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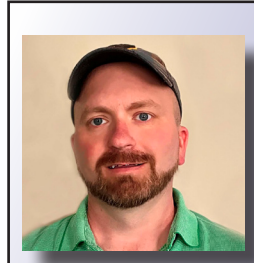
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Much history is written on, and symbolized by, tombstones such as those erected by the Tucker family at the start of the 20th century.

“This is a dear spot to me”, she wrote.

On the back of the accompanying photo is written, “This is a dear spot to me.” It was written by Mary Virginia (Nay) Tucker, known to most Shinnston townspeople in the early 1900’s simply as “Aunt Mamie.” The photo shows the decorated graves of three people dearly loved by Aunt Mamie: her only



The Story Behind the Photo

By Bobby Bice

daughter, her husband, and her only son. They each died during the month of May in the years 1904, 1906, and

Clarence Anderson in 1901. The marriage was short-lived and ended with Laura going back home to her parents. Sometime during the year 1903, she developed consumption, more commonly known today as Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

She lived with the

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Shinnston Resident Trecost Prevails in County Commission Contest, Shares Policy Priorities

By Stephen Smoot

In last week’s primary, North View native and Shinnston resident Patsy Trecost retained his seat after a spirited race against Ron Watson.

Serving previously as vice mayor of Clarksburg and also as a member in the House of Delegates, Trecost won election in 2018. This year, he earned election in the Republican primary by 200 votes and faces no Democrat in the fall.

“We want to treat all people equally and all people fairly,” said Trecost, adding that “their opinion matters.” The commissioner states that he takes his cue from the people,



Patsy Trecost II prevailed in the primary election for county commission last week.

rather than bringing a vision based on his own priorities to the fore.

The county commission comes into late spring with a load of challenges to face. “We’ve got a problem in Lumberport with the water,” he said, stating that “it’s a moral issue

for me” to restore reliable service to that area. He said that the commission will work on this issue, building support to help the community resolve the problems.

Quality of life serves as another priority, especially where it intersects with economic development and potential for growth. Trecost shared that “Harrison County is a great place to work, to play, and to worship,” pointing out that “we’re blessed to have a low crime rate.”

Maintaining and improving quality of life also depends on giving both residents and visitors opportunities to play. “We want to make sure our recreational

facilities are in place.”

In recent months, commission meetings have returned to the subject of the rail trail system. Trecost notes that the county just picked up a vital piece of property to help to extend the network into Salem. He explained how this will help to connect Harrison’s efforts with those undertaken in Richie and Doddridge counties to bring the dream of the “P to P” Parkersburg to Pittsburgh trail connection to reality.

See “Trecost” on Pg 6

Goodbye London



By Jim Hunt for the News & Journal

As our week in London came to an end, we decided to spend our last day just enjoying the city and finding some last-minute souvenirs. We loved our visit and were so happy that our granddaughter Emery got to spend her spring break with us in such a beautiful city. Each of us had our special memories. Emery liked the London Eye, my

wife loved visiting Abbey Road and I loved walking along the Thames River.

Like any big city, London is difficult to absorb in one week. There is so much history and many of the sites are well known, even to people who have never visited the city. Who can forget the royal weddings and pageantry of the British monarchy, broadcast on our black and white televisions when we were children. When we went to Buckingham Palace, it seemed like a place that I had visited dozens of times. I recognized the tree lined boulevard leading up to the huge gold-plated gate and memories of Princess Diana instantly came to mind. As the soldiers

See “Hunt” on Pg 6

LHS Students of the Month



Trinity AnnMarie Eldridge

Trinity AnnMarie Eldridge is the granddaughter of Joe and Scarlett Bishop of Wallace.

Throughout her four years at Lincoln, Trinity has earned a spot on the perfect honor roll due

to her excellent grades. She is ranked #17 in her entire class, maintains a 4.03 gpa, and has been the recipient of many Top Scholar awards. Trinity was inducted into the National Honor Society her sophomore year and inducted into the National Technical Honor Society her junior year. She serves as the Vice President of DECA and the Class of 2024 Treasurer. She also is an active member in Student Council, Key Club, GameChangers (a no-use peer leadership group), and the EPIC Tourism

Executive Planning Committee. Throughout

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Canvas Reveals Winners of City of Shinnston Municipal Races

The official results, as of Monday afternoon at the completion of the canvas, were as follows:

- Mary Ann Ferris received 348 votes
- Bill Watson received 333
- Vance Sosinsky received 198
- Rodney Strait received 167

Top three candidates won office.

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Guest Column

By Charlotte Lane
Chair, WV Public Service Commission

Understand Your Mountaineer Gas Bill

Your Mountaineer Gas Company bill has loads of information, all on one page. Your 16-digit account number, at the top-right, is confidential personal information. You should only provide it when you have initiated a contact with the company or are certain you are speaking to an authorized company representative.

Also on the right are your current Mountaineer Gas charges. The company has broken down this information in great detail. The first line is the charge the company has levied for the cost of the gas you used and the amount you used in the previous month. This is broken down into MCF, which stands for thousand cubic feet of gas. For most customers with heating, hot water, stove, and other gas appliances, this will be the largest component on the bill, certainly in the winter months.

The cost of gas charge is currently \$10.67 per MCF for Mountaineer's residential customers.

This per MCF charge includes the estimated cost of natural gas delivered to the customer, including some portion of transportation and storage costs; over- or under-recovery of the cost price from the previous rate period; and state business taxes. Mountaineer does not make any profit at all on this component of its rates.

The second-

largest portion of this section represents charges intended to recover operation and maintenance costs and the company's return on investments.

The third portion shows the Infrastructure Replacement and Expansion Plan charge. The IREP charge represents the company's investment in replacing aging infrastructure, as well as measurement and regulator equipment that is necessary because of government regulations. Next in the main column is the customer charge. This allows the company to recover costs for customer billings, reading and maintaining meters, and other customer-related operating costs.

The Pipeline Demand Charge is currently \$11.08 per month for residential customers. It is intended to recover part of the cost of transmission, gathering, and storage companies to deliver gas to its distribution systems.

There may be a municipal surcharge, depending on whether your town levies a tariff on the gas bill. Some towns also levy an excise tax on the bill. These charges are pass-through taxes that the company collects for the towns.

Mountaineer makes it simple to figure out where your money is going. If you need further clarity, give the company a call. They will be glad to assist you.

Super Crossword

UNSPOILED EXPANSES

- ACROSS 1 Choco-coffee flavor 6 Low bow of respect 12 Global rivalry concerning weaponry 20 Customary 21 Last pope of the 1700s 22 Bishops' jurisdictions 23 Iconic logo of McDonald's [Utah] 25 Proceeds forward 26 Long, thin cut 27 Three, in Germany 28 Sgt., say 30 Poet's "always" 31 Suffix with percent 32 "— Holmes" (2020 Millie Bobby Brown film) 34 Biblical metaphor for Jerusalem [Utah] 38 Drs.' org. 39 Slimy veggie 41 "Swell!" 42 Hush-hush U.S. org. 43 Original thing 45 Regal name of Norway 47 Erwin of old Hollywood 49 Dozes 53 Full-size SUV introduced in 2000 [California] 58 It's between tau and phi 60 Curbside cry 61 Not given an assessment 63 Very, in slang 64 Scottish cap 67 "Star Wars" royal 69 Opaque quartz with banding [Alberta] 71 Nervous 74 Pol who was John-John's uncle 76 Coll. in Columbus 77 Big name in train travel 78 Mac computer platform released in 2014 [California] 81 Actor Neeson 83 — 10 (acne medication) 84 Strong string 85 Actress Redgrave 87 "Ooh" or "tra" follower 90 British spy novelist John 92 Ice mass descending a mountain valley [British Columbia] 97 Love god 98 Magnate Onassis 100 High volcano in Sicily 101 Society for brainiacs 102 Bronze-hued 104 "Sheena" star Gena Lee — 108 Action word 110 "ASAP!" 111 Full-size SUV introduced in 1998 [Alaska] 116 Natty necktie 118 OPEC supply 119 Type of 35 mm camera 120 Part of USSR: Abbr. 121 Torah cabinets 123 Rd. crossers 125 Like Attu's island chain 128 What each of seven key words in this puzzle is the name of 131 Really rant at 132 "Beats me" 133 Shaw of jazz clarinet 134 Vaccine injectors 135 Abhor 136 Game token 19 Ruhr city 24 Its cap. is Bismarck 29 Ex-Giant Mel 33 Ton of, casually 35 Not pleasurable, colloquially 36 Aurora, to the Greeks 37 Most wacky 38 Astern 40 TV's O'Donnell 44 Mayberry's Otis, e.g. 46 Brand of bottled water 48 Sassy quality, for short 50 Elite NFLer 51 Medieval war weapon 52 Catty 54 Wheel bars 55 Singer Rita 56 "Othello" role 57 Sloping 59 Counterfeit 62 Needle case 64 Flute sound 65 Respond to 66 Toluca locale 68 Rombauer of cooking 70 Actor Malcolm- Warner 72 Line of family rulers 73 Attendee 75 "Hooked on Classics" label 79 At any time 80 Seer's skill 82 Pool growth 86 Tuscany city 88 Baby sheep 89 Top pilot 91 Irritating 93 Outskirts 94 Be a pioneer 95 Arcane 96 Uncooked 99 B&B, e.g. 103 Big Texas city 105 Has too much, with "on" 106 Brezhnev of the USSR 107 Enter forcibly 109 Tabula — 111 Bleating beasts 112 Singer Cyrus 113 Not fuzzy 114 Talk formally 115 Singer Cleo 117 Italian isle 122 Make tangled 124 — -Ball 126 Geller of the paranormal 127 Denials 129 "For shame!" 130 Indy circuit

