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## Tori Drainer, New Shinnston City Manager, Is the Citizen of the Month

By Stephen Smoot

As the first quarter of the 21st century has come to a close, cities of all sizes face challenges as never before. Many areas have seen rising crime, much of it fueled by drug use and crumbling properties.

Even as a limited policy of what were once called earmarks return in the form of “Congressionally Directed Spending,” gaining federal and state funds for improvements remains a competitive dogfight. The cities with the most capable experience, combined with an ability to navigate fast-changing dynamics, will thrive in this environment.

For the City of Shinnston, in steps Tori Drainer as City Manager.



**Tori Drainer brings significant government experience to the City Manager role.**

Not all city governments operate in the same format. Most cities across the nation utilize one of two major forms of municipal government. A large number operate under the “strong mayor” system, which sees

a council and mayor elected separately. The mayor operates as the chief executive and the council as a legislative branch.

Shinnston, however, follows the “council-manager” system.

According to the National League of Cities, these cities have an elected council that “oversees the general administration, makes policy, (and) sets (the) budget.” Council often selects the mayor and appoints “a professional city manager to carry out day-to-day administrative operations.”

The City of Shinnston uses the latter system, which currently serves as “the most common form of government” for municipal areas.

For a city of any size, the manager position makes the individual holding the role the keystone of local government. They run the administration, formulate policy, and answer to council and citizens.

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**The photo is of my granddaughter, Sadie Bartlett participating in the Little Trolls Program at the Bridge.**

## The Bridge-It keeps getting better!



By Jim Hunt for the News and Journal

The Bridge Recreation Complex in Bridgeport, West Virginia continues to be a testament to the vision of the Bridgeport City Council to build a facility that could serve the community and the region for years to come.

I joined The Bridge shortly after the opening and have continued to visit four or five days a week. I was recently there on a Saturday and seeing hundreds of families enjoying the facility was heartwarming. The courts were filled with volleyball teams from throughout the region, competing in a tournament. The swimming pool was busy with staff members getting the pool ready for a Easter Egg Hunt. They placed hundreds of plastic Easter eggs in the water waiting for

a throng of children, to dive in and retrieve the goodies. In the turf field on the second floor, my granddaughter, Sadie, was completing the “Little Trolls” program for the Spring. She has participated for several years, and I have seen her growth and development as she played games and learned the basics of sports, such as soccer and baseball.

The Bridge was built under the “Home Rule” legislation passed by the West Virginia Legislature after a lifetime of lobbying by city officials from throughout the state. The legislation allows cities and towns to determine their own destiny by using innovation and revenue produced locally and spent locally. The 1% sales tax that municipalities were permitted to enact allows projects like The Bridge and the Clarksburg Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center to build and run, world class facilities for an increased quality of life and an economic

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## Shinnston Lions Club Answers Call to Support Veterans’ Honor Flight

By Stephen Smoot

“There is a true glory and a true honor: the glory of duty done--the honor of the integrity of principle.”

The Shinnston Lions Club has put out the effort to support the vital principle of rewarding those who serve as the epitome of honor, local servicemen.

This maxim on honor also reflects the meaning and mission of the honor flight program. According to the Honor Flight Network, the organization “is a national nonprofit organization comprised

of independent hubs working together to achieve the Honor Flight mission. In furtherance of this common goal, we have the enormous privilege of showing our nation’s veterans the appreciation and honor they deserve.”

Honor flights originally focused on those who served in World War II, but quickly expanded to include those who fought in Vietnam and Korea as well. The flights bring together veterans to travel together to DC, visit war memorials, socialize, and receive

the appreciation they earned in fighting for America’s freedom.

In many cases, a band playing patriotic music greets them on arrival. Elected officials often go to pay homage to those who served.

Organizers moved the 2024 honor flight from Bridgeport to Washington DC to September 14 because fundraising had come more slowly than expected. A single honor flight carrying 100 veterans costs more than \$160,000.

Recently, Billie Jo

Claypool, coordinator of the flight out of Bridgeport, shared with WBOY that the flight still needed help in raising money.

Shinnston Lions Club responded by planning a breakfast starting at 8 AM on April 6. Those who pay the \$10 requested donation can have their choice of pancakes and sausage or sausage gravy and biscuits.

David Minor, from the Lions Club, noted that “we can’t raise a ton of money, but what we do raise can help

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## Commission Approves Support For Health Department Purchase of Narcan

By Stephen Smoot

“Heavenly Father, we thank You for this special time of the season,” prayed Harrison County Commissioner Patsy Trecost as he gave the invocation to open the meeting last week. The commissioners also led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance and commenced the meeting.

One of the most important meeting

topics dwelt on a request from the Harrison-Clarksburg Health Department for \$75,000 to cover the cost of restocking supplies of certain types of Narcan.

Narcan assists first responders and others attempting to revive an individual overdosing on opioid type narcotic drugs. Different levels of skills and training among fire, police, and EMTs are required to administer different

versions of Narcan in the field. These versions can carry different levels of potency and also utilize different delivery methods from a nasal spray to IVs.

“We have a huge opioid issue in Harrison County,” stated Chad Bundy, representing the Harrison-Clarksburg Health Department. “We want every first responder to have that available to them.”

Bundy explained that,

officially, 215 opioid response calls came in last year, but that actual cases could have reached 300. Calls for heart attack, collapse, or other issues might actually be opioid calls, but end up classified in other ways.

Jeffrey Way from the Harrison County

Emergency Squad accompanied Bundy and explained the the commission the process of purchasing in bulk. Narcan can be obtained at a discount in bulk, but supply chain issues render it imperative to get the bulk amounts

when available.

Way said “when we find it in bulk, we need to jump on it quick.” Discounts can shave up to 75 percent off of the retail cost of the drug. Commissioner David Hinkle inquired further about the request. He

*See “Narcan” on Pg 6*

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OPINION

A Government of Laws, Not of Men

By Stephen Smoot

Recently, United States Representative Alex Mooney traveled to Fort Ashby in Mineral County. He spoke at the town named for a fort constructed by a 23 year old George Washington to protect the frontier against French and Indian attacks.

Mooney described the nation that Washington and other Founding Fathers worked to create, first in a continental war, then in the Constitutional Convention, has fallen under a form of attack. He accused the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation of launching witch hunts and noted that "we should be scared when governments do things for the first time," alluding especially to the cases against former President Donald Trump.

"We should be scared when governments do things for the first time ever," Mooney explained.

