previous civilian service in the federal government.

The regulation further positions the

federal government as a model employer, the first priority under the Biden-Harris Administration's President Management Agenda. By helping to close gender and racial pay gaps, they help attract and retain a qualified, effective workforce drawn from the full diversity of America.

### Background on Salary History Bans and Gender Pay Gap

As the Department of Labor (DOL) notes, reliance on an employee's prior salary can exacerbate pay disparities for any worker who has faced discrimination in the

labor market, allowing pay disparities to follow a worker from job to job. Research shows that implementing salary history bans can narrow the gender wage gap and increase wages resulting in reduced pay disparities for workers of color compared to white workers.

Currently, 21 states have laws or executive orders that address employers' use of an applicant's salary history, including directives that, like OPM's final regulations, prohibit employers from relying on a job applicant's salary history in setting

pay. The gender pay gap for the federal government's civilian workforce in 2022 was 5.6%, an improvement from 5.9% in 2021. The federal gender pay gap is far smaller than the national gender pay gap, which sits at 16%. From 1992 to 2022, the gender pay gap for the federal workforce has decreased from 24.5% to 5.6%. In addition, in recent years women in the Senior Executive Service, the senior-most leadership ranks of the federal government, are paid approximately the same as their male counterparts.

### "Obituaries" From Pg 7.



**Eleanor Ann Marzano Storage**

Eleanor Ann Marzano Storage returned to the Lord after a brief illness on January 30, 2024, at the age of 89. Eleanor was born in Meadowbrook and graduated from Shinnston High School. Eleanor was the beloved wife of the late Sam Storage for 53 years. After years of moving with Sam during his many Naval deployments, they settled down in their hometown of Shinnston to raise their two children, Mark and Sami. She spent those years using her cooking

and baking skills at the St. Ann's Catholic Church, Lincoln High School concession stand, many family events, and for her children's many hungry friends after Lincoln ball games.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rachel and Leonard Marzano of Meadowbrook, WV; brothers Joseph Marzano and his wife Mary of Weirton, WV; Leonard Marzano, Jr and his wife Linda of Aliquippa, PA; sisters Catherine and her husband Tony Borneo of Beaver Falls, PA, Teresa and her husband John Morabito of Beaver Falls, PA; Mary and her husband Pete Amodio of Clarksburg; and their baby sister Immaculate Marzano, both-in-laws Michael Migliore and Vincent Cuppari both of Clarksburg, Edward Torrence of East Palestine, OH; Joseph Storage in his

wife Mary of Shinnston; Earl Marasco and his wife Mary of Shinnston; Willie Storage and his wife Lucille of Crosslanes, WV, and sister-in-laws Jane Marzano of Toledo, OH; Sue Marzano of Beaver Falls, PA; Katherine Storage and her husband Sam Verdigone of Shinnston; Madeline Storage and her husband Sam Simon of Youngstown, OH; and Francis Storage and her husband Stephen Koreski of Shinnston.

She is survived by her brothers Augustine Marzano of Toledo, OH; and John Marzano of Beaver Falls, PA; sisters Rose Migliore of Mayoden, NC, Virginia (Jeannie) and her husband John Liptak of Clarksburg; Josephine and her husband Nick Loudin of Goose Creek, SC; Anita Cuppari of Granite Falls, NC; and Carmella Torrence of Columbiana, OH; brother-in-law Ralph

and his wife Sue Ann Storage of Centerville, OH; and dozens of nieces and nephews who she deeply loved.

Eleanor is also survived and will be greatly missed by her children and grandchildren. Her son Mark lives in Fredericksburg, VA, with his beloved wife Virginia (Ginnie), and their daughter McGowan (Mackie), who is currently in her second year at the College of Law at West Virginia University. Her daughter Sami lives in Centerville, VA, with her loving husband Brian Sloboda and their children Rachel, who is a sophomore and Army ROTC student at West Virginia University; Anthony, who is a senior at St. Paul VI High School and will be attending Radford University; and Sam, who is an eighth grader at St. Timothy Catholic School and will also

attend PVI in the fall.

Calling hours will start at 9 AM on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at Harmer Funeral Home, 300 Pike St, Shinnston, WV. A Catholic mass will follow at 11 AM at St. Ann Catholic Church, 610 Pike St, Shinnston, WV. Internment will follow at the Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family would encourage donations to be made to the St. Ann's Catholic Church Adoration Chapel, where Eleanor and Sam spent many special hours.