Grid for Super Crossword puzzle with numbers 1-136 indicating starting points for words.

FIND THE SUPER CROSSWORD ANSWERS ON PAGE 6!

THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Charleston WV - May 24, 1896: Confederate General John Echols died in Staunton, Virginia. Echols served in the Kanawha Valley in 1862 and commanded Confederate forces at their defeat at the Battle of Droop Mountain in November 1863. May 23, 1862: In what became known as the Battle of Lewisburg, Union troops repelled a Confederate advance, killing 38 and wounding 66, while losing only 13 men. May 23, 1941: Rod Thorn was born in Princeton. Declared by the legislature a state "natural resource," Thorn attended West Virginia University, where he was an All-American guard. Thorn had a distinguished NBA career as a player and executive, which included drafting Michael Jordan. May 25, 1937:

William H. "Teepi" Kendrick died in Morgantown. Kendrick was a pioneer in West Virginia's 4-H program. He broadened the program to emphasize more than just agriculture, and he was primarily responsible for establishing the state 4-H camp at Jackson's Mill. May 26, 1895: Athlete Ira Errett "Rat" Rodgers was born in Bethany. He was WVU's first football All-American, lettering in 1915-17 and 1919. May 26, 1923: Playwright Maryat Lee was born in Kentucky. In 1970, she moved to Summers County and developed her Eco Theater into a national organization. May 27, 1912: Legendary golfer Sam Snead was born at Ashwood, Virginia. When The Greenbrier reopened as a resort after World War II, Snead returned as the golf pro. May 27, 1922: Labor leader Bill Blizzard was acquitted of treason charges following the 1921 Battle of Blair Mountain. The trial was held in the Jefferson County Courthouse, where John Brown had been convicted of treason against Virginia in 1859. May 28, 1863: Arthur Boreman was elected as the first governor of the new state of West Virginia. May 28, 1920: Elmer Bird--"The Banjo Man from Turkey Creek"--was born in Putnam County. He was named best old-time banjo player in the country four times in his 60s. May 28, 1938: Basketball player Jerry West was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. West led East Bank High School to the state basketball championship in 1956 and then rewrote the record books at West Virginia University and with the Los Angeles Lakers.

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The Alex Mooney I Know

By Stephen Smoot



It is almost never appropriate for a journalist (outside of columnists) to write in the first person. You are not the story, aspiring reporters learn early on. Only when your perspective provides actual and important insight about the subject would writing in first person as a journalist be proper.

This was usually the first lesson I taught to each class of student interns in the three years I directed academic programs for National Journalism Center in Washington DC - a job I was hired to do by their then executive director, the current Representative Alex Mooney.

The first day I came to work at NJC in September of 2011 I noticed that this major non-profit, managed by the resource rich Young America's Foundation, had used plastic dollar store

lawn chairs for the use of the student interns. The program director, Hannah Jackman, saw my puzzlement and explained that "Alex is very frugal," adding that he wanted donors to see that they used their money wisely.

I worked for Alex Mooney for less than a year at NJC before he moved to West Virginia, mainly out of worry that his children would learn the wrong values growing up in Maryland. I told him that they'd love the state and that a lot of people are West Virginians all of their lives, they just don't realize it until they get there.

One could say the same of Stephen Elkins, Ken Hechler, Jay Rockefeller, Patrick

Morrissey, and others who fell in love with their adopted state and all, including Mooney, quickly becoming the Mountain State's fiercest champions.

Mooney has never been a typical congressman. For most of his tenure in office, he drove a 1996 Saturn, painted in probably the worst shade of brown ever applied to a car. By the time I knew him, the ceiling cloth was hanging down on his head and the power steering had long since died.

US Capitol Police developed a strong affection for the brown beater, which definitely stood out in a sea of black luxury SUVs. One unfortunate intern sent to retrieve something from the

vehicle discovered their dedication to it. When he opened the door, several officers converged on him to demand why he was getting into Congressman Mooney's car.

The congressman was much more comfortable talking to everyday people than the powerful elites. Once in Hampshire County, just prior to an event put on for him by Delegate Ruth Rowan, he wanted to stop to try the water at an oft used roadside spring on US 50. His car pulled in behind an old van already parked there. The owner of the van came back to ask how many gallons of water the three men in suits and ties would need. The congressman grabbed a cup and said that he just wanted to try the water,

Both men returned to the spring. Mooney stood by it for several minutes conversing with the gentleman, sipping the water, one foot on the shoulder, the other on the hillside. When

he returned, carrying a book, he exclaimed "this has been the best day. I am drinking the best water, I got to talk to a great constituent, and he even gave me a Jesus book."

You never got to hear the stories of this side of Alex Mooney because he has never seen himself as a brand. He never created a public persona, never undertook the dramatic to get attention, and focused on his values and the work to advance them. Mooney also never embarrassed himself, his office, his state, his political party, or the chamber in which he sat by saying or doing something ill-conceived.

Mooney always had to work to find a balance. He came into office with powerful values which originated in his Roman Catholic faith and his devotion to the cause of Constitutional based liberty, which itself came from his family's experiences being abused by Fidel Castro's

Cuban government. Yet he never forgot his district and its needs

In 2015, House leaders included a clause to retain the Export-Import Bank within the Highway Bill. Mooney has almost a moral disgust for that institution and its potential to pick winners and losers among free market businesses. He also, however, understood that the bill was essential to further construction of Corridor H. After days of thought, he voted as his district desired - for the Highway Bill.

This was the man who lost the race for United States Senate last week, someone who kept his head down, worked hard, and represented his district as it desired.

As an editor, I could not share these details prior to the election in this publication. While I certainly favored my former boss personally, a newspaper's job lies in remaining objective and reporting the news, not trying to shape it.

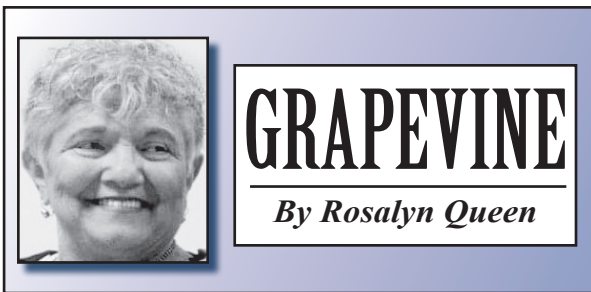
Planning For a Superb Summer of Planting, Vacationing, and Socializing

I am sure that we can safely set out our plants and the weather will cooperate with us for a hardy season. I want to encourage you to stop by the Clarksburg Farmers Market to shop for your plants. The Market is held every Saturday morning from nine to one in the parking lot by Tractor Supply. By shopping there you are supporting local farmers

and vendors. Right now they have flowers and vegetable plants. As the season progresses they will have fresh fruit and vegetables.

If you cannot shop on Saturday morning you will be able to find vegetable and flower plants at local stores such as Lowe's and Home Depot or at many of our grocery stores.