John Adams formulated the maxim that serves as the title to this piece. Adams believed that adherence to the rule of law served as one vital difference between a free republic and despotism - even a despotism imposed by a majority rule democracy. James Madison especially feared the possibility of "the tyranny of the majority" unchecked by government structures and appropriate laws.

The cases against Trump, which stretch to their limits and beyond the correct application of law, reflect an expanding willingness to disregard laws and the principles that underlie them.

Even worse, Associate Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson recently seemed to argue in favor of censoring anti-government speech. She stated that her concern "is that your view has the First Amendment hamstringing the government in significant ways."

The first principle that an American law school ought to teach is that the Bill of Rights exists to hamstring the government. Each amendment throws a "thou shalt not" first at the federal government, then later on via case law to state and local as well.

The Founders understood that government represents the main threat to the freedom of the people and worked to tie it down through the Constitution, other laws, tradition, education, and practice.

Rule of law is vital to a well-functioning social system. Application of this principle across the board can create small scale injustices, but removing this principle creates far worse problems. When standards of law and objective application thereof fall in favor of applying emotions and subjective notions of equity, it throws the justice and government systems out of balance. Unfairness and corruption thrives in such an environment.

See "Smoot" on Pg 3

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 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 tatt!" 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 qts. 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

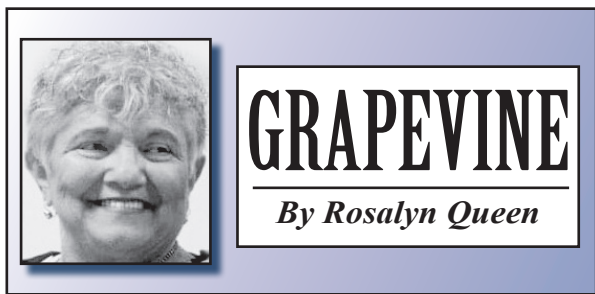
Charleston WV — Haw. The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org. March 28, 1870: State officials, with state records and property, boarded the steamboat Mountain Boy, one of six steamboats that moved West Virginia's capital from Wheeling to Charleston. March 28, 1941: Musician Charlie McCoy was born in Oak Hill. One of the most significant harmonica players in country music, his work can also be heard on rock 'n' roll albums, including several of Bob Dylan's. He was the musical director for the TV program Hee

now West Liberty State University. March 30, 1926: Actor, singer and game show host Peter Marshall was born in Clarksburg. His career includes Broadway, television and more than 5,000 episodes as host of The Hollywood Squares. March 31, 1919: Governor John Jacob Cornwell signed legislation that created the West Virginia State Police. He appointed Jackson Arnold, grandnephew of Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson and former executive officer of the 1st West Virginia Infantry, as first superintendent. April 1, 1884: Nurse Florence Aby Blanchfield was born in Shepherdstown. She served in the Army Nurse Corps during World War I, oversaw expansion of the corps from 1,000 to 57,000 during World War II, and became the first woman to hold a permanent commission in the regular army. April 1, 1934: A sales tax went into effect in West Virginia for the first time. The two-percent tax helped fill the revenue void caused by the drop in property values during the Great Depression. April 2, 1900: Marlinton, the county seat of Pocahontas County, was incorporated. The town is generally considered to be the site of the first European-American settlement in the Greenbrier Valley. April 3, 1755: Frontier scout and "long hunter" Simon Kenton was born in Fauquier County, Virginia. Upon leaving home, Kenton first traveled north through present West Virginia to Pittsburgh and then explored, hunted and trapped through much of the Ohio Valley. April 3, 1908: Samuel Starks died in Charleston. Starks became the first Black state

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# Remembering St. Frances Xavier Cabrini During Women's History Month

March is celebrated as Women's History Month. A special observance for this month was the movie "Cabrini." Members of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church were treated to the movie by an anonymous donor. Approximately 150 members were able to view the movie. It was a very moving movie as it captured the life of Mother Cabrini who was the first American woman to be canonized. She certainly epitomized the woman who was there to make a difference. Ignoring her own illness she strove to make life better for those less fortunate. Who were living in a poor place. She fought prejudice. Especially to Italians.



The movie was a little over two hours and kept me spellbound every minute. I strongly recommend this movie especially for those who have been subjected to prejudices. Last week included Down Syndrome Observance Day. I first became aware of it in the early morning news. I have had the opportunity to be subjected to this for several years. We have a cousin who has Down Syndrome. Over the years he has brought much happiness and love to the Queen

family. Yes there have been challenges but through guidance and supervision he and we have overcome most of these. Recently with my opportunity to become involved with Miss Amazing I have been able to observe Down Syndrome girls overcome barriers and make dreams come true. Do not miss the opportunity to share the life of a Down syndrome individual. And experience their love.

The Clarksburg Lions Club observed its 100 years of service to our community. In keeping with this celebration a banquet



**Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, better known as Mother Cabrini, ministered to the New York City downtrodden and fought poverty, social chaos, and prejudice against Italians.**

was held on Saturday, the Harrison County March 23 at the Best Western Plus. Patty Flanagan, president, presided over the event. Proclamations from

Club was formed and its first president was William Stathers. Presenting a club history was Al Cox. Current officers of the club are President, Patty Flanagan, Vice President, Betty Waddy, Secretary Brock Malcolm and Treasurer, Mickey Petitto. The club meets the second and fourth Fridays of each month at noon at the Brickside.

Hopefully Spring is here and I hope you have noticed all the white blossoms on the trees as you travel around the city you can go to D. C. To see the cherry blossoms but our white blossoms are just as beautiful. Stay healthy, stay happy and until next week "Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine."

## N&J Briefs

### FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY

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

USDA is accepting applications for grants to support urban agriculture and innovative production. The competitive grants will support the development of urban agriculture and innovative production projects through two categories, Planning Projects and Implementation Projects. The deadline is April 9

We're inviting urban producers, innovative producers, and other stakeholders to virtually attend a public meeting of the Federal Advisory Committee for Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production on April 10 from 2-4 p.m. Eastern.

Meeting details can be viewed in the Federal Register Notice. Written comments can be submitted via [UrbanAgricultureFederalAdvisoryCommittee@usda.gov](mailto:UrbanAgricultureFederalAdvisoryCommittee@usda.gov) by April 24 at 11:59 p.m.

Saturday, April 6: 8:00am-2:00pm. Rummage Sale at the First Baptist Church Lighthouse in downtown Shinnston to benefit Baptist Youth Fellowship. 304-592-0232

### Calendar of Events Item

Friday, April 19 - Immaculate Conception Parish Nurse Ministry Blood Drive, 1-5 pm at IC Parish Center, 150 S Maple Ave., Clarksburg. To register, call Theresa White at 304-669-6063. Appointments are recommended.

