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The Hero That Traditional Military History Deserves

Clarksburg's Pete Taylor Named As Harrison County History Hero

By Stephen Smoot

"Military history ought to be a vital component of a liberal education, one that prepares students to be informed and responsible citizens... Any use of military force is so consequential on so many levels that it demands serious

contemplation and full comprehension by all those in a democratic polity who own some piece of responsibility for it."

Two years ago, the Heritage Foundation's James Jay Carafano and Thomas Spoehr used this quote from a work by Tami Davis Biddle of the US Army War College and Robert

M. Citino. Their work comes at the end of a long stretch of years where academia allowed traditional military history to wither and die on the vine, preferring what it felt was the more worthy fruits of sociological study.

This attitude, unfortunately, is nothing new. Jay Luvaas, a noted long time military historian with the US Army War College, wrote in 1985 that "before the First World War

... many in academic circles dismissed the subject as trivial and unimportant."

Pete Taylor of Clarksburg, a "Civil War historian by training," has strived to advance the work of thorough and diligent study of the wars of the past to discern lessons for the future. Mentored in his early career by some of the career's giants, he applies decades of experience, study, and wisdom to edifying people today about how

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Commission Reverses Course on Rail Trails Electric Vehicles Ordinance

By Stephen Smoot

County commissioners last week had voted to advance an ordinance banning all electric vehicle use on county rail trails, but this week elected to travel a different path on the issue.

Commissioner Patsy Trecost shared that "it wasn't 10 seconds after I left the meeting that I realized what we had voted on."

On Jan 31, commissioners examined a set of proposed vehicle use ordinances on county rail trails. Commissioner David Hinkle advocated to allow electric vehicles, such as e bikes, scooters, and electric skateboards, but was outvoted. At the time, the commission decided

to ban all vehicles.

"We don't want anyone to think that we are excluding anyone from our taxpayer built facility," Trecost added. He also said that "we've always allowed electric wheelchairs." Banning those could trigger an Americans With Disability Act issue if attempted.

Commissioners agreed that scooters and electric skateboards should be allowed, but further discussed whether to allow or ban bikes capable of higher speeds. They concluded that enforcement of types of e bike classes represented too high of a burden to force upon anyone in a position to do so.

Commissioner David Hinkle suggested that speed limit signs inform

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Ann Lester turns 100



Ann Lester, a former 25 year resident of Shinnston, celebrated her 100th Birthday in Myrtle Beach, SC on February 7th with her family in attendance.

One Big Hole



By Jim Hunt for the News and Journal

challenge, with miles of underground pipes in a city, is that it is hard to predict where the next break will happen. It becomes a game of whack-a-mole and when you think you are winning, another huge line will break and starts the digging, once again.

The City of Clarksburg recently experienced a huge sinkhole that engulfed both lanes of

Main Street, causing traffic detours and frustrating those drivers who had to take alternate routes to do their business in the city's downtown. Each year, when the cold winter weather subsides, underground infrastructure is especially vulnerable to water and sewer pipes breaks.

Luckily, the city found the sinkhole before it fell in and possibly swallowing a car or injuring someone who unexpectedly stumbled into the abyss. One

During my 27 years as a City Councilman and Mayor, I grew to respect the work of the crews that responded to these emergencies. The work is cold and dangerous and

unpredictable. Many people do not realize that running along the right-a-ways of the water and sewer lines are high pressure natural gas lines, phone lines, electric cables and increasing amounts of fiber optic cables. One small mistake can trigger a massive

explosion or electrocute a worker. Another complicating factor is that the mapping of these various pipes and cables is often

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Federal Officials Report to County Commission On Flood Relief Office Openings

By Stephen Smoot

Officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and US Small Business Administration attended the Harrison County Commission meeting on Feb 7 to share important information. Local operations opened on the heels of a declaration concerning flooding in Harrison County last summer.

Although the releases from the agencies say otherwise, the representatives present at the meeting urged those wishing to apply to do so in person at the centers. "We always encourage citizens to apply at the centers," the SBA representative said, explaining that "it's more difficult online."

"They can answer all the questions. They can help you with the documents," he added.

The FEMA release stated that "a state-federal Disaster Recovery Center will open tomorrow Feb. 7, 2024, at 8 a.m. at the Harrison County Courthouse in Clarksburg to help West Virginia residents affected by the severe flooding that occurred Aug. 28- 30, 2023. Residents can get help with their disaster assistance applications, upload documents and get questions answered about federal disaster assistance."

The center will open at the Harrison County Courthouse on 301 West Main Street in Clarksburg. Time of operation ranges from

8 AM to 6 PM Monday through Saturday with Sunday hours possible in the future.

Those who cannot get to the physical center can go to disasterassistance.gov or call 1 800 621-3362 between 7 AM and 11 PM any day.

The Harrison County Courthouse will also host the SBA's Business Recovery Center with a second opening in Charleston.

"Our Business Recovery Centers are one of the most powerful resources at SBA's disposal to support business owners," said Francisco Sanchez, Jr., Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience in a release from the agency. "Business owners can meet in-person with

our specialists to apply for SBA disaster loans and get information on the full breadth of our programs designed to help them navigate their recovery."

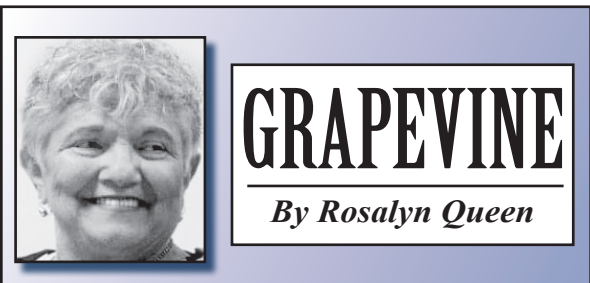
The release also stated that "customer Service Representatives at SBA's Business Recovery Centers will assist business owners complete their disaster loan application, accept documents for existing applications, and provide status on loan applications. The Centers will operate as indicated below until further notice."

Both centers opened to assist those whose property or business was damaged in the flooding event that occurred between August 28 and 30 last year.



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GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

‘Women of Distinction’ Honorees Announced

The Progressive Women’s Association has announced that the following women will be honored as Women of Distinction at the luncheon to be held on Friday, February 23 at the Uptown Event Center. This event is held in conjunction with Black Culture Month. The purpose is to honor those individuals who contribute to our community by volunteering

Rosalyn Queen, WOD chair will serve as the MC. Various City and County officials will participate in the ceremony.

Rhonda Holyfield Mangieri, a former local individual, will deliver the Keynote Address.

The luncheon is open to the public by reservations.



Adrain Bailey

Adrain is thankful to Jesus for giving her the desire and strength to be of use to Him throughout her life. As a young woman living in Clarksburg, she has volunteered in her church as a Children’s Wednesday evening

Bible teacher, making calls to church members for special events, being a member of the choir and drama ministries. For her family and friends she has helped them with raising their children to serve the Lord by keeping them on weekends or taking them shopping and paying for them to attend special luncheons. Adrian feels that it was important to show the children love and let them know they were special. Having been away for over 20 years she returned to Clarksburg in 2017 where she found herself again volunteering for children’s ministries in her local church. Adrian also helped prepare Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. Here most recent event involved preparing Thanksgiving meals that fed people who had to work, the homeless or anyone that needed a home cooked Thanksgiving dinner. Her greatest pleasure has been helping her niece with her 3 preschool aged children, 2 of which are twins. For 2 1/2 years, she drove to Laurel Park after work, sometimes 6 days a week to care for the children. Her employment at the DMV also was a job of service. She would always present people with a smile and help them with

