

Lumberport Farm Club Promotes and Informs Local Ag Community

By Stephen Smoot

Last April, with one of West Virginia's most famous foraging crops in full growth, the Lumberport Farm Club, or Progressive Farmers Club of Jones Run Community, held its annual ramp fundraising dinner.

Few foods have a deeper tradition in the state than ramps, a food enjoyed by Cherokee Indians as both an early spring fresh treat and a useful medicine. On this day, the club's ladies and officers joined efforts to provide potatoes, freshly cut and cooked ramps, brown beans, cornbread, and homemade desserts.

People from all walks of life, from fellow farmers to candidates for office, filed into the building to enjoy a down home feast.

"It's been going on since the 70s," said Denzil Morris, the organizational treasurer.



One of the projects run by the Progressive Farmers Club is Becky's Lending Library at the Jones Run Community Building.

He explained that the mission of the club lies in holding "meetings once a month to go over things farmers need and

do, and share what's going on with farming." Jones Run Community

The club usually Building, which has its

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A Road Not Taken

By Jim Hunt for the News and Journal



The Interstate Highway system is one of the remarkable achievements in the United States and we take for granted the four-lane marvels that go from North to South and East to West. It has fueled trillions of dollars in economic impact to cities and towns

across the country along with making travel safer and more convenient to the masses. If you are over 60 years of age, you probably remember the construction of the interstates and how it seemed that they would never be finished. You may also remember the twisty roads that we traveled, before air

conditioning was widely available and how those hot summer rides were misery.

My son and I recently drove to Charlottesville, Virginia to pick up a truck that I had purchased over the internet. When we entered the destination into the GPS, it routed us through Elkins and onto Route 33 where we passed the Bowden fish hatchery and the beautiful Seneca Rocks that is one of the prettiest spots in West Virginia. The weather was perfect for a drive, and we passed farmland with cows and chickens and little diners and antique shops. The occasional deer were eating grass along the highway and a squirrel would dart across the road in front of us, often stopping in the middle of the road to decide which was the better way to go.

There were no tractor trailers traversing the curvy roads and only a few log trucks making their way to

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Women's Club Returns to Community Service After Winter Break

By Debra Herndon

After a winter hiatus, the Woman's Club of Shinnston began their monthly meetings on Monday,

April 15th at the Club House on Bridge Street with Co-President Mary Ann Ferris presiding. The group heard from Lincoln High School's EPIC Tourism Grant Committee about their trail signage project and their proposed beautification project for the downtown. Attending from the Committee were Sierra Menendez, Trinity Eldridge, Cameron Patton and Diane Mason as well as advisor Mrs. Julie Yearego.

Mrs. Ferris reported on the Woman's Club Winter Conference and awards the Shinnston Woman's Club had earned. The members present voted to retain the same officers for the 2024-2026 term.

On May 20th, co-President Debra Herndon presided. Secretary Wanda F. Ashcraft gave devotions with a Mother's Day theme and the group said the Pledge of Allegiance in unison.

Connie Leuliette led an installation ceremony for incoming



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officers: Co-Presidents Starkey, Second Vice Mary Ann Spadafore, Mary Ann Ferris, President Carrie Recording Secretary Ferris and Debra Herndon, First Vice Mancino, Treasurer Wanda F. Ashcraft, and President Deborah

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Andy Benson performs in Shinnston for the Earth Day street party.

Shinnston's Benson an Emerging Beacon of City and State Arts and Music Scene

By Stephen Smoot

As one area municipality seeks to grow its arts scene without such burdens demonstrates its commitment to the growth and prosperity of music and the arts.

That commitment comes from deep traditions across the state, but particularly in North Central West Virginia where early radio stations created the careers of legendary performers, such as "Little" Jimmy Dickens. Today, open air concerts

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OPINION

Show Me the Man and I Will Show You the Crime

By Stephen Smoot

Consider the case of a young impoverished black man arrested and prosecuted in New York City. Police failed to make a solid case against the young man, but prosecutors filed three charges against him for armed robbery, assault and battery, and breaking and entering. Prosecution witnesses included a known prostitute, a disgraced lawyer, and other shady characters whose testimony raised more doubt than not.

The young impoverished black man's lawyer protests vehemently when the judge says that the defendant is such a threat to his neighborhood that the jury need not come to a unanimous conclusion on any one charge. Four can settle on armed robbery, four on assault and battery, and four on the breaking and entering. The judge will conclude that any combination thereof from the jury represents a guilty verdict and the young impoverished black man will face the full weight of the justice system against him.

Outraged yet? Now consider that the case described prior is a hypothetical. In the real life situation, the defendant is Donald J. Trump. His case is only different than the hypothetical in that the charges he has been tried on have basically been invented from thin air.

For example, the

"hush money" that he is accused of paying was reported to the Internal Revenue Service on a 1099 form. In what universe does one make a hush payment, then report it to the federal government?

The Left cheers this example of what Joseph Stalin used to call a "show trial," farcical judicial proceedings against people deemed politically undesirable. This farce of a trial, however, has very real consequences that extend beyond the former and likely future president.

Return to the case of the young impoverished black man. The American judicial system rests on the concept of "stare decisis," or let the prior decision stand unless circumstances warrant something different.

What a prosecutor and judge use against Trump and his lawyers paid by millions of dollars will also come to pass against the young impoverished black man represented by a bored and/or incompetent public defender whose only goal lies in getting a plea and avoiding the work of a trial.

Regardless of whether one thinks Trump is the ultimate secular saint or worst political demon, this precedent serves as the biggest threat to the rights of the accused in American history. The Left's single minded tried on have basically been invented from thin air.

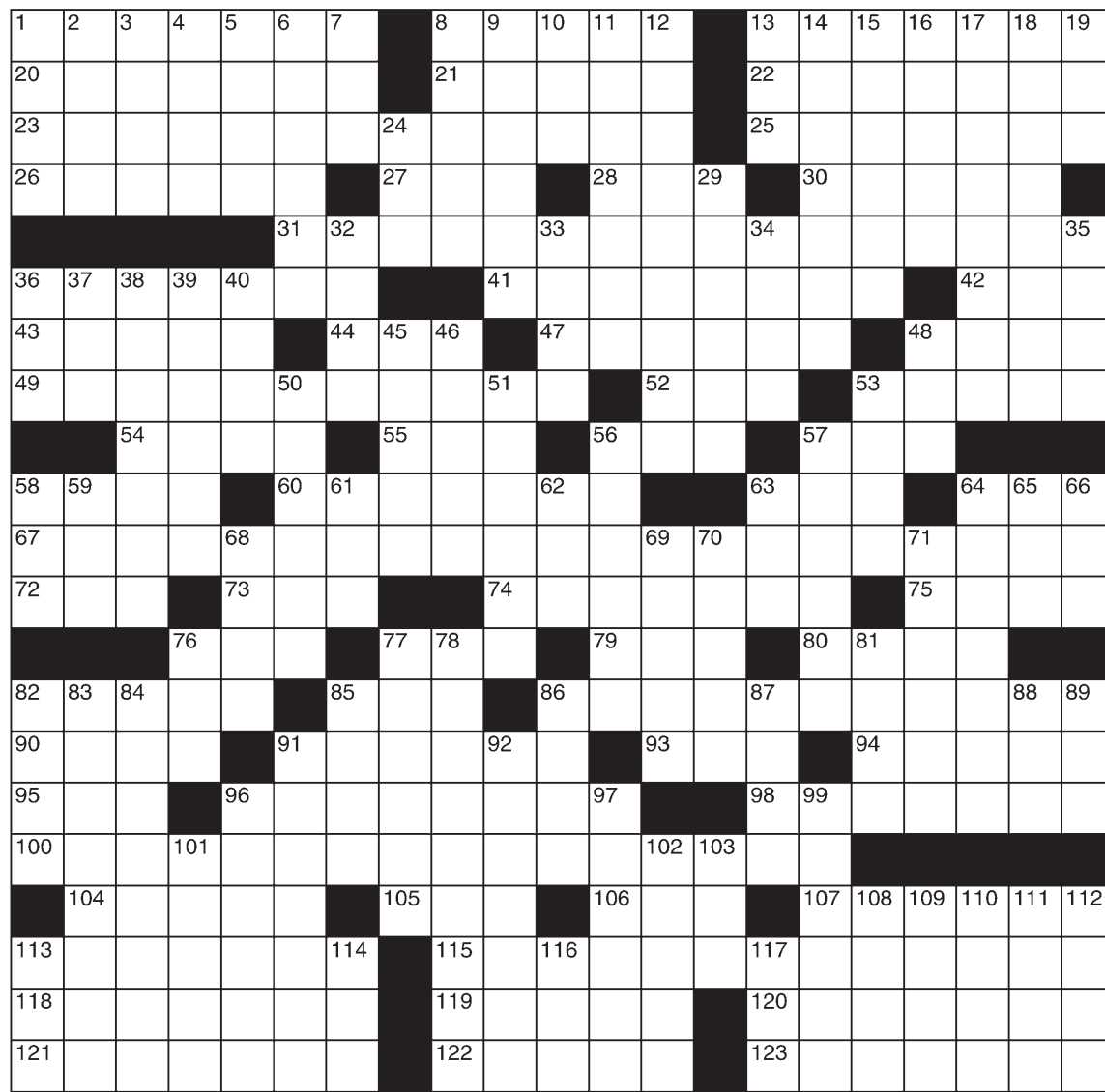
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Super Crossword