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A representative of West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey will be in Shinnston April 10: Noon to 1 p.m. - Shinnston Library, 40 Bridge St., Shinnston

### "Smoot" From Pg 2.

Just look at cities that abandoned the notion of enforcing the law. Just look at schools that stopped enforcing the rules. The failure of rule of law alternatives in cities like Portland, Oregon, San Francisco, Chicago, Los Angeles, and New York City is obvious enough for anyone to understand.

And just look at nations who have struggled with these problems for most of their existence, such as Haiti.

Toward the end of the Roman Republic, two

major figures emerged named Tiberius and Gaius Gracchus. These brothers formed a political party called the Populares who opposed adherence to the constitution of the Roman Republic. They argued that change and reform under the constitution was too slow and proposed end runs around it that gave their supporters what they wanted, while also increasing their own personal power.

The Gracchus brothers successfully established momentum toward the

undermining of the Republic's constitution. Over the next six decades, Rome suffered civil wars, dictatorships, and social misery as the structures of law that protected the people broke down. Along the way, opponents of the constitution granted citizenship to thousands of non-Romans to build their own base and expanded the power of the central government.

Eventually, the rise and death of Julius Caesar led to the establishment of the Empire under Augustus.

The Founding Fathers knew well how the Roman Republic died. That is why they emphasized a government of laws. Rule of law is predictable, promotes social peace, and is understandable to the people.

Any alternative to the notion of rule of law leads to tyranny. Bringing back the ideal of rule of law is one of the vital moves that will save the Union and restore social and political peace.

### "Hunt" From Pg 1.

development boost in their communities and beyond.

Too many times, cities and towns had their futures dictated to them by the leaders at the state level and often, projects would miss the mark and leave local residents on the hook for the cost. A good example of this is the road network throughout the state that sliced up many cities with massive road projects, often devastating local economies without

input from local leaders.

Recently, I was in Alabama and met a city councilman from Millbrook, Alabama and he was telling me about a project in his city, called 17 Springs, a recreational and entertainment project that is currently under construction. I mentioned to him that we had a similar type of project in Bridgeport, West Virginia and he was quite interested to hear that another city, of similar population was

having success with this type of project.

The City of Charleston, West Virginia recently announced that they were considering a recreation facility at the site of the Town Center Mall which was one of the few malls around the country, operating in the downtown section of a city. I've spoken to Charleston Mayor Amy Goodwin several times about the project, and she is excited at the prospect of a revitalization of

the mall site and giving residents a reason to come back downtown and attract additional groups to Charleston.

A good quality of life is quickly becoming a necessity in cities and towns. Workers will often look at recreation opportunities as they make their decisions to relocate or explore job opportunities. It certainly seems to be working in Bridgeport and North Central West Virginia!

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# Back to backs Are the Story in North Central West Virginia

Back to back is a special kind of redundancy. It is a welcomed repeat offense in the sports world and it means that someone is doing something right. It is a form of consistency that deserves celebration. Once a feat is accomplished, attention is drawn, making repeat that much more difficult.

This past week, the 41st annual Frank Loria banquet was held in Bridgeport and hosted by the Columbian Club of Clarksburg. It is a celebration of the life and accomplishments of Harrison County native, Frank Loria.

Loria, after completing a stellar high school career, went on to star at Virginia Tech. Loria became the school's first All-American in 1966, Loria was a back-to-back All-American as a consensus pick in 1967.

After his playing days in Blacksburg, Loria moved to Huntington and became an assistant coach at Marshall. He would perish in the tragic airplane crash in 1970 that claimed the lives of all the passengers on board. His memory has



## The Bottom Line

By Bill Nestor  
Sports Editor

been carried on through the efforts of family and friends. The Loria Award is one of the most prestigious awards that can be won by a high school football player in Harrison County.

The award has spanned over four decades with the best claiming the hardware. During that time span, only two previous players, (Bridgeport's Brett Hathaway and Robert C. Byrd's Jeremiah King) had managed to earn the award in back-to-back years. This year was the charm for that hat trick as a third player would become a repeat offender. Bridgeport senior running back Zach Rohrig garnered the award for a second consecutive campaign, culminating in a tremendous night of celebration.

Former West Virginia University men's basketball coach Bob Huggins was the guest

speaker. His presence alone at the event elevated the excitement of the evening to an unprecedented level. The Indians' capped off a tremendous evening with a clean sweep, taking all of the honors in the process.

Beau Ford was named lineman of the year and Tribe head man Tyler Phares was dubbed the coach of the year. Cale Culicerto earned the academic award. Another back-to-back winner was Bridgeport's Aiden Sparks. Sparks was awarded the Frank Loria memorial scholarship for the second year in a row.

All of the Harrison County first team offensive and defensive members were honored during the festivities as well. It was a tremendous event that will be long-remembered by those in attendance.

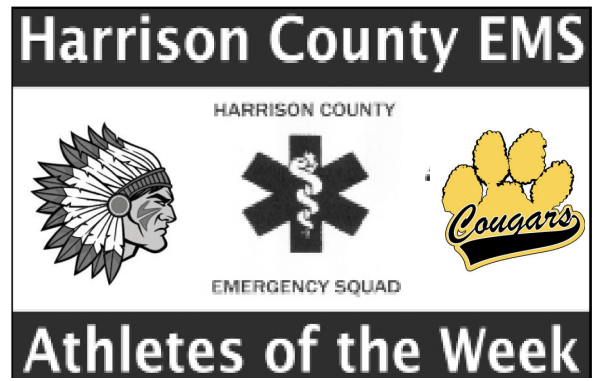
Speaking of back-to-backs, the Fairmont

Senior Polar Bears had won two consecutive basketball titles and had a third consecutive title on their minds. Senior was the top seed and had a rematch with the number two seed Shady Spring. The see-saw affair came down to the wire with Fairmont making a spectacular defensive play to gain control for a shot to win at the end of regulation.

Out of the time out, everyone expected Zychus Dobbs to take the ball to the hoop. He had won the title a few years back with a driving layup at the buzzer. The Polar bears tricked Shady Spring and had a wide-open jumper at the foul line that just wouldn't fall. The Bears were that close to a three-peat, however, overtime didn't go the way they would have liked and a runner up spot followed.

Fairmont Senior has become a hotbed of talent in every sport and I'm sure they will be back again sooner than later.