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Super Crossword

FOURTH-ESTATE FANTASY

- ACROSS**
- 1 Not quite first-rate
- 7 “Patience — virtue”
- 10 Car tankful
- 13 Collie of TV
- 19 Cattle farm of the West
- 20 Trumpet blast
- 22 Singer and actor Frankie
- 23 When it’s 12:00 p.m.
- 24 Element #3
- 25 Japanese city that hosted the 1998 Olympics
- 26 Start of a riddle
- 29 Japanese buckwheat noodle
- 30 Dr. Seuss’ Sam- —
- 31 Amo, — amas, —
- 32 “Addams Family” cousin
- 35 Riddle, part 2
- 43 Faint smell
- 45 Foldout bed
- 46 Co-workers of MDs
- 47 Stalactite site
- 48 Florence’s river
- 49 Total amount
- 51 “Scram!”
- 52 Minecraft and StarCraft, e.g.
- 55 Riddle, part 3
- 60 Brief promos
- 61 Triceps’ place
- 62 Pop’s Celine
- 63 See 58-Down
- 66 Bullfighter
- 67 Riddle, part 4
- 70 Put a new front on, as a building
- 72 Unbroken
- 73 Recognized
- 75 With 59-Down, brand of frozen potatoes
- 76 Famously feisty fish
- 77 Riddle, part 5
- 81 Oval shape
- 84 Dejected
- 85 “Who am — judge?”
- 86 Secret writing
- 87 Postal pieces
- 88 Detectives like TV’s Magnum, for short
- 89 Karachi’s nation: Abbr.
- 91 Very long time periods
- 92 End of the riddle
- 99 Disloyal type
- 100 Impulsive desire
- 101 Illusionist Geller
- 102 Like planted seeds
- 104 Riddle’s answer
- 113 Enter very quickly
- 114 Novelist Caldwell
- 115 Common gauge for toy trains
- 116 “Despite that ...”
- 117 Gets smaller
- 118 “Happy Days” actress Ross
- 119 Bunks on ships
- 120 Mil. ranker
- 121 Gym pad
- 122 Hole to receive a lace
- 9 Lure for insect extermination
- 10 The earth as a goddess
- 11 Cut — (dance)
- 12 Pago Pago people
- 13 “Meteor” actor Martin
- 14 1972 Billy Wilder comedy film
- 15 Long, involved story
- 16 Shut loudly
- 17 Actress Skye of “Stranded”
- 18 Grammy winner Brian
- 21 “— the breaks!”
- 27 Former Egypt-Syr. alliance
- 28 Texter’s “Holy smokes!”
- 32 “Let me!”
- 33 Bases-loaded situation
- 34 Lightweight kitchen utensils
- 36 Peak
- 37 Chicago daily, in brief
- 38 Global: Abbr.
- 39 Mark for life
- 40 Easter meat
- 41 Adam’s mate
- 42 — Moines choreography
- 49 Tahitian skirts
- 50 Package delivery co.
- 51 Carpentry material for some cabinets
- 52 Chi follower
- 53 Spicy Spanish pork sausage
- 54 Taxonomic subdivisions
- 56 Become lively
- 57 Cheer yell
- 58 With 63-Across, for the time being
- 59 See 75-Across
- 63 Oven used to bake naan
- 64 Spiny ant eater
- 65 Most unkind
- 67 Conservation org. with a panda logo
- 68 Pooch’s yap
- 69 Big blue body
- 71 Genre of many sitcoms
- 74 Wide shoe spec
- 76 Mining shaft
- 77 Higher ground?
- 78 “You wish!”
- 79 Condé —
- 80 User-edited website
- 81 Rescue squad VIP
- 82 “— -di-dah!”
- 83 False story
- 88 Projecting curves on saddles
- 89 By the day
- 90 Huffington of HuffPost
- 91 So to speak
- 93 Wise-acting
- 94 Thick-skinned critters
- 95 Day, in Chile
- 96 Studly guys
- 97 Abbr. on a bad check
- 98 End a vacation
- 103 Mother-of-pearl
- 104 Surfing need
- 105 Cake finisher
- 106 Holy Week’s time
- 107 Eldest of the Brady boys
- 108 Helper: Abbr.
- 109 For fear that
- 110 Half a train track
- 111 — gin fizz
- 112 Camp shelter
- 113 Yank’s rival

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Feb. 17, 1735: Morgan Berkeley County was commissioned a captain of militia in the 201 st Field Artillery, which is considered the oldest military unit in the United States.

Feb. 18, 1843: Ritchie County was created from portions of Wood, Lewis, and Harrison counties. The county was named for Virginia journalist and politician Thomas Ritchie.

Feb. 18, 1890: Ellison Mounts, a cousin to the Hatfield family, was hanged for murder, ending the Hatfield-McCoy Feud.

Feb. 18, 1969: Hundreds of miners in Raleigh County went on strike over the issue of black lung. Within days, the walkout spread throughout southern West Virginia.

Feb. 19, 1908: Orval Elijah Brown was born near Lizemores in Clay County. Brown, a free-spirited individual, gained notoriety as the “Clay County Wild Man” during the Great Depression for his untamed physical appearance, which included a flowing beard and the wearing of little more than a self-made loincloth.

Feb. 19, 1943: Author Homer Hickam was born in Coalwood, McDowell County. Hickam’s second book, Rocket Boys: A Memoir, was published in 1998 and became a runaway bestseller.

Feb. 20, 1875: The legislature approved a bill to move the state capital back to Wheeling.

Feb. 20, 1995: The legislature voted to make the Golden Delicious apple the official state fruit.

Feb. 21, 1895: Bluefield Colored Institute was established by the legislature to prepare Black West Virginians for the teaching profession. After several name changes, the school became Bluefield State College in 1943 and achieved university status in 2022.

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. 15, 1898: Musician John Homer “Uncle Homer” Walker was born in Mercer County. Among the last in a tradition of Black Appalachian banjo players, he played the five-string banjo in the clawhammer style.

Feb. 15, 1930: Sara Jane Moore was born in Charleston. On Sept. 22, 1975, Moore attempted to assassinate President Gerald Ford in San Francisco.

Feb. 15, 1975: Elizabeth Kee, the state’s first female member of Congress, died in Bluefield. Kee was elected to Congress in 1951 after the death of her husband, John. She retired in 1964 and was succeeded by her son, James.

Feb. 16, 1821: Morris Harvey was born near Prosperity in Raleigh County. Harvey’s gifts to the Barboursville Seminary led to its name being changed to Morris Harvey College in 1901. The institution is now known as the University of Charleston.

Feb. 16, 1917: The legislature established the West Virginia State Colored Tuberculosis Sanitarium for the care of Black TB patients. It was built at Denmar in Pocahontas County.

Feb. 16, 1951: Second Lieutenant Darwin Keith Kyle of Boone County died during an intense exchange against Chinese forces in Korea. He was awarded the Medal of Honor.

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“Property” From Pg 1.

users of the legal limits, although all agreed that the 20 mile per hour speed limit agreed to would also present enforcement problems. Hinkle joked to Trecost that “when you’re running on it, we’ll make sure you don’t exceed 20 miles per hour.”

Earlier in the meeting, Hinkle inquired about regional jail bill rates that just started fluctuating between \$45.97 to \$68.95. Laura Pysz-Laulis, Harrison County administrator, explained that the State of West Virginia allotted Harrison

County 12,000 “days” in a year for the lowest rate. “After that, the per diem rate is \$57.46.” Going farther over could result in the \$68.95 rate.”

She stated that state officials want to “encourage another route” in corrections “rather than just sending everyone to jail.”

“This fiscal year was the first time we’ve had different rates,” Pysz-Laulis concluded.

Commissioners also heard from two Harrison County citizens concerned about sewage issues and stream

pollution. Don Myers rose to speak first, asking what the county plans to do about sewage issues apparently bedeviling several county municipalities.

Myers said “In Salem, we’ve had perfectly good yards turned to sludge. In Lumberport, we literally have raw (excrement) running down the streets.” He then mentioned Shinnston as also having experienced recent issues.

“Our streams are being destroyed,” Myers implored, adding “what’s your solution?” Generally sewage

and water issues are administered by municipal governments and public service districts. West Virginia communities usually try to tap into US Department of Agriculture, other federal, or certain state grants to pay for major public works improvements, such as water and sewer.

Bill Bartley came to express concerns about the deterioration of Tenmile Creek, sometimes also referred to as Coal Bank Creek. He described himself as “a significant owner of land on Tenmile Creek”

and stated that for 30 years he had planned to use his water frontage to construct a park and campground for the region.