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Charleston WV - and John Newbery 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. June 6, 1892: Entrepreneur Donald F. Duncan was born in Ohio but grew up in Huntington. Duncan founded the Duncan Yo-Yo Company and the Duncan Parking Meter Corporation. June 6, 1954: Cynthia Rylant, author of more than 100 books for young people, was born in Hopewell, Virginia, and raised in southern West Virginia. She has been honored with the prestigious Caldecott medals. June 7, 1899: Congresswoman Elizabeth Kee was born in Radford, Virginia. She became West Virginia's first female member of Congress in 1951. June 7, 1926: An explosion at a sand mining operation in Morgan County killed six men. Their deaths were the inspiration for the ballad "The Miner's Doom." June 9, 1927: Karl Dewey Myers was named the state's first poet laureate by Governor Howard Mason Gore. Myers held the post for 10 years.

June 9, 1957: T. D. Jakes was born in South Charleston. As a boy, he preached to imaginary congregations and carried a Bible to school, which earned him the nickname "Bible Boy." He is the senior pastor at the Potter's House, a nondenominational church in Dallas, Texas. June 10, 1775: The Berkeley County Riflemen were organized by Capt. Hugh Stephenson of Shepherdstown, in response to a call for Revolutionary War soldiers by Gen. George Washington. June 10, 1921: Labor leader Daniel Vincent Maroney was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. Maroney served as international president of the Amalgamated Transit Union from 1973 to 1981. June 11, 1866: Architect Elmer Forrest Jacobs was born in Preston County. His work can be seen particularly in downtown Morgantown, in residential South Park, and on the West Virginia University campus. Most of his Morgantown buildings are now listed in the National Register of Historic Places. June 12, 2006: Robert C. Byrd became the longest-serving United States senator in history. He served in the Senate from 1959 until his death in 2010. His record was broken in 2013, by Congressman John Dingell, a Michigan Democrat, but Byrd still retains the Senate record.

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My Effort to Protect Your Electric Supply

A sworn statement I issued recently on behalf of the Public Service Commission is at the heart of a multistate effort, led by West Virginia, to limit efforts of the federal government to wreck our state's economy. While that is an important element of my work, it is even more crucial to protect and defend the nation's electric energy supply.

extent I can. I confess this latest assault by the federal government on coal-fired electric energy generation has deeply upset me. But we are talking about the promise that when you go home tonight and flip that electric switch, you are going to have power to cook your dinner, watch television, or use your home computer.

I reiterate it is all well and good to aspire to a higher plane in energy production and to protect the environment. Who wouldn't want that? I



want that. Everyone wants that. But the practical reality is that wanting is not getting.

Wishing for a cleaner energy supply is doing just that – wishing. You can pass all the laws you want, calling on us to switch to cleaner

energy. But none of that is going to make cleaner energy more reliable.

And until that reliability is assured, we realists want to stick with what we know is a reliable energy source. And that is coal. It is

the backbone of our state's economy.

So new rules proposed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that will accelerate the end of coal-fired electric generation are being opposed by the Public Service Commission and our more than half the other states.

These rules are issued under the fictitious notion that a mostly untried technology, labeled carbon capture,

will allow electric power plants to use coal in the future with some slight adjustments.

This is not true. Those adjustments are not simple. EPA, industry, and anyone in the know can clearly tell you that. They are untested, untried, and unreliable.

So for now, my 27-page sworn statement about the incredible damage these rules will cause will be a cornerstone of the lawsuit that fights to keep our reliable energy supply safe.

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the sawmills. As you reached the top of the mountains, you could see for miles, and it was so green that it looked like carpet stretched over the mountains. The homes were quite diverse with some large, historic homes that were several hundred years old to modern places with large decks to observe the views.

Some homes were small and modest with an accumulation of old cars, tractors and appliances strewn around the yard. You had a sense that in years past, there were many more people that lived off the land almost disconnected from society.

With no cellphone signal, my son and I had an uninterrupted time to talk about

stories of growing up and how much he wanted to spend more time in the mountains, fishing and hunting. Life seems different in the mountains and the lack of fast-food restaurants and truck stops every ten miles; makes you think about what really matters in life. We laughed when we realized that without a cell signal, a flat tire

or dead battery meant you would need to depend on the kindness of strangers to get you out of a jam.

There were no large cities on our route and the little towns we passed, had barely a couple dozen houses and a post office and a Dollar General store. The history of the area was sometimes noted on the metal historical

signs that described a Civil War battle or some notable settler to the area. As you passed some of the towns, an old gentleman with a white beard would look up from his chair and nod as you made eye contact. It seemed to be something he did every day as he watched the time go by.

The interstate highways have changed

the way we live, and it would be hard to go back to the days without them, but there is something to be said about the “old” way of travel and the conversations we miss as we are buried in our smartphones and GPS devices.

I was thankful for this day and the experience of sharing stories with my son and seeing the beauty of our country.

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own history stretching back over 60 years. According to the club's flier, “young women of rural Lumberport area, including Jones Run, Reeses Run, Shinn Run, and Nolan Run recognized the need for an Extension Home Makers' organization.”

In 2015, the Progressive Farmers Club of Jones Run Community started offering “educational materials, programming, and fun activities,” including agriculture classes and expert presentations.

Morris stated that between 30 and 40 come to each meeting, most of them involved in cattle and related fields, but others come to learn about more effective gardening.

Cattle farmers need

more support than ever, he added, explaining that the cost of farming continues to rise. “There's a lot more to it than going out and feeding cattle. It takes work, time, and everything else.”

One of the recent programs featured by the club allowed cattle marketing experts from Ohio State to share information.

Carol Minnix, who during the dinner helped to man the kitchen, explained that the club provides a forum where they can “have farmers come in and bounce ideas off of each other. It's a place for people to come to gather, socialize, and learn.”

“We could use some

younger people,” said Tom Harrison, a long time member and vice president for the club. Minnix said also that “it would be a good thing for the future for the FFA to be involved.”

The club would like to see a diverse membership that engages in widely different types of farming. Harrison added “we're always looking for new members,” and said that they welcome people from all different fields of farming. “If they have something to promote or some kind of class, we welcome all of that.”

Preserving and promoting a mutually supportive farming community, however, remains paramount.

As Greg Marshall explained “we keep tabs on each other.” Harrison said “Greg is a leader of a lot of what we have going on.”

Asineveryagricultural organization, women have assumed bigger roles in advancing organizational missions. “Women are the engine that push the thing,” said Harrison, who pointed out how they ran the ramp dinner.