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



## Athletes of the Week

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

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

# Harrison County Athlete Spotlight

By Bill Nestor

The Harrison County athletes in the spotlight this week are Lincoln's AJ Bart and Bridgeport's Zach Rohrig.

Cougar baseball player AJ Bart earned the first win of the campaign, throwing five scoreless innings while striking out 10 Elkins batters in an eight to nothing win. Bart was also one for one from the plate in the affair.

Indian running back Zach Rohrig earned the Loria Award at the Frank Loria Banquet this past week. Rohrig became the only third athlete in 41 years to earn the award in back to back years.

Congratulations to Lincoln's AJ Bart and Bridgeport's Zach Rohrig for shining bright in the SN and HCJ spotlight!

# From Cougars to Tigers



Lincoln standout Damion Shaw signs to play for Salem University.

# LMS Opens First Season



New head coach Seth Marshall led the first ever Lincoln Middle School baseball team into action last week.

# Good Health Guide

## \$2M Encova grant aids at WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – A \$2 million grant from the Encova Foundation of West Virginia is advancing focused ultrasound research by the WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute (RNI) with the potential to transform addiction treatment.

Awarded in conjunction with WVU Day of Giving, the grant supports coordinated efforts to expand focused ultrasound research at the RNI by enrolling additional patients in clinical trials, acquiring more equipment, and hiring skilled personnel.

The WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute

“In order to advance treatments for this worsening public health crisis, new approaches and ideas must be explored,” Ali Rezai, M.D., executive chair of the RNI, said. “We are deeply appreciative of the Encova Foundation’s partnership and support as we work to develop innovative treatments that could save lives and develop new addiction treatments.”

The RNI’s innovative use of focused ultrasound to help patients overcome long-term addiction was highlighted via an extended segment on “60 Minutes” in January. The brief

outpatient procedure involves applying focused ultrasound waves – guided by MRI technology – to target the nucleus accumbens, a key structure in the brain involved in addiction and anxiety.

RNI researchers launched the world’s first safety and feasibility study involving focused ultrasound neuromodulation for addiction, which demonstrated an immediate and lasting reduction in drug cravings.

The grant not only supports specific RNI research goals but also offers a promising pathway to healing for families in the

Mountain State and beyond dealing with the challenges of addiction. West Virginia is at the epicenter of the nation’s opioid epidemic, with one of the country’s highest per capita drug overdose death rates.

Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, Encova Insurance is a comprehensive insurance provider represented by more than 2,000 independent agencies spanning 27 states and Washington, D.C. The company’s investment in focused ultrasound research reflects its commitment to social responsibility and innovation as it strives to transform lives within the

communities where its associates, agents, and policyholders live and work.

“The cutting-edge treatments that Dr. Rezai and his team are performing are remarkable and desperately needed in West Virginia and other parts of the country to combat addiction,” Encova President and CEO TJ Obrokta Jr. said. “As a company, we strive to give back to the communities we serve, and we are proud to partner with and provide funds to the WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute.”

Encova has generously supported

WVU for more than a decade, providing over \$9 million to support WVU academic programs, athletics, facilities, healthcare, and more.

WVU Day of Giving is a 24-hour online fundraising event organized by the WVU Foundation, the nonprofit organization that receives and administers private donations on behalf of the University and its affiliates. This year’s event, held March 20, raised a record \$30.4 million from more than 8,500 gifts.

## Student investigates the effects of thyroid eye disease medication on intraocular pressure

West Virginia University fourth-year medical student Stephen Chen recently partnered with Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences professor John Nguyen, M.D., to investigate the effects of teprotumumab on intraocular pressure among thyroid eye disease patients.

Intraocular pressure (IOP) is a measurement

of the fluid pressure of the eye. A substantial increase in a patient’s IOP can result in the development of glaucoma, which is one of the leading causes of blindness.

Chen and Dr. Nguyen partnered to further explore the relationship between IOP and another ocular condition known as thyroid eye disease (TED), an

autoimmune disorder that occurs when the immune system mistakenly attacks the muscle and fat tissue behind the eyes. TED causes inflammation and scar tissue to form and can lead to several ocular conditions, including glaucoma.

For this project, the researchers examined a relatively new TED treatment known as

teprotumumab, a medical infusion that blocks the action of a protein in the body that causes ocular inflammation. The treatment is eight infusions given at three-week intervals, and with the results showing reduced inflammation among TED patients.

Nguyen served as the primary investigator for this project, while Chen

focused on elements such as chart review, data collection and data analysis.

The team partnered with physicians from other tertiary referral centers to collect extensive data on TED patients who received teprotumumab treatment. Together, they worked to determine if teprotumumab could successfully reduce IOP and how drastically that change would differ between patients diagnosed with the different subtypes of TED.

Through this research, they found the teprotumumab to be associated with a significant reduction in IOP, especially in patients diagnosed with acute TED, while those with chronic TED experienced a greater reduction in proptosis, a condition characterized by bulging eyes.

The overall findings suggested that teprotumumab may provide additional benefits of lowering IOP in TED patients, particularly in those who have also been diagnosed with glaucoma.

As a medical student, Chen said he was delighted by the opportunity to team up with Nguyen to come to

new conclusions about teprotumumab and that he is excited about the outcomes this research has for future patients.

“I feel grateful to have been able to work alongside Dr. Nguyen to explore a treatment as new as teprotumumab and be on the forefront of new discoveries about its relationship to intraocular pressure,” Chen said. “I hope that we can continue to explore this research further and help reduce our patients’ risk for glaucoma, vision loss, and blindness.”

Chen presented this study at the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery 2023 Fall Meeting held in San Francisco in November 2023. He hopes to continue this research by expanding the study cohort while tracking IOP over time at follow-up appointments.

He and Nguyen are currently working on a manuscript for the study so the findings can be published in a peer-reviewed journal.

To learn more about the opportunities available for medical students at the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, visit [medicine.hsc.wvu.edu/eye/students](http://medicine.hsc.wvu.edu/eye/students).