Eleanor's family would like to give special thanks to the doctors and nurses in the Critical Care and Progressive Care Units at United Hospital Center who took such special care of her.

### Eric Lee Wentz

Eric Lee Wentz, 66, of Morgantown, passed away at home on January 21, 2024. He was born in Buckhannon on August 16, 1957 to the late Leonard and Lola (Ware) Wentz.

Eric graduated from Shinnston High School and Fairmont State University with a degree in electronic technology. He was also a master electrician.

Eric was an employee of Mylan Pharmaceuticals until its closure in 2021. He accepted a position with Viatrix and was working as an electronic technician. He loved football and played for the Pop Warner team and he played for the Shinnston Spartans in high school. Eric continued his love of football by becoming a football and lacrosse official. He liked to travel and had visited many of the US States and Canada. He was a member of the St. Johns Lodge No 24 A.F. & A.M. On his 50th

birthday, he celebrated by climbing Mt. Rainier in Washington State but did not make it to the summit, he had shorts on and it was "too darn cold!" Eric married his soulmate, Tammy, in 1980 and they have been living a happy life ever since. They always kissed goodnight followed by "I Love You."

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Tammy (Akers) Wentz; three brothers: Dave (Diane) Wentz, Mark (Barb) Wentz, Tim (RaEtta) Wentz, one sister, Susan (Dustin) Miller, one sister in law, Debbie Palmer; nieces and nephews: Kristina Beringo, Lori Taylor (Bobby), David B. Wentz, Jamie Speight (Ryan), Andrew Wentz (Leiren), Joshua Miller, Jacob Wentz (Kayla Griffin), Luke Wentz, Geoff Jones (Halie) and daughters, Allen Bebout (Jennifer) and sons, Luke Bebout and son, as well as several great nieces and nephews and one great-great nephew.

In addition to his parents, Eric is preceded in death by his infant son, Ian Nathaniel Wentz, mother and father in law: Jack and Joan Akers, brother in law, Gregg Palmer and nephew, Benjamin Wentz.

Family and friends will be received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, on Thursday, January 25, 2024 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm and Friday, January 26, 2024 from 12:00pm until 2:00pm, the time of service with Reverend Sandra Conti officiating. Interment to follow at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery and St. Johns Masonic Lodge No 24 will perform memorial rites.

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

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**ADVERTISEMENT (MR-34-BR)**

Notice is hereby given that WVDEP OFFICE OF SPECIAL RECLAMATION, 601 57TH SE, CHARLESTON, WV 25304, has submitted an application for the **reissuance** of Article 11/WVNPDES Permit No. WV1027271 to the Department of Environmental Protection, 47 School Street, Suite 301, Philippi, WV 26416-1150 in order to operate a treatment facility in the N/A seam/mineral bed.

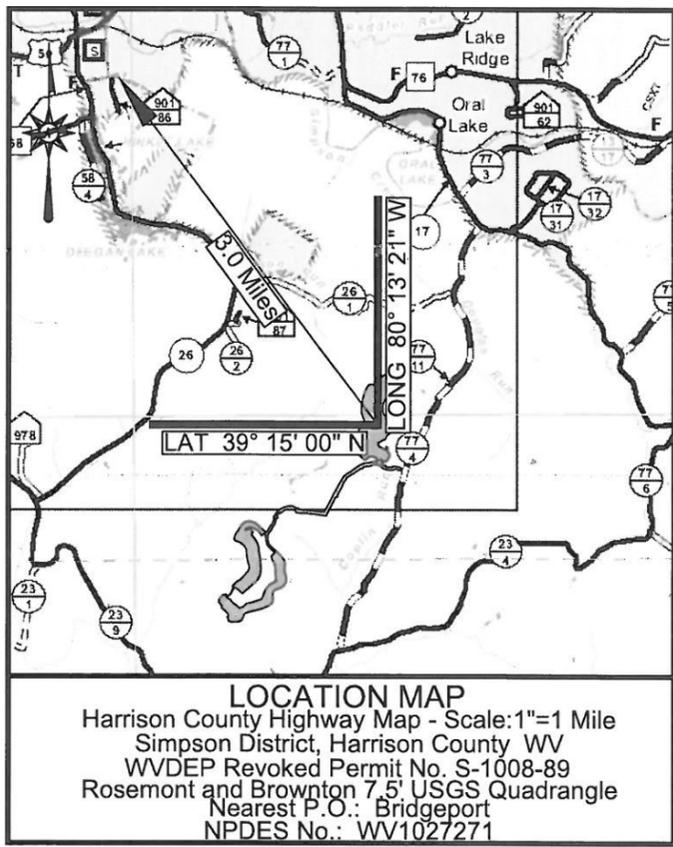
The operation will discharge treated stormwater into Coplin Run of Brushy Fork of Elk Creek, Brushy Fork of Elk Creek and Douglas Run of Simpson Creek of West Fork River and is located 3 miles southeast of Bridgeport, in Simpson District of Harrison County, Longitude 80° 13' 21" and Latitude 39° 15' 00" (Coordinates from USGS Topographic Map)

