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Greater Harrison Public Service District Gets Grants For Improvements

By Stephen Smoot Development Council received \$500,000. Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, the PSD

Governor Jim Justice recently released a list of Infrastructure and Jobs

Among the many listed, Greater Harrison Public Service District

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Signs and Lines



By Jim Hunt for the News and Journal

Waze, the large green signs overhead or the direction to veer left or right become almost invisible to us. Similarly, the sight of construction-induced, haphazardly painted lines might evoke images of a child's scribbles rather than a guide through detours. But, as long as our faithful GPS systems guide our turns and track our remaining miles, we pay little heed.

To many, they might seem barely noticeable—those ever-present traffic signs and painted highway lines. Yet, they are increasingly integral to the technology within today's automobiles.

As we navigate our routes, relying heavily on GPS and applications like Google Maps and

Recently, my wife upgraded to a new car, leaving behind her eight-year-old 2016 Kia Sorento for a vehicle replete with advanced features we had yet to experience. Delving into the owner's manual,

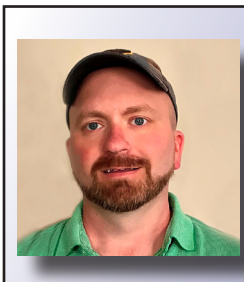
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The Katherine Mine Disaster marks one in a long series of tragedies surrounding the operation of mines in the Mountain State over the decades.

Katherine Mine Disaster Was Eighty Years Ago

Most people recognize the year 1944 as the 'year of the tornado', but three months prior to the tornado, a mine explosion occurred at the Katherine Coal Company Mine No.4, this year marking the 80 th Anniversary of the explosion.



The Story Behind the Photo
By Bobby Bice

years] occupied by the former Salerno Brothers Company. During my existence, it seems that little attention has been given to this mine disaster that took the lives of sixteen local men.

along Wyatt Road, of Lumberport, an area which connects West Shinnston into the Robinston Run section

The most likely reason for this is that

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Interim No More, City Council Unanimously Approves Hiring Tori Drainer as City Manager

By Stephen Smoot

When Chad Edwards took on the massive responsibility of helping to pick the disaster-wracked community of East Palestine, Ohio back on its feet, the City of Shinnston wasted no time in finding a capable replacement.

Last week, City Council unanimously approved the hiring of Tori Drainer full time for the position she has held as an interim since last fall.

Said Debra Herndon, who helped to get Drainer up to speed on the numerous details of the position, "Council made a great decision in Tori Drainer."

"When Tori first came to the City, I had the opportunity to train her

in the City's software system," Herndon explained, adding that "She was a very fast learner and had a good grasp of the City's financials early on."

Drainer grew up in nearby Hepzibah and graduated from Lincoln High School, then attended Fairmont State University. When she married her husband, she moved to Lumberport. She took a position as city clerk there last July, but moved into her role with the City of Shinnston last November

Herndon described Drainer's Shinnston focus. "Being a local person, she understands the priorities and values held by citizens of a small town."

Jobs worked prior

See "Drainer" on Pg 9

Making Pike Street Irish For a Day

Crowds turned out to see Shinnston's "wearing of the green" for Saint Patrick's Day on Saturday. Local organizations teamed up to offer a variety of family fun activities.



With a Beat Up Glove, A Homemade Bat, and Brand New Pair of Shoes, LMS Thinks It's Time to Give This Game a Ride

By Stephen Smoot The town that sent Richard and Larry Brown to play as solid major leaguers for a number of squads in

the 50s and 60s can add another feather to its baseball cap. Parents and others have organized their efforts to put together a program for Lincoln

Middle School. Newly minted head coach Seth Marshall emphasized that "by all means, this was all the

parents. All credit goes to them."

Middle school baseball represents a new phenomenon

See "Baseball" on Pg 3



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Time to Fix Household Leaks

A simple household leak can cost you a lot of money. Most are simple to fix once you locate them, but leaks can be sneaky. The Public Service Commission of West Virginia is participating in Fix a Leak Week, March 18-24 by encouraging everyone to be vigilant in finding and repairing leaks in household plumbing fixtures.

Did you know that across America, homes waste more than a trillion gallons of water every year? That is shocking. The average home loses almost 10,000 gallons of water per year to simple leaks. That is the amount of water it takes to wash 300 loads of laundry. And every drop that is wasted still shows up on your water bill.

When you repair a leaking faucet, a running toilet, or a broken sprinkler head, the money you save on your water bills will soon pay for the small cost of fixing those leaks.

To help save water, the Commission offers the following tips:

Look at your water bill. If a family of four uses more than 12,000 gallons per month, you could have a serious leak. Turn off all water, then read the meter at the beginning and end of two hours.

If the meter changes, you likely have a leak. Monitor possible toilet leaks. Squeeze a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. If you see color in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. Worn flappers often cause silent toilet leaks, but new ones are inexpensive and easy to install.

If your faucet drips, tighten connections and replace the aerator with a WaterSense labeled model to save water without a noticeable difference in flow.

Leaky showerheads caused by a loose connection between the showerhead and the pipe stem can usually be fixed by wrapping the pipe stem with pipe tape.

Fix a Leak Week is sponsored every year by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and WaterSense. You can find detailed instructions for how to find and fix those sneaky leaks at www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week. We also have more ideas for how to save water on the PSC website. Visit www.psc.state.wv.us and click on "Lower Your Water Bill."

Super Crossword PHONY-BALONEY

ACROSS

- 1 Wearing nightclothes, for short
- 6 Meanie's look
- 11 In addition
- 15 Eyelid hair
- 19 Steel, e.g.
- 20 Ancient Greek region
- 21 Empty spaces
- 22 World's fair
- 23 Illegal detention
- 25 Columbus is its capital
- 26 British actor Guinness
- 27 "Mind your — business!"
- 28 High, round collar not folding over on itself
- 31 Without any variety
- 35 Ingest
- 36 Boston NBAer, for short
- 37 Paint job made to look like marble, wood, etc.
- 41 New Nintendo console of 2012
- 43 Big antlered beast
- 47 Opposite of dep., in an airport
- 48 Thin porridge
- 50 Saw against the main grain, as wood
- 52 Bit of money seized by a Secret Service agent
- 58 Ecol. monitor
- 59 Middays
- 60 Tiny arachnid
- 61 J. — Hoover
- 64 Like overdue birthday wishes
- 67 Bill & Ted went on one in a 1991 film
- 70 Wombs
- 71 Bible book after Prov.
- 74 Q-V linkup
- 75 "Spider-Man" director Sam
- 76 Wedlock not based on love
- 79 Cheer up
- 81 Burros, e.g.
- 82 — occasion (never)
- 83 Paris' river
- 84 Toronto-to-Montreal dir.
- 85 Prada or Fendi replica, maybe
- 91 "Beloved" novelist Toni
- 94 Buc, Bronco or Niner
- 95 Beatty of film
- 97 Cindy Brady player Susan
- 98 Former jets to the U.K.
- 101 Bit of non-needed body art
- 105 Sour plum
- 107 Stage star Hagen
- 109 Title for Kate Middleton
- 110 Component of a coated glass-bead bracelet, perhaps
- 117 Even score
- 118 Forum attire
- 119 In the past
- 120 Apt cry of disbelief for this puzzle
- 125 Coagulate
- 126 Rebuke from Caesar
- 127 Like a dweeb
- 128 About, before a date
- 129 At this place
- 130 Lather (up)
- 131 Gather up
- 132 Hoodwinked
- DOWN**
- 1 Global finance org.
- 2 Teacher's union, in brief
- 3 Old TV ministry inits.
- 4 2002 "Friday the 13th" sequel
- 5 Whole lotta
- 6 Knightly title
- 7 Bulblike base of a stem
- 8 — cat (two-base game)
- 9 Neighbor of Minn. and Ill.
- 10 Jewish potato pancake
- 11 Relative of a guinea pig
- 12 Lion portrayer Bert
- 13 Feature of Betty Boop's hair
- 14 "— Mio"
- 15 Crude sheds
- 16 Car shaft
- 17 Project detail, for short
- 18 Sell at a pawnshop
- 24 Opponent
- 29 "I taut I — a puddy tat!"
- 30 Shade trees
- 31 Flip — coin
- 32 DEA worker
- 33 Irish money
- 34 Bring about
- 38 Some flawed garments: Abbr.
- 39 Add-on to the end of a wd.
- 40 Bit of a bray
- 42 Most polar
- 44 Sea nymph
- 45 Sovereign
- 46 Letter two before iota
- 49 VIP vehicle
- 51 Margarine
- 53 Deprives of weapons
- 54 "Sorry, too busy"
- 55 Bodily digit
- 56 Big striped cat, in French
- 57 A/C output qtys.
- 62 Landscape painter Asher Brown —
- 63 Like low-quality eggs
- 64 City transport
- 65 Alcohol in liquor
- 66 Landlords or landladies
- 67 Empty
- 68 Having protruding hearing organs
- 69 Yang go-with
- 72 Sings gently
- 73 U.S. pres., militarily
- 77 Inquires
- 78 "Continue"
- 80 Architect Maya
- 83 Chiang Kai- —
- 84 Broody rock genre
- 86 Investigate pryingly
- 87 Very loudly, in music
- 88 Miami loc.
- 89 Stud money
- 90 Old Storms and Trackers
- 92 Paraphrase
- 93 On Sunset Blvd., e.g.
- 96 Two, in Chile
- 99 Maintenance job on a car
- 100 Indy sponsor
- 102 Ballet outfit
- 103 Something very easy
- 104 Vegas casino
- 106 Some Siouan speakers
- 108 MetLife rival
- 110 Concern for a dermatologist
- 111 Concern for a dermatologist
- 112 Horror film lab assistant
- 113 Twice tetra-
- 114 "Psst" cousin
- 115 — avis
- 116 Some old Fords
- 121 The "S" of GPS: Abbr.
- 122 Hosp. zones
- 123 Ideal serve
- 124 Young fella