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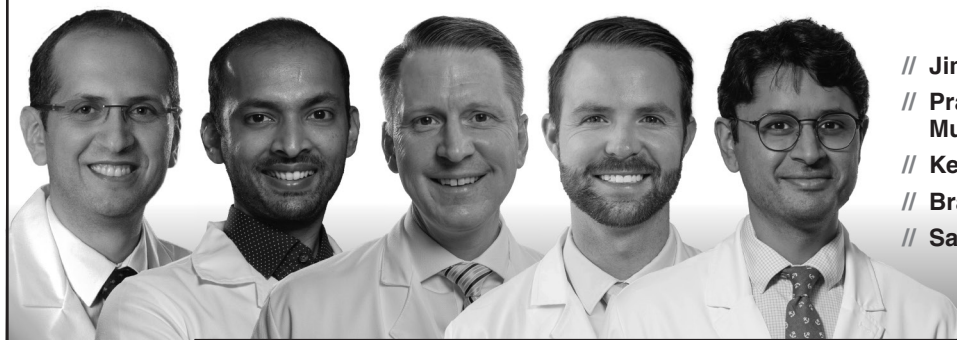
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# Warner presents Notre Dame High School with Prestigious Award

Charleston, W.Va. – On Friday, March 15, WV Secretary of State Mac Warner traveled to Harrison County to present Notre Dame High School (NDHS) with the Jennings Randolph Award for Civic Engagement. Award-winning schools must lead a student effort to register to vote at least 85% of their eligible senior class. NDHS is one of only 26 schools in the state that have received this prestigious recognition for the 2023-24 school year.

Created by the WV Secretary of State’s Office in 1994, the Jennings Randolph Award commemorates our late U.S. Senator Jennings Randolph’s legacy as the Father of the

26th Amendment. One of the defining moments in voting rights history, the 26th Amendment was passed in 1971. The Amendment lowered the voting age from 21 to 18. Also recognized during the Award presentation was NDHS

senior and student-body president Christian Arnold. Arnold was recommended by his Principal and teacher for the designation of Honorary Secretary of State for his role in leading the voter registration effort.

In attendance with Secretary Warner were Harrison County Clerk John Spires and State Senator Ben Queen. The presentation was especially important for Clerk Spires, who is a proud NDHS graduate.

## “Flight” From Pg 1.

them.” He added that “they’re getting close. The flight is going to be a go.” “Hopefully, we can get some people out,” Minor stated. Claypool also told WBOY that those who wished to support

the flight could ail donations to 430 West Pike Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301—addressed to the

Clarksburg Honor Flight. Sponsoring a veteran costs \$350, if interested. Supporters can also

drop donations off at the Clarksburg Veterans of Foreign Wars’ (VFW) main office at 430 West Pike Street, Clarksburg,

West Virginia 26301. Those with questions can reach out to Billie Jo Claypool at 304-677-7812.

## “Narcan” From Pg 1.

asked Bundy if “you’re supplying to fire departments,” to which Bundy responded in the affirmative, also stating that they distribute to all first responders in the county, including volunteer units. “I’m all for it, but I don’t see why we need to buy it at such cost,” queried Hinkle. Way and Bundy explained that Narcan

Health Department could always make a request if the approved amount ran out. Also requesting funds from the commission was the American Red Cross. Michelle DuBose came to the meeting to speak on the organization’s behalf, starting with “we appreciate your annual support.” The American Red Cross, in addition

to the well-publicized blood drives, also provides care services, such as temporary housing and support for those who lost their homes to fire. DuBose reported that 14 county families received assistance from the Red Cross in the past year and stated that “we seek to be the best part of someone’s worst day.”

Commissioners considered the request for \$2,770 and approved an even \$3,000. In the short March 13 meeting, commissioners approved requesting support from Senator Joe Manchin in congressionally directed spending. They approved a request for \$3 million for a Harrison County agriculture and youth complex, as

well as \$3.5 million to help to construct a new animal control facility. The next day, Keith McIntosh from Senator Manchin’s office confirmed in a call with Region 8 Planning and Development Council that the office deadline for applications was extended to April 9.

## “Citizen” From Pg 1.

Drainer’s city government experience started with the Town of Lumberport. As city clerk, Drainer assisted in the town’s administration, including handling police citations, working with the budget, and served as the face of the town’s government to its residents. She also helped to represent Lumberport in official discussions with state legislators.

assistant city manager. During that period, Edwards showed that any replacement of his would have big shoes to fill. He joined a number of civic organizations, earning leadership positions in some. Then came his decision to take the same role in East Palestine. Trained, experienced, and ready, Drainer received approval to take the city manager position on an interim

by combining efforts with Harrison County. Going forward, Drainer seeks to spur the momentum that has driven positive changes in Shinnston recently. The city has forged ahead with expanding arts, music, and events offerings that attract attention and praise. Recently, a major motion film crew took shots in Shinnston while

praising the people and the surroundings. Drainer told WBOY that she wants to place some emphasis on expanding recreational opportunities in the park. She also stated that “I want to see downtown Shinnston grow. I’m really excited about what there is to come with downtown.” She indicated also that she expects to see

both residential and business growth in the area. One of the things that makes a City Manager also a “citizen of the month” is courage. It takes courage to assume a position where, as the sign on former President Harry S. Truman’s desk read “the buck stops here.” That means that the one who sits behind

that desk accepts the responsibility of government, which makes that person also the target of blame if anything goes wrong, no matter who is actually responsible. The City of Shinnston is fortunate that “the buck” stops at a desk of an experienced and forward-looking city manager in Tori Drainer.

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## OBITUARIES



**Richard Frank "Dick" Allen**

Richard Frank "Dick" Allen, 78, of Shinnston, passed away on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at his residence surrounded by his family. He was born in Worthington, WV, on February 19, 1946, a son of the late Charles Albert Allen and the late Ella Mae Merrill Davis.

He is survived by his wife, Sue Ellen Martin Allen, to whom he was married for 56 years; five daughters: Melissa Sue Beatty and her fiancé Yianni Daglis, Bridgeport, Cassandra Jeannette Fravel and her husband Kevin, Alpine Lake, Jaime Lyn Phillips and her husband Joe, Knoxville, TN, Charlsie Ryan Allen and her companion Nick Craver, Morgantown, and Erika Jade Allen and her companion Matthew Shaw, Wilsonburg; and Virgil Beatty who is loved like a son; his grandchildren: Becca Sue Meitl, Nicholas Richard Beatty, Cash Ericsson Coffman, Wyatt Jaimeson Coffman, Colton Levi Coffman, Trinity Sway Phillips, Mason Creel Cool, and Elliott Pearl Friend; his siblings, Charles Allen and Nancy Adams; his brother-in-law, Edgar Garnet Martin; a nephew, Edgar Garnet Martin Jr., and several other nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Dick was preceded in death by one sister, Sharron

Robey.

Dick proudly began his service in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a sales representative for John Deere Equipment Company for over 20 years. He previously served as the Pastor of the Wallace United Methodist Church and Esler Chapel. He enjoyed creating memories and exploring the country with his bride, Sue Ellen. In his younger days, he raced Cross Country Motocross. He was also an avid outdoorsman and a true WVU Mountaineer fan. More than all of this, he was a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather who loved spending time with his girls and their children.