He then alleged that a West Virginia University research project using shredded paper marked the initial decline of the creek. Bartley stated “I can remember a day when there were freshwater mussels in that creek,” then added “in the wintertime, it looks like antifreeze.”

Countycommissioners cannot legally respond to public statements during the comment

period, so neither concern could bring a response from anyone.

Finally, commissioners unanimously voted to honor the memory of William and Thelma DeFazio by naming a walking bridge between Nutter Fort and Stonewood for them. “Hot Dog Bill,” as he was often known, and his wife owned Thelma’s Restaurant for more than four decades. She also participated in a number of religious, social, and community groups.

“Hunt” From Pg 1.

sketchy and oftentimes, so old that they are not even on the maps.

A few years ago, a sewer line broke in front of my house and the city began digging to find the source of the break. I would walk over and check on the progress and was shocked when I peered over the edge of the hole. A workman was covered in mud, sixteen feet below the

street level, digging with a shovel. Over his head was a huge bucket on the earth mover, gently digging around the pipe. It was bitter cold, and they were having trouble sorting out the problem and how much of the pipe they needed to replace. The conditions could not have been worse and when I mentioned this to the foreman, he

said, “We do this all the time!”

There are lots of dangerous jobs in cities and the risk of injury and death in the police and fire departments are well documented. I would make the case to include our public works employees in that list. When we flush our toilets or have fresh water, it is because of many unsung heroes,

who risk their lives for our quality of life.

A post on Facebook showed the lack of compassion for these workers during the repair of the Clarksburg sinkhole. A person wrote that a picture that the city had posted with employees standing next to the hole, said, “It looks like the State Road, one man working and

five others

standing around!” I would invite the writer to spend one cold evening working beside the city workers or the State Road workers and I bet they would never denigrate these workers again.

This complex work, in often horrid conditions, would defeat the best among us, but these brave

workers kiss their spouses and children and report to work. I asked one of our workers if they ever just wanted to ignore the phone call in the middle of the night and he said, “I just wouldn’t feel right, knowing that my work buddies were there, and I wasn’t with them.” I think that says it all.

“Openings” From Pg 1.

wars transpired in the past.

Taylor did not merely study military history, but also served. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1968 and went on three combat tours of duty between then and 1973. His duties included serving as “the Province Senior Intelligence Advisor in Kien Tuong Province of South Vietnam.”

Taylor studied and worked with two of the giants in the field of military history. Jay Luvaas’s works centered on two general

themes. He studied the philosophy of war, as practiced by two of its greatest strategists, Frederick the Great and Napoleon. Luvass also wrote a number of books on Civil War battles with another mentor, Harold W. Nelson.

Taylor remembered the diligence of Luvaas, sharing that “he was a topographic historian. He made us walk the terrain with him” to evaluate the accuracy of battle maps and reports and learn to identify where modern

construction had affected geographical features.

Lavaas and Nelson cast a modern eye on the assemblage of “every telegram, every report,” photographs, letters, orders, and other items compiled into the 128 volume Official Record of the Civil War. They explain how to sift through the subjectivity of the writers, usually officers who just ended a battle, to find military history truths from looking at multiple accounts.

Taylor also wrote regimental histories of units raised in Wisconsin. “What got me into that was a guy by the name of Stephen Ambrose,” he stated. Ambrose is considered one of the best of the more recent historians of the conflict. Taylor said that “Wisconsin raised 58 regiments.” Unlike Virginia, which produced a lengthy series on each raised for the Confederate States of America there, “only a handful were covered by regimental historians” in America’s Dairyland.

After several

assignments in training and operations for the Army, Taylor retired. He moved to Clarksburg in 1994 and taught junior Reserve Officer Training Corps at Robert C. Byrd High School for 17 years.

Taylor never stopped digging into history. “I went to DC the first week of March, right before COVID shut everything down.” he remembered. There, from archives he returned with approximately 1,800 photographed pages from military order books between 1861 and 1866.

These pages “gave me a day by day account of what happened in town,” meaning Clarksburg.

From his research, Taylor penned “A Civil War History of Harrison County West Virginia, 1861 - 1865 and Harrison County, Virginia (West Virginia) in the Civil War 1856 – 1865”

Taylor explains that “The Civil War History of Harrison County (Virginia) West Virginia, focuses on the years just prior to and during the War Between

the States. Despite the rich history of the region, no book had ever been written solely focusing on this area for that time period.” Proceeds from sales of the book support the Harrison County Historical Society.

It is natural that Taylor found his way to Harrison County, since one of his great history passions originated here. On January 20, just a month over 200 years ago, Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson was born in Clarksburg. His remarkable career and unique personality made his a rising young officer in the Mexican-American War and a master of strategy and military leadership for Confederate forces later.

Taylor has continued a tradition and teaching practice resurrected by Luvaas and Nelson, the staff ride. In these excursions, a senior officer educates others by taking them directly to battlefields to gain as directly as possible the experience of how fighting developed.

“I’ve led staff rides up and down the Shenandoah Valley,” he stated, also describing how he traveled into Pendleton, Grant, and Hardy counties to explain the movements of Union forces

trying to contend with Jackson’s superior grasp intelligence and ability to apply it.

“West Virginia History Heroes,” as the announcement from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History states, “are nominated by historical, genealogical, preservation, museum, patriotic, or like organizations across the state.” The awards ceremony will start at 9:30 Am on Feb 21 at the Cultural Center.

Taylor has a traditional philosophy of history that 21st century intellectuals and academics have sadly abandoned. He states “I don’t like history used for political purposes,” especially figures, events, and ideas removed from the context of their times to make points of dubious accuracy or validity about modern social issues.

“History to the military is critical,” Taylor notes. He described a class he took once that discussed figures such as Napoleon and Hannibal, as well as their “military strategy and tactics at work.”

“We don’t teach it” in more recent times, he noted. “History has gotten away from that, which is sad.”

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

The Palette, located at 225 Pike St. in Shinnston, is offering Neurographics on the second Tuesday of every month. The next class will be February 13, 6-8:00, \$25 for new participants and \$10 for those returning. Learn about this relaxing art form that does not require any art background.

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Closing Out Careers In Style

The average broadcaster has a lengthy career. I've been fortunate to have spent close to 30 years behind the mic in Harrison County. Adding 20 years and some change would put me where West Virginia's color commentator, Jay Jacobs, was in his career when he put an end to his time as a basketball commentator recently. Jacobs started his time at the University in the mid 70s and called his last game a couple of Saturdays ago when the Mountaineers suffered a setback to Brigham Young University.

Jacobs graduated from Morgantown High and played at West Virginia with Jerry West. The Mountaineers were just one win away from a national championship and they were loved by every fan in the Mountain State. Jacobs would parlay his playing days into a career in media broadcasting West Virginia University games on television and radio with Woody O'Hara and Jack Fleming.

Jacobs would outlast both O'Hara and Fleming, as the young



buck, Tony Caridi came to "Touchdown City." They formed a dynamic duo that lasted over 35 years. Jacobs also went through several West Virginia coaches, including "the Cat," Gale Catlett, John Belein, and Bob Huggins. His longevity was a direct result of his carefree and comedic attitude. Jacobs was known as "the Silver Fox" and he lived up to that name.

In 1994, the song "Cotton Eyed Joe" became an American country folk hit that swept the country. At the Coliseum, the powers that be changed the title of the groove to "Cotton Eyed Jay" and they would show Jacobs making faces and acting silly, which would draw tremendous applause each and every game.

Jacobs was committed to his job and the University. He lived in Frederick, Maryland and would make the two and a half hour trip each way

to show support for his school. His dedication would pay off when his efforts were recognized last fall. Jacobs was inducted into the WVU Sports Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to Jay Jacobs for proving that prosperity comes from perseverance.

It's hard to believe that this is the last week of the season for girls' basketball. Lincoln's girls' program has seen its fair share of standout players over the years. Senior guard Ashlyn Riley has thrown her name into the conversation as one of the best Cougar hoopsters to play in a Lincoln uniform.