“Something else we've done,” Harrison shared “is create a little public library.” At the Jones Run Community Building, the club took an idea formed by local farmer Becky Osborne and converted a small storage building into an open lending library.

Although Osborne contracted cancer and did not live long enough to see it come to fruition, the group named it “Becky's Lending Library.”

From the floor to the ceiling, the club stuffed the structure with a variety of types of fiction and non fiction books, kept for the use of the community.

With renewed interest in small scale farming of diverse crops, the emergence of new techniques, and the increasing appeal of homesteading, the Progressive Farmers Club serves as an ideal forum and community to serve as a resource no matter how experienced a person is who wants to work on the land.

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

Louis Johnson VA Hospital Events In Area This Summer

Harrison County Town Hall will be on Thursday July 11, 2024 at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center at 5 p.m. (1 Medical Center Dr., Clarksburg W. Va. 26301)

On Thursday July 18 we will hold a Women Veterans Town Hall at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center at 5 p.m. (1 Medical Center Dr., Clarksburg W. Va. 26301)

On Thursday July 25 we will hold our Summerfest PACT Act Claims Clinic at the Nathan Goff Armory in Clarksburg from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. (206 Armory Rd., Clarksburg W. Va. 26301)

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Corresponding Secretary Judy Wilson.

A memorial service followed with a ceremony and remembrances of Sulayne Brooks. Three pieces of Sulayne's art were on display. Guests and special friends of Sulayne; Amy Haberbosh Wilson, Gabby Bland and Terri Bland were in attendance.

Recipient of last year's SWC's scholarship, Alexis Herndon was present to give an update of her experiences at Davis and Elkins College and her coming



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summer internship. Mary Ann Ferris reported that there were 10 applicants for the

current year and that the committee would be scoring the applications later in the week. The

Committee met and Liam Gallagher was the winner of the small scholarship for 2024.

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court gives the judge the rhetorical spanking he deserves in a reversal should Trump be “convicted,” will have a horrific ripple effect.

It will drown defendants who lack the means to fight a judicial system stacked high against them.

The headline came from a quote spoken

by Lavrenti Beria. Beria served as Joseph Stalin's last head of Soviet secret police.

Stalin used prosecutors and trials to eliminate rivals and potential rivals from the political stage. Observers called them “show trials” because the crimes never happened, the charges were invented,

the goings on of the trial held up as popular entertainment, and the verdicts never in doubt.

New York State's show trial and similar farces across the nation directed at Trump, if not dramatically reversed by a higher court, will cost impoverished defendants dearly. They will pay the price for

the Left's lynch mob mentality long after whatever happens to Trump.

But they don't care. Their hatred is a pure burning fire. Either douse it completely with cold water, or watch it burn down the rights and liberties that citizens of a Republic hold dear.

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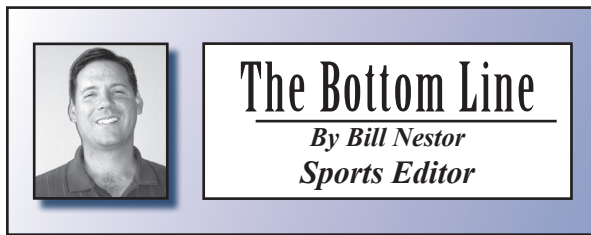
One Last Dance After the Final Ride!

Now that the 2023-24 year of high school sporting events is finally in the books, it's encore time. We are not looking for a rendition of "Free Bird" or for anyone to come back out on stage and take a bow.

It's North-South time in the great State of West Virginia.

North-South games provide two fantastic opportunities; one is for athletes and the other is for the entire state. Senior players get one last chance to play the sport they love - a swan song if you will. The very best of the best are selected to compete and it provides bragging rights to the Northern or Southern part of the Mountain State - depending on the winner.

The North-South football game will be played on June 15 at South Charleston High School and will tee off at high noon. Lincoln's Brayden Edgell and Maddox Perine are Harrison County's lone representatives. Other North Central West



Virginia participants include Lewis County's Brayden Carder, Tyler Carson, and Drew Clayton; North Marion's Landon Frey, Aaron Hoffman, Nathan Miller, and Casey Minor; East Fairmont's Avery Brown and Ian Crookshanks; Morgantown's Braylon Brown and Jaylon Hill; Fairmont Senior's Gavin Mitchell and Dylan Ours; Phillip Barbour is represented by Keaton McDermott; and Tyler Consolidated sends prolific running back Sean Winfrey to the all-star affair.

Area coaches represented are Lewis County's Dustin Cogar and North Marion's Daran Hayes will serve as assistants to Head Coach Marcus Law from Spring Mills. The players will report on June 9 to prepare for the epic battle.

On the diamond, the North-South battle involved a two part series. The most famous words that surround America's Pastime (let's play two) came into effect with this showcase. Approximately 30 minutes after the conclusion of game one, two was set to start.

Bridgeport placed the most players on the North roster, which was no real surprise, considering the Indians' successful campaign. Brody Pierce, Dylan Duvall, and Rowan Michaelis were the key contributors all season and they represented the Tribe on this all-star roster. Notre Dame was represented by Preston Heslep. East Fairmont had a pair of reps on the squad in Donny Raddish and Ian Griffius. Lewis County had Trenton Hunt and

Joey Aman named to the squad.

Also, Grafton's Issac Lough and Phillip Barbour's Albert Gonzales round out the area selections.

Recently, one of the best known boys high school basketball coaches in North Central West Virginia retired. East Fairmont's Tyrone Asterino has hung up his whistle after 20 years as the head man of the Bees program. Astorino amassed 226 wins during his tenure and went out on top. This past year, Astorino guided East Fairmont to the Class AAA boys basketball state semifinals.

Asterino has long been known for developing talent. Case in point is Jackson Caruso, a star on last year's team that has extended his playing career by signing with West Virginia Wesleyan University.

Astorino is leaving the Bee basketball program in a great place!

That will do 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

The Harrison County athletes in the spotlight this week are South Harrison's Gabe Ferrell and Seth Gain. Recently, the Hawks finished up a sensational baseball season just two wins shy of a state tournament berth.

Gabe Ferrell and Seth Gain led South Harrison in the regional lock-up with East Hardy. In

game one, Ferrell had a base hit and a stolen base to lead the Hawks. Gain drove in a run in the opening game with a sacrifice fly. Gain also picked up a hit in game two for South Harrison.

Congratulations to South Harrison's Gabe Ferrell and Seth Gain for shining bright in the SN and HCJ spotlight!

Morrisey, Allies Score Major Win for College Athletes

CHARLESTON — West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey on Thursday announced a proposed consent judgement has been submitted in a lawsuit against the NCAA that challenged the association's Transfer Eligibility Rule, which would permanently bar the organization from enforcing its onerous transfer rule.

The agreement, which must be approved by U.S. District Judge John Preston Bailey, removes what the coalition views as an illegal restraint on the athletes' ability to market their labor and control their education.

At issue was the

NCAA's transfer eligibility rule, which required athletes who transferred among Division I schools to wait one year before competing in games unless they were granted a waiver. Although it never changed its rule, the NCAA in 2021 began automatically exempting first-time transfers from the regulation. Simultaneously, it continued to enforce the rule for subsequent transfers and to deny waivers for no legitimate reason.

The lawsuit, filed in December, was spurred after the NCAA denied the RaeQuan Battle a transfer waiver allowing

him to immediately play basketball for West Virginia University. After a preliminary hearing in December, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia temporarily ordered the NCAA to allow transferring students to participate in games through the end of this academic year.

"This a great victory for not only RaeQuan, but for all student-athletes burdened by the flawed NCAA transfer rule," Attorney General Morrisey, who worked with a coalition of 10 states led by Ohio in the lawsuit, said. "The NCAA needs to enact consistent, logical and

defensible rules that are fair and equitable for everyone."

The District of Columbia and the U.S. Department of Justice later joined the coalition in the lawsuit. The lawsuit alleged the NCAA violated Section 1 of the Sherman Act.