Betty Waddy, PWA



president has announced that the Women of Distinction luncheon will be held on June 28 at noon at the Uptown Event Center. This program is open to the public but reservations must be made by calling 304 624 6881. This program will honor the American holidays and West Virginia Day and will honor All American Women who have excelled in

volunteer efforts in our community. It is important to honor those whose volunteer efforts make a difference in our community. This event is sponsored by the Davis Funeral Home. Jimmy Mazzie, Honorary Council Chairman for the WVIHF has announced that applications for the Honorary Council bus must be in by June 1. Contact me

at 304 838 4682 for an application. I urge all of you over 80 to come join me on this enjoyable ride during the WVIHF Parade.

The Sons and Daughters of Italy of Clarksburg will be holding a joint dinner meeting with the same organization of Morgantown. Rocky Romano, president and his committee have announced that the joint dinner will be held at Murials on June 5. If interested in attending, reservations must be made in advance by calling Romano.

Take advantage of this beautiful weather

by planning a vacation. You might try visiting vacation spots in West Virginia. These short vacations can save you money but will open the beautiful sites here in our state to you and your family. We have beautiful state parks with great facilities especially if you are a camper. Mark your calendars to attend the many festivals in our state. They will surely introduce you to new cultures and great food.

Enjoy the great weather stay healthy and be safe 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

The North Central West Virginia Parkinson support group meeting will be held on Saturday, May 25th at the Brickside Bar & Grill, Bridgeport WV. The guest speakers for this month will be Leah Chapman, Therapy Representative Medtronice DBS, she will be discussing DBS, alternative non-pharmaceutical therapies for Parkinson disease, and the nonprofit WV Movement Disorder Alliance to help cover expenses insurance doesn't always cover like medical equipment. Our group is a nonprofit support group and there is no fee to join. If anyone would like more information, please contact Tracey Robertson at (304)363-1028.

"Bice" From Pg 1.

loathsome disease for nearly a year and died from it in the early morning hours of May 22nd, 1904. She was 24 years old.

Benjamin Fleming "Flem" Tucker was one of several barbers in Shinnston during the turn of the twentieth century. He had previously been engaged in the mercantile business in Shinnston, but decided being a barber better suited his interests. He and 'Aunt Mamie' married on January 2 nd , 1878.

I'm sure it was a cold snowy day because I have a newspaper article which mentions that a large group of their friends gathered into a bobsled and headed to the home of William Perry Fortney, at Teverbaugh (near Four States), to be wed. Fortney was a well-known evangelist and member of the Christian

Church, but was also Aunt Mamie's maternal uncle. Flem and Mamie made their home along lower Walnut Street on property now marked by an open lot behind the Shinnston Volunteer Fire Department.

Soon after his daughter Laura's death, Flem developed something once commonly known as dropsy, but is today referred to as edema. Edema is the swelling of bodily tissues due to excess fluid build-up and contributes to heart failure. He suffered with the illness for nearly two years, being forced to give up his trade as a barber and often became confined to his bed. He died at his home on May 2nd, 1906 at the age of 45.

For the following two years, it was just Aunt Mamie and her son, Floyd F., who, while living at home, joined the footsteps of his father and became a barber.

He worked for Harper Shinn at his barbershop, which was located along the east side of Pike Street, between Walnut and Main Streets. Like his sister, Floyd too, developed pulmonary tuberculosis and succumbed to the illness on May 12th, 1908, joining his sister and father at the grave lots shown here.

He was 25 years old. Aunt Mamie continued on with life and it was said would often be seen walking the streets in one of her long handmade dresses, carrying a basket with flowers. After her son's death, she kept her house and lived alone for six years at which time she moved in with her brother, Oliver L. Nay. She remained in good health for most of her life, attended the old Methodist Protestant Church on Main Street (the building now houses Warriors

Chapel), was baptized in the river, and became loved by everyone in town. She eventually became known as the oldest resident in Shinnston and died in 1944 at the age of 88, having outlived her children and husband for over 37 years.

Although the accompanying image is almost not recognizable by most people, the Tucker family graves are located in the Shinnston Cemetery and lie close to Rt 19, across from Lincoln High School's parking lot. All of the meadow in the background is now filled with headstones. Up until the last decade or so, Aunt Mamie's foot stone continued to be decorated each May by the late Betty (Shreves) Barnes, who was a great grandniece of Aunt Mamie. And that is this month's 'story behind the photo'.

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South Harrison Earns Sectional Baseball Title

It takes a special team to garner wins in the postseason when it is all on the line. Baseball in North Central West Virginia has been tightly competitive for decades and this year was no different.

South Harrison and veteran head coach Frank Tate had another impressive campaign that saw its fair share of ups and downs. They say those help to build character and that is what Tate is counting on after capturing the Class A region II Section 2 championship.

A three game win streak started the season back in mid March. Another three game streak propelled the Hawks to a sectional crown. The ladder was far more impressive, considering the weight of the wins and the way in which they were earned. South Harrison did not allow a run in the victories over Trinity (game one), Tygarts Valley (game two), and Doddridge County (the championship tilt.) The Hawks dominated the trio, outsourcing their opponents by a combined 27 to nothing.

The start and the finish were exceptional



The Bottom Line
By Bill Nestor
Sports Editor

for Tate and his squad, which also had a pair of other win streaks that were actually larger than the two above mentioned. They boasted a four game win streak in early May and the largest of the year, a nine game run that included a pair of winover Class AA Liberty, and Class AA Robert C. Byrd toward the end of the regular season.

There were a couple of bumps in the road for the Hawks, a four game losing streak that included a doubleheader setback to Wahama at their place occurred in late March. The second, and most alarming, losing skid lasted three games, but importantly closed out the regular season. This provided zero momentum coming into their second season.

Run production was the key issue in the seven lock-ups that did not go South Harrison's way. The Hawks would

score just 16 runs, including one shutout.

Imagine the feeling of concern around the team heading into sectional play. So much of the game of baseball is played between the ears. In other words, the players' confidence level and their mentality heading into battle go a long way toward their performance on the field. That is why Tate and his staff deserve a great deal of credit for coaching the Hawks up as they entered sectional play.

South Harrison averaged three runs a game in their last three regular season games. In the three postseason triumphs, they averaged nine runs per lock-up. The defense tightened up as well and the pitching was almost unhittable. South Harrison went from allowing 10 runs per game at the end of the season to shutting out the sectional foes.

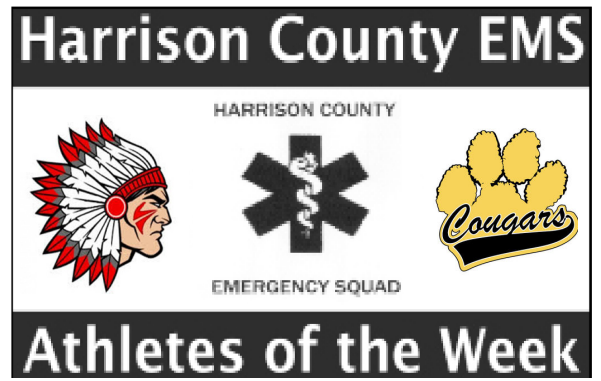
The King of the Hill has been Layton

Wageman. Wageman claimed the sectional championship win with a four hit shutout of Doddridge County this past Monday. He fanned nine Bulldogs and did not allow an extra base hit. Wageman was also one for two at the plate with a run batted in.

South Harrison gained revenge in the sectional finale. Doddridge County had previously won both regular season games, the latter a 10 to four defeat in Hawk Country. Dave Tate led the way at the dish, going two for three with a double and two runs batted in. Zane Harlow was two of four with a pair of RBIs. Gabe Ferrell was two of four with a run batted in and a run scored. Corey Saltis was one for three with a double and a pair of runs scored. Cam Evans, Brogan Medina, and Seth Gain each had a hit in the victory.

The Hawks are playing their best ball of the season when it counts the most. Let's see if they can keep it rolling towards Charleston.

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 Layton Wageman and Dane Tate. Wageman helped the Hawks to an inning shortened 10 to nothing win over Doddridge County this past Monday. The victory gave South Harrison the Class A Region II Section 2 sectional title.

Wageman tossed

a four hitter at the Bulldogs, fanning nine Doddridge County batters in the process. He was also one for two from the dish with a double and a run batted in. Tate was two for three from the plate with a double and a pair of RBIs.

Congratulations to South Harrison's Layton Wageman and Dane Tate for shining bright in the SN and HCJ spotlight!