Riley has been the "go to" player for veteran mentor Rob Hawkins and her numbers have been staggering. Riley reached the 1,000 point mark in the postseason last year. Heading into this campaign, she would be counted on heavily for even more

point production.

Riley has stepped up her game all season long, contributing as much as possible to help the Cougar cause. A case in point happened this past Thursday when Lincoln visited cross county and Big 10 Conference rival Bridgeport. Riley would pump in a game high 30 points with four three-pointers while going eight of nine from the foul line. Riley proved that she can get the job done at both ends of the floor, coming up with a game high five steals in the affair.

In the midst of her offensive outburst, Riley went over the 1,500 point mark, putting her in rare company in North Central West Virginia high school basketball history.

Riley has committed to play for Glenville State next season. The Pioneers have established themselves as a national powerhouse and Riley will fit in perfectly. Before Riley departs for Glenville, she has one more chapter to write. This postseason will be her last, and I have a feeling it will be a must read!



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

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

Harrison County Athlete Spotlight

By Bill Nestor

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

Cougar basketball standout, Ashlyn Riley, reached an impressive milestone this past week while helping her team to a win over Bridgeport. Riley scored a game high 30 points in the lock-up en route to crossing the 1,500 point plateau.

Indian swimmer Owen Guthrie helped the Tribe to a regional win this past week. In the process, Guthrie proved he was a "fly guy," setting a new record in the 100 fly. Guthrie also earned a spot on the all regional team for his efforts.

Congratulations to Ashlyn Riley and Owen Guthrie for shining bright in the SN and HCJ spotlight!

Cougar Achieves Scoring Milestone



Photo by Ben Queen Photography and posted on Lincoln High School Facebook page. Ashlyn Riley scored her 1,500th career varsity point in a big Lincoln win over Bridgeport last week.

From Cougars to Falcons



Maddox Perine, surrounded by family, friends, and supporters, signed to continue his studies and athletic career at Fairmont State University.

Nutter Fort One of the Recipients of \$6.4 Million in Funding

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council announced \$6.4 million in funding for sewer and water projects around the state at its meeting on Feb. 7. Details for the projects are listed below.

Bluewell Public Service District (PSD)
The council approved a \$500,000 grant to the Bluewell PSD in Mercer County for improvements to its water system. These funds, along with funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Mercer County Commission and other

funding programs, provide \$3.8 million for this project.

Mineral County PSD
The council approved a \$665,000 grant to the Mineral County PSD for improvements to its sewer system. These funds, along with funds from the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) and other funding programs, provide \$10 million for this project.

New Haven PSD
The council approved a \$500,000 grant to the New Haven PSD in Fayette County for a water extension to serve 67 homes along Sunday Road. These funds, along with funds from

the Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Fund (DWTRF), the PSD and other funding programs, provide \$7 million for this project.

Town of Nutter Fort
The council approved a \$1,000,000 grant to the Town of Nutter Fort in Harrison County for improvements to its sewer system. These funds, along with funds from the CWSRF, provide \$2 million for this project.

City of Romney
The council approved a \$1 million grant to the City of Romney in Hampshire County for improvements to its sewer system. These funds along with funds

from the CWSRF, Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) and CDS Match Funds, provide \$4.4 million for this project.

Town of West Milford
The council approved a \$470,000 grant to the Town of West Milford in Harrison County for improvements to its water system. These funds, along with funds from the USDA, provide \$1 million for this project.

Birch River PSD
The council approved a \$1.13 million grant to the Birch River PSD in Nicholas County to extend water service to 11 homes along Sugar

Tree Ridge Road. **Kanawha County Regional Development Authority (RDA)**

The council approved a \$1.08 million grant to the Kanawha County RDA to extend water service to 11 homes in the Upper Rambling Hill Area.

Other Business
The council also approved technical reviews and requests to pursue funding for an additional 5 sewer and water projects. The approval of these reviews and requests helps cities, municipalities and public service districts

save taxpayer money and keep their projects moving. The five projects found to be technically feasible and approved to pursue funding are listed below.

Lincoln County PSD: Replace Raw Water Intake project estimated to cost \$1.1 million
Mason County PSD: Henderson water extension project estimated to cost \$6.3 million
City of Salem in Harrison County: Sewer system improvements estimated to cost \$4.6 million
Cottageville PSD in Jackson County:

See "Water" on Pg 9

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HEALTHY SNACKING FAQs

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February is National Snack Food Month!



It is important to focus on snacking in the healthiest ways possible and thoroughly enjoy treats between meals. Even eating healthy on the go is easier than you may think.



A refreshing beverage is often included while enjoying a snack. What are some lower-sugar beverage options to consider?

At every age, what you drink can be as important as what you eat. When deciding what to drink, choose options full of nutrients and limited in added sugars, saturated fat, and sodium. Start simple with these tips:

- make infused water with fresh fruits and herbs
- select unsweetened, flavored iced tea
- choose diet beverages

Charcuterie boards are popular. What healthy options can be included on a charcuterie board?

Try to include the following options on your next charcuterie board to make it healthy. Add:

- lightly salted or unsalted nuts & seeds
- roasted chickpeas
- low-fat cheeses
- freshly sliced deli meats in place of prepackaged

What should I look for when choosing a snack?

If your snack is processed or contains high levels of fat, sodium, or sugar, look for another option. There are three key items to look for when choosing a healthy snack.

- You want to look for snacks that are low in sugar. This will help you to prevent weight gain and heart disease. The recommendation for added sugar is to eat less than 6 tsp. or 100 calories for women and 9 tsp or 150 calories for men.
- Shop for snacks low in saturated fats to help prevent heart disease.
- Look for snacks high in fiber, protein, vitamins, and minerals—as these help provide your body with the energy it needs.

What snack should you grab when you are on the go that is healthy, yet satisfying?

If you want to save money and time by packing food from home, the following are some easily transportable snack ideas:

- Roll up a sandwich with a sliced turkey or chicken, hummus, avocado, and hot sauce on a whole-grain tortilla wrap.
- Instead of chips, pack rice cakes or whole-grain crackers with a nut butter pouch for easy spreading.
- Pack up some popcorn and pre-portion it in a bag or container so you do not overeat.

What about portion control when it comes to snacking?

When selecting pre-packaged snacks, check the nutrition facts label and choose options with no or little added sugars and low in sodium and saturated fat. If you are packing snacks from home, pre-portion your snacks into single-serve bags to maintain healthy portions and prevent over-eating.

What are some tips to help youngsters to snack right?

It is important to help your child build a healthy snack routine. Here are some great options you can try:

- Eat snacks at the table or in the kitchen, not in front of the TV or computer.
- Serve snacks like pretzels or popcorn in a bowl rather than directly out of the bag or box.
- Serve water or fat-free or low-fat milk instead of soda or fruit-flavored drinks.
- Most of the time, serve whole fruit instead of juice — when you do serve juice, make sure it's 100% fruit juice, and give kids no more than half a cup per day.



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Lincoln High School Announces Students of the Month



Abby Olivia Jones

Abby Olivia Jones is the daughter of Matthew and Kathy Jones and the granddaughter of Terry and Sharon Jones, and Dan and Sue Glover.

Throughout Abby's four years at Lincoln, Abby has maintained a spot on the perfect honor roll as well as the top 25 of her class. She also has one of the top ACT and SAT scores in the entire school. She has received multiple top scholar awards, and

has taken dual credit, AP, and honors courses throughout her entire high school career.

Abby is also a four-year member of Lincoln's volleyball team and dance line. She served as captain of Lincoln's dance line this year.

Abby has been a member of Lincoln's student council for 4 years and served as treasurer her junior and sophomore year

and is currently serving as vice president of the student body. She has been a four-year member of Key club, serving one year on the board and the past two years as their secretary. She is also an active member of the national honors society, and she was inducted in her sophomore year. She has played a major role in putting together Lincoln's back-to-school bash, freshman

orientation, top scholar ceremony, special Olympics, angel luv, and more.

In her free time, Abby enjoys spending time with her friends and family, travelling, and listening to music.