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Charleston WV – March 22, 1922: 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.

March 21, 1914: The first West Virginia boys' high school basketball tournament began in Buckhannon. The event was sponsored by West Virginia Wesleyan College, which at the time had the state's largest and finest gymnasium.

March 21, 2018: Sculptor Frank Gaylord died. Born 1925 in Clarksburg, his best-known work is "The Column," a platoon of 19 larger-than-life, stainless steel soldiers comprising the central element of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington.

March 22, 1922: Physician Mildred Mitchell-Bateman was born in Georgia. She became the first Black woman in West Virginia to hold a high-level state administrative position when, in 1962, Governor Wally Barron appointed her director of the Department of Mental Health.

March 23, 2003: Private Jessica Lynch of Palestine, Wirt County, was serving as a supply clerk with the Army's 507th Maintenance Company when she was captured by Iraqi forces after her group was ambushed.

March 24, 1890: Confederate General William Lowther "Mudwall" Jackson died in Louisville. Jackson, who was born in Clarksburg, joined the Confederate Army as a private.

After helping to organize an infantry unit, he was promoted to colonel. He served on the staff of his cousin, Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, and was jokingly nicknamed "Mudwall."

March 25, 1878: Attorney General Armistead Abraham "Cousin Abe" Lilly was born at Jumping Branch, Summers County. Lilly appealed the Virginia Debt Suit to the U.S. Supreme Court; when settled, it was estimated that Lilly had saved the state a large sum of money.

March 26, 1851: Upshur County was created from parts of Randolph, Lewis and Barbour counties, with Buckhannon as the county seat.

March 26, 1863: The state's first constitution was overwhelmingly ratified by the voters, by a majority of 28,321 to 572. The constitution was drafted during the state's first Constitutional Convention at the federal custom house in Wheeling.

March 26, 1920: Aviator Rose Agnes Rolls Cousins was born. She was the first Black woman to become a solo pilot in the Civilian Pilot Training Program at West Virginia State College (now University) and rejected from joining the Tuskegee Airmen because she was a woman.

March 27, 1826: Laura Jackson Arnold, the younger sister of "Stonewall" Jackson, was born in Clarksburg. During the Civil War, she was a staunch Unionist and opened her home to care for sick and injured troops.

March 27, 1917: Statesman Cyrus Roberts Vance was born in Clarksburg. In 1977, President Carter tapped Vance as his secretary of state. Vance was instrumental in negotiating the Camp David Accord and the Panama Canal Treaty.

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Progressive Women's Association to Host Moving Up Ceremony

The Progressive Women's Association of Harrison County will host a Moving Up Ceremony to honor the members of the Young Progressive Women's Association. The YWPA was formed about five years ago and worked under and in conjunction with the PWA. Seven of the original and early members will be graduating from high school and "moving up" to the next stage of their lives.

The ceremony will take place on Sunday, April 7 at the Uptown Event Center and attendance is by invitation only. The young ladies will be designated as Young Women of Distinction. Delivering remarks will be Rhonda Holyfield Mangieri who is also the sponsor of this program.

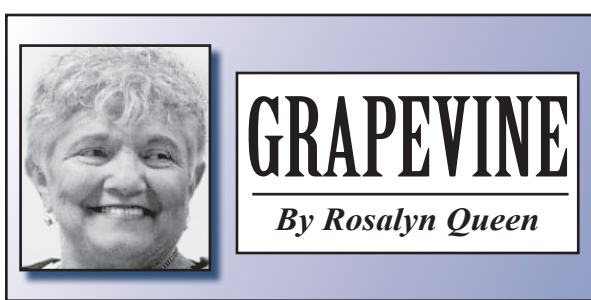
Betty Felts has been the director of this program since its inception. Nicole Osborn will be assuming this position in the future. One of the many yearly projects of this group are decorating the doors of the residents at the Veterans Home and filling stockings for them at Christmas.

The officers of the PWA will be participating in this ceremony with a special guest from the Harrison County Commission. Following the "moving up" ceremony, refreshments will be served. Rosalyn Queen is in charge of the arrangements for this event.



Shaelyn Capicola

Introducing Shaelyn Capicola, one of the senior members of the YPWA! Shaelyn is a senior at Liberty high school, where she serves as the student body president. She has been part of the Liberty high school cross country and track teams the last four years and the soccer team for the last two years. She looks forward to continuing her cross country and track



GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen

career at WV Wesleyan College. She will study athletic training and nutrition. Shaelyn loves the community outreach the YPWA does and all the great memories and friendships she has made through it.



Carleigh Curotz

Carleigh Curotz has been a member of the YPWA since her freshman year. She is a senior this year at RCBHS where she is a member of the National honor society and a part of the student

council. Carleigh is involved with all sports teams including soccer, basketball, and track. Her favorite thing about the YPWA is that she gets to better the community little by little while also getting to spend time with her friends, and they are very flexible with her busy schedule.

She is looking forward to her final year with YPWA before she heads to college and hopes to make it the best year yet!



Mary Felts

Mary Felts Mary is one of the founding members of the YPWA. Mary is a senior at RCB high school. She has been part of the golf team for the past 4 years and looks forward to continuing her golf career at WV Wesleyan in the fall of 2024 where she will study Criminal Justice / Journalism. Mary loves the work she has been able to accomplish with the YPWA and looks forward to seeing what the future holds for the group.



Brooke Lister

Brooke has been a longtime member of the YPWA. She is a senior at Robert c Byrd high school and plans attend college to eventually

become a geneticist. Brooke is involved in many things throughout high school including musicals student council national honors society and more.

She has also participated in soccer and basketball. In her free time, she enjoys working and babysitting as well as spending time with her friends and family and giving back to the community. She is a board member of the YPWA and her favorite part of the group is that it allows girls to give back to the community in ways that are meaningful to them. She looks forward to her final year with the group before college and is excited to see all the wonderful things that become of the group in the future.



Gabby Nixon

Gabby is a founding member of the YPWA. She is a senior at RCB high school and is a member of the golf and tennis teams as well as involved in many clubs. Gabby plans to attend West Virginia Wesleyan College in the fall and be a member of the golf team there. Her favorite part of this group is giving back to the community she lives in.



Ava Starkey

Ava has been a part of the Young Progressive Women's Association for four years. She is currently a senior at Robert C. Byrd High School and plans to continue her education this fall at West Virginia University. She is a four-year member of the RCB soccer team and a two-year member of the tennis team. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends and reading.

Her favorite part of YPWA is getting the chance to help her community.



Sophia Wagoner

Sophia Wagoner is a founding member of the YPWA and is currently a senior at RCB. She is a member of Thespians, Student Council, and the Tennis team. She plans on continuing her education at West Virginia University in the fall to study Biomedical Engineering. She loves all the friends and experiences YPWA has given her and cannot wait to share that with younger girls.