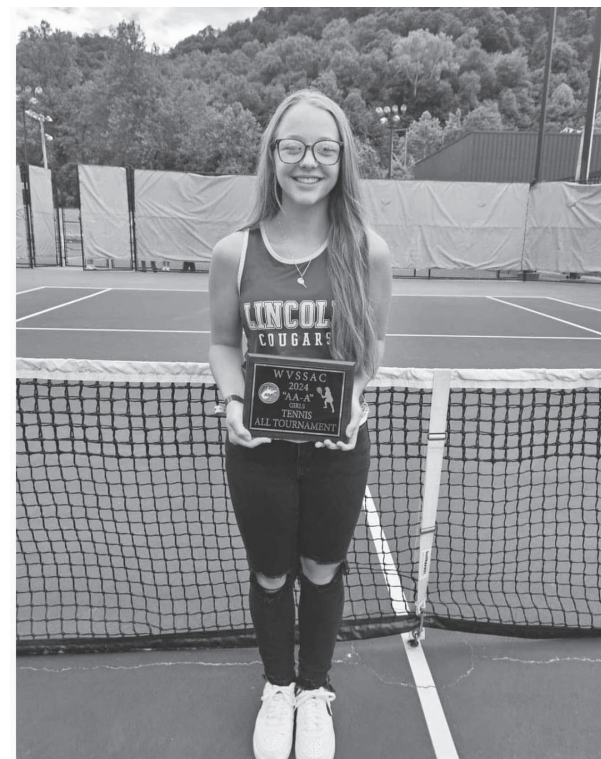
Lincoln Spring Sports Shines



The 4x100 shuttle hurdle relay team of Gerald Parado, Oliver Gonzalez, Aiden Rose, and Liam Gallagher earned a regional title and a berth in the State Track Meet.



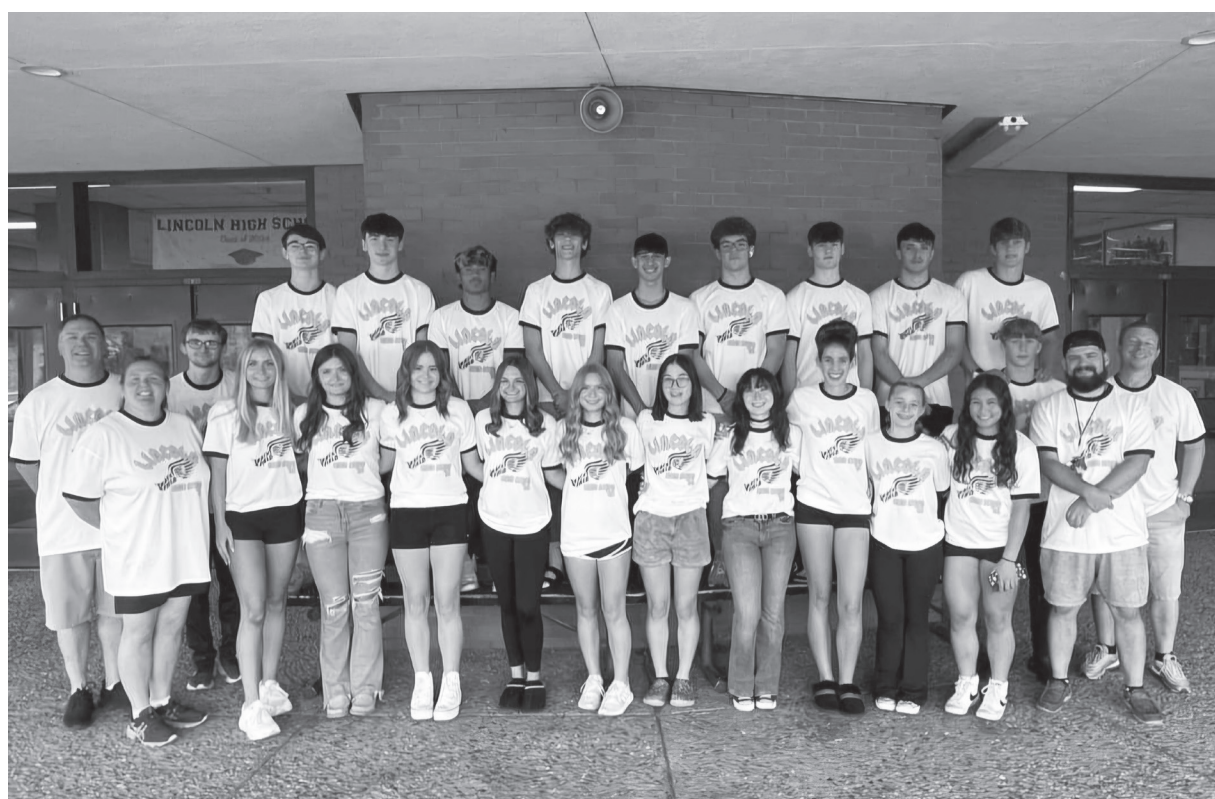
Adriana Elder delivers a pitch in regional play against Herbert Hoover.



McKenzie White made it to quarterfinals in the State tennis championships and earned selection for the all tournament squad



Liam Gallagher signs his letter of intent to play for Bethany College.



The Lincoln High Cougar track squad is going to States!



WVU Medicine UHC Receives Baby-Friendly Designation

Bridgeport, WV— WVU Medicine United Hospital Center (UHC) is proud to announce that it has once again achieved the highly prestigious international Baby-Friendly designation after a rigorous review process conducted by Baby-Friendly USA, the organization responsible for bestowing this certification in the United States. This distinguished honor demonstrates that UHC is adhering to the highest standards of care for breastfeeding mothers and their babies. These standards are built on the Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding, a set of evidence-based practices recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO)

and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) for optimal infant feeding support in the precious first days of a newborn’s life. The positive health effects of breastfeeding are well documented and widely recognized by health authorities throughout the world. For example, the Surgeon General’s

2011 Call to Action to Support Breastfeeding stated that “Breast milk is uniquely suited to the human infant’s nutritional needs and is a live substance with unparalleled immunological and anti-inflammatory properties that protect against a host of illnesses and diseases for both mothers and children.” UHC joins a growing

list of more than 20,000 Baby-Friendly hospitals and birth centers throughout the world, 554 of which are in the United States. These facilities provide an environment that supports breastfeeding while respecting every woman’s right to make the best decision for herself and her family. “UHC has long been a recognized leader in

the care of women and newborns,” said David F. Hess, MD, president and CEO. “This designation is a tribute to our commitment to ensuring that every woman who delivers a baby at our facility is given the resources, information, and support needed to help her and her baby get the best, healthiest start in life.”

UHC Celebrates National Hospital Week

Bridgeport, WV— National Hospital Week, May 12-18, is right around the corner, and it is an opportunity to highlight the health care workers at WVU Medicine United Hospital Center (UHC). Day in and day out, you count on UHC employees to support the health of our region through unwavering dedication and compassionate care.

about all staff,” said Kendra Westfall, vice president of Human Resources at UHC. “Every employee is important and helps to make sure UHC runs smoothly and successfully.” National Hospital Week presents the opportunity to have a little fun. UHC Human Resources department hopes that UHC employees celebrate the spirit of the South Pacific and discover a tropical adventure.

The Hawaiian theme will be apparent throughout the hospital as leis will be distributed to start the festivities. A luau party and feast fits perfectly in the middle of the week. A special gift will be provided to all current employees.

For information on ways to give back or show your gratitude for a specific provider or employee, please contact UHC Development at 681-342-1455 or visit www.givetouhc.org.