Abby has been accepted into West Virginia University and is a member of their honors college.

She is currently undecided in her major.



Hannah Marie Rowan

Hannah Marie Rowan is the daughter of David and Meagan Rowan, and the granddaughter of John and Judi Loss, and David and Brenda Rowan.

Throughout her four years at Lincoln, Hannah has earned a spot on the perfect honor roll due to her exceptional grades. She is ranked in the top 10 of her entire class and has been the recipient of many top scholar awards. Hannah has served as Class

Secretary all four years and has taken numerous college and advanced placement classes. She is one of the top ACT and SAT scorers in the entire school.

Hannah has been an active member of Student Council, DECA, National Honor Society, and Key Club where she served as the Vice President. She has also spent countless hours volunteering in her community through class fundraisers, Feed

a Family projects, field days, and more. Hannah is also a lead role in the upcoming play "Into the Woods" cast as Cinderella.

Athletically, Hannah is a four-year member and Team Captain of the Girl's Cross Country and Track team. She has received many All County, Big Ten, Regional, and State honors.

Impressively, she medaled 3 rd in the 400m last season and is

so far a three-year state qualifier.

She plans to continue her running career as a college athlete.

Outside of school Hannah enjoys running, leading worship at her church, and spending time with family and friends.

Hannah plans to attend West Virginia Wesleyan College to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice, to later become a Criminal Defense Lawyer.

Mooney Votes to Crack Down on Illeagl 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.

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OBITUARIES

Rose Antulov (Tootsie)

Rose (Tootsie) Antulov, 82, of Fairmont, passed away on February 6, 2024. She was born on March 9, 1941, in Enterprise, WV, a daughter to the late Pete Antulov and Sophia (Kaska) Antulov. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, John Antulov, Martin Antulov, Pete Antulov, and Joe Antulov; sisters Jennie Antulov, Mary Antulov, and Violet Antulov; sisters-in-law Helen (Sissy) Antulov, and Margaret Antulov; and nephew John Antulov and his wife Barbara.

Rose is survived by her nieces, Cindy Antulov (John) Currey, Tracy Antulov; nephews Pete Antulov and companion Stephanie Wilson, Steve (Gladys) Antulov, Tom (Rose Mary) Antulov; great-nieces Jackie Antulov (Stephen) Hammond, Jessica Antulov Rogers, Ellie Antulov (Tyler) Simmons, Nicole Antulov (Tyler) Tracy; Casey Currey (Daniel) Kukoly; great-nephews Nick (Brittany) Currey; and great-great nieces and nephews Angelina and Nicholas Hammond, Jackson and

Margaret Evelyn Tyler, Haley Kukoly, and Savannah and Sophia Currey.

Tootsie was the owner of Venus Beauty Salon for over forty years. She was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church, Catholic Daughters, Dem. Women's Club, and the Moose.

She loved knitting, crocheting, and cooking and baking so she could share them with friends and family.

Friends will be received at St. Ann Catholic Church on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 12:00 noon for Mass. Inurnment will follow at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to WVU Medicine Hospice at 12 Rousch Drive Westover, WV 26501.

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

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Lillian Virginia Morgan Southern

Lillian Virginia Morgan Southern, 91, of East Shinnston, passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by



her adoring family. She was born July 31, 1932 in Shinnston, a daughter of the late Orville Guy and Addie Mable Ashcraft Morgan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles E. Southern.

Lillian is survived by her daughters, SuzAnne Southern, who was her caretaker and with whom she made her home; Traci Lynn Nicholson and her husband Chuck; her sons, Jackie Charles Southern and his wife Debbie; Mark Alan Southern and his wife Kim; and Christopher Jay Southern and the mother of his children, Rebecca; her daughter-in-law, Vickie Southern of KY; After her children were grown, Lillian devoted her life to loving and supporting her grandchildren, Adam Southern and his wife Kayla; Ashley Wolfe and her husband Donnie; Whitney Boggess and her husband

Pat; Jaimie Wilks and her husband Brian; Jessica McLaughlin and her husband Patrick; Alexandria Southern; Lilli Morgan Southern (whom she was named after); Megan McIntyre and her husband Derek; Jaci Southern; and Jason Southern and his wife Gwen; her great-grandchildren, Giada Boggess; Aralyn Southern; Jaylin Dodd; Kinleigh Wolfe; Abi and Noah Wilks; Tucker and Lexi Harvey; Colton and Kennedy McIntyre; Haleigh Hyre; and Christopher Southern; her sister-in-law, Sandra Morgan; and several special nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Lillian was preceded in death by her son, Timothy Gene Southern; her grandsons, Jason Southern and Aiden Southern; her brothers, Eugene Morgan and his wife Marty; and Arnold "Jack" Morgan; as well as her niece, Jennifer Morgan.

As President of the Shinnston High School Class of 1950 and a proud Drum Major, Lillian always looked forward to the annual Alumni Weekends. At Fairmont State College, she was named freshman class Homecoming Princess.

Very active in the Shinnston community, Lillian was a member of several civic groups including the Quota Club of Shinnston, the Shinnston Spartan Boosters, and the Shinnston Woman's Club. She was also a firm believer in Jesus and was a member of both Coon's Run Baptist Church and Jewel City Church where she served on the Food Committee. For many years, Lillian would assist her mother in preparing the menus for Shinnston Schools. Lillian was a sales associate at the Casual Corner at Meadowbrook Mall. A strong and spirited woman, she survived both the Shinnston Tornado and breast cancer. She never missed an event that included her children and grandchildren. Some of her best memories were traveling to watch her grandson, Adam, play basketball.

Beyond all of these accomplishments, Lillian will be remembered most for cooking, especially her famous potato salad, for her friends and family. Her secret ingredient, in every dish, was her LOVE. And she used it liberally in all recipes. The family would like

to thank Drs. Michael Angotti and Richard Vasicek, as well as June Jett of WVU Hospice and the staff of UHC's 5 South for the excellent care given to Lillian. Also, her special family friends, John and Gloria Westfall, Jimmy Salerno, Sammy Marra, Angel Bradley, and Mike and Kim Abruzzino.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Harrison County Humane Society c/o Hogs 4 Dogs at 2450 Saltwell Road Shinnston, WV 26431. Or to the Shinnston Police Department's K-9 Program at 40 Main St. Shinnston, WV 26431

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Thursday, February 8, 2024 from 12:00PM-8:00PM. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Friday, February 9, 2024 at 11:00AM with Pastor Kevin Nuzum and Pastor Robert Shingleton officiating.

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

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Warning Issued for Suspected Election Scam AI Robocallers

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, along with 50 bipartisan attorneys general on the nationwide Anti-Robocall Multistate Litigation Task Force, sent a warning letter to a company that allegedly sent New Hampshire residents scam election robocalls during the New Hampshire primary election.

The calls allegedly used artificial intelligence to impersonate the president and discourage voters from participating in the primary.

"Elections are the staple of our democracy and there's no room for robocalls like these disseminating false information—we must leave no stone unturned in our fight against falsehoods like

these calls," Attorney General Morrisey said. "West Virginia remains committed to making progress in combating unlawful robocalls and we will continue to cooperate with other states and national agencies to stop these illegal and obnoxious scam calls."

In the letter, the Anti-Robocall Multistate Litigation Task Force warns Life Corporation

and its owner and executives that they need to cease any unlawful call traffic immediately. If they don't, they may be in violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, the Truth in Caller ID Act, and other state consumer protection laws.

The Task Force's investigation indicates that Life Corp. allegedly spoofed their calls to make them appear

like they were coming from legitimate New Hampshire political party officials. They then proceeded to provide incorrect information about elections and voting to the call recipients.

In addition to this warning letter, the New Hampshire Attorney General's office issued a cease-and-desist letter against Life Corp. as part of its ongoing

investigation into the matter. The Federal Communications Commission's Enforcement Bureau also issued a cease-and-desist letter against Lingo Telecom, which was identified to have originated a portion of these calls for Life Corp., demanding that it immediately stop supporting illegal robocall traffic on its networks.