Cremation services have been provided and no public services will be held at this time. Condolences may be extended to the family at [www.perinefunerals.com](http://www.perinefunerals.com). The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Allen family.



**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.

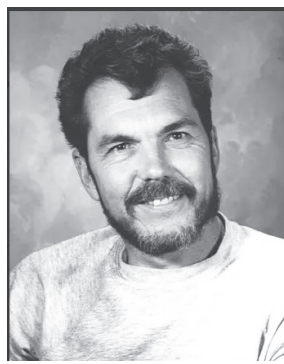
Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 from 3:00PM-8:00PM. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 12:00PM with James Glaspell, Jr. officiating. Interment will follow at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

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

A service of Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston.

### **Fred McIntire**

Fred McIntire, 76, of Pine Bluff, passed away March 18, 2024. He



was born in Shinnston on September 6, 1947, a son to the late Walter Warren McIntire and Genevieve Meadows McIntire. Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his son, Tommy McIntire.

He is survived by two sons, Walter McIntire II (Merica) and Gabe McIntire of Pine Bluff; daughter Alexis McIntire of Shinnston; granddaughter Austyn McIntire; grandsons Walter McIntire III, and Jaxton McIntire; sister Yvonne Phillips (Preston) of Florida; several nieces and nephews; and Brandy Seguin, whom he was previously married to.

Fred was a member of the Enterprise United Methodist Church. He enjoyed hunting, driving around, and spending time with his grandkids.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Sunday, March 24, 2024 from 12:00PM-2:00PM. A funeral service will directly follow at 2:00PM with Dave Harris officiating. Interment will follow at Pine Bluff Cemetery.

Dinner will follow at Pine Bluff Community Center.

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**Carolyn Moschella**

Carolyn Moschella, 81, of Spelter, passed away at her residence on March 16, 2024. She was born in Clarksburg on October 3, 1942, a daughter to the late Samuel Moschella and Cinderella Perri Moschella. Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her brother Angelo Moe Moschella; sister Virginia Loria; and niece Cindy Moschella.

She is survived by her sister, Sandra Knight; nieces and nephews Gregory Knight (Kristin) and their children Elizabeth and Fiona Knight, Sam Loria, Michele Frye (Harold) and their children Justin and Mikala Frye, Mike Moschella (Dana) and their child Mikey Moschella, Kim Weaver (Yancey) and their children Derek and Cody Rogers; and a special cousin Donnie Moschella (Karen).

Carolyn retired as a manager from the Senior Citizens Center. She also was part owner of Towne House Motor Lodge in Charleston, WV. She was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Friday, March 22, 2024 from 2:00PM-8:00PM.

**Louise**

The Holy Rosary will be recited at 7:30PM to conclude the visitation. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 11:00AM with Rev. Akila Rodrigo T.O.R., and Rev. Deepu Joseph officiating. Interment will follow at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

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### **Janet Sue "McCutcheon" Shields**

Janet Sue "McCutcheon" Shields, 77, of Fairmont, passed away on Sunday, March 17, 2024 at WVU Hospital. She was born in Wyatt on June 8, 1946 to the late Charles McCutcheon and Gladys Virginia Ashcraft.

She enjoyed playing games, her cat, attending church services and loved spending time with her family.

Janet is survived by three sons: Curtis Lee Shields and fiancée Sherry Jones of Fairmont, William "Bill" McCutcheon and wife Shelia of Mannington and Michael Eugene Shields of Clarksburg as well as several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by two brothers: Dorsey McCutcheon and Charles McCutcheon and two sisters: Juanita Stover and Jenny Riffle. Family and friends will be received

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## WVDNR opens registration for Becoming an Outdoors Woman spring workshop

Popular event for outdoor enthusiasts scheduled for May 3-5 at Twin Falls Resort

SOUTH Resort State Park on CHARLESTON, W.V.A. May 3-5. The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced today that registration has opened for its Becoming An Outdoors Woman spring workshop at Twin Falls

where participants can learn and explore outdoor activities with encouragement and support from instructors, other participants and staff from the WVDNR's Wildlife Resources, Law Enforcement and State Parks sections.

"This popular event provides an incredible

opportunity to get away for a weekend to try out exciting outdoor activities and experience the natural beauty of West Virginia," said Ashley Anderson, state coordinator for Becoming An Outdoors Woman. "Whether you are looking for an opportunity to experience something

new or feel like you need to renew your interests in outdoor pursuits, this weekend provides everything you need."

The workshop is limited to 75 participants and spots fill up fast, so outdoor enthusiasts are invited to learn more and register online at [WVdnr.gov/becoming-](http://WVdnr.gov/becoming-)

an-outdoor-woman.

Each participant enrolled in a fishing course must purchase a fishing license and trout stamp and send a copy of their license with their registration and fees. Fishing licenses and stamps may be purchased online at [WVfish.com](http://WVfish.com).

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(2021-S-0000070 - Harrison County - JSS PROPERTIES LLC)  
To: AGNES HAMBRICK, ROBERT ALLEN HAMBRICK, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

**DISTRICT EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0670 1704**  
You will take notice that JSS PROPERTIES LLC, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, Certificate of Sale: 2020-S-0000070, .0104 INT 64 AC O&G TENMILE (TRIO/G SWIGER-API#232, located in EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT, which was returned delinquent in the name of HAMBRICK RUSSELL R, 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 13, 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, May 12, 2024, will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to May 12, 2024.	\$ 110.50
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to May 12, 2024.	\$ 6.02
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 May 12, 2024.	\$ 1,098.62
Amount paid for other statutory costs with interest from following the sheriff's sale to May 12, 2024.	\$ 216.91
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 1,432.05
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

**You may redeem any time before May 12, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.**  
**Return this letter and both certified funds to the WV State Auditor's Office, County Collection Division 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114 Charleston, West Virginia 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 option 2**

# LEGAL

(2021-S-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:

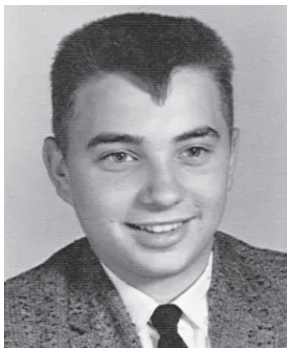
Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to April 30, 2024.	\$ 2,297.83
Amount of subsequent year's taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to April 30, 2024.	\$ 2,046.24
Amount paid for the Title Examination and preparation of the list to be 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 <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 6,442.15
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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## “Obituaries” From Pg 7

at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, on Friday, March 22, 2024 from 11:00am until time of service, 1:00pm with Evangelist Ron Lee officiating. Interment to follow to Wyatt Cemetery.