School of Radiologic Technology Graduation

Bridgeport, WV— United Hospital Center School of Radiologic Technology recently held a Commencement and Reception for the 2024 graduates. Diplomas were presented to 11 students from Program Director, Micah Ford; Clinical Coordinator, Jane Bray; and Clinical Preceptors, Lisa Knight and Abby Kovalck at 5 p.m., on Saturday, May 11, at the Bridgeport High School

Auditorium. Michelle Stutler, staff technologist at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg, served as guest speaker for the Radiologic Technology commencement, while Abigail Griffith delivered the class address. Special presentations included Radiography Clinical Excellence Award presented to graduate Kory Jones; Radiography Academic

Excellence Award presented to graduate Emily Bartlett; and the Laurie D’Anselmi Technologist of the Year award to technologist Michelle Stutler. Graduates of the School of Radiologic Technology include Quinn Curran, daughter of Shaun and Christie Curran of West Union; Kathryn DeMary, granddaughter of Kathryn and John DeMary of Shinnston; Abigail

Griffith, daughter of Brian and Linda Griffith of Clarksburg; Ansley Harris, daughter of Chris and Amy Harris of Lost Creek; Kory Jones, daughter of Wes Jones of Philippi and Angie Harris of Moatsville; Taylor Martin, mother of Trey and Amiya Martin, as well as the wife of Dwayne Martin; Dalton Moran, son of Brian and Jennifer Moran of Shinnston and the late Crystal Moran;

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The Nurse Externship Program at United Hospital Center (UHC) is a pathway to nursing success for senior nursing students preparing to enter the field of healthcare within the next year. UHC’s goal is to invest in the future of nursing by heightening the knowledge of future nurses, all while strengthening their passion for delivering care. During the 10-week program, externs will spend one-on-one time with nurses on med-surg units, as well as specialty units, to practice nursing skills, facilitate safe and effective care, and develop critical thinking skills. Upon completion of the program, the externs will continue to work with UHC in hope of retaining them upon graduation. The 2024 program consists of twenty externs from accredited schools both in and out of West Virginia. Front row from left to right: Derek Starkey, Jackie Dudley, Kylie Metz, Katlyn Vangilder, Kadie Dunham, Alicia Pearson, Shyann Goff, Payton Gregory, Madisyn McDaniel. Back row from left to right: Brendan Daugherty, McKenzie Booth, Gabrielle Parrish, McKinnley Riley, MacKenzie Gould, Kalyssa Wine, Rileigh Alkire, Kolby Williams, Laura Keene, Annamarie Pinti, Kianna Newbrough.

UHC Family Medicine Residency receives Award

Bridgeport, WV— of United Hospital Center, is pleased to announce that it has been

named a 2023 Human Experience (HX) Pinnacle of Excellence Award® winner by Press Ganey, the global leader in healthcare experience solutions and services. This award is part of Press Ganey’s annual ranking of the top hospitals and health systems in the country, according to performance in patient experience.

As a winner of the Press Ganey HX Pinnacle of Excellence Award®, UHC Family Medicine Residency has ranked in the top five

percent of healthcare providers in delivering patient experience. Press Ganey works with more than 41,000 healthcare facilities in its mission to reduce patient suffering and enhance caregiver resilience to improve the overall safety, quality, and experience of care.

“Each day, UHC Family Medicine Residency exemplifies dedication to their patients and workforce, showcasing a commitment that extends beyond the

boundaries of their facilities,” said Patrick T. Ryan, Chairman and CEO of Press Ganey. “In prioritizing both their employees and the communities they serve, UHC Family Medicine Residency sets a remarkable standard for compassionate healthcare. It is with great honor that we stand as partners, celebrating the outstanding achievements of UHC Family Medicine Residency.”

“Only the highest performing health care institutions in

the nation receive this national distinction,” said Eric J. Radcliffe, MD, UHC Family Medicine Residency director. “Earning the Press Ganey Pinnacle of Excellence Award is a tribute to the staff, faculty, and leaders at UHC Family Medicine Residency who demonstrate a continuous pursuit of excellence on a daily basis.”

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“Trecost” From Pg 1.

Trecost and others project that completion of the project will significantly boost use of the system and tourism, not unlike how the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal trail brings multitudes of visitors per year to the route connecting Cumberland, Maryland and Washington DC.

“When people use it, they visit. When people visit, they spend money. When people spend money here, we all do better,” Trecost explained.

Another priority of the re-elected commissioner lies in working with the sheriff’s department and other partners to bring more Prevention Resource Officers to Harrison County Schools. West Virginia recruits from the most experienced pools of law enforcement officers and provides expert training to help them bring safety and security to public schools.

Trecost explained that “our number one asset is our youth,” but that the pressures of the

drug epidemic remain relentless. “We don’t want our kids to have to get over the hurdle of addiction,” he added. In Trecost’s view, PROs bring a positive influence to education about and prevention of drug use among students. “We need to make sure that we have people in place to explain the do’s and don’ts,” he stated.

“Life is hard enough. Nobody can escape what is coming at them right now,” Trecost said, going on to say that addiction and

related issues do not discriminate.

The commissioner also spoke about his city of residence. “Shinnston is a key component of Harrison County,” Trecost shared, also saying “Downtown Shinnston has grown and grown. The city itself has done a wonderful job of marketing itself.”

“All credit goes to the city manager and council,” he said, indicating that both the previous city manager Chad Edwards and the current holder of the

office, Tori Drainer, have contributed considerably. He also pointed out the expanding selection of quality restaurants, as well as “new buildings being added and new businesses coming to the older buildings”

A subject that Trecost returns to over and over lies in the concept of the blessing of freedom to worship. He emphasized that Harrison County serves as a haven for people of faith, regardless of their faith, to worship as they

believe best.

To Trecost, the vitality of faith and freedom to worship underlies and provides foundation to the work done by business, people, and government to continue to improve Harrison County.

Harrison County has three elected commissioners, each of whom serve six year terms. Other commissioners serving are Susan Thomas, Harrison County Commission president, and David Hinkle.

“LHS” From Pg 1.

her high school career, she has dedicated many hours to these clubs, participating in Feed-a-Family, Angel Luv, Operation Christmas Child, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and Adopt-A-Highway.

Trinity also participates athletically and has been a member of the cheerleading team all four years of high school. Her team has placed in multiple competitions including Big 10, Fall Classic, Regionals, and Class AA States Competition. Most impressively, her team won the Class AA

States Competition her junior year.

Trinity has aided a project which puts her above the average student. As an EPIC Tourism Executive Planning Committee member, she and other CTE business students helped secure a \$15,000 tourism grant for the city of Shinnston. Trinity, along with the team, conducted research within the community and developed a local tourism needs assessment. With that information in hand, the students proposed

that attention be brought to the under-utilized rail trail and water trail systems located in Shinnston. Throughout the school year, the group has hosted events to attract tourists including a Haunted Trail Walk (over 400 people), a Christmas Market & Stroll, and the Shinnston Earth Day Dash 5M Run/Walk. They continue to work diligently to encourage tourism to the area.

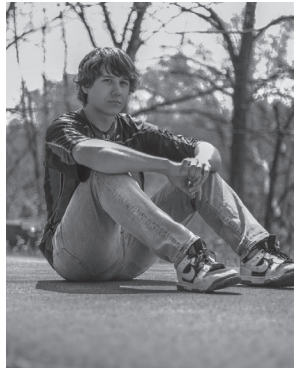
In her spare time, Trinity enjoys spending time with her family and friends, reading

books, and playing with her dog.

Trinity has been accepted into Pierpont Community and Technical

William Robert Wolfe

William Robert Wolfe is the son of Michael and Melody Wolfe. William was selected as the May Student of the Month and has maintained a perfect GPA throughout high school. William was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society and is



a Carpentry program completer at the United Technical Center.

Athletically, William is a two-year member of the Varsity Golf Team where he earned the low medalist award several times. William is also a three-year

member of the Varsity Baseball team.

William prides himself in his ability to be a motivator and student leader. He is a proud member of the Cougar Craziess where he led the student section throughout various sporting events throughout the school year.

As a God fearing man, William plans to utilize his interpersonal skills, such as loyalty and honesty, and his love for people, to inspire and motivate people in his future professional career.

“Hunt” From Pg 1.

stood at attention in their black fur hats, you realized that you would never forget this experience for as long as you live.

London is one of the most visited cities in the world, with over 18 million visitors in 2023.

April is one of the best months to visit and while the weather can sometimes be iffy, we were lucky to have just one day where there was a little rain.

We arrived on Easter Sunday and the area around Westminster Abbey was crowded but it thinned out as we walked towards the Thames River.

Abbey Road was on my wife’s bucket list, and it was one of the most unusual places that I had ever visited. We took an Uber and the driver pulled up to a sidewalk and let us out. It was just like every other intersection in the

city and the traffic was whizzing by, as Beatles fans would risk life and limb, trying to recreate the Abbey Road album cover.

There was an older guy there who had a picture of the album cover and would help the tourists get just the right look. I watched as he would pose the people and kindly ask

the impatient traffic to wait just a second. I took my wife’s picture as she reached the center of the crosswalk and she said that her trip to London was now complete.

Our trip to London had many highlights and remarkably, very few hiccups. Flying nonstop from Charlotte made a big difference and our seats were at the

bulkhead, with plenty of legroom. When we arrived, we quickly processed through customs and within minutes, we were outside Heathrow Airport, standing in the taxi line to take one of the iconic black taxis to our hotel.

After an exciting week, leaving London was just as flawless and we made it through security and

sat in the same seats that we had on the way over. Landing in Charlotte, Emery was excited to see her family as we emerged from passport control.