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 Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center is excited to announce the Spheres Bubble Show, coming to downtown Clarksburg on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 7:00p.m. at the historic Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center located at 444 W. Pike St. in Clarksburg, WV.

Spheres Bubble Show is a comedic and mysterious fusion of art, science, and magic featuring bubble master Blaise Ryndes as seen on America's Got Talent.

Tickets for "Spheres Bubble Show" start at only \$10 and go on sale to "Friends of the Robinson Grand" on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, and to the general public on Friday, March 15, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. All tickets can be purchased online at tickets.therobinsongrand.com or by calling the Robinson Grand ticketing center at (855) 773-6283.

Clarksburg First Friday Festival, 4:30-8 PM, downtown Clarksburg. Nature Scavenger Hunt (pick up cards at the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library); Spring Chick Egg Hunt at Orpheum Park (6:30); Art Gallery, Clarksburg History Museum, and Model Railroad Club open on Main Street; Live music and vendors at GoreLuxe Complex on Pike Street; Bingo for Books and Passport Fair at the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library; Downtown restaurants and businesses open late. Clarksburg Visitors Bureau, 304-622-2157.

"Baseball" From Pg 1.

in Harrison County. Marshall explained that "two years ago, South Harrison started a team and Babe Ruth ended. Children aging out of little league for a time mostly faced travel ball options.

Travel teams expose players to play outside of the state and can provide great coaching and experience - for a price. Many who wanted to play could not overcome the sometimes thousands

of dollars in costs that such experiences require.

Lincoln Middle School parents started the effort. "They had to raise money and go to the board and plead their case," Marshall explained. He added that "when ours was approved, everyone else got theirs too. Lincoln set this in motion for the county, which is good because this is needed."

Of the kids, Marshall said "they're really

excited. They were bummed out that their first game on Friday was postponed due to weather." He also shared that "they are really excited. They're eager for it to get started."

More than 40 kids turned out for the organizational meeting, of whom just under 30 came to tryouts. After evaluation, the coaches cut the roster to 15, which Marshall stated caused "a couple of

sleepless nights."

Marshall, who graduated from Bridgeport and played for its powerhouse football program, has spent three years coaching with the middle school football team and has taught for four years.

Lincoln Middle's baseball program will face strong challenges. They will travel to Elkins and also take a two and a half hour one way road trip to Franklin in Pendleton County. Both Elkins and Pendleton County boast significant baseball traditions at the high school level. Pendleton County also recorded its highest number of children playing little league in 2024 in the history of the organization.

Those who cannot attend the games can follow the team online using the Game Changer phone or computer app.

"These are a great group of kids who represent Shinnston very well," Marshall said.

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Eilert's Departure From West Virginia

Josh Eilert's 10 month term as interim basketball coach at West Virginia University came to an end last week. The Mountaineers' season came to a merciful end last Tuesday in frustrating fashion. West Virginia lost a 16-point second half lead and fell to Cincinnati for a second consecutive setback to the Bearcats.

The first was the largest margin of defeat in the Big 12 this year (in any contest played by any team) to conclude regular season play. The latter was the opening game for both squads in the Big 12 Conference Tournament.

WVU ended with a six game losing streak and a nine and 23 overall record. It is the first campaign in over 20 years where the Mountaineers had failed to accrue double-digit wins. Also, every win garnered came at the Coliseum, giving new meaning to the term "there's no place like home." The numbers do not lie and this was a depressing season for coaches, players, and fans alike.

They don't, however, tell the entire story and they definitely don't get



to the bottom line.

West Virginia athletic director Wren Baker was as transparent as possible when he hired Eilert. Baker gave Eilert a 10 month audition and paid him \$1.5 million to do the job. Eilert returned the favor to Mountaineer Nation, providing the same transparency into his dealings as the skipper of the program. Part of that could have been naivete and part of it could have been that Eilert is just a really good guy.

At 42 years old, Eilert had never been a head coach prior to this situation and he didn't know the pressures that came with the job, or the media scrutiny that was waiting behind each and every setback. He had to try to learn when to speak on key issues and how much to divulge about them on the fly while trying to manage a team. That all seemed a bit overwhelming. Those pressures appeared to grow as the

season went on and the defeats mounted up.

From the start, it seemed as if Eilert faced an uphill battle, trying to get players RaeQuan Battle, Noah Farrakhan, and Kerr Kriisa eligible. Also, key performers Jesse Edwards and Akok Akok missed several games due to injury. Eilert seemed to never have a full deck to play with. As a matter of fact, he only had a full complement of players from nine games this season. That is not nearly enough time to build any chemistry at all.

Forget the best college coaches in the game today, take a time machine and bring back the best of all time in these circumstances.

But wait, let us add another element to this equation. It's the Bob Huggins factor.

Eilert is a dedicated man who had spent the previous 17 years working for Huggins at WVU, and prior to that at Kansas

State. He was loyal to Huggins and would have continued to have been had Huggins not resigned. Once Eilert was elevated, Huggins asked for his old job back, putting pressure on the university.

Guess who is stuck square in the middle?

Eilert had to feel conflicted. On one hand, he was happy to have the opportunity, but on the other he had to feel for his mentor and former employer. Running a Division I program takes total focus and concentration. Eilert was not really afforded a chance to give it his best shot.

After being let go by WVU, Eilert wrote a thank you note to Mountaineer Nation. Instead of being bitter or talking about the hand he had been dealt, he just thanked everyone. That is just the person that he is and tells us everything that we need to know about him. We should be thanking him for reminding us what college basketball is really supposed to be about.

That will do it for now. Until next week . . . take care and God Bless!



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 South Harrison's Kaylee Lindsay and Notre Dame's Preston Heslep.

Hawk softball player Kaylee Lindsay helped her team to a season opening victory over Webster County. Lindsay cranked a go-ahead home run that proved to be the winning run in the nine to seven win. Lindsay went three of four in the affair with four runs scored and one run batted in.

Fighting Irish baseball player Preston Heslep pitched Notre Dame to an 11 to one five inning triumph over Clay-Battelle last Wednesday. Heslep did not allow an earned run while striking out 11 batters at Frank Loria Field. Heslep also helped his own cause at the plate, going two for three with a home run, two runs batted in, and two runs scored.

Congratulations to Kaylee Lindsay and Preston Heslep for shining bright in the SN and HCY spotlight!

Running In Style



The Lincoln High School 4x8 team has their claws out showing off new uniforms

Tigers Bring Home Championship

RICHMOND, Virginia - After dominating the first two rounds of the USCAA Division I Basketball Championship tournament, Salem was slated for a championship game matchup against the Scots of Lyon College. The Tigers continued their hot streak in a 77-59 win.

After back-to-back games scoring seventy or more points, Salem looked to keep that hot shooting going into the afternoon's game. The first quarter was a back-and-forth affair between the two teams, almost like two boxers feeling each other out in the first round of a fight. Salem was led by Cassandra Smith who scored the first six points of the game for Salem. The Tigers did find some success from beyond the arc, nailing two shots from range on six attempts. With the opening ten minutes in the books, Salem had a 16-13 lead over the Scots.

The Tiger offense really took off in the second quarter. After losing the lead in the early goings of the period, Salem turned it on for a 21-2 run over the next five minutes. The Tigers were led by Elena Pericic and Emerson Wells who combined for seventeen of the Tiger's twenty-one points on the scoring spurt. The Scots were able to stop the bleeding near the end of the quarter, but the damage had been done. Heading into the half

SALEM STAT LEADERS

Points:	Emerson Wells (26)
Rebounds:	Elena Pericic, Anna Machytkova (10)
Assists:	Elena Pericic, Liliani Krause, Carine Pinkney, Anna Machytkova (4)
Steals:	Emerson Wells (3)
Blocks:	Emerson Wells (3)

Salem had a comfy lead at 44-31.

Emerson Wells continued her hot shooting to get things started in the second half with a triple. The Scots responded with an 8-0 run that forced the Tigers to call a timeout after their lead had been cut to single digits. Salem regrouped and proceeded on a 10-1 run after the stoppage in play to balloon their lead back up to double digits. Salem capped off the third with another triple from Wells, her sixth of the game, to take a 62-44 lead into the fourth quarter.

It was all Tigers in the fourth quarter. Wells and Pericic scored fourteen of Salem's fifteen fourth-quarter points en route to a 77-59 win to bring home the USCAA Championship. Emerson Wells led the Tigers with a career-high 26 points including 8 three-pointers and was rewarded with Tournament MVP honors. During the three-game tournament stretch, Wells averaged 19 ppg on 55.6% from three-point range.