"The NCAA needs to recognize underlying issues that affect student-athletes in every decision," Attorney General Morrisey said. "Real life issues often are at stake."

The proposed settlement makes permanent the judge's decision in favor of the athletes.

In addition to ensuring

athletes' autonomy, the agreement also:

Prevents retaliation from the NCAA against member institutions and athletes who challenge the rule or support those who do. This includes safeguarding student athletes' rights to compete during legal proceedings without fear of punitive actions from the NCAA.

Requires the NCAA to grant an additional year of eligibility to Division I athletes who for any reason were previously deemed ineligible under the transfer eligibility rule since the 2019-20 academic year.

Prohibits the NCAA from undermining

or circumventing its provisions through future actions, rules or policies, thereby ensuring college athletes' rights and freedoms.

Establishes the court's continuing jurisdiction to enforce its terms and resolve any disputes that may arise.

Besides Attorney General Morrisey and Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, attorneys general of Colorado, Illinois, Minnesota, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and the District of Columbia, as well as the U.S. Department of Justice, have signed on to the agreement.

Shinnston Garden Club Presents Tommy Thomas Scholarship

By Debra Herndon

The Shinnston Garden Club met at the Bice-Ferguson Museum for a luncheon meeting on May 23 rd with President Dorothy Rota presiding.

Vice-President Wanda Ashcraft gave devotions and members said the Pledge to the flag in unison. Secretary Letha Stutler read the minutes and Treasurer Debra Herndon gave her report.

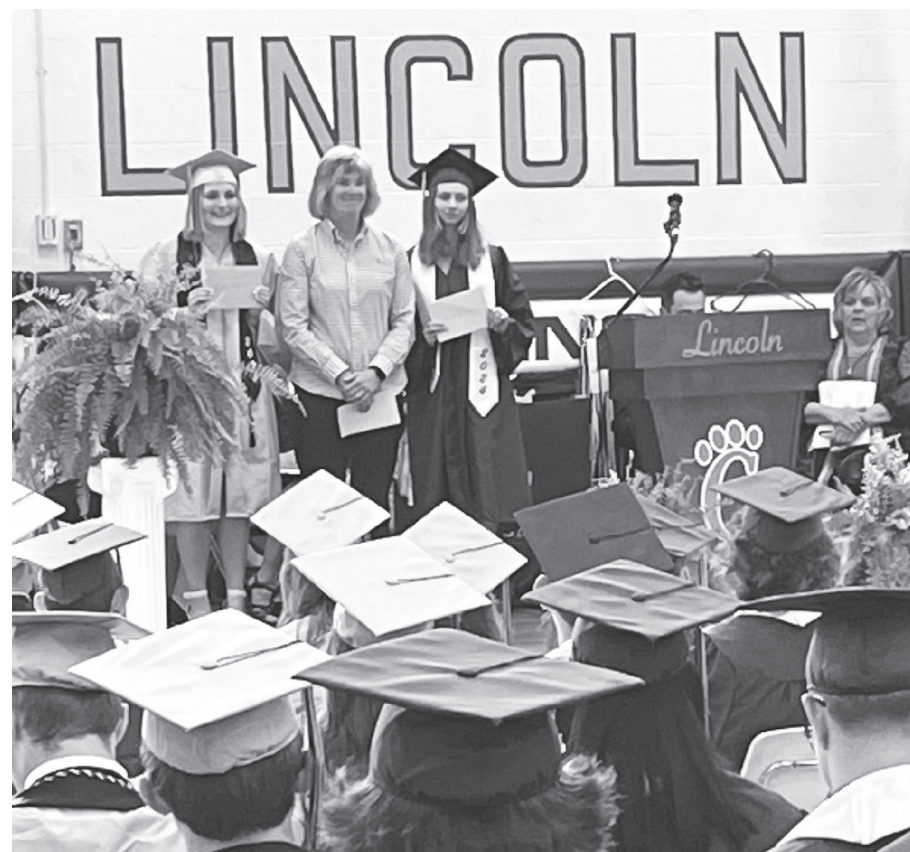
The Club's decision to purchase new flower planters in support of Lincoln High School's EPIC project was discussed. The planters will be placed at the conclusion of the State's sidewalk access project. The school's EPIC project will continue into the new



Susan Thomas, Garden Club member and Harrison County Commission president, was on hand to award scholarships to Madison Girod and Kasey Ketterman.

school year when the efforts to purchase waste receptacles and benches which will

match the new planters.



President Rota reported on attending

Lincoln's honor assembly. Member Susan Thomas awarded

two small scholarships to Madison Girod and Kasey Ketterman.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Protect Yourself from Fraud, Schemes and Scams

CHARLESTON, W. VA - After a disaster, scam artists, identity thieves and other criminals often attempt to take advantage of disaster survivors. Scammers may target survivors when they are in a stressful state and are more susceptible to potential fraud.

Scams can take different forms and be carried out in many ways, including phone calls, texts, mail or email, websites, or in person. Federal and state emergency management officials urge residents to watch for and report any suspicious activity by calling the FEMA Disaster Fraud Hotline at (866)-720-5721 or your local police department.

Some post-disaster fraud practices may include the following:

Phony government workers: You may be

contacted by scam artists posing as disaster workers who are seeking money for services. Federal, state, and local disaster workers do not solicit or accept money.

Fake offers of state or federal aid: Federal disaster employees will not promise a disaster grant. FEMA and U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) personnel never charge applicants for disaster assistance, inspections or help with completing applications. No money is solicited or accepted.

Beware of unlicensed/uninsured contractors/phony contractors: Often after a disaster, individuals will represent themselves as legitimate contractors. Ask for references, be cautious about advanced payments, make sure they are licensed and insured and obtain the proper

permits. Phony housing inspectors: When a disaster occurs, survivors may be vulnerable to phony housing inspectors claiming to represent FEMA to inspect damage. There is no charge for a FEMA inspection. FEMA inspectors will contact you to set a time to meet at the address where the damage was reported and to obtain any other required information. All FEMA personnel and contractors will have an official laminated photo ID badge. You may ask to see it. Field inspectors may use different types of communication methods to contact applicants. Inspectors may be calling from issued phones or personal cell phones, so applicants may receive calls from different area codes. Inspectors

can and will use any contact information the applicant provided in their application including phone calls, text messages and emails.

If you have any doubts when receiving a call or an inspection visit from someone stating they are FEMA personnel, do not give out any information, but call (800)-621-3362 (TTY: (800)-462-7585) between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. ET to verify the call or visit is legitimate.

There may be occasions when a FEMA representative must contact you to verify personal data. When applying for assistance, you will receive a nine-digit registration number that can be used for reference when corresponding with FEMA. That is the number you would

use to check the status of your application online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov, when calling the FEMA Helpline at 1-(800)-621-3362 or in person with a FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance (DSA) Team member. FEMA DSA staff will be working in affected areas to provide survivors with one-on-one help with applications, fielding questions about the registration process or even finding the current status of their case.

Fraudulent charitable solicitations: A list of reputable charities that are approved by the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance is available at Give.Org. Criminals exploit survivors by sending fraudulent communications through email or social media and by creating phony websites

designed to solicit contributions.

The Alliance advises, "do not respond to unsolicited emails, watch out for pushy telemarketers and look out for fake charities that sound real by using similar names." For more information about avoiding charitable giving scams, visit the Federal Trade Commission's website.

Or, if you have knowledge of fraud, waste, or abuse, you can report these tips - 24 hours a day, seven days a week - to the FEMA Disaster Fraud Hotline at 866-720-5721 or email disaster@leo.gov.

For more information on West Virginia's disaster recovery, visit emd.wv.gov, West Virginia Emergency Management Division Facebook page, www.fema.gov/disaster/4783 and www.facebook.com/FEMA.

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS TO TACKLE CYBER THREATS

By Shelley Moore
Capito - United States Senator

As the U.S. faces China's unprecedented military buildup, conflicts involving our partners in two theaters, and resurgent terror threats, it is clear that the world today is more dangerous than most Americans have experienced in their lifetimes.