The Department of Environmental Protection is seeking information on private surface water intakes for human consumption located in the above listed receiving streams and located down stream of this operation. Please provide your name, phone number, mailing address, the name of the stream being with the intake, and the physical location of the intake. This information needs to be submitted to the address above.

An anti-degradation review has been conducted. Tier 1 protection is afforded because effluent limitations ensure compliance with water quality criteria for all designated uses. Where applicable, a full Tier 2 anti-degradation review has been conducted.

Comments on the Article 11 WV/NPDES application or requests for a public hearing regarding the Article 11/NPDES application shall be in writing and if a public hearing is requested shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Such written comments or requests should be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at the address above, and must also reference the Article 11/NPDES permit number shown above. Comments received by 3/9/2024, or thirty (30) days from date of publication, will be considered. A copy of the Article 11/WVNPDES application, draft permit, rational page, and fact sheet (if required) will be available for inspection and obtaining copies during normal business hours at the DEP Regional office located at the address above.

DEP Telephone No. 304-457-3219 Article 11/NPDES Permit No. WV1027271



# LEGAL

(2021-S-00000100 - Harrison County - DANNY COCHRAN)

To: HG ENERGY II APPALACHIA LLC, MARY K BRANT, 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 OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0666 5717**  
You will take notice that DANNY COCHRAN, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000100, .0026 INT 236.90 AC O&G KINCHELOE (CONS/LS#52896), located in UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT, which was returned delinquent in the name of BRANT MARY KAY, 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 24, 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 23, 2024, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 23, 2024.	\$ 108.80
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 23, 2024.	\$ 21.95
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 March 23, 2024.	\$ 1,070.32
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 23, 2024.	\$ 186.54
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>	\$ 1,387.61
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 23, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Return this letter and both certified funds to the  
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Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2

# LEGAL

(2021-S-00000099 - Harrison County - ARMSTRONG LAND MANAGEMENT)

To: KATHRYN HENDERSON, 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 OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0693 1353**  
You will take notice that ARMSTRONG LAND MANAGEMENT, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000099, .0238 INT 249 AC OIL KINCHELOE, located in UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT, which was returned delinquent in the name of HENDERSON KATHRYN, 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 24, 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 23, 2024, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to March 23, 2024.	\$ 112.63
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to March 23, 2024.	\$ 9.51
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 March 23, 2024.	\$ 1,058.06
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to March 23, 2024.	\$ 142.97
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>	\$ 1,323.17
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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**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Division of Highways  
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia, until October 17, 2023 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):  
**Call Contract State Project Federal Project Description**  
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The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The deferral, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on www.bidx.com

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

# Living Memories

*From L'Osservatore Romano*

International Holocaust Memorial Day on January 27 marks the day in 1945 when Soviet troops liberated the Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau. Seventy-nine years have passed since then. A glance at today's world seems to lead inevitably to the conclusion that some of the forces behind that genocide have changed little. Bigoted hatred endures against Jews and many others who are "different" in any way. The valiant efforts of thinkers, teachers, institutions, and international organizations of all kinds have not managed to cure or prevent the plague of inhumanity, which poisons the feelings, thoughts, and actions of too many. It seems that the human species is enslaved by self-serving passions that it cannot overcome.

**I n s e n s i t i v i t y** towards fellow human beings, an inability to commiserate with those who are suffering, an excessive ambition for power and possessions, and egocentrism are symptomatic of ailing civilizations. In the words of Ezekiel 36:26, I would say that much of humanity needs to exchange its heart of stone for one of flesh.

Although each individual has unique genetic, cultural, and social traits that form their character, a central thesis of the Bible is that everyone has the free will to improve themselves, change

their vision, and become more empathetic. Deuteronomy 30:19 is the locus classicus of this axiom: "This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live." According to Maimonides (Guide to the Perplexed, III, chapter 17; Mishneh Torah, Hilchot Teshuvah 6) to deny human responsibility for their selfish choices and deeds not only brings misery. It also goes hand in hand with denying the God who demands that people act with justice and mercy.