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Out of the Past
Memorable photographs from around Harrison County

A. James Manchin, uncle of current US Senator Joe Manchin, was a colorful politician of the old school. Born in Farmington, he served in the House of Delegates, as West Virginia Secretary of State, and State Treasurer. Early in Manchin's career, Governor Arch Moore Jr. reached across the political aisle to have him direct the Rehabilitation Environment Action Program, or REAP.

"Let us purge our proud peaks of these jumbled jungles of junkery..."

“Honorees” From Pg 2.

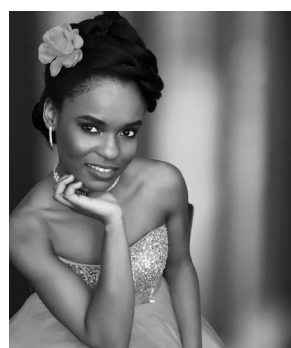
their needs as much as possible, whether it be titling a new vehicle, registration, new or renew driver's licenses, or handicap placards. This service did not stop when she clocked out. Her neighbors also needed help and she was glad to step in with the correct information or take their paperwork in for them. Now that she retired from the DMV she found it hard to stay idle. God has opened another door where serving others is needed. She became employed at the Harrison County Senior Center as an Office Assistant to the Food Pantry Program. She conducts interviews and helps people receive supplemental food items. The Senior Center's mission is to feed as many Harrison County residences as possible, within the required guidelines. Adrian feels very privileged to be a part of this organization. After helping a grandfather, who is taking care of his grandchildren, receive food supplements, and with tears he asked for a hug, that is enough thanks for her. Adrian prays that she will always be open and willing to help wherever the Lord asks her to go.



Estelle Farnsworth

Estelle was born in 1947 in Galloway WV to Columbus and Minnie Ford. Her dad was a coal miner, her mom was a housewife. She has two amazing brothers. She attended first grade at an all black school in Galloway; schools were integrated in her second grade year. She graduated from Philip Barbour HS 1965. Estelle lived in Southern CA from 1969-1976. She attended medical assistant school there in 1973. Estelle attended LPN school after moving back to WV and graduated in 1979. She has always worked in the medical field; in doctors' offices, home care, and hospitals. After 21 years of service at the VA medical Center she retired in 2012. She has been married 20 years to Stretch(Dorsey) Farnsworth. We enjoy camping in spring, summer and fall every year. We have 2 children and 5 bonus children that make up

our blended family. Our pride and joy are our grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. She belongs to the Stonewood CEOS club where she is the secretary. CEOS meet every week to sew; and they have made literally hundreds of lap quilts to donate to Hospice and the VA hospital. Estelle also volunteers at the mall each year to work the Angel Tree through the CEOS.. She attends church in Stonewood and volunteers at the local nursing home where she reads to residents. She enjoys sewing and quilting, word games, sports, spending time with her family, and weekly breakfast with longtime friends. Estelle is a fanatical Steeler Fan win or lose. One of the most memorable events is when she and her oldest granddaughter traveled to Japan to visit her youngest son and family. Estelle's proudest accomplishment is that she raised 2 sons and a daughter that are good, decent, hardworking, and accomplished people in society.



Agatha Holland

Dr. Agatha Holland is a native of Nigeria before moving to the United States 12 years ago to embark on her college education in music. She attended Truman State University for her bachelor's degree, the University of Central Missouri for a Master of Arts degree, and West Virginia University for her Doctorate degree. Through the years, Dr. Holland has received numerous awards and honors, most notably being a winner at the Pittsburgh Concert Society Major Artist Competition, receiving the William Edward Burghardt Du Bois Research Fellowship Award, and winning the FIO Italia Scholarship award. She made her debut in New York's prestigious Carnegie Hall, performing a solo that received remarkable accolades. Away from the stage, Dr. Holland is a devout mother of two children and a very strong Catholic. She regularly sings at the Immaculate Conception Church here in Clarksburg where she is also a parishioner. She enjoys raising her children and offering her time and skills in any way she can in the Clarksburg community and the world at large.



Sr. Beritha Mashu SII

Sr. Beritha is a native of Zimbabwe, Africa. Born and raised in a Peasant family of eleven children, seven boys and four girls. Her parents were Catholics and all were baptized as babies. Sr. Beritha's parents worked hard to raise the eleven kids and send them to school. Each of her brothers and sisters reached the level of education according to each individual's ability. She joined the Order of the Sisters of the Infant Jesus (SJI) in 1964. She did five years of Nurse Training and worked in Hospitals and Clinics for a couple years, then took a secretarial course. For twenty two years she worked in administration in several Institutions prior to her Mission to the United States.2004. Sr. BerithaI came to Clarksburg, WV at Immaculate Conception Parish where she has been for the past 20 years now. Her main ministry at the Parish is to visit the sick in homes, nursing homes and hospitals. Praying and bringing Communion to all those who are no longer able to come to Church has been a very enriching and rewarding experience to her. She and her sister are very grateful and appreciate the Clarksburg community, especially the Parish community of Immaculate Conception for their hospitality and making it a second home for them. They do have the opportunity every other year to go back to Zimbabwe to visit their families and religious community. In April she will be going back to celebrate her 50th anniversary as a nun with her group and Community at large.



Angela Michael

Angela Michael is a Certified Nursing Assistant on the Inpatient Mental Health Unit at the Louis A Johnson Medical Center in Clarksburg. Mrs Michael also holds an Associate Degree in Medical Assisting and Technology that

she obtained at the West Virginia Junior College in Bridgeport WV. Mrs Michael has played a big part in the community as she has organized Community Board Relations Meetings with the community and Federal Corrections facilities. She has been a big part in helping with food drives for school children and Christmas events for children and their families. Mrs. Michael has helped organize and prepare large diversity dinners for the residents in the federal Halfway House as a past employee. Mrs. Michael loves helping people from all walks of life, it has always been a passion of hers. Faith and family are also very important to her, she enjoys spending time with her Adult children and her nephews. Mrs Michael's philosophy is never judge a person because you never know what steps they have walked through in life. Always be kind and caring.



Danielle Mattison

My name is Danielle Denise Mattison. I am a 38 year old wife and step-mother to 2 beautiful girls. I was born and raised in Akron, OH where I attended Butchel High School. After high school I attended a state accredited technical school to become a STNA (State Tested Nursing Assistant). I began working in the field as an STNA in 2006. I started that career path at a facility that specializes in taking care of adults and seniors with disabilities. I fell in love with caring for people and I would say that it was one of the greatest experiences in my life. In 2015 I moved to Weston, WV to be closer to my then boyfriend who is also from Akron, OH. He attended Glenville State College where after graduating he accepted a job offer as an accounting manager at a small oil field service company. We moved to Clarksburg shortly after in 2017. When I moved to WV I decided to change career paths. I got into hospitality, where I started as a front desk agent quickly climbing to Front Office Manager at TownePlace Suites by Marriott in Bridgeport. I was offered a job at The Hilton Garden Inn Clarksburg as Front Office Manager with the goal of becoming

Assistant General Manager. I have accomplished that goal and I am currently Assistant General Manager at The Hilton Garden Inn Clarksburg. In my spare time I like volunteering with whichever sport our oldest daughter is participating in at Liberty High School (freshmen). Those sports are usually cheerleading, basketball and track. I also enjoy reading and cooking. I have yet to find a church to call home in the Clarksburg area. We have visited many just want to make sure we make the right choice in calling one our home church. Our faith is very important to us, so we will continue to visit churches until we find a home. Again, I am truly honored that Ms. Lisa even considered me for something like this. I thank God every day that I made it out of the environment that I once called home. I am thankful and blessed to be able to call Clarksburg, WV my home now!