It was an amazing trip, but I loved just being with my wife and granddaughter, hand in hand, walking along the Thames River enjoying the day.

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OBITUARIES

Anthony Crone Sr.

Anthony Crone Sr., 66, of Fairmont, passed away on May 2, 2024. He was born on July 30, 1957 in Baltimore.

He is survived by his children, Anthony Crone Jr. of Philippi, and Rebecca Crone of Wallace; and three grandchildren, Luna, Anthony Lee, and Jacee Leeann Crone.

Anthony enjoyed golf and playing guitar.

Per his wishes, he was cremated.

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

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Barbara "Barb" Ann (Long) Ferren

Barbara "Barb" Ann (Long) Ferren, 77, of Shinnston, passed away on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at her residence. She was born in the community of Gaines in Upshur County, WV on August 15, 1946 to the Joseph "Joe" Andrew and Lily Ruth (Hammer) Long.

She was a member of the Salem United Methodist Church and was a graduate of Buckhannon Upshur High School. Barb had a fulfilling career in a variety of areas in the aviation industry. This ranged from management to worldwide parts distribution. She had a vast array of knowledge in aircraft that spanned

over 40 years. She was also an outstanding CNA. She took great pride in helping her long-term residents and was incredibly caring of her patients daily. Upon retiring, she enjoyed being able to tend to her flower gardens, watching her birds, feeding the deer and wildlife near her home. She avidly followed politics, the news, liked antiques, yard sales and was interested in tracing her family ancestry. She loved to chat over coffee with friends and family and spending time with her beloved cat, "Katie."

Barb is survived by one daughter, Jennifer "J.J." Bobbins and husband Don; one son, Larry Gene Ferren and wife Kelly; three grandsons: Cory Bobbins, Jordan Bobbins and Joshua Ferren; two granddaughters: Christie Knotts and Holly Kallmerten; eight great grandchildren: Kitt Bobbins, Autumn and Luke Knotts, Brooklyn and Dayton Kallmerten and Brooklyn, Cadance and Eli Ferren; two sisters: Caroline Long and Rita Watson of and one brother, Basil Long.

In addition to her parents, Barb is preceded in death by her husband, Larry Eugene Ferren; seven brothers and two sisters.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the family's convenience to remember Barb and share smiles, love and gather in her honor.

In lieu of flowers, the family will be setting up an account at Wesbanco in Shinnston. Donations made will be given in Barb's name to continue helping local wildlife rescues and animal shelters.

Dorsey Funeral Home is honored to be handling

the arrangements for the Ferren family.



Glen David Griffin

Glen David Griffin, 53, of Mannington, passed away on Sunday, May 12, 2024 at United Hospital Center after his long battle with cancer. He was born in Clarksburg on April 18, 1971 to the Clara J. (Jeffries) Griffin and the late Glen T. Griffin.

Glen worked for the FBI as an IT specialist but the job he loved was working on his root and wood business. He loved fishing, hunting, gardening, nature and travelling with his wife. He fulfilled a lifelong dream to go salmon fishing in Alaska with his best friends. One of his greatest joys was spending time with his grandchildren; teaching them everything he could-especially how to fish!

He is survived by his wife, Wendy C. Griffin; one son, Glen Michael Griffin and wife Brenda; two daughters: Emily Hicks and husband Seth and Abby Griffin and boyfriend Wes Carver; one stepdaughter, Amie Nicholson and boyfriend Jason Shiflett; two stepsons: Alex White and girlfriend Elle Castaneda and Chris White; six grandsons: Keenan, Owyn, Nolan, Wyatt, Dean and Levi; four granddaughters: Renlee, Kinsley, Madeline and Rayne and two sisters: Paula Carson and husband Allan and Linda Snodgrass and husband

Gary.

In addition to his father, Glen is preceded in death by one sister, Louann Snider.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Glen's honor to:

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Interment was held at Wyatt Cemetery. A Memorial Gathering will be held at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, on Friday, May 17, 2024 from 4:00pm until 6:00pm.



Kimberly Ann Rogers Heck

Kimberly Ann Rogers Heck stepped into her Savior's waiting arms on May 5, 2024 at United Hospital Center. Kim was born September 4, 1958 to G. Ferd and Ellen Louise Rogers who preceded her in death. Kim married the love of her life, Robert Keith Heck, on July 1, 1978, who survives her. Kim is survived by her only daughter and best friend, Suzanne Michelle Kniceley, son-in-law William Verde Kniceley, and two beautiful grandchildren, Eva Louise Kniceley and Calvin Luther Kniceley of Shinnston. Kim is survived by two brothers, Richard L "Rick" Rogers and Mark S Rogers and special sister-in-law Julie of Lumberport, Brothers-in-law Gary Heck (Janet) of Kinston, NC, Mike (Michelle) Heck of Austin, TX,

Kenny Heck (Shirlee) of Bridgeport, and sister-in-law Kolleen Heck of Florida. Kim is also survived by nieces and nephews that she loved as her own: Eric Colianni, Shannon Tinnell (Robert) and their children Jack and Isabella, BJ Rogers (Chas) and their children Haivan and Landon, Patrick Belcastro (Brandi) and their children Levi and Ava, Kristen Pritt and her children Camden, Casen, and Cannon, Kandace Glasscock (Jason) and their children Bryar, Bronson, and Ellen, Jesse Rogers (Joanie) and his children Gracie and Wyatt, Reba Rogers, Colton Rogers, Jeremy Heck and his children Chloe and Ayden, Matthew Heck (Kendra) and their children Piper and Porter, Benjamin Heck, Caleb Heck, Katelyn Jones (Tyler), Jake Barr (Hannah), Halie Bramer, Jenna Meekins (Joshua) and their children Jentry and Jamison, Heather Stroud (Whaley) and their children Gadson and Hudson. She was also survived by a dear foster sister, Sarah Heater.

Kim graduated Lumberport High School with the class of 1976. She attended Fairmont State College where she met her future husband Robert in the music department. Bob and Kim would spend the next 48 years making music in their church and in their community, including as members of the Shinnston Community Band and the Brass, Rhythm and Sax Orchestra. Kim taught piano from the time she was 16 years old and instilled the love of music in countless children and adults.

She was an active member of Lumberport Baptist Church for 60 years where she was the church organist and pianist. Kim was a light of hope and love and will forever be remembered for her kind eyes and beautiful smile. She was a confidant, friend, second Mom, and most importantly, an example of Jesus' love and grace to hundreds.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 from 2:00PM-8:00PM, and Wednesday, May 8, 2024 from 11:00AM-1:00PM. A funeral service will be held at 1:00PM with Pastor William Kniceley officiating. Interment



will follow at Lions Club Cemetery, Lumberport.

Martha B. Raines

Martha B. Raines, aged 89, gracefully entered eternal rest on May 10, 2024, surrounded by her loved ones at her granddaughter's home in Riviera Beach, Florida following an extended illness. Martha was born on April 11, 1935, to the late Wilbert and Mary Gordon Frum. She leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories.

Martha is survived by her daughter Marsha Cook and husband Craig of Titusville, FL; Ernest Ray Raines and wife Bonita of O'Dells