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



**Larry Joseph Spence**

Larry Joseph Spence, 77, of Clarksburg, passed away on March 23, 2024. He was born on May 8, 1946, a son to the late Joseph Spence and Francis (Knight) Spence. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Tammy Spence.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Darlene Spence of Clarksburg, whom he married on March 15, 1974. He is also survived by his daughter, Laurie Spence of Clarksburg; sister Jackie Rogers of Sardis; nephews Mike Rogers (Amy) of Sardis, and Zachary Norman of Clarksburg; great-nieces Nicole Rogers of Sardis, and Katrina Jackson and companion Justin Wiles, and their daughter Kimber Wiles;

special friends Davey (Melissa) and sons Brandon and Ryan Davis of Sardis; and several close friends.

Larry graduated from Victory High School in 1964. He was the owner and operator of Larry's Body Shop. In his younger years, he was a member of The Deacons Motorcycle Club. He enjoyed painting cars and motorcycles, car shows, swap meets, and collecting gas station memorabilia.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Thursday, March 28, 2024 from 10:00AM-2:00PM. A funeral service will immediately follow at 2:00PM with Pastor Gary Layfield officiating. Interment will follow at Spence Family Cemetery.

The family would like to thank WVU Medicine Hospice, Michelle Sylva and Marla Cockrell, Dr. Paul Davis, and the wonderful staff at UHC on 7 North and ICU.

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

A service of Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston.

**Sandra Ashcraft Vincent**

Sandra Ashcraft Vincent, of Shinnston, entered into eternal rest with our Savior on March 21, 2024. She was born on February 16, 1951, a daughter of the late Ray Ashcraft,

Jr. and Lenora Harper Ashcraft.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph R. (Bob) Vincent; brothers-in-law: Kenneth Vincent and Charles Livingston; sisters-in-law: Catherine Ashcraft, Delores Livingston, Aleda Vincent, Nola Robey, and Ruby Vincent; nephews: Charley Livingston and Buddy Vincent.

Sandra is survived by her son, Robert "Todd" Vincent and nephew Rodney Ashcraft, whom she considered as a little brother. She is also survived by brothers: Terry Ashcraft and Gary (Debra) Ashcraft; and many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Anna Vincent, of Fairmont, and a brother-in-law, Terry Robey, of Worthington.

Sandra's name means "the helper of mankind", which was her daily goal, to help all she came in contact with. She gave freely to everyone, from home-cooked meals, cookies, fresh produce or canned goods, to her time. Sandra will be greatly missed by family and friends.

The family will receive friends at the Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St., Shinnston, from 5-7pm, Monday, where funeral services will be held at 11am, Tuesday, March 26, with Pastor Dave Markley officiating. Interment will be in the Grandview Memorial

# LEGAL

(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**  
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: 2020-S-00000132, 1 LOT 70 E CLARKSBURG, located in CLARK CLARKSBURG CORP, which was returned delinquent in the name of CARPENTER ALISHA N &, 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 6, 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, May 5, 2024, will be as follows:

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 <b>The Honorable Robert Matheny, Sheriff and Treasurer of Harrison County.</b>	\$ 3,363.84
Cost of Certification of Redemption - cashier check, money order or certified check must be made payable to <b>The Honorable John B. McCuskey, State Auditor.</b>	\$ 35.00

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## WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Division of Highways NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service ([www.bidx.com](http://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 May 07, 2024 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
008	2024890001	R089-GRDRL-24 00	GUARDRAIL D9 2025 REM GUARDRAIL District Wide Guardrail and Fence Installation and Repair COUNTY:

Proposals will be received from prequalified and West Virginia licensed contractors only except that on Federal-Aid Projects a contractors' licence 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 include one of the following forms properly executed with each proposal: Proposal Guaranty Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check 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 deferment, delay, postponement, and the date that proposals will be received and publicly opened will be available on [www.bidx.com](http://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.

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Call Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
009	2023990067	S399-081/00 0 00	HSIP-0081(047)D PAVEMENT MARKINGS 2024 RPM STATEWIDE COUNTY: STATEWIDE

**DBE GOAL:** 10 % OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF MEETING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

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Gardens in Fairmont. Condolences me be extended to the family at [www.perinefunerals.com](http://www.perinefunerals.com). The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Vincent family.



**Richard Duane Wolfe**

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.

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

Tomma Kay "Sissy" Wright, 57, of Shinnston, passed away on Monday, March 18, 2024, at the United Hospital Center in Bridgeport. She was born in Fairmont, April

**See "Obituaries" on Pg 10**

# Attorney General Morrissey Blasts Biden EV Rule Announcement

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey on Wednesday said President Joe Biden's announcement about new automobile emissions standards is nothing but sugar-coating the end game.

The Biden administration announced the rule Wednesday. It relaxes proposed tailpipe limits for three years—but will eventually reach the same strict standards proposed by the U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency. “The only thing Biden has accomplished with today’s announcement is to delay the onset of a depression in West Virginia — it certainly won’t help avoid one if these radical EV policies remain in place,” Attorney General Morrissey said. “While America has the resources to power our traditional, fuel-powered vehicles, we simply aren’t ready to jump into full-scale electric vehicles, a big part of this administration’s

radical green new deal.” “This is an attack on rural America and rural Americans who are working really hard to make ends meet who are going to get bludgeoned by this rule. And this comes in a time when the Biden administration is plotting to destroy whatever is left of our energy production through regulations that would effectively shut down coal- and gas-fired power plants—the backbone of the nation’s power generation.” Recent problems in

the EV market have only confirmed that a renewed push toward electrification is the wrong choice.

Hertz was recently forced to sell tens of thousands of EVs from its fleet after the vehicles proved difficult to maintain and unpopular with consumers. Automakers are discontinuing certain EV models after continuing issues. And electric-vehicle manufacturers are struggling as consumer demand for the vehicles has slowed.

# WVDA Announces Resilient Food Systems Grant Deadline Extension

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Agriculture has extended the deadline for the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure grant until April 15, 2024, at 4 p.m. from the original deadline of April 1, 2024.

The purpose of the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure (RFSI) program is to build resilience in the middle of the food supply chain, to provide more and better markets to small farms and food businesses, to support

the development of value-added products for consumers, fair prices, fair wages, and new and safe job opportunities.