Tamika Moore

Tamika (32) lives in Bridgeport with her husband Justin Moore and three children, Zuri (7) Sasha (5) and Malik (2) and their Chihuahua Brody. Tamika owns and operates her own clothing boutique, Uniquely MOORE Shop which has been in business going on six years now. She makes graphic tees and sells women's and children's boutique clothing along with unique gifts for all occasions. Her hobbies include: shopping, thrifting, crafting and traveling. Tamika is a graduate of Fairmont State University where she has two degrees, one in fashion Danielle



Danielle Walker

T e n a c i o u s . Determined. Energetic. Delegate Walker was born in Lafayette, Louisiana, and attended New Iberia Senior High School and Tech Area Technical Institute. She is the mother of two sons, the late Demetry "Mack" Walker and Devin Walker. Her impassioned pleas



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(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 The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.	\$ 1,387.61
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 23, 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
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(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 The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.	\$ 1,323.17
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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“Water” From Pg 4.

Water extension to serve TIMET facility estimated to cost \$1.4 million.

City of Logan: New source of supply and water treatment plant (WTP) improvements estimated to cost \$12 million.

About the West

Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council

The WV IJDC was created by the West Virginia Legislature in 1994 to serve as a funding clearinghouse for water and wastewater projects around the state. Gov.

Jim Justice serves as council chairman, with Deputy Chief of Staff Ann Urling serving as his designee.

The council will meet again on March 6. For more information, visit wvinfrastructure.com.

“Honorees” From Pg 8.

and speeches for throughout the state equity and diversity caught the attention in Morgantown and of neighbors and

community leaders who encouraged her to run for the state legislature, and she won a seat in 2018, 2020, and 2022. She resigned in 2023, but continues to bring education and actions to her community and other communities throughout West Virginia. She has organized blood drives in honor of her late son who fought a short battle to leukemia. She continues to keep his life and legacy alive by supporting a scholarship in his honor which is managed by YCF. As a Mountain Mama, she continues to encounter the voices of Mountaineers to protect clean air, clean water, safe, accessible, affordable housing, diversity, and civil liberties. Her resiliency will always guarantee that Mountaineers are always free.

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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):

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

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways reserves the right to defer, delay or postpone the date for receiving and publicly opening proposals for any project designated in this advertisement, without the necessity of renewing such advertisement. The 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.

Introducing Steve Johnson as Candidate For Sheriff

In the interest of educating the public on upcoming campaigns, but also with an eye toward maintaining the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal's tradition of political objectivity, we allow a one time submission by any candidate for office in 2024 of a letter and a photograph. If you are a candidate and wish to have your letter printed, please submit to Shinnstonnewsandjournal@gmail.com.

My name is Steve Johnson and I am running as a Republican for Sheriff of Harrison County. I served 31 years with the Harrison County Sheriff's Office starting in 1990 were I was hired under the late Sheriff Trupo. Under Sheriff Godwin, I was assigned to both the Investigations Division for 4 years then to the D.A.R.E. Program for 4 years. I taught D.A.R.E. in many of the grade schools throughout the county. I also investigated and was made an expert in child and adult sexual assault and abuse crimes. Under Sheriff Jack, I was promoted to Sergeant then later to Lieutenant in charge of a patrol shift. Under Sheriff Marano, I was appointed as Chief Deputy for 8 years. During that time, I was assigned to oversee the entire patrol unit for the Sheriff's Office. I worked closely with personnel in the tax division and the civil process division. Under the current Sheriff Matheny, I was the 1st Southern District Commander for the Sheriff's Office. I was responsible for the daily needs and concerns of the citizens of the community in the southern areas of Harrison County, and was stationed in West Milford. I was the supervisor for the K-9 Unit for the Sheriff's Office after eagerly becoming the Sheriff's Office 1st Explosive Detection K-9 handler

where my partner was K-9 Lotta.

If elected as your next Sheriff, my goal is to continue the fight against the drug epidemic that plagues our county. I plan to do this by staffing the Greater Harrison County Drug Task Force and the Mountain State Highway Interdiction Team with proactive deputies that are motivated to stop the movement of illegal illicit drugs coming into Harrison County. I would also expand the K-9 division within the Sheriff's Office, as K-9 units are an asset in detection and location of illegal illicit drugs. I plan to work closely with all federal, state, and local officials in the municipalities within Harrison County. I want to bring back teamwork and unity to the Sheriff's Office, as I know this is essential to community safety. The safety of the children in Harrison County is very important to me and the deputies that are assigned as school resource officers do a fantastic job. I plan to continue to staff deputies as school resource officers in partnership with the Harrison County Board of Education to continue to keep the children in Harrison County safe while in schools.

As your Sheriff, I have the knowledge and experience to move the Sheriff's Office in a positive direction. I pride myself on my honesty and integrity and I will work hard for the citizens of Harrison County. I will be able to start serving as your Sheriff immediately from day 1 with my familiarity of the daily operations of the administrative parts of the Sheriff's Office. With my 31 years of experience. My goal is to make HARRISON COUTNY EVEN BETTER.

CEOS Selects Officers for 2024 and Hears Lessons on the Potential and Possibilities of Plants

By Estella Farnsworth

The Stonewood CEOS club met at the Congregational Missionary Church Annex on Jan 15 2024 . Members were welcomed by President Deloris Wilson. Present were Ladonna Tucker, Deloris Wilson, April Stout, Darlene Francis, Jan Johnson, Willa Jean Green and Estella Farnsworth. A candle was lit in memory of our deceased members. Devotions read were entitled “Worry Less and enjoy Life” It suggests that we spend a few quiet moments with God each morning to start our day.

Members recited the pledge to the American and West Virginia flags in unison. Willa Jean Green led members in the songs “God Bless America” and “My Country Tis of Thee.” Minutes of last meeting were read by secretary Estella Farnsworth, they were accepted as read. Treasurers report given by Treasurer Jan Johnson and will be filed. The lesson originally scheduled for Dec was taught today by Estella Farnsworth. The title of the lesson was “The Possibilities of Plants” which focused on the many

different herbs and plants that can be used in numerous ways, such as medicinal purposes, air purifiers, essential oils, and building materials, examples are Vanilla Grass, American Lotus, and dogwood. Noteworthy is that in 1976, the FDA made it illegal to sell sassafras tea, its roots, or the oil because of safrole which is a carcinogen that causes liver cancer. Committee reports included the change that there will be no nursing home visits until further notice. We will be checking on ways to participate in the Stonewood Firemen's

See “CEOS” on Pg 10

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From *L'Osservatore Romano*

“The Christian life and apostolic mission need the experience of waiting. Matured in prayer and daily fidelity, waiting frees us from the myth of efficiency, from the obsession with performance and, above all, from the pretense of pigeonholing God, because he always comes in unpredictable ways, he always comes at times that we do not choose and in ways that we do not expect”. Pope Francis affirmed this during Holy Mass in Saint Peter’s Basilica on Friday evening, 2 February, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and the 28th World Day for Consecrated Life. The following is the English text of the Holy Father’s homily.

While the people waited for the Lord’s salvation the prophets announced his coming, as the prophet Malachi proclaims, “the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming” (3:1). Simeon and Anna are the image and figure of this longing. Upon seeing the Lord enter his temple, they are enlightened by the Holy Spirit and recognize him as the child whom Mary carries in her arms. They had been waiting for him all their lives: Simeon, “righteous and devout, looking for the

consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him” (Lk 2:25); Anna, who “did not depart from the temple” (Lk 2:37).

It is good for us to look at these two elders who were waiting patiently, vigilant in spirit and persevering in prayer. Their hearts have stayed awake, like an eternal flame. They are advanced in age, but young at heart. They do not let the days wear them down, for their eyes remain fixed on God in expectation (cf. Ps 145:15). Fixed on God in expectation, always in expectation. Along life’s journey, they have experienced hardships and disappointments, but they have not given in to defeat: they have not “retired” hope. As they contemplate the child, they recognize that the time has come, the prophecy has been fulfilled, the One they sought and yearned for, the Messiah of the nations, has arrived. By staying awake in expectation of the Lord, they are able to welcome him in the newness of his coming.

Brothers and sisters, waiting for God is also important for us, for our faith journey. Every day the Lord visits us, speaks to us, reveals himself in unexpected ways and, at the end of life and time, he will come. He himself exhorts us to stay awake, to be vigilant, to persevere in waiting.