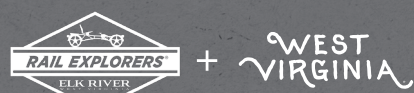
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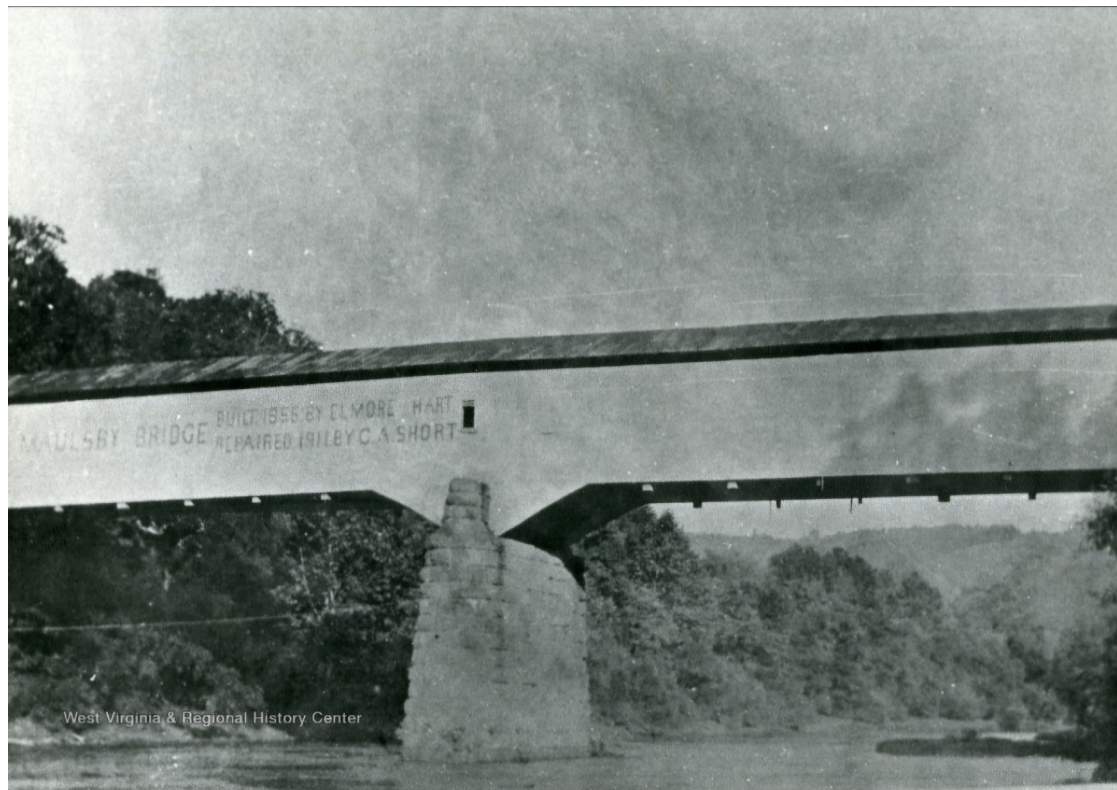


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The Malsby Covered Bridge was built in 1855 over the West Fork River. Elmore Hart constructed it in 1855 and C. L. Short repaired it in 1911.

WVU researchers working to protect West Virginia's elk herd

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Elk are making a comeback in the Mountain State, and West Virginia University researchers are studying the genetics of the population in hopes of maintaining the health of the herd.

In 2016, elk were reintroduced to West Virginia from existing populations in Kentucky and Arizona. The animals disappeared from the state in the late 1800s due to hunting and timbering.

Thirty-nine elk came from Kentucky's Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Center and 60 more were brought in from an Arizona herd, but 14 of the Arizona animals died due to capture stress and a parasitic brain worm.

To try to improve the odds of reintroduction success, researchers Amy Welsh and Adam

Cook will study the genetic diversity of both groups.

"Genetic diversity has really important implications about the future sustainability of these populations," said Cook, a graduate student in the WVU Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design from Horseheads, New York. "When you lose diversity, you can get inbreeding, loss of fitness and population shrinking. So, conserving genetic diversity is an important factor in small populations."

Cook and Welsh, program coordinator and professor of wildlife and fisheries resources, will also look for adaptive differences between the two subspecies — the elk from Kentucky

are Manitoban elk, while the ones from Arizona are Rocky Mountain elk. Such differences could have an impact on their fitness in a new environment in West Virginia.

"We're trying to link any differences we find genetically to physical characteristics of the elk," Cook said. "Adaptive differences can express themselves in real-life ways, like body and antler size. And because of the sexual selection process, that has a large influence on whether they mate and pass their genes on to the next generation. We're looking for genes that we can maybe link to body size or survival and reproduction."

He and Welsh are working with the West Virginia Division of

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Senators Should Seize Opportunity to Boost Small Business

By Kent Leonhardt,
West Virginia
Commissioner of
Agriculture

At a time of so much division and gridlock, lawmakers in Washington recently surprised Americans with some good news. The US House of Representatives passed legislation to expand the Child Tax Credit and badly needed tax relief for small businesses through the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024.

This bipartisan deal is worth celebrating. It could help millions of children living near the poverty line while also boosting our economy. Crucially, it does all this without adding to the budget deficit.

However, the legislation is stalled in the US Senate.

I urge our Senators, Joe Manchin and Shelly Moore Capito, to endorse and help push this legislation to the finish line, giving significant benefits to

our small businesses and working families.

A quarter of West Virginia's kids are estimated to live in poverty. That's a moral failure. As our state's Commissioner of Agriculture, I think every day[BS1] about how we can ensure that hungry kids are fed and that rural families can find good livelihoods. But too many children in our state are still facing extreme hardship and losing opportunities for their future. The Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act would pull at least 500,000 children nationwide above the poverty line and provide benefits to 16 million low-income families with children. Here in West Virginia, it would help at least 87,000 children, whose families' incomes are too low to qualify for the existing Child Tax Credit.

There's a strong economic case for this legislation. I often meet with business owners, farmers, and others who regularly face a

tough choice: expand their workforce or prioritize investments in essential equipment. The Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act allows American companies to deduct research and development expenses and write off a larger portion of their equipment investments upfront. These provisions help

our businesses survive and grow—which, in turn, helps alleviate poverty.

While this is a bill to fight poverty, it's not another big government spending program. It's fundamentally about tax relief. It's fully funded by terminating the Employee Retention Tax Credit — a COVID-era program that was marked by cost

overruns and fraud. That's why Republican leaders including Newt Gingrich, Mike Huckabee, and Rick Santorum, tax reduction advocates, and major pro-life groups, among others, have strongly backed the deal.

Senators need to recognize that time is short. With the 2017 Trump tax cuts expiring

next year, there may not be another chance to pass these reforms. Washington needs to get this one right. I see immense value in this bill: it offers a meaningful opportunity to address child poverty and stimulate economic growth, without contributing to the deficit. It is a win-win for West Virginia and the nation.

Let's Talk to Kids About Cancer

Thursday,
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5:30 p.m.

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Shinns Run Year-to-Date Club Update

In honor of CEOS Week, May 19 – 24, 2024, the Shinns Run CEOS (Community Educational Outreach Service) Club of Shinnston/Bridgeport would like to announce its ongoing involvement in its communities.

On May 20th, the Shinns Run CEOS will participate in the Harrison County Cultural Arts Show. The club will be serving refreshments during the meeting and some members will be entering art items they made during this past year. Each member also collected toiletry items to donate to the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Hospital and supplies for Energy Express. The items collected will be delivered during this meeting.

In addition to honoring CEOS week, the club would like to announce their upcoming TOWN TEA and membership drive. This event will be held on Wednesday, August 14 at 1:00 pm, upstairs in the “Maple Leaf Room” at Alison Independent & Assisted Living of Maplewood in Bridgeport. Community members are encouraged to fellowship with club members, Alison residents, and its wonderful staff members. Tea and treats will be provided. The WV Extension Services county representative and club members will be available to answer questions. More information will be posted soon at facebook.com/90mmMarketing and the Harrison County CEOS member group on facebook.

To continue last year’s success in service and community, the members of Shinns Run would like to share their year-to-date activities.



The Shinn’s Run CEOS presented Josh Toothman, art teacher at South Harrison Schools, with a certificate of appreciation and a check to help fund art supplies for his classroom. Left to right is Nancy Weaver, Shinn’s Run CEOS member; Josh Toothman, South Harrison Schools teacher; and April Lanham, Shinn’s Run CEOS marketing chair and member.

FEBRUARY: Club members received the County Blue Book and a copy of the lessons. Each member selected a lesson and scheduled a time to present. Members then discussed new community project ideas for the new year.

April Lanham read a poem she composed to submit for the 2024 WVCEOS Poetry Writing Contest. After taking a year off, she hopes to regain the county title.

Club members handed out “GIFTS OF LOVE” to assisted living residents at Alison. Packets included candy, handmade crocheted hearts, and a “Thinking of You” card. Gifts were assembled during the monthly meeting.

MARCH: County chair members mentioned they would like to update the

organization’s name to help recruit new members; club members were asked to think up a few ideas.

To help with cognitive awareness, the purposeful reading chair planned to incorporate a Golden Girls TV show-themed “MAD LIBS” activity during this portion of each meeting.

APRIL: Members were reminded of the upcoming donation drives and discussed the scheduled tea/membership drive in August. The club was presented with more information regarding the organization’s name change. The club agreed it would help make it easier to market our organization. Recommendations were made and submitted.

MAY: For Teacher Appreciation Week, members voted to donate

\$100 for art supplies to Mr. Josh Toothman, the art teacher at South Harrison Schools. Mr. Toothman stated that the supplies he purchased last year helped him to enhance his art program. Due to the great response, the club chose to re-sponsor him in 2024. A small presentation was made on Wednesday, May 15.