The stranglehold of dehumanization can and must be broken. One way to do so is to cultivate memory. The recollection that human beings are capable of tremendous evil warns us that wickedness is always lurking, posing a perennial challenge to all efforts to build a humane world.

Although a vast library of studies, documents, and other materials about the Shoah exists, a compendium that began to be assembled even before most people knew about the Nazi carnage, the lasting significance of what happened does not seem to inform the consciences of most people. Why has it not been obvious to everyone that we must all be more humane, that we must choose life? Why has commitment to collaborating to achieve this goal not been

passionately embraced by all people? Why do social injustices and inequalities, not to mention the apparent thriving of totalitarian regimes, persist and even worsen?

Books, testimonies, and everything that contributes to a living memory cannot remain as mere recorded data somewhere. Nor can memory be impactful if it is paid lip service on only one or two days a year. To be truly meaningful, memory must be an integral part of living culture. If not, it is nothing more than a curiosity or subject of academic debate.

When the Children of Israel came out of slavery in Egypt, Moses cried out to them: "Remember this day!" (Exodus 13:3) so that this moment remains engraved in the memory of the people. Deuteronomy 16:3 directs that only unleavened bread be eaten during the days of the celebration of Passover, eliminating everything leavened. This inculcates a habit that physically encourages memory of what it means to be inhumanly oppressed. It and other related practices impress on people's consciences all the days of their life the necessity of being free.

The exit from Egypt is understood in Jewish tradition as the first redemption of Israel (Exodus 6:6). Since then Jews have preserved the conviction that God will bring them to a final redemption, together with all peoples. As long as the Jewish people keep in mind the memory of the first redemption, the hope of a future and final redemption will continue to live in their being. As long as humanity sustains the memory of horror day after day and commits itself to banishing the forces that produced it, the world that God desires, the one that the prophets envisioned as one of redemption for all, will someday be a reality.

\* Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.  
By Abraham Skorka



We have engaged in 50 years of work to protect unborn children and their families from the damage of abortion.

20 Week Preborn

West Virginians for Life has helped to pass 12 pieces of legislation and one Constitutional Amendment. This legislation has included protections for unborn human beings, such as babies born alive from the abortion and those that are disabled.

Our laws have also protected and support the mothers, including informed consent laws, parental notice, and requirements that the mother be offered information on Fetal Hospice and the option of seeing her baby's ultrasound.

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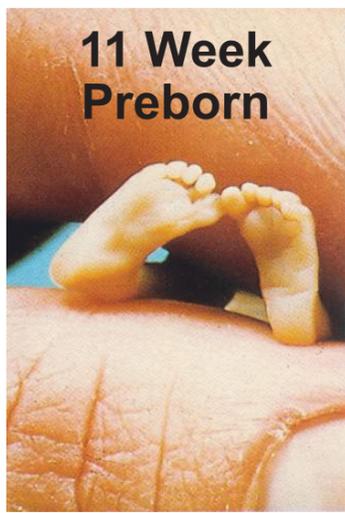
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11 Week Preborn

Legislative Agenda of WV for Life in the Legislative Session of 2024

What YOU Can Do

WOMEN'S RIGHT TO KNOW ACT would restore informed consent to mothers who meet the requirements to have an abortion in West Virginia, by requiring that they be informed about the risks of, and alternatives to, abortion. It would educate patients regarding the dangers of the abortion pill, along with the fact that the effects of such a chemical abortion can be reversed. It would also ensure that information on disabilities (including support networks) is given to parents when they are told that their unborn child has special needs.

- 1. Let your State Senators and House of Delegate members (1-877-565-3447) and the Governor (1-888-438-2731) know you want them to pass these bills.
2. Plan to attend Pro-Life Rally Day from 9 to 2 in the State Capitol's lower rotunda on Thursday, February 8. The noon main event will include speeches by your legislators.
3. Join us. Become a member by sending in the coupon to the left.



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( ) YES! You can count on me to help save unborn children from abortion. Enclosed is my BASIC state membership contribution of \$35.
( ) YES! You can count on me to help save unborn children from abortion. Enclosed is my GOLD membership contribution of \$50. One statewide pro-life t-shirt at no additional cost is an optional gift to those who pay the GOLD membership.
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