Yet, as the U.S. Department of Defense pursues modernization programs to retain our competitive edge, we cannot afford to forget about vulnerabilities to the systems that the American people use every day. The cyber domain could make the difference between victory and defeat.

As the top Republican on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Defense and Homeland Security, I have a multifaceted view of

the threats we face.

There is undoubtedly a DoD interest in the cyber security of our critical infrastructure — the expertise and readiness of our service members and their equipment can be undermined in the blink of an eye if their installations lose access to power or water while attempting to deploy.

Earlier this year, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), National Security Agency (NSA), and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) issued a joint advisory that Chinese state sponsored cyber actors are pre-positioning themselves on U.S. networks to conduct destructive cyber attacks against our critical infrastructure in the event of a global crisis or conflict. According to their report, the Chinese state-sponsored group Volt Typhoon had persistent access to some U.S. critical infrastructure for up to five years.

Further, an adversary attack against U.S. critical infrastructure during a conflict could affect the lives of everyday Americans severely enough to sway public opinion in opposition to U.S. military operations. These national security challenges under DoD's purview are challenged by the fact that the majority of our nation's critical infrastructure is owned and operated by the private sector.

It is evident to me from my leadership roles on the committees responsible for authorizing public works programs and funding homeland security initiatives that today's national security issues demand increased synchronization with the state, local, and industry partners that administer our day-to-day functions.

I recently attended the groundbreaking ceremony for a new National Center of Excellence for Cyber Security in Critical Infrastructure, which

will be housed in my home state of West Virginia at Marshall University.

This NCOE will break down the walls between the DoD, the Department of Homeland Security, academia, and industry to facilitate cooperation in identifying and tackling the cyber threats we face. As a partnership with United States Cyber Command's Joint Force Headquarters-Department of Defense Information Network, as well as the National Guard, it also emphasizes a joint, operational perspective to the cyber problem set. Most importantly, it will serve as a hub for the curriculum and training of the U.S. cyber workforce necessary to defend our infrastructure—both in and out of uniform.

Cyber protection is not only a U.S. interagency, public-private challenge, but an allied problem set. I'm proud that West Virginia is also leading the way in bolstering

the cyber security of our allies and partners as the host for the U.S. team in NATO's Locked Shields Exercise.

Locked Shields is the world's largest and most complex live-fire cyber exercise, featuring 40 countries and 3,000 participants throughout NATO member states. In Morgantown, West Virginia, nearly 200 United States, Norwegian, and Montenegrin players worked as a team in the simulated cyber defense of a NATO ally under attack—an all-too-realistic scenario that we must prepare for.

The United States remains a global superpower—one that can devote resources to military modernization programs while also improving interagency and public-private coordination right here at home to protect our most critical systems.

Our next fight won't just take place in the air, on land, and at sea. Instead, it will take place in the space and

cyber domains where boundaries are blurred and partnerships are key.

If done right, the NCOE will be a model for future national security challenges that extend beyond DoD jurisdiction in areas like the private sector, academia, and state and local. On the battlefields of today and tomorrow, even the most advanced militaries will be challenged by cyber threats. Breaking down the barriers now will help us win.

U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W. Va.) is a member of the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee and serves as the Ranking Member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. Capito also serves as the vice chairman of the Senate Republican Conference, the fifth ranking Republican in the U.S. Senate.

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What To Do With Rice

By Jeff Alan

If you really love rice like I do, your theme song could be "Rice Is Nice" from the 60s band The

Lemon Pipers. When it comes to eating white or brown rice, just having it plain can be boring. There are many things that you can put on it or have with it.

I have autism and love to eat rice. In fact, I have a routine where I eat rice for both lunch and dinner.

I have tried many things on it and with it. Some of the things I have tried may seem strange.

My two favorite beef dishes to have with rice are meatballs and gravy and meatloaf, with my favorite being meatballs and gravy over rice.

To make the meatballs, you mix ground beef with onion soup mix. You roll the meatballs and place them on a baking sheet.

Then you preheat the oven to 400 degrees and bake the meatballs between 25-30 minutes. After the meatballs have been baked in the oven, they are then put in gravy which is made using beef broth and beef consommé. If you want the gravy to be thick, you can add flour or corn starch to thicken it.

Meatloaf is my second favorite beef to eat with rice. To make the meatloaf, you mix ground beef

with onion soup mix. You put the meat in a baking pan, like a bread pan. Then you preheat the oven to 400 degrees and bake the meatloaf for 40 minutes. After the meatloaf has been baked in the oven, you can cut slices and put ketchup on it, then eat it with rice. You can also put barbecue sauce on slices of meatloaf and eat it with rice as well.

Chicken is my favorite poultry to have with rice. My favorite

type of chicken to have with rice is

barbecue chicken. If you use frozen chicken, you can pour barbecue sauce over the chicken. You will then preheat the oven to 350 degrees and bake the chicken between 30-45 minutes. If you use chicken that is not frozen, you can pour barbecue sauce over the chicken. You will then preheat the oven to 350 degrees and bake the chicken between 20-30 minutes.

Even though turkey is not my favorite poultry, you can bake or roast a turkey in the oven. After the turkey has been baked or roasted in the oven, you can cut slices and put barbecue sauce over it, then eat it with rice.

Now that I have talked about my favorite beef and poultry that I like to have with rice, it is time to talk about other types of food that I like to have with rice, some of which may seem strange. You can also

try some of these if you want.

One of my favorite fast foods that I used to enjoy eating were chili dogs. I decided to cut hot dogs and cook them with my rice. Then I added chili to the hot dogs and rice which turned out to be tasty.

This is how I eat chili dogs now.

The first time I really tried seafood was when I was staying with my sister and her husband. I found smoked salmon in their fridge. As you might guess, I mixed it with my rice and I liked it.

Another type of seafood that I have found to be tasty with rice is tilapia. The first time I tried tilapia was when I started eating fish tacos in Mexico.

I'm not much of a soup eater. Of all the soups I have tried, my favorite would have to be clam chowder. The first time I tried clam chowder was at a buffet in Las Vegas. After

my first bowl of clam chowder, I decided that I needed to try it over rice. The result was that clam chowder over rice is tasty.

Before this discovery I had never put soup over rice.

Having pasta sauce over spaghetti or any other type of noodle became boring for me. I wanted to put pasta sauce over something different. I'm sure you know what I did by now. I made rice and put pasta sauce over my rice. It turns out that rice is a good substitute for pasta.

Another thing I have found to be good over rice is pasta Alfredo with Parmesan cheese.

Mexican food is my favorite. I love to eat taco rice which is easy to make. I will cook ground beef, then add taco seasoning to the ground beef. After the taco meet is cooked, I mix it in with the rice. I will also put sour cream on top of my taco rice.

Spanish rice is my favorite. To make my own version of Spanish rice, I mix salsa with rice.

My favorite way to eat rice though is to put butter and cheese on it.

There are three types of cheese that I like to use. My favorite is to put Parmesan cheese on my buttered rice. The second way is to use either smoked cheddar or smoked Gouda on my buttered rice. Another type of cheese I like to put on my buttered rice is the cheddar cheese powder that you use to make macaroni and cheese.

As you can see, when it comes to eating rice, I have many options of having things on or with my rice. Even though the things I put on my rice may seem strange, I like everything I have tried. You can try some of the things I have tried. You can also come up with your own creation, the choice is yours.

DoHS Recognized for State Innovations to Advance Respite Care

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Human Services (DoHS) has been recognized by the

National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) for its policy strategies shared at the State-Federal Respite Summit on West

Virginia's partnership with managed care organizations (MCOs) and universities to train the workforce that supports children and adults with serious emotional disorders.

Earlier this year, NASHP hosted 16 state teams and federal officials from eight agencies in Washington, DC, for a peer-to-peer learning exchange on innovative models, strategies, and policies to increase access to high-quality respite care services. These innovations cut across important themes such as awareness and outreach, educating and strengthening the workforce, serving diverse populations, payment policy improvements,

and cross-agency collaboration.