“We encourage producers to seize this opportunity for infrastructure projects that bolster processing capacities and production volumes,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. “Whether it involves expanding storage facilities or acquiring specialized equipment, this grant offers a valuable avenue

for growth.” Funds will support expanded capacity for the aggregation, processing, manufacturing, storing, transporting, wholesaling, and distribution of locally and regionally produced food products, including specialty crops, dairy, grains for human consumption, aquaculture, and other food products, excluding meat and poultry.

The WVDA will make subawards in the form of Infrastructure

Grants to successful applicants to create more diverse local and regional market options and create more economic opportunities for communities.

Ineligible products include meat and poultry, wild-caught seafood, exclusively animal feed and forage products, fiber, landscaping projects, tobacco, or dietary supplements.

For an application, visit <https://agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/> or contact [grants@wvda.us](mailto:grants@wvda.us) for more information.

# West Virginia’s First Lady of Soul, Lady D, Coming to the Robinson Grand

Clarksburg, WV – The Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center is excited to announce the venue’s first ever house band, The ’39 Fire, will make their debut on Friday, April 12, 2024 for the opening night of the Side Door Club at the Robinson Grand.

The ’39 Fire, deriving their name from the tragic May 31, 1939 fire that gutted the Robinson Grand, is under the music direction of

Davin Seamon and features the talent of Seth Maynard, Terry Hotsinpiller, David Kirkpatrick, and Bob Workman. This group of some of the top regional musicians will serve as the official house band of the Robinson Grand’s new speakeasy, the Side Door Club, and will also be used for other shows and special events when needed.

“We knew we couldn’t open a speakeasy without a house band,”

said Jason A Young, the Robinson Grand’s program manager. “Bringing this group of musicians together was exciting and I think they are all excited and eager to make their debut.”

The ’39 Fire will serve as the opening act for West Virginia’s First Lady of Soul, Lady D, when she headlines opening night of the Side Door Club at the Robinson Grand on Friday, April 12, 2024.

“The Side Door Club

is an intimate throwback night club we are building on our stage,” said Young. “It’s a brand new way to experience the incredible Robinson Grand.”

Tickets for Lady D LIVE at the Side Door Club are \$50 and are now on sale. All tickets can be purchased online at [tickets.therobinsongrand.com](http://tickets.therobinsongrand.com) or by calling the Robinson Grand ticketing center at (855) 773-6283.

# Next Week At the Palette

By Bethany Nuzum

6-7:30, “Kids Paint”, \$10 for an 8x10 canvas. All supplies provided. We will be painting a Happy Umbrella! Wednesday, April 3, 1-3:00, “Basic

Drawing”, \$25. Supplies provided or bring your own. To register and for more information, email us at [thepalettewv@gmail.com](mailto:thepalettewv@gmail.com).

Check our Facebook or Instagram, at [thepalettewv.com](http://thepalettewv.com) to see what we will be painting and for upcoming events.

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22, 1966, a daughter of the late Burl Earl and Ruby Dale Linn Cottrill. On April 15, 1995, she married Timothy Lane Wright who survives.

Also surviving are two children, Justin Lane Wright and his wife Ashley, Shinnston, Amy Renae Stevens and her husband James, Mannington; six grandchildren: Kailynn, Kamrynn, Bricynn, Kathryn, Aubree, and Corbin; her siblings: Debbie Wright and

her husband Mike, Meadowbrook, Connie Wiles and her husband Carl, Shinnston, Karen Pumphrey and her husband Paul, Owings, Edward Linn, Bridgeport; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Sissy was preceded in death by one brother, Timmy Cottrill.

Sissy was a friend to everyone and was always concerned for other people more than herself. She

loved baking with her grandchildren and cooking for her family. She was a wonderful mother and a “Nanny” to every child. Sissy enjoyed camping and going to the beach. The family would like to thank the staff of the Cancer and CCU Units at United Hospital Center and WVU Home Health for their care during this difficult time.

The family will receive friends at

the Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St., Shinnston, from 3-8pm, Thursday where funeral services will be held at 11am, Friday, with Pastor Aaron Thomas officiating. Interment will be in the Lumberport Lions Club Cemetery. Condolences may be extended to the family at [www.perinefunerals.com](http://www.perinefunerals.com). The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Wright family.



A lamb dinner for Easter celebrations.

Lamb is traditionally on the menu on Easter. Even though lamb roasts typically can be found on Easter tables, this year’s hosts and hostesses may want to offer something slightly different. “American Lamb Chops with Rosemary and Pan-Roasted Lemony Asparagus”, puts spring flavors on display for this special gathering. Enjoy this recipe, with your family this Easter.

## American Lamb Chops with Rosemary and Pan-Roasted Lemony Asparagus

- For the Lemon Roasted Asparagus
- 2 pounds fresh asparagus
- 4 large cloves garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- generous sprinkle black pepper
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 large lemons
  
- For the Lamb Chops
- 8 medium American lamb loin chops
- 6 large cloves garlic
- 6 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large lemon, juiced and zested
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- generous pinch black pepper
- 11/2 tablespoons fresh rosemary, finely minced
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 2 tablespoons salted butter

Preparation: Mix together all the lamb ingredients in a large container. Add the lamb chops and rub with the marinade mixture. Secure the lid and marinate in the fridge for at least 1 hour or up to overnight before cooking. Let the lamb sit at room temperature for 5 minutes before cooking.

Roast the asparagus: Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Rinse, dry and trim the ends of your asparagus. Slice one of the lemons into thin slices. Toss the asparagus, all the asparagus ingredients and a squeeze of lemon juice from the second lemon. Divide between two parchment-paper lined baking sheets. Roast for 8 to 13 minutes, depending on how tender you want the asparagus to be.

Cook the lamb chops: While the asparagus roasts, cook your lamb. Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add four of the lamb chops at a time, and cook 4 to 6 minutes, until there is a nice dark crust on the bottom. Flip, and repeat, using a meat thermometer to check for doneness. We are looking for 145 degrees F for medium rare chops, 160 for medium and 170 for well done. Make sure to stick the meat thermometer into the thickest part of the meat, and stick it halfway through the meat, don’t let it touch any bones or the pan, for an accurate reading.

Once they are done, set aside on a clean plate and cover with foil for 3 minutes to keep warm.

Serve the lemony asparagus and lamb together over rice or couscous, if desired.

Remember, readers, if you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share, we welcome your submissions. E-mail your recipe to us at [debra@mountainmedianews.com](mailto:debra@mountainmedianews.com). And don’t forget to stop by your local Price Cutter to purchase all of your cooking and baking needs.