St. Marys High School Student to Represent W.Va. in Poetry Out Loud National Finals

CHARLESTON, March 9, at the W.Va. - St. Marys High School student Willow Peyton will represent West Virginia in the 2024 Poetry Out Loud National Finals in Washington, D.C., on May 1-2.

Peyton won the state competition hosted by the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) and the West Virginia Commission on the Arts on Saturday,

March 9, at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex, in Charleston. John Spellman of Morgantown High School was named the state runner-up.

Peyton recited "A Song: Lying is an occupation" by Laetitia Pilkington, "How to Triumph Like a Girl" by Ada Limon, and "The Poem You've Been Waiting For" by Tarfia Faizullah. Spellman's poems

included "The Second Coming" by William Butler Yeats, "The Light the Dead See" by Frank Stanford, and "The Charge of the Light Brigade" by Alfred, Lord Tennyson.

Forty-four students from high schools in 28 counties competed in the semifinals on Friday, March 8, 2024, with the top 10 contestants competing Saturday in the state

final. A complete list of semifinalists and their schools is attached. Top 10 finalists and Top 5 finalists are also noted.

Peyton will receive \$200 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the national finals. St. Marys High School will receive \$500 for the purchase of poetry books and materials. The school's Poetry Out Loud coordinator

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Are certain men faced with a higher risk of getting prostate cancer?

African American men face a higher risk of prostate cancer compared to men of other ethnicities. Statistics indicate that they are diagnosed with prostate cancer at a younger age and often present with more advanced stages of the disease. Furthermore, the mortality rate from prostate cancer among African American men is more than double that of other men, underscoring the urgency of addressing this issue.

Are there additional factors that may lead to a higher risk of getting prostate cancer?

Certain men may face an elevated risk of prostate cancer due to genetic factors. If you have a first relative who has had prostate cancer, or if there are instances of prostate cancer in three generations on either your mother's or father's side of the family, you may be at an increased risk of developing a type of prostate cancer associated with inherited genetic changes.

Are symptoms apparent in the early stages of prostate cancer?

In the initial stages, prostate cancer typically does not cause noticeable symptoms. The majority of prostate cancers begin in the outer section of the prostate gland, requiring a sufficient size to exert pressure on the urethra before symptoms become apparent.

What are the symptoms of prostate cancer?

It is crucial to promptly consult your doctor if you experience any of the following symptoms:

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- Painful ejaculation.

Informing your healthcare provider about these symptoms is vital for identifying and addressing the underlying cause, potentially requiring further tests to assess the possibility of prostate cancer.

What is "screening" for prostate cancer?

Cancer screening involves the search for cancer before it presents symptoms. The objective is to detect cancers that may have a heightened risk of spreading if left untreated, aiming to identify them in the early stages before they advance.

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“Hunt” From Pg 1.

we were struck by its focus not on traditional concerns like engine oil and tire pressure, but rather on the vehicle’s sophisticated technology—a veritable computer on wheels. Among its futuristic features, the car can start without a key and the rear liftgate opens with a simple wave of a foot under the bumper. My wife was particularly captivated

by the customizable and ambient lighting, choosing a soothing dark blue to enhance her driving atmosphere. Yet, beyond these comforts, it was the safety advancements that truly impressed us, especially on the highway. My wife recounted how, during a lane change, she felt a gentle nudge steering her back to her original lane—a feature designed

to correct inadvertent lane departures unless a turn signal is activated. Intrigued, I discovered that the car uses the highway’s white lines as guides, maintaining lane integrity. However, the manual cautioned that during snowfall or at construction sites, where lines might be obscured, extra vigilance is necessary. Another notable technology was

a dashboard icon displaying the current speed limit, captured by a bumper-mounted camera that reads roadside signs. Furthermore, with four cameras providing a 360-degree view, maneuvering and parking have never been safer or easier, ensuring that obstacles are clearly visible and avoidable. Additionally,

the car boasts a safety mechanism to halt the vehicle if the driver becomes incapacitated, a feature we hope remains unused. In conclusion, traditional road signage and markings are far from obsolete. In fact, their importance is likely to grow alongside the development of autonomous vehicles. With more cars soon equipped to interpret

roadways, we can anticipate a reduction in accidents and fatalities. While my wife’s new car stops short of self-navigation, it represents a significant leap from the vehicles of yesteryear. Adapting to this “computer on wheels” may take some time, but it’s a testament to the remarkable strides in automotive technology.

“Bice” From Pg 1.

the F-4 cyclone of the same year moved to the front seat in the history books.

In Lacy Dillon’s first book on mine disasters, They Died in the Darkness, the chapter pertaining to the Katherine Mine Disaster contains a plethora of errors. To begin, the date is incorrect. Dillon listed it as March 22 nd , but it happened in the early morning hours of March 25 th . The name of the mine superintendent is incorrectly listed as Holson. It was, in fact, John Hogue—a fact known to me because he was my Great Grandfather. The names of several miners are also recorded inaccurately—some are misspelled and others

are just incorrect. During the evening shift of Friday, March 24 th , 1944, a crew had been cutting coal with an electrical cutting machine. At around 11pm, they stopped working, unplugged the machine, and headed into a room about 100 feet away to eat their lunch. Upon their return, the area was filled with smoke and the cutting machine was on fire, which had also ignited the rib of coal. It was assumed that the fire began from a short circuit caused from a blown out cable. The workmen tried to extinguish the fire, but did not have sufficient equipment to battle the blaze so the foreman gathered all men from the nearby butt

headings and headed out of the mine. An experienced miner, John Spiker, along with Superintendent Hogue, headed into the mine to begin directing supplies to fight the fire. There were also still fifteen men in another section of the mine that were most likely unaware of the working fire. Hogue headed out to retrieve a forgotten tool and it was during his absence, at 1:06 AM to be exact, the mine exploded. The massively destructive force blew out of all three mine openings; mine trolley wires were mangled into balls and 60-pound steel rails were thrown to the outside. A blacksmith shop

near the opening was also blown to bits. The fifteen miners that were still working inside the mine, along with Spiker who went in to battle the blaze, totaled sixteen men whose fate was unknown. Teams immediately organized to commence a search and rescue. However, the blaze inside the mine kept growing more intense and rescuers were driven back to the outside. In addition, some miners suffered from high levels of carbon monoxide. For three days, the conditions inside the mine thwarted all rescue attempts. It was soon realized that all efforts were deemed futile and a decision was made to seal the mine. The

bodies were recovered four months later. After the mine was sealed, sixteen caskets were put in order to be ready for when the bodies could be recovered. Three months later, on June 23 rd 1944, a tornado struck the area, claiming the lives of 72. The sixteen caskets that were waiting on mine casualties were then used for tornado victims. The Katherine Mine Explosion occurred in an already disrupted era of time with the uncertainty of World War II news. In fact, several people—now long gone to meet our Maker—told me that they thought a bomb had been dropped before finding out that the mine had exploded. In addition,

others have shared with me over the years that when the tornado hit, they were unsure whether it was a war bomb or another mine explosion. They lived with constant fear. When the mine explosion occurred, it became recognized as the greatest mine disaster in Harrison County’s history. Sadly, in 1963, the mine disaster at Dola assumed that unwelcomed title. The Shinnston Historical Association is in the middle of sponsoring a WV State Historical Highway Marker denoting the Katherine Mine Disaster. And that is this month’s ‘Story Behind the Photo’.

“Grants” From Pg 1.

will use the funds to complete another step in a long term modernization process. Decades ago, across the state, subdivision developers installed what experts call “packaged” sewage treatment. A system of man-made ponds and chemical neutralization purified water of waste in a multi-step process prior to releasing the cleaned water into the environment. The grants will help to pay the cost of replacing such a system currently serving a subdivision near Woodstock. At the time, this served as a modern construct, but in 2024,

the PSD considers this “antiquated technology,” as Bill Hoover explains. Though antiquated, the system performs as designed and poses no environmental threat. The aesthetics of a sludge pond surrounded by a high chain link fence topped with barbed wire, complete with a safe, but unpleasant occasional summertime smell, however, serve as one vital reason for replacing it with a connection to the PSD. Furthermore, the maintenance costs of removing vegetation and other issues make the current system

more expensive than a modern replacement. Therefore, Greater Harrison PSD took a proactive stance to remove and replace these ponds wherever and whenever possible in their purview. Also, Hoover stated that “we have to pay

permit fees on every one of these” to the WV DEP. With the new system “we have no permit fees, no maintenance, and no landscaping.” “We started off with 13. We’re down to five. There will be only four after this,”

stated Hoover. All of the customers currently using these systems will eventually get added into the main sewer system. This comes as an element of good news after water and sewer issues have plagued other parts of Harrison

County in recent months. The West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council serves to help local governments pay for costly upgrades and extensions to water and sewer service, among other types of projects.