Indeed, the worst thing that can happen to us is to let “our spirit doze off”, to let the heart fall asleep, to anesthetize the soul, to lock hope away in the dark corners of disappointment and resignation.

I think of you, consecrated sisters and brothers, and of the gift that you are; I think of us Christians today: are we still capable of waiting? Are we not at times too caught up in ourselves, in things and in the intense rhythm of daily life to the point of forgetting God who always comes? Are we not too enraptured by our good works, which runs the risk of turning even religious and Christian life into having “many things to do” and neglecting the daily search for the Lord? Don’t we sometimes risk planning personal and community life by calculating the odds of success, instead of cultivating the small seed entrusted to us with joy and humility, with the patience of those who sow without expecting anything and those who know how to wait for God’s time and let him surprise us? We must recognize at times that we have lost the ability to wait. This is due to several obstacles, of which I would like to highlight two.

The first obstacle that makes us lose the ability to wait is neglect of the interior life. This is what happens when weariness prevails

over amazement, when habit takes the place of enthusiasm, when we lose perseverance on the spiritual journey, when negative experiences, conflicts or seemingly delayed fruits turn us into bitter and embittered people. It is not good to ruminate on bitterness, because in a religious family, as in any community and family, bitter and “sour-faced” people are deflating, people who seem to have vinegar in their hearts. It is necessary then to recover the lost grace: to go back and, through an intense interior life, return to the spirit of joyful humility, of silent gratitude. This is nourished by adoration, by the work of the knees and the heart, by concrete prayer that struggles and intercedes, capable of reawakening a longing for God, that initial love, that amazement of the first day, that taste of waiting.

The second obstacle is adapting to a worldly lifestyle, which ends up taking the place of the Gospel. Ours is a world that often runs at great speed, that exalts “everything and now,” that is consumed in activism and seeks to exorcise life’s fears and anxieties in the pagan temples of consumerism or in entertainment at all costs. In such a context, where silence is banished and lost, waiting is not easy, for it requires an attitude of healthy passivity, the

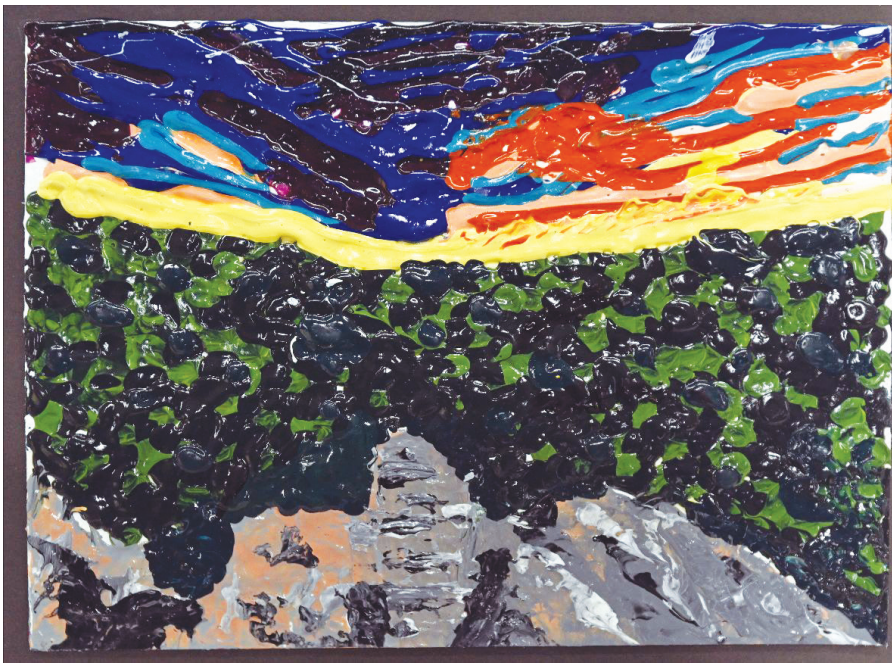
courage to slow our pace, to not be overwhelmed by activities, to make room within ourselves for God’s action. These are lessons of Christian mysticism. Let us be careful, then, that the spirit of the world does not enter our religious communities, ecclesial life and our individual journey, otherwise we will not bear fruit. The Christian life and apostolic mission need the experience of waiting. Matured in prayer and daily fidelity, waiting frees us from the myth of efficiency, from the obsession with performance and, above all, from the pretense of pigeonholing God, because he always comes in unpredictable ways, he always comes at times that we do not choose and in ways that we do not expect.

As the French mystic and philosopher Simone Weil states, we are the bride waiting in the night for the arrival of the bridegroom, and: “The role of the future wife is to wait.... To long for God and to renounce all the rest, that alone can save us” (Waiting for God, Milan 1991, 196). Sisters, brothers, let us cultivate in prayer the spirit of waiting for the Lord and learn about the proper “passivity of the Spirit”: thus, we will be able to open ourselves to the newness of God.

Like Simeon, let us also pick up this child, the God of newness and surprises. By welcoming the Lord,

the past opens up to the future, the old in us opens up to the new that he awakens. This is not easy, we know this, because, in religious life as in the life of every Christian, it is difficult to go against the “force of the old”. “It is not easy for the old man in us to welcome the child, the new one — to welcome the new one, in our old age to welcome the new one — ... The newness of God presents itself as a child and we, with all our habits, fears, misgivings, envies, — let us think of envies! — worries, come face to face with this child. Will we embrace the child, welcome the child, make room for the child? Will this newness really enter our lives or will we rather try to combine old and new, trying to let ourselves be disturbed as little as possible by the presence of God’s newness?” (C.M. MARTINI, Something So Personal. Meditations on Prayer, Milan 2009, 32-33).

Brothers and sisters, these questions are for us, for each of us, for our communities and for the Church. Let us be restless, let us be moved by the Spirit, like Simeon and Anna. If, like them, we live in expectation, safeguarding our interior life and in conformity with the Gospel, if, like them, we live in expectation, we will embrace Jesus, who is the light and hope of life.



By Raley Cochran



By Ashton Bailey

Lincoln Middle Students Earn Awards In Almost Heaven Art Contest

Last week, Governor Jim Justice announced winners in the Almost Heaven Governor’s Art Edition.

According to a release from the Office of the Governor,

the contest was “designed to showcase student creativity and the arts.” The theme for the contest centered on “one-of-a-kind postcard designs illustrating stargazing at your

favorite West Virginia park or public lands.”

Governor Jim Justice announced the contest and theme last October. He invited state

kindergarten to 12th grade to participate. Awards went to those who placed first, second, and third with art supplies as prizes.

In the middle school

division, Raley Cochran earned second place with “Stargazing at Lindy Point”

Ashton Bailey took third place with “The Night Look of Seneca Rocks.”

“CEOS” From Pg 9.

Festival this summer. Health Motivator Willa Jean Green led members in an arm/shoulder exercise. A motion was made by Jan Johnson to publish Club news quarterly instead of monthly; 2nd by April Stout. April also gave a good book report entitled

“The Five People You Meet in Heaven” by Mitch Albom. It is a very interesting work of fiction. We received a very nice thank you card from The Mustard Seed showing appreciation for the donations that we made monthly throughout the year.

We collected 77

packages of Ramen Noodles for the Mustard Seed this month and 21 packages of snack crackers for the VA brown bag snacks today. On Nov 16 Deloris, Lesita, Estella, Eva, Darlene, Ladonna and April attended the 2023 Achievement and Demonstration Day.

Darlene received her new member pin and Betty Shreve was awarded her 20 yr pin. The club did not have a meeting in December but we had a Christmas luncheon and card exchange at Minards on Dec 5th. Program Assistant John Wickline was

present today to install the 2024 incoming officers.

2024 officers are as follows: President; Ladonna Tucker, Vice President; Deloris Wilson, Secretary; Estella Farnsworth, and Treasurer, Jan Johnson. Plans were made for the club to

celebrate Valentine’s Day with a luncheon at FOP on Monday Feb 12 at noon. Meeting was adjourned. Total club CVH for 2023 were 4000

Happy Valentine’s Day to all