The Shinns Run CEOS Club is an affiliate of the Harrison County CEOS and the WVU Extension Office in Morgantown. The Extension Service came into being with the Morrill Act, that was signed July 2, 1862, by President Abraham Lincoln. This established a land grant college in each state. West Virginia was founded in 1867 as a land grant college. As of 1999, the Extension Service is now known

as The West Virginia Community Educational Outreach Service.

WVCEOS is a voluntary, nonprofit organization that cooperates with the West Virginia University Extension. It is one of the largest educational organizations in the nation. Together, members conduct and participate in motivating educational activities that help members continue their education, gain leadership skills, and inspire community involvement. The program is open to men and women in all 55 counties.

Members of the Shinns Run CEOS Club include President, Pat Rummel; Vice President, Jean Ruckman; Secretary, Pam Kane; Treasurer, Melanie Thomas; Continuing Education, Carmen Robinson;

Family Committee, Sandra Griffin; Marketing, April Jo Lanham; Donna Light; Betsy Thomas; Helen Turnell; Patty Coffield; Evelyn Harris; Louann Hawkinberry; Sandra Marra; Nancy Weaver; Karen Morgan; and special junior member, Charles Hinton-Lanham.

The club meets the second Wednesday of every month from 10 am until noon at the Alison Independent & Assisted Living of Maplewood, Bridgeport.

For membership information, contact John Wickline at 304-624-8650 – or visit The Community Educational Outreach Service website, <https://extension.wvu.edu/community-business-safety/community-educational-outreach-service>.

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Natural Resources, which will use this adaptive study to identify individuals or groups that would be a good fit for future relocations, as animals with better adaptations will have a higher

chance of success when moved.

Adaptive differences may also play a role in elk health. While the new herd faces threats from predation — mostly on calves by coyotes and black

bears — brain worm has caused a higher mortality rate. White-tailed deer transmit the parasite but are not sickened by it, while elk often succumb to the infection.

“We can look and see if there is a genetic consistency with all the elk that we know have died from brain worm,” Cook said. This adaptation, albeit an unfavorable one, could help determine which animals are more likely to die from brain worm and thus inform the WVDNR on future

reintroductions.

Parentage analysis is another important aspect of the project. The researchers are trying to identify both parents of all 50 elk that have been born in West Virginia since the reintroduction. This will help determine if members of the two source populations are mating with each other.

The parentage analysis will also allow Welsh and Cook to see if elk from Kentucky are moving across the border and breeding with West Virginia elk. “The Kentucky

population was a reintroduction that took place around 2000,” Cook said. “And they’re the poster child for elk reintroductions in the East because they brought in 1,500 elk from six different states. They went for the quantity and diversity approach, which has worked very well. And they’ve got over 10,000 now.”

When it comes to maintaining genetic distinction, there’s no way to know how a population will behave. Welsh said an elk herd in the Smoky Mountains also comes from separate states, but the two groups are not breeding.

“In other locations, they are mixing,” she said. “So, we don’t really know what to expect, and it’s going to be interesting.”

Elk populations have

continually existed west of the Mississippi, in the Rocky Mountains and into Canada. Restoration efforts to reestablish elk populations in the East began in the late 1890s, but early reintroductions failed because there was no way to monitor herd progress. Now, Welsh sees the research as a vital step in the restoration of elk in the East.

“Our lab has done a couple of these kind of reintroduction assessments after the fact,” she said. “It’s not often done in conservation and wildlife management, in terms of figuring out whether or not a reintroduction was successful, but it’s needed.”

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Bob represented my district when I was growing up, and he's who first asked me to

consider running for office, serving as the model legislator. He showed how to keep your family first. He led what was then the Minority party with a decorum that can be

tough to muster when you're always on the losing side of what you believe is right. And he demonstrated congeniality when he returned some years later as Republicans were in

the Majority.

Maya Angelou said people forget what you say and what you do, but they never forget how you made them feel, and that's evident with Bob Ashley. He's leaving us

much too early, but if you ever had the pleasure of interacting with Bob, you know that every interaction with him was in fact a pleasure, and always with a smile. He will be sorely missed.

"Obits" From Pg 7.

Knob; David Lee Raines and wife Sandy of Fairmont; Anna Layman and husband Joseph Paul (J.P.) of Fairmont; Sally Basnett and husband Phillip of O'Dells Knob. Her memory will forever be cherished by her grandchildren: Desiree Reavis and husband Chris of Riviera Beach Fl, Lisa Cook of Wilmington NC, Jacob Cook of Merritt Island Fl, Christopher Raines, Joseph, Matthew, and Justin Raines, Zachary Tucker, Nicholas Martin, Josh and Abigail Snoderly, Brandy Bumstead, Katie Basnett, and husband Chris, as well as Ashton Cook and several great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren Chevie Reavis and Anastasia Woods. She is preceded in death by her first husband Richard Deem who passed away in 1988, and Glenn "Bud" Raines who passed away in 2021. Her 5 brothers Jessie Frum, Rev. Charlie Frum, Davis Frum, Acie Frum, and Oscar Frum and 5 sisters Opal Frum, Anna

Shingleton, Delsia Frum, Grace Markley, and Ethel Foster.

Martha retired from the Harrison County Health Department. In her final years, Martha found joy in the warmth of South Florida. She was a devoted fan, never missing her grandson Chevie's football and baseball games. Martha learned to love the thrill of adventure, getting her passport at age 88 and eagerly embarking on her first international cruise in 2023 reminding us that it is never too late to enjoy life. Her vibrant spirit illuminated every gathering, making her the life of the party.

Martha's departure leaves a void in the hearts of all who knew her, but her spirit will continue to shine bright in the memories she created with her infectious laughter. She will be deeply missed. May she rest in eternal peace, and her legacy forever etched in the hearts of her loved ones.

The family will receive friends at the Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St., Shinnston, from 5-8pm, Friday. A funeral

service will be held at Jewel City Church, 511 Jewel City Blvd, Meadowbrook, at 11am, Saturday, May 18, with Pastor Robert Shingleton officiating. Mrs. Raines will lie in state one hour prior to the service at the Church. Interment will be in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Enterprise. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Frum/Raines family



Maylee Schindler

Maylee Schindler Rose Schindler, infant daughter of Carl Anthony Schindler of Lost Creek and Emily Rose Sampson of Lumberport, passed away at United Hospital Center on May 12, 2024.

Maylee is survived her maternal grandmother,

Patricia Sampson of Shinnston and maternal grandfather, Zach Martin of Lumberport; paternal grandfather, David Watson, Jr.; maternal great grandparents, Jamie and Elizabeth Sampson of Lumberport; paternal great grandparents, Kenny and Diana Schindler of Lost Creek; maternal great great grandparents, Roy and Patricia Sampson of Lumberport; two aunts: Makayla Schindler of Bridgeport and Lysie Hubbard of Clarksburg; two uncles: Adam Watson of Lost Creek and Eli Hardebeck of Bridgeport; one great uncle, Jamie Sampson, Jr. and wife Elizabeth of Bridgeport and one cousin, Noah Hubbard of Clarksburg.

Maylee is preceded in death by her paternal grandmother, Jaquelyn "Nicole" Schindler.

Family and friends will be received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston on

Sunday, May 19, 2024 from 2:00pm until time of service 4:00pm with Pastor Buzzy Holbert officiating.

Dorsey Funeral Home is honored to be handling the arrangements for the Schindler - Sampson family.



Karen Sue Shaver

Karen Sue Shaver, 71, of Harrisville, passed away on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at WVU Hospitals Camden Clark Medical Center. She was born in Haywood, August 2, 1952, a daughter of the late Charles Lester Mary Mae Stout Carnes.

Surviving are one brother, Foster Carnes and his wife Bambi;

one sister, Betty Quinn; her brother-in-law, Sam Perry; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Karen was preceded in death by one son, Nathan Guy Shaver; and her siblings: Clarissa Ann Perry, David Lee Carnes and his wife Linda, Charles Carnes and his wife Helen, and Shirley Riffle and her husband Lee.

Karen graduated from Lumberport High School. She worked various jobs throughout her lifetime. She was a caregiver to her family and loved collecting Elvis Presley memorabilia. Karen loved life.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation services were provided and no services will be held. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Shaver family.

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Thank you to everyone who voted for me, put a sign in their yard, or volunteered in any way during the campaign. Unfortunately, things did not turn out as we had hoped. Congratulations to Harrison County Circuit Court Judge-Elect Joe Shaffer.

Thank you, Ryan Kennedy