"As we strive to enhance our workforce infrastructure, it's essential to intentionally address the needs of our diverse population," said Cindy Beane, DoHS Bureau for Medical Services Commissioner. "Our Children with Serious Emotional Disorders Waiver program exemplifies our commitment to supporting West Virginia caregivers through innovative investments."

Through the Medicaid 1915(c) Children with Serious Emotional Disorders Waiver (CSEDW) program, DoHS administers both in-home and out-of-home respite care for caregivers of

children ages three to 21 with serious mental, behavioral, or emotional health conditions. The partnership between DoHS's Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) and MCO partner Aetna includes a focus on workforce forecasting and provider network expansion. Most recently, West Virginia collaborated with West Virginia University to develop a person-centered, trauma-informed care training both in-person and online for West Virginia home and community-based service (HCBS) direct service providers.

NASHP's Respite Summit Paper was disseminated to all states outlining the respite repository of

innovations shared at the Summit for other states to replicate. NASHP is a nonpartisan organization committed to developing and advancing state health policy innovations and solutions.

In addition to West Virginia, other states that were highlighted during the Summit included Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Washington, and Wisconsin.

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OBITUARIES



Brice William Boring

Brice William Boring, 77, of Francis Community, Fairmont, passed away on June 2, 2024 at his residence after a long battle with cancer. He was born January 6, 1947, a son of James William Frederick Boring and Irene Cora Eastham Boring.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers, James Hadley and Fred Boring.

He is survived by his children, Son Robert Gilbert and his wife Robin of Staunton, VA; grandchildren Curtis (Alyssa) Gilbert; and great-grandchildren Harrison and Grayson; Daughter Janice Fae Bittinger and her husband Larry of Shinnston, and grandchildren Broc and Bret Bittinger. He's also survived by his loving companion, Juanita (Nita) Alfred.

Brice worked as a mechanic for Consolidation Coal Company - Central Repair Shop for 30 years helping to rebuild/repair longwall mining equipment for Robinson Run, Williams, and Loveridge coal mines. He was also a committeeman and member of the UMWA for many years, working through several contracts and labor issues along the way.

He was an accomplished mechanic, welder,

carpenter, and heavy equipment operator. He mastered everything he put his mind to, accomplishing most of it by himself.

He loved rebuilding vintage cars, trucks, and tractors. Many hours were spent in his garage working on these projects with his kids.

His friendship, most importantly, will be sorely missed by many, along with the wisdom and advice which he loved to share with all. He was a one-of-a-kind, who offered his help anyway he could, no matter the task.

Brice loved his children and grandchildren fiercely. He was always a family man, no matter what.

A special thanks to Juanita Alfred for the love and care she showed to Brice during his illness.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Wednesday June 5, 2024 from 4:00PM-8:00PM. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 10:00AM with Pastor Aaron Cayton officiating. Interment will follow at Simpson Chapel Cemetery in Middlebourne, WV.



Curtis Ray Mead

Curtis Ray Mead of Morgantown, West Virginia passed away suddenly on May 29, 2024 at the age of 58.

Curtis was a devoted husband to Rachel, a loving father to Kali

(Jesse) Burkett, Colton Mead (Jane Peterson), and Jacob McIntire, a wonderful brother to Jeff (Becky) Mead and Cheryl (Paul) Kinney, a caring nephew to Betty Jo Morgan and cousin to Ryan and Stacy, a delightful uncle to many nieces and nephews, a diligent worker with 27 years of service to the FBI, a faithful deacon at Family Life Fellowship, a fishing buddy to some and a genuine friend to many, and most recently, a dotting pappy to Charleigh.

Curtis was an avid outdoorsman who loved taking walks, kayaking, fishing, and hunting deer and turkey, though he never gave up hope of finding "Bigfoot."

Curtis was proud of his time spent as a volunteer fireman and first responder.

He was the kind of man who would mow his neighbor's yard or shovel their walk just to be helpful, hide his wife's favorite candy in her desk drawer, and clean the debris from the church parking lot (though it was most likely an excuse to use his leaf blower).

He was a story teller who enjoyed a captivated audience – especially when telling the story of hitting the turkey while driving and flipping it over his car. Curtis was friendly and knew everyone, so his son liked to call him "the mayor."

Curtis often cooked for his family and was famous for his fried fish, his spicy chili, and his new creation of meat lovers lasagna.

Curtis was not large in stature, but his absence has left an enormous void.

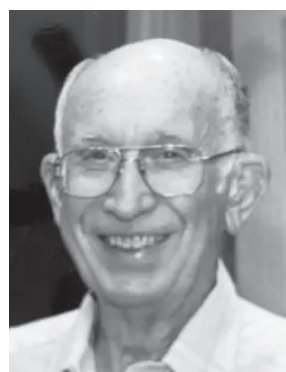
Curtis is preceded in death by his parents, Stanley Ray and Peggy Jean (Morgan) Mead,

his uncle Jerry Lee Morgan, his nephew Michael Kinney, and his son Ashton Carter Mead.

His family invites you to celebrate his life resting in the knowledge he is now in the presence of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Family and friends will be received at Family Life Fellowship Church, 124 Chestnut St., Enterprise, WV, on Monday, June 3, 2024 from 2:00pm until 8:00pm and on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 from 10:00am until 11:00am, time of service, with Pastor Aaron Thomas officiating.

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



James Edward See

James Edward See, 92, of Wallace, West Virginia passed away at his home on May 22, 2024. He was born in nearby Brown, West Virginia, a son to the late Charles B. and Blanche See. His family moved away from West Virginia eventually settling in Delmar, Maryland. Jim graduated from Delmar High School in 1949 and served in the United States Army communications corps for 4 years. He worked at the DuPont nylon manufacturing plant in Seaford, Delaware as a shift mechanic and retired in the late 1990s after 44 years of service. He continued to live in

the Laurel, Delaware area for a few years after retiring before moving back to West Virginia. He enjoyed woodworking and gardening.

Jim is survived by his longtime companion Ms. Phyllis Joan Weber, his 3 sons and their families, David Bradley See (Leigh Ann) of Delmar, DE, Edward Allen See (Maria) of Melbourne, FL, and William James See (Teresa) of Delmar, DE. He is also survived by several grandchildren and their families; Jessica Hartman (Jake, children Benjamin, Bree) of Delmar, DE, Kristen Murphy (Michael, children Kale, Kyla) of Rockledge, FL, and Gabriel See of Melbourne, FL. He is also survived by cousins Betty Walker (Paul) of Jane Lew, WV, Don Hutson (Caroline) of Nutter Fort, WV and several nieces and nephews in West Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

There will be no services.



Rosalee Stonebreaker

Rosalee Stonebreaker: The Matriarch of Mischief and Mercy Rosalee Stonebreaker, age 77, of Lumberport, WV, took her final bow at the Hospice House of Savannah, GA on the evening May 22, 2024. The oldest of seven children, she became a nurse who

served with unwavering dedication at the same nursing home for over 30 years; Rosalee was as much a fixture in the halls as the medical charts and the squeaky-wheeled carts. Born to bring laughter and light, Rosalee tackled life and single motherhood with a rare blend of sass and grace. She raised four children, teaching them the fine arts of empathy, resilience, and, most importantly, how to properly sneak treats to pets when they thought no one was looking.

Rosalee was born on January 24th, 1947 in Owings Hollow, WV to Jesse W. Baldwin & Dolly Baldwin Nicholson (nee: Bennett). She is survived by four children, Rachelle Dye (Michael) of Richmond Hill, GA, Rose Farlow (Remon) of Melbourne FL; Diana Casto of Richmond Hill, Ga; and Eddie Casto of Lumberport; her grandchildren, Corry, Andrew, and Sean Dye; Ryan, Bryon, and Richard Knight; Macailee, Falon, and Jon-Paul Koernig; and Sierra, Trey, and Austin Casto; as well as 14 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are her sisters, Shirley Cook (Wayne) of New Martinsville, WV; Judy Akers (Roy) of Enterprise, WV; Jill Williamson of Crestview Hill, KY; Susan Baldwin of Enterprise, WV, and her brother Robert "Bobby" Baldwin (Sandy) of Lumberport.