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OBITUARIES

**Deloris Ann Ancell**

Deloris Ann Ancell, 83, of Lumberport, passed away on March 12, 2024 at her residence. She was born in Morgantown on November 27, 1940 to the late Rex Clifford Ancell and Bessie Viola (Eaglen) Ancell.

She enjoyed gardening, loved her chickens and QVC. Most of all, Deloris loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by two sons: Thomas R. Jacobs and wife Janet of Boothsville and Donald E. Jacobs, Jr. of West Salem, OH; one daughter, Misty Ray and husband Clyde of IN; two sisters: Jacqueline Stout and husband Doug of Richmond, VA and Carol Glover of NC; as well as grandchildren, great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Deloris is preceded in death by three brothers: Ralph, David and Charles Ancell; one sister, Glendine Stire; one brother in law, Bill Glover and one sister in law, Ruth Ancell.

Graveside service will be held on Monday, March 18, 2024 at Lumberport Lions Club Cemetery at 11:00am with Pastor Delores White officiating.

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

**Beverly Ann Byrne**

Beverly Ann Byrne, 79, of Enterprise, passed away March 8, 2024. She was born on March 4, 1945, in Carolina, a daughter to the late Fred Byrne Jr. and Lorraine Porter Byrne. Along with her parents, she is also preceded in death by her brother-in-law Doug Sturm, and great niece Jenna Sturm.

She is survived by her siblings, brother Barry Byrne and wife Judy of Sebring, FL, sister Joyce Sturm of Enterprise, WV, and brother Bruce Byrne of Bensalem, PA; and several nieces and nephews.

Beverly graduated from Shinnston High School in 1967. She worked at Casey's Family Restaurant as a cook and was a member of the Owings Baptist Church. She enjoyed cooking, reading, baking, and spoiling her nieces and nephews.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Thursday, March 14, 2024 from 2:00PM-8:00PM. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Friday, March 15, 2024 at 11:00AM with Pastor Ron Johnson officiating. Interment will follow at I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Enterprise.

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

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**Barbara "Bobbie" Jean Carpenter**

Barbara "Bobbie" Jean Carpenter, 76, of Lumberport, passed away at her residence on March 12, 2024. She was born in Clarksburg, on November 7, 1947, a daughter to the late Francis Bowers and EmmaJean Radcliff Bowers. Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her son Jay Carpenter; and sister Marcia Bowers.

Bobbie is survived by her husband of over 58 years, James (Jim) Carpenter, whom she married on October 8, 1965. She is also survived by her daughter Lisa Holcomb-Shanholtz and husband Doug of Oakdale; granddaughters Chelsea Holcomb of Enterprise, Ali (Josh) Boggio of Bridgeport; grandson Beau Holcomb of Lumberport; and great-grandsons John Wylder Holcomb, and Anthony Joseph Boggio.

Bobbie graduated from Victory High School in 1965. She enjoyed cooking, baking, Myrtle Beach vacations, and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Friday, March 15, 2024

from 2:00PM-5:30PM. A funeral service will immediately follow at 5:30 with Pastor Sherman Goodwin officiating.

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**Lida Mae (Rader) Fisher**

The Lord took one of his Angels home, Lida Mae (Rader) Fisher, on Saturday, March 16, 2024. She was born in Spelter on March 7, 1932, a daughter to the late James Earl Rader and Genevieve (Kesling) Rader. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jennings W. Fisher having 71 years of marriage with him; sister Jeannet Light (Toots); and brothers James Earl Rader Jr. and William Huston Rader.

Lida is survived by her children, sons Eugene A. Fisher of Warren, OH, and Dana V. Fisher of Spelter; daughter Kelly L. Fisher of Rock Cave; grandsons Eric J. Miller of Spelter, and Michael S. Fisher and Eric D. Fisher of Warren, OH; granddaughters Carie Rivera of Warren, OH, Connie Wilkins of Cleveland, OH, Karen Fisher of Cleveland, OH, and Melissa Smith of Palm Bay, FL; twelve great-grandchildren; and one great-great

grandchild.

She retired from General Motors in 1981 and was Methodist by faith. She was an excellent cook, and enjoyed ceramics, painting, crocheting, and sewing.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 from 3:00PM-8:00PM. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 12:00PM with James Glaspell Jr. officiating. Interment will follow at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

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

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Rose Mary Fluharty

Rose Mary Fluharty, 85, of Shinnston, passed away on March 11, 2024 after a brief stay at Maplewood Healthcare Center. She was born in Shinnston on January 7, 1939 to the late John Marra and Janice "Janie" (Seamon) Marra.

Rose graduated from Shinnston High School in 1957. She married Donald in 1959. She was a member of the St. Ann Catholic Church in Shinnston. She and her late husband, Donald, owned and operated several local businesses: Poodles and Pals, Don's Diner in Clarksburg, D & R Grill, Bella Bella Supper Club and John's Market in Hepzibah. In addition to her love of grooming poodles, her passion was singing. Rose and Donald had several bands over the years that performed

in the surrounding area clubs. She was always being invited to sing with the bands that were performing in her supper club. Rose was a Past Madam President for the Clarksburg Fraternal Order of Eagles, member of the Moose Lodge in Clarksburg, the Rebekah Lodge in Shinnston and a member of the Red Hat Society.

She is survived by one daughter, Janice (Fluharty) Niven of Berkeley Springs; one son, Michael Barbina and wife Crystal of Shinnston; one granddaughter, Theby Rose (Niven) Gregory and husband Darrin of Berkeley Springs; one aunt, Nellie (Seamon) Hamrick and husband Frank of Shinnston; nieces and nephews: John Marra III, Ann Marie Marra, Catherine Rose (Marra) Picarro, Louie Mike Marra and Shawn Christopher Marra.

In addition to her parents, Rose is preceded in death by her husband, Donald L. Fluharty (1986), six brothers: Sam "Mooch" Marra, Louie Marra, Frank "Montana" Marra, James "Bill" Marra, John Marra, Jr. and infant brother, Frank; one infant sister, Amelia; four sisters in law: JoAnn Marra, Gloria Marra, Marielena Marra and Lula Marra and one son in law, Thomas Niven.

Family and friends will be received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 for visitation from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Funeral service at 1:00pm with Rev. Akila Rodrigo T.O.R. and Rev. Deepu Joseph as Celebrants.