In addition to her parents, Rosalee was preceded in death by her husband of 31 years, Roger Stonebreaker; an infant son, James Matthew Casto; her Brother David Baldwin

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Traditions of Victory Gardens Explained in Upcoming Museum Event

By *Debra Herndon*

The Bice Ferguson Memorial Museum will host an informal, interactive workshop entitled, "Lessons from the Victory Garden" on June 15, 2024 at 1:00 pm. The history

and social impact of the Victory Garden in the United States and Allied Countries will be examined and local gardeners are invited to bring their hints, tips and stories to share. New gardeners and those thinking

about growing for the first time will find encouragement and inspiration.

In August the Museum will host a show featuring local art and in September a quilt show.

Anyone interested in

the Museum programs can call or text Director Debra Herndon at 304-677-6650 or stop by the Museum at 400 Pike Street Thursday, Friday or Saturday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Friends of Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library Annual Book Sale was a Success

The annual Book Sale held by the Friends of Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library (The Friends) was a successful event held on May 2 - 4, 2024.

"The annual Book Sale is the only fundraiser held each year by the Friends," announced Friends President Victor Folio. "The proceeds are used to support the Library's programs and activities throughout the year".

Library activities supported by the Friends include programs in the children's department, junior friends' group, junior garden club, and teen and young adult programming. The Friends also support special programs at the Waldomore, and the United States Passport program operated by the Library's staff.

"I like to volunteer with the sales because of all the good things

the Library's staff does with the money raised," stated Friends lifetime member and Board Member Bill O'Field. Other sales volunteers and board members are Victor Folio, President, Clara Fuscaldo, Vice President, Rebecca D'Annunzio, Treasurer, Cecilia Reid, Secretary, Carol Clevenger, Jeanie Hardesty, Robin Hicks, Jay Kirkman, Bill O'Field, Terry Rundell, Joan Smith, Shawn

Williams, and Dolores Yoke.

This year's volunteers also included Lincoln Middle School student Kassie Gutierrez and Washington Irving Middle School student Paige McCarty.

For more information about the Friends or programs and activities at the Library, visit www.clarksburglibrary.org or call (304) 627-2236.

Justice announces West Virginia's year-to-date surplus exceeds \$700 million

CHARLESTON, WV — Gov. Jim Justice announced today that West Virginia recorded a \$63.7 million surplus in May, which boosts the state's year-to-date surplus to \$701.1 million, highlighting the state's continued strong economic performance and fiscal management.

In May, total General Revenue Fund collections exceeded \$397.3 million, bringing the cumulative year-to-date collections for Fiscal Year 2024 to \$5.1 billion. The fiscal year ends in June.

May Personal Income Tax collections totaled more than \$138.3 million, and year-to-date collections equaled more than \$2.003 billion. Year-to-date Personal Income Tax collections were nearly \$183 million above the original estimate even though tax rates were reduced by 21.25% last year.

May Corporation Net

Income Tax collections of roughly \$9.9 million were \$3.6 million above the original estimate. Year-to-date collections of \$402.6 million were \$226.6 million above the original estimate and 16.7% ahead of last year.

May Consumer Sales Tax collections totaled \$164.3 million, and cumulative collections totaled \$1.607 billion. Monthly collections exceeded the prior year's May receipts by six percent. Year-to-date collections were \$34.4 million above the original estimate and 3.5% ahead of last year.

May Severance Tax collections of \$32.9 million were \$8.5 million above the original estimate. Cumulative collections of nearly \$331 million were \$58.9 million above the cumulative original estimate.

W.Va. Women's Commission 2024 Legacy of Women Awards Open for Nominations

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Women's Commission (WVWC) is accepting nominations for the 2024 Legacy of Women Awards. These prestigious awards are given to women who have been outstanding role models as women achievers for tomorrow's female leaders. These women have contributed to shaping our amazing state or nation.

The Legacy of Women Award is broken into nine different categories

with nine different awards: Educating Women, Mountaineer Spirit, Business or Professional Job Planner, Government and Public Service, Labor Activist, Artist or Arts Supporter, Sports Champion, Diversity, Equality and Inclusion, and Women Making History. Submissions should include a brief description of the nominee's accomplishments that relate to one or more categories, a biography, photo, and any related

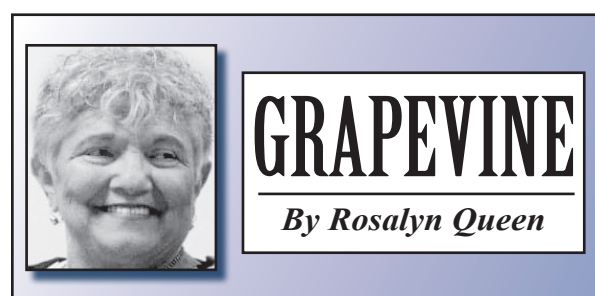
media or articles. "It is such a pleasure to have this opportunity to recognize and honor West Virginia women who are making a positive impact in our wonderful state," said Jill Upson, West Virginia Women's Commission Director. "I look forward to receiving all of the nominations for these prestigious awards."

Nominations must be submitted by July 15, 2024. The nomination form can be found on the WVWC's

website, www.wvdhhr.org/wwwc/legacy_of_women_awards.html. Submissions can be emailed to Jill.S.Upson@WV.gov or mailed to WVWC at 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Room 9-R, Charleston, West Virginia 25305. The 2024 Legacy of Women Awards ceremony will be held at the Holiday Inn Suites at 400 Second Avenue Southwest, Charleston, West Virginia 25303, on Friday, August 16, 2024.

Enjoying the Spring and Summertime Taste and Aroma of Fresh Basil, King of Herbs

One of my favorite activities is taking my morning cup of coffee out on my deck and breath in the sights and sounds of a new day. First, I am usually greeted by a couple squirrels who have made their home in our tree. Then if I sit very quietly and do not have Max. out with me. I can enjoy the sound of birds. I have not had any success with my bird feeders but I will work on that. Then I have the most important conversation of the day with my pansies. Their beautiful little



GRAPEVINE
By *Rosalyn Queen*

faces always seem to be smiling all the time. Once I finish my second cup of coffee and my parts are ready to move I tend to my vegetables. I have six tomato plants and three pepper plants. I am getting ready to stake my tomato plants. I am happy to report that I have several little

green tomatoes and an abundance of blooms on my pepper plants. My zucchini is really growing but to date I do not have any blooms. Now I save the best till last and that is my basil plants. You know Leslie and Dixon got me a planter of basil for

Easter, what a great gift. First I ruffle the leaves very gently and just breathe in the wonderful scent. In my opinion better than any candle scent.

I am happy to report that my pasta sauce contained fresh basil and the tomato salad this week also contained fresh basil. I pinch off the leaves from the top and very gently tear them before adding them to my dishes. I will chop up a handful of basil and add them to my meatballs.

See "Grapevine" on Pg 9

This Week At the Palette

By *Bethany Nuzum*

The Palette at 225 Pike St, in Shinnston is offering:

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Harrison County Animal Control Seeks Home For “Woody”



The Harrison County Humane Society is his temporary home now, but his former custodian, Harrison County Animal Control, would still like to find a home for him. As Animal Control posted on Facebook “We have a SINGLE dog left at our facility! Miracles do happen! All of you made this happen last week. You heard our pleas and came to the rescue and we are so grateful.”

“Obits” From Pg 7.

and two granddaughters, Kyrston and Tabatha Koernig.

Rosalee’s legendary sass, which could make even the saltiest sailors blush, was only matched by her immense compassion

for her patients. She knew life’s challenges but faced them with a fierce heart and quick wit. Her legacy is not just in the smiles she crafted in nursing home corridors but also in the resilience and cheeky

humor she instilled in her children.

As we bid farewell to Rosalee, let’s remember her not with sadness but with a smile—preferably one accompanied by a sneaky treat slipped to

an unsuspecting dog under the dinner table. Her spirit—a blend of fierce independence, cheeky humor, and boundless kindness—lives on in her children and every life she touched.