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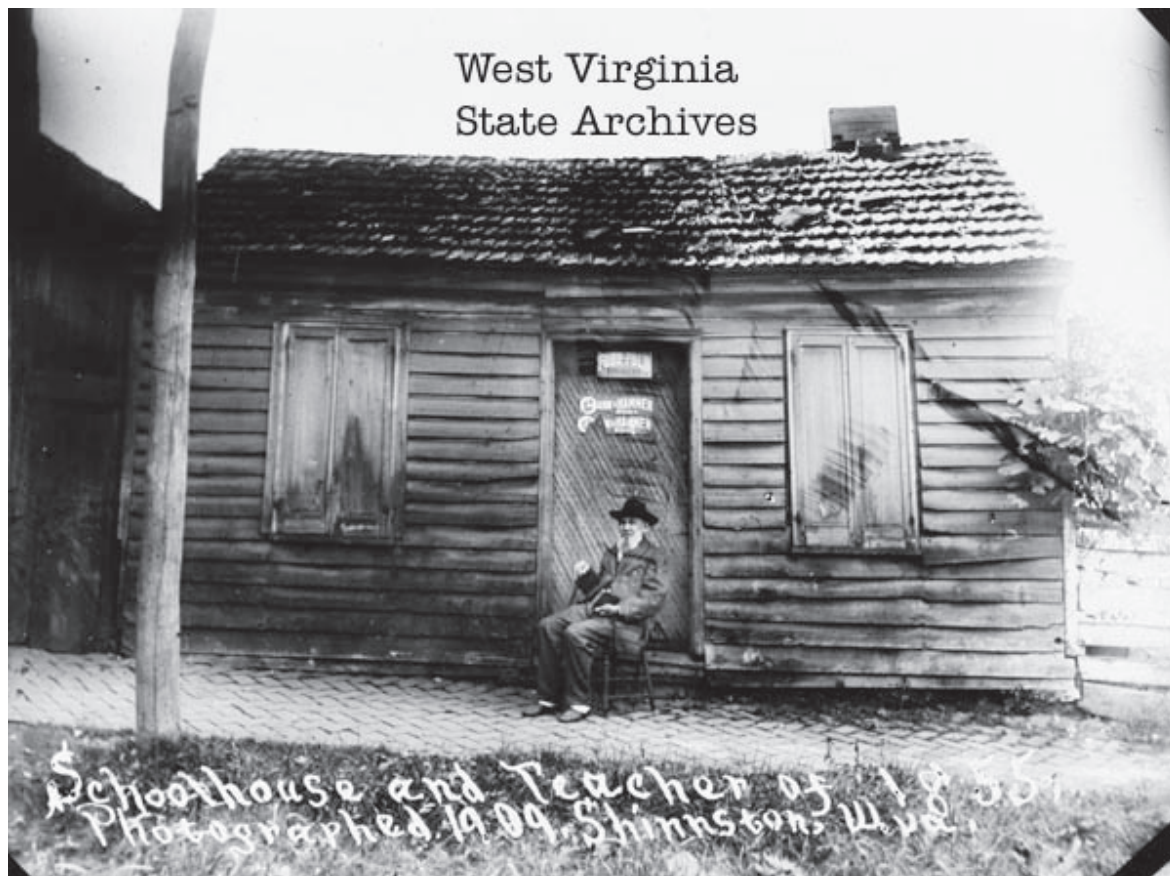
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Melinda Frazee

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Human Resources, she went on to earn a Master's in Business Administration from Davenport University. She then earned her MD from the University of Medicine and Health Sciences, St. Kitts, and took her residency in Family Medicine at United Hospital Center (UHC).

She is board certified in Family Medicine and comes to UHC having been an assistant professor in the West Virginia University School of Medicine's Community Practice. In addition to research, Dr. Frazee has published articles in professional journals and made presentations at conferences. She has

been active with the Harrison County and Doddridge County Health Departments encouraging healthy lifestyles, the Mommy and Me Community promoting health, pregnancy awareness and childcare, and the Women's Health Clinic promoting optimal women's health.

Memberships include the American Board of Family Medicine, American Academy of Family Physicians, and the American Medical Association. Dr. Frazee's office is at 395 Emily Drive, Suite 500, in Clarksburg. For more information, please call 304.622.0294.

The Fault May Be In Yourselves, Not In Your Stars, If This Free Production of Julius Caesar Is Missed

FAIRMONT, WV - Be on the lookout! The Rustic Mechanicals will be holding a FREE performance of William Shakespeare's Julius Caesar on the beautiful campus of Fairmont State University as part of their 2024 Lend Me Your Ears tour! Held on Thursday, March 21st, this will be the Rustic Mechanicals' 11th season in which Fairmont State has been a recurring venue, including Love's Labour's Lost in 2021, and The Comedy of Errors last summer. Founded by Celi Oliveto in the summer of 2014, The Rustic Mechanicals is the only troupe of actors in the state dedicated to touring the works of William Shakespeare and other classical playwrights.

In Shakespeare's epic political tragedy, Caesar returns from war, all-conquering, but mutiny is rumbling through the corridors of power as the race to claim the empire spirals out of control. This production, dedicated to replicating Shakespeare's true-to-life staging conditions, will feature modern music, a three-quarter thrust, and audience interaction that is sure to entertain, enthrall, and embrace the attention and hearts of its audience.

Directed by Jim Warren, with Technical Direction by David Byard, Costume Design by Jason A. Young, Hair, Make-Up, and SFX Design by Samantha Huffman, and Production Management by Niki DeWitt, the Mechanicals featured in this production include Josh Brooks, Calian

Byard, Seret Cole, Isaac Covey, Samantha Huffman, Sinead Tobin, Jason A. Young, and Sarah Young.

Angela Schwer, The Professor of English at Fairmont State University, is ecstatic about the Mechanicals and their cause. "As the greatest English playwright, Shakespeare will continue to be an important element in our literature curriculum, and we're grateful to the Rustic Mechanicals for making his work accessible to everyone, not just literary scholars."

The Mechanicals will be touring Julius Caesar throughout the spring and fall, and holding a separate touring production of William Shakespeare's The Tempest in the summer.

The Mechanicals also hold productions that they call, "a Play, a Pie, and a Pint," focusing on making Shakespeare's plays accessible to modern audiences by utilizing dynamic and extreme casting techniques paired with Shakespeare's staging conditions. For more information on booking these touring shows, you can e-mail vtrusticmechanicals@gmail.com.

This production of Julius Caesar will be held on Thursday, March 21st in the Wallman Hall at Fairmont State University. The performance will begin at 7:00 PM and tickets are completely free! To show your interest and support for the troupe, check out the Mechanical's Facebook Event at <https://fb.me/e/911Jx6CK4>.

Morrissey Questions FBI's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Hiring, Promotion Practices

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey is questioning the FBI's recruitment, hiring and promotion practices, suggesting they present serious issues that may violate the nation's non-discrimination laws.

The Attorney General penned a letter to the FBI's associate deputy director on Monday, taking issue with how the organization, tasked with investigating federal crimes and threats to national security, has placed the Biden administration's diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) requirements on top. This priority threatens to degrade the core values behind the Bureau's recruitment, hiring and promotions efforts.

"Let me be clear: however you look at it, discrimination is wrong and has no place in our society. Race-conscious recruitment, hiring and promotion practices in the

FBI only foster division and stereotypes," Attorney General Morrissey said. "The FBI is the country's top law enforcer, but it is no longer recruiting for the best and the brightest—recent revelations suggest the organization is abandoning its core principle of attracting the most-qualified candidates and instead hiring and advancing employees based on gender/sexual orientation and race."

In the letter, the Attorney General described those practices as "outright racial balancing," noting that the FBI has made diversity "an FBI core value."

A couple months ago, many anonymous FBI whistleblowers filed a report with the House Judiciary Committee titled "Report on Alarming Trends in FBI Special Agent Recruitment and Selection." The conclusion of that report indicated a number of "lower-quality candidates" rejected by other agencies are being recruited by the FBI to

abide by Biden's DEI push.

In the letter, the Attorney General posed a number of questions he requested the FBI to answer no later than April 18.

"I write in the hope that you can provide answers to real questions that the Bureau's actions have generated," Attorney General Morrissey said. "West Virginians—and the American people—deserve to know whether their government is following the laws it purports to enforce."

"... Obviously a genuinely diverse workforce is desirable and valuable for many reasons. But the Bureau can't build a diverse organization by targeting protected traits like race or sex," the Attorney General continued. "Thousands of FBI employees and contractors live and work in West Virginia, and the policies the FBI uses to hire them directly affect this State and its residents."

Heroines Honored

West Virginia's Katherine Johnson Revealed

Among the Most Iconic Female Pioneers in History

For too long, the narratives of progress and innovation have glossed over the monumental contributions of women.

From science and technology to the vanguards of business and social reform, women have been instrumental in shaping our modern world. Yet, their stories often remain unrecognized, their triumphs unsung. Through their courage, resilience, and trailblazing achievements, women like Harriet Tubman, Helen Keller, and Eleanor Roosevelt have not only shaped the course of our history but also paved the way for future generations to dream bigger and reach

further.

To coincide with Women's History Month, a recent poll of 3,000 respondents by Somewang revealed the 200 most beloved heroines from history, paying tribute to the rich stories of women who have broken barriers, fought for equality, and paved the way for future generations.

The top 10 were as follows:

1. New York, Susan B. Anthony

Born in Massachusetts but spending much of her adult life in Rochester, New York, Susan B. Anthony was a key figure in the women's

suffrage movement in the United States.

2. Maryland, Harriet Tubman

Born into the harsh reality of slavery in Maryland, Harriet Tubman transcended her circumstances to become the legendary conductor of the Underground Railroad. Through her unparalleled courage and ingenuity, Tubman orchestrated the escape of dozens of enslaved individuals, guiding them to freedom with an unwavering resolve.

3. Massachusetts, Abigail Adams

See "Honor" on Pg 10

"Obituaries" From Pg 7.