The family will receive friends at Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St. Shinnston, on Thursday May 30th from 2-8 PM. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Friday, May 31st at 11:00 AM

with Pastor Tim Sandy officiating. Interment will follow at the Floral Hills Memorial Gardens in Quiet Dell.

The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Stonebreaker family.

“Grapevine” From Pg 8.

As I sat on my deck enjoying the scent of basil I wondered surely there were other dishes that contained basil. This is what my research turned up. With cantaloupe and melons so plentiful during this season, try cantaloupe mozzarella with prosciutto mixed together and topped

with fresh basil. Chop some watermelon and mix with feta and fresh basil. When preparing berries to top that cake add some chopped basil with lemon juice and sugar and top with some cream. Try decorating you peach or apple pie with fresh basil leaves. It makes a beautiful decoration

as well as adding a different taste to your dish.

If you prepare noodles, shrimp, mushrooms and peas top off with basil before serving. With all the fresh asparagus that is available now, add some almonds, goat cheese and basil when preparing this

dish.. I encourage you to get creative when preparing your dishes and try incorporating basil in them.

A very happy birthday to Phil Oliverio. When thinking about Phil, I relived the memory of Father Federico who was our priest at Immaculate Conception. When he

first came to our church he got Phil and I mixed up. What a compliment. Many more Phil in good health.

I really enjoyed two outings this week, one with Cheryl and John Mihaulic and one with my brother Bill and his wife, Dani. Although I had delicious food, the interaction was so

good. Just catching up and reliving memories. I hope you will set aside time today to catch up with family and friends.

Stay happy and healthy and I hope every time you smell basil you think of me. Enjoy summer and until next week “Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine.”

“Benson” From Pg 1.

have helped to forge a new generation of singer-songwriter artists who have stories to share - artists such as Shinnston’s own Andy Benson.

“I always had an affinity for music,” Benson shared. His first musical influence came from the 80s parodist (and creator of

the highly underrated movie UHF) “Weird” Al Yankovic. As a small child of four or five, he’d belt out his favorite tunes from the beloved singer.

Benson lived a childhood filled to the gills with music. “I’ve always been around classic country my whole life,” he shared.

The definition of “classic” country often depends on the ear of the beholder. Benson sees singer-songwriters - or singer-poets - like Merle Haggard as his ideal of classic. The former convict Haggard used an exceptionally artistic mind to tell the stories of a hard country upbringing, a criminal past, and even of historical figures like Pancho Villa.

Benson recalled that when he got his first car, he also bought a Highwaymen compact disc. The Highwaymen combined the talents of Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, and Kris Kristofferson. All artists in the group brought beloved voices and songwriting talent, producing hits like The Highwayman.

Another heavy influence came from a man sometimes called the fifth Highwayman, Guy Clark. Clark released 20 albums over his Country Music Hall of Fame career.

Also, Benson shared that “my mother’s favorite band was Journey,” so he drank deep from the 70s and 80s classic rock well that often combined great storytelling with exceptional production.

Although these early influences shaped Benson’s style, he sees that as an ever-evolving concept, saying “it’s something I’m still working on.”

Growing up through his teen years, as many young men do, Benson pursued other interests, then around the age of 18 “I picked it back up again.” He jokingly explained that he did so “because I thought I looked cool with a guitar in my hand,” but quickly elaborated that “I love music. I figured that I could be playing music instead of just listening to it.”

And, of course, Benson has entertained audiences for years with music that he creates as well.

His path to today even from then was not a straight and direct one. Benson took up boxing competitively, then coached the sport, before returning to a full commitment as a musician and artist.

Of course every such diversion in a performer’s life serves as fodder for his or her art.

Some artists, such as Steely Dan’s Donald Fagen and Walter Becker (almost infamously in their case,) exercise

enormous control and precision in creating their music. They lay out a plan and force every detail to conform to their vision. Others, such as Bob Dylan, the Beatles, and Eric Clapton, allow the music to flow from within them as it will, tweaking it along the way until they feel the song works.

“I use the word organic a lot,” Benson explained when talking about his process. “I always like to fake my way through stuff and put my spin on it,” a style of composing and writing much closer to many folk, country, and Americana artists over the decades.

Benson has served as one of the catalysts in the Shinnston music renaissance driven by Brendan Gallagher and Maria Cusack of Black and Teal Concepts. The pair led a team who organized the first annual Shindy Music Festival last year to add to other outdoor draws such as Wind Down Wednesday. Benson’s return to performing came last year when they booked him for that event.

He observed that Shinnston’s music scene and community are “bigger in the last

five years than I’ve seen in Shinnston.

Benson, however, has not remained content to just perform. He has a vision that he implements through the Traveling Songwriter Series to promote, encourage, and inspire West Virginia songwriters and musical poets. “There are a lot of pure folk artists,” he shared, “carrying on the old time stuff.”

He shared the example of folk and labor anthem singer-songwriter Emmy of the Mountains as one of a rising group of artists forging ahead, using traditional techniques to tell today’s stories in song.

To those who want to follow the dream of growing into a singer with a songwriting voice, he simply advised “do it. That’s the only thing. There’s nothing to it but to do it.”

To others, he said that “West Virginia should be in every musical conversation,” due to the unique currents and artists rising in the Mountain State.

Also, “if you’re not going to local shows and consuming local music, you’re missing out.”

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‘This is my body... this is my blood’

From L'Osservatore Romano

He took the bread and recited the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, this is my body". Then he took a cup and gave thanks, gave it to them and they all drank from it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is shed for you and for many".

Immediately after the conclusion of the Easter season and with the great solemnity of Pentecost, the Church celebrates two other glorious solemnities: the Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus.

We could say that these are two feasts that act as a synthesis of the entire Christian Mystery announced, contemplated, and celebrated during the liturgical year. Only after following Jesus from Bethlehem to Jerusalem, from the event of the Incarnation to the Easter of Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven, under the interior action of the Holy Spirit, can we "say" about God

what He has revealed of Himself, who is a Trinity of Persons in the unity of a single substance, who is perfect communion of love of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The perfection and fullness of the holiness and grace of God are then given to us in the sublime and supreme Gift of the Eucharist, of the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus.

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi reminds us of and makes us experience that our God, the one true God, is not a distant God at all; it is precisely because He is the Trinity of Love, who revealed Himself in the flesh of Jesus, who made His life a total and free gift to the Father for our salvation. He is a God who is close to us, so close that He can be seen and touched, so close that He becomes our food and drink, that we can physically nourish ourselves with Him, that we can be effectively transformed by Him.

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi is an exquisitely Catholic solemnity. It knew its institution and the

essential coordinates of its form in medieval times, but it expresses what has been an undisputed truth since the first Christian community.

When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, she is truly in the presence of the Lord! The Church celebrates the Eucharist, but it is the Eucharist that generates the Church. The Church is not just any society, one of the many human associations that arise from the sharing of the same ideal, for the defense of a right, for the promotion of a good or to combat abuse. The Church is the mystical Body of the Lord Jesus, who is its Head.

All the men and women fascinated by Jesus and His Gospel, even if gathered in the same place, would not constitute the Church without the Eucharist. The Church is not the sum of individuals gathered in the same space or united by the same ideals. From the beginning, before the Lord in the celebration of the Eucharist, at the bloodless repetition of the Sacrifice on Calvary, every social

and cultural, economic and political distinction disappears: the absolute primacy belongs to the Lord and His action, which reaches and transforms the life of those who feed on His Body and His Blood, constituting them one Body and one Spirit, the Church, the Body of Jesus.

Celebrating Corpus Domini thus reminds us, first of all, who we are, our identity, what we are made up of, who we are continually generated by. True Christian brother and sisterhood flows from the Eucharist and grows only if it is nourished by the Eucharist.

Converging from different places to celebrate the Eucharist is not the expression of a spontaneous movement of individual wills, but is responding to a call, it is being gathered together by the Trinity and in the Trinity. So, this moving