Interment will follow to Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

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

Richard Duane Wolfe, 76, of Enterprise, passed away on March 9, 2024 at River Oaks Healthcare Center in Clarksburg. He was born in Akron, OH on March 11, 1947 to the late Walter Wolfe and Evelyn (Brown) Wolfe.

Richard proudly served in the United States Navy. He worked as a coal miner for 22 years for CONSOL at

Robinson Run. He was a member of the American Legion in Shinnston, attended Enterprise United Methodist Church, coached Little League baseball and Jerry West Basketball and he enjoyed hunting and playing golf with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda (Tichenor) Wolfe; two sons: Todd Wolfe and wife Heather of Clarksburg and Mike Wolfe and wife Melody of Lumberport; three grandsons: Lleyton, Will and Duke; three granddaughters:

Langston, Delaney and Lorelai; one sister: Carol Siers of Tulsa, OK; two brothers in law, Bill Tichenor of Shinnston and Fred Elbon of Elkins as well as several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, great great nieces and great great nephews.

In addition to his parents, Richard was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Medlock; one brother, Hubert "Bud" Black; three sisters in law: Sheila Tichenor, Joyce Tichenor and Joyce Elbon; two brothers in law: Richard

Siers and Rusty Tichenor; three nephews: Kenny Jackson, Rusty Tichenor, Jr. and Brian Black.

Family and friends will be received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, on Wednesday, March 13, 2024 from 2:00pm to 8:00pm for visitation.

Funeral service will be Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 11:00am with Pastor Brian Plum officiating. Interment to Enterprise IOOF Cemetery with military honors provided by United States Navy and Harrison County Honor Guard.

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(2021-S-00000128 - Harrison County - APPCOM, LLC C/O KARR LAW OFFICE)

To: DALE W. STEAGER, COMMISSIONER WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT. CITY OF CLARKSBURG, OCCUPANT, DARLENE J. AIELLO, TONY NELSON, TONY NELSON, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, 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 CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 25 PARCEL 0315 0000

You will take notice that APPCOM, LLC C/O KARR LAW OFFICE, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000128, 1 LOT 36 ALTA VISTA, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of AIELLO DARLENE J, 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 April 28, 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, April 27, 2024, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 27, 2024. \$ 820.23

Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 27, 2024. \$ 671.02

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 April 27, 2024. \$ 1,219.96

Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 27, 2024. \$ 406.26

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.** \$ 3,117.47

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 April 27, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Return this letter and both certified funds to the WV State Auditor's Office, County Collection Division 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305.

Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2

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(2021-S-00000132 - Harrison County - APPCOM, LLC C/O KARR LAW OFFICE)

To: DALE W. STEAGER, COMMISSIONER WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT. CITY OF CLARKSBURG, OCCUPANT, ALISHA N. CARPENTER, DONALD L. HELL, DIANNA N. WRIGHT, DAVID MICHAEL HARDY C/O SCHILLACE LAW OFFICE, DAVID M. HARDY, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, 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 CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 29 PARCEL 0049 0000

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to May 5, 2024. \$ 886.03

Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to May 5, 2024. \$ 767.03

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 May 5, 2024. \$ 1,349.59

Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to May 5, 2024. \$ 361.19

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.** \$ 3,363.84

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 May 5, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2021-S-00000101 - Harrison County - DANNY COCHRAN)

To: JOHN J NUTTER, IAN NUTTER, 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 0667 3156

You will take notice that DANNY COCHRAN, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-00000101, .0167 INT 55.25 AC O&G KINCHELOE CK (EMAX/API#3227), located in UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT, which was returned delinquent in the name of NUTTER IAN, 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 April 15, 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, April 14, 2024, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 14, 2024. \$ 147.33

Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 14, 2024. \$ 29.90

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 April 14, 2024. \$ 1,079.08

Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 14, 2024. \$ 221.91

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.** \$ 1,478.22

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 April 14, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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Notice of Request for Proposal: The City of Shinnston is requesting bids from qualified contractors for a mowing service at the Ferguson Memorial Park (10 North Street, Shinnston, WV 26431). Sealed bids can be received at the City of Shinnston City Building by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 29, 2024. Bid instructions and specifications are available by contacting Tori Drainer at (304) 677-4199 or tdrainer@shinnstonwv.com. The City of Shinnston reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals and/or items and to award the contract in whole as deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Shinnston. The City of Shinnston reserves the right to negotiate further with any contractor if such action is deemed in the best interest of the City of Shinnston.

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Notice of Request for Proposal: The City of Shinnston is requesting bids from qualified contractors for a slip repair as well as 40 feet or pipe installation on Water Street, Shinnston WV 26431. Sealed bids can be received at the City of Shinnston City Building by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 29, 2024. Bid instructions and specifications are available by contacting Tori Drainer at (304) 677-4199 or tdrainer@shinnstonwv.com. The City of Shinnston reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals and/or items and to award the contract in whole as deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Shinnston. The City of Shinnston reserves the right to negotiate further with any contractor if such action is deemed in the best interest of the City of Shinnston.

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(2021-S-00000106 - Harrison County - APPCOM, LLC C/O KARR LAW OFFICE)

To: DALE W. STEAGER, COMMISSIONER WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT. CITY OF CLARKSBURG, OCCUPANT, ESTATE OF CHARLES H AKERS C/O CHARLES D AKERS, CHARLES D AKERS, CHARLES D AKERS, ESTATE OF CHARLES H AKERS, BRIAN S AKERS, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, 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 CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP MAP 1 PARCEL 0116 0000

You will take notice that APPCOM, LLC C/O KARR LAW OFFICE, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2021-S-00000106, 1 LOT 178 HARTLAND, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of AKERS CHARLES H ESTATE, and for which the tax lien(s) thereon was sold by the sheriff of Harrison County at the sale for the delinquent taxes made on the 4th day of November, 2021, has requested that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made to him or her on or after May 1, 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, April 30, 2024, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 30, 2024. \$ 2,297.83

Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 30, 2024. \$ 2,046.24

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 April 30, 2024. \$ 1,444.59

Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to April 30, 2024. \$ 653.49

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.** \$ 6,442.15

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 April 30, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2

Harrison County Schools Bring the Spirit of Aviation to Lincoln Middle School Next Month

SHINNSTON & BRIDGEPORT – The Harrison County School System has been partnering with Pierpont Aviation Programs this year to have aviation career presentations to 11th and 12th grade students at all six high schools and 8th grade students at all five middle schools. Dr. Brad Gilbert, Senior Professor and Director of Aviation Technology, and his team from Pierpont Aviation Program have been and are continuing to talk with students about the aviation career opportunities available for them here in Harrison County. On Friday, March 15, Dr. Gilbert and his team will be speaking to 8th grade students at Bridgeport Middle School at 9:30 a.m., then for the 8th graders at Lincoln Middle School at 10:45 a.m. At the end of Pierpont's presentation, students in every middle school and high school – this year have been invited on a field trip to the Pierpont facility at Robert C. Byrd National Aerospace Center in Bridgeport. On Friday, April 12, 9 to 11 a.m., approximately 40 students from Bridgeport Middle School and Lincoln Middle School will be going on a field trip together to the Pierpont facility at 1050 Industrial Blvd. in Bridgeport past Maple Lake. Students will tour the facility and hangar and get a close up view of the airplanes. They will also participate in a hands-on activity related to aviation. Students should be able to view the general area that houses the airport and aviation companies, like MHIRJ, Pratt & Whitney, Aurora Flight Sciences, Lockheed Martin, and several others. Harrison County Schools, Pierpont Aviation programs, and our local aviation industry are hoping these presentations and follow up field trips will help to make our soon-to-be youngest generation of workers aware of the opportunities right here where they live. The aviation industry in our area continues to seek employees for many unfilled positions. So, Harrison County Schools and Pierpont have partnered to provide year-long, countywide aviation career exploration to our students and teach them about the opportunities in their own back yard along with a chance to see it for themselves.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Geraldine Beckett, CTE Liaison Specialist, Harrison County Schools, at 304-326-7387, or at geraldine.beckett@k12.wv.us

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to local government Eagle for six years,” also contributed to building her ability to her success as city manager. Herndon noted that “I’ve seen her handle complaints and concerns. She listens, gives due consideration, and comes up with an appropriate action plan. As Drainer said last fall “I started out in retail with American

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Her goal lay in making

Next Week At the Palette

By *Bethany Nuzum*

March 23, 4-7:00pm, for an Art Reception featuring Carolyn Martin Light. Carolyn is an accomplished watercolor artist and

Coming up at the Palette located upstairs at 225 Pike St. Shinnston. Join us Saturday,

retired art teacher. Included are the supporting drawings, value studies and color studies which demonstrate a portion of the planning for each painting.

Tuesday, March 26, Easter Painting for all ages, 8x10 canvas, \$10 each. All supplies provided. Will you paint an Easter egg, a bunny or both?

Wednesday, March 27, Basic Drawing, 1-3:00pm. \$20. All supplies provided. To register or for more information please email us at thepalettewv@gmail.com

Check out Facebook or Instagram, at thepalettewv, to see what we will be painting and for upcoming events.



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Pope Francis indicates ten themes for Synod Study Groups

From L'Osservatore Romano

On Thursday, 14 March, Pope Francis sent a letter to Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General of the General Secretariat of the Synod, and outlined 10 discussion points that Study Groups will examine ahead of the second Synod session in October 2024.

At the same time, the Holy See Press Office held a Press Conference to illustrate two new documents from the General Secretariat. The first document is entitled "How to be a synodal Church in mission?"

Five perspectives to deepen theologically in view of the Second Session", whereas the second is "Study groups on questions arising in the First Session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to deepen in collaboration with the Dicasteries of the Roman Curia".

In the letter to Cardinal Grech, the Pope said the Synthesis Report "enumerates many important theological issues, all of which are to varying degrees related to the synodal renewal of the Church and not without juridical and pastoral

repercussions". "These issues, by their very nature", he observed, "require in-depth study". "It is important that the aforementioned Study Groups", he said, "work according to an authentically synodal method", requesting that Cardinal Grech act as "guarantor."

"After giving all matters due consideration", wrote Pope Francis, "I direct that the Groups in question address these topics listed in a summary form, in the light of the contents of the Synthesis Report". The 10 themes,

the Pope delineated, are the following: 1. Some aspects of the relationship between the Eastern Catholic Churches and the Latin Church (SR 6); 2. Listening to the Cry of the Poor (SR 4 and 16); 3. The mission in the digital environment (SR 17); 4. The revision of the Ratio Fundamentalis I n s t i t u t i o n i s Sacerdotalis in a missionary synodal perspective (SR 11); 5. Some theological and canonical matters regarding specific ministerial forms (SR 8 and 9); 6. The revision, in a synodal missionary perspective, of the

documents touching on the relationship between Bishops, consecrated life, and ecclesial associations (SR 10); 7. Some aspects of the person and ministry of the Bishop (criteria for selecting candidates to Episcopacy, judicial function of the Bishops, nature and course of ad limina Apostolorum visits) from a missionary synodal perspective (SR 12 and 13); 8. The role of Papal Representatives in a missionary synodal perspective (SR 13); 9. Theological criteria and synodal methodologies for shared discernment of controversial doctrinal, pastoral, and

ethical issues (SR 15); 10. The reception of the fruits of the ecumenical journey in ecclesial practices (SR 7). The General Secretariat of the Synod, Pope Francis reiterated, has the task of preparing "the outline of the work to specify the mandate of the groups, in the light of my indications."

Pope Francis concluded by thanking Cardinal Grech for the work accomplished thus far, and reassuring "all those who generously collaborate in this ongoing journey" of his blessing and accompaniment.

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As the wife of President John Adams and the mother of President John Quincy Adams, Abigail Adams was more than a figure in the backdrop of American history; she was a formidable advocate for women's rights and an influential advisor to her husband.

4. New York, Gertrude Elion

Born in New York, Gertrude Elion's groundbreaking work in biochemistry and pharmacology had a profound impact that reached far beyond any single state. Elion was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1988 for her development of drug treatments for leukemia, herpes, and AIDS, among other achievements.

5. New Jersey, Clara Maass

A nurse from East Orange, New Jersey, Clara Maass sacrificed her life in the name of medical research. She volunteered for experiments to determine the cause of yellow fever, ultimately dying from the disease. Her death led to reforms in medical

experimentation ethics and contributed to the eventual understanding and control of yellow fever.

6. Alabama, Rosa Parks

Widely associated with Montgomery, Alabama, for her pivotal role in the Montgomery Bus Boycott, Rosa Parks' act of refusing to give up her seat on a segregated bus in 1955 became one of the most iconic moments in the civil rights movement.

7. Missouri, Maya Angelou

Although Maya Angelou is primarily known for her literary work, her contributions span across civil rights activism, education, and the arts, making her a multifaceted innovator. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, Angelou spent much of her childhood and early adult years in Arkansas.

8. Georgia, Juliette Gordon Low

Born in Savannah, Georgia, Juliette Gordon Low was the founder of the Girl Scouts of the USA in 1912. Inspired by her meeting with Robert Baden-Powell,

the founder of Scouting, Low established the Girl Scouts as a way to prepare young women for future roles as professional women and active citizens. Her innovative approach to girl's education and empowerment has influenced generations of girls and young women across the United States.

9. South Carolina, Elizabeth Evelyn Wright

Elizabeth Evelyn Wright (1872-1906): Born in Talbotton, Georgia, but Elizabeth Evelyn Wright's impact was strongly felt in South Carolina, where she founded Voorhees College in Denmark, SC. Inspired by Booker T. Washington, Wright faced numerous challenges in her mission to provide education to African American students in the rural South at the turn of the 20th century.

10. Indiana, May Wright Sewall

May Wright Sewall (1844-1920): An influential educator, suffragist, and reformer from Indiana, May Wright Sewall was instrumental in the fight

for women's rights, including suffrage. She founded the Indianapolis Woman's Club and was a key figure in both national and international women's suffrage movements.

West Virginia had four heroines included among the top 200:

25. Katherine Johnson (1918-2020)

Born in White Sulphur Springs, Katherine Johnson was a pioneering mathematician who worked with NASA and made significant contributions to the United States' aeronautics and space programs, including the calculation of the trajectory for the 1969 Apollo 11 mission to the moon. Her life and work were highlighted in the book and movie "Hidden Figures," celebrating her achievements and those of her African American colleagues at NASA.

34. Pearl S. Buck (1892-1973)

Born in Hillsboro, West Virginia, Pearl S. Buck was a renowned author and humanitarian. She won the Nobel Prize in Literature for her rich and truly

epic descriptions of peasant life in China and for her biographical masterpieces. Her best-known work, "The Good Earth," is widely read and has been influential in shaping Western perceptions of China.

109. Elizabeth Simpson Drewry (1893-1979)

Born in Mingo County, Elizabeth Simpson Drewry made history as the first African American woman to be elected to the West Virginia State Legislature. Serving from 1950 to 1958, Drewry was a trailblazer in politics, advocating for civil rights, education, and labor. Her legislative work and dedication to public service left a lasting impact on the state.

161. Anna Jarvis (1864-1948)

Born in Webster, Anna Jarvis is recognized as the founder of Mother's Day in the United States. Following her mother's death, Jarvis

campaigned for the establishment of a day to honor mothers and their contributions. Her efforts resulted in President Woodrow Wilson officially declaring the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day in 1914. Jarvis's legacy is celebrated annually across the country, though she later became critical of the commercialization of the holiday.

"As we celebrate the indomitable spirits of our heroines, we are reminded of the profound impact they have had on shaping our nation's narrative. These trailblazers, activists, scientists, and educators have not just etched their names in history; they have carved out possibilities for those who follow. We owe them an immeasurable debt of gratitude and the commitment to continue their work in our own lives," says Steven Wang, founder of Somewang.

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is Paige Cook.

As the runner-up, Spellman will receive \$100, and his school will receive \$200 to purchase poetry materials. Morgantown High School's Poetry Out Loud coordinator is Jessica Robertson.

Both students received trophies created by West Virginia artist

Matt Thomas of Gilmer County.

Poetry Out Loud is a poetry recitation contest sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the Poetry Foundation, publisher of Poetry Magazine, the oldest English-language monthly publication dedicated to verse. The

program is designed to encourage high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance, and competition.

Beginning at the classroom level, more than 4,000 students and 167 teachers at 50 West Virginia high schools participated in

the Poetry Out Loud program this year.

The following students from Harrison County participated: Bridgeport High School - Jay Scott (Top 5)

Lincoln High School - Myah Riley

Notre Dame High School - Audrey Kosydar

Monday, March 18 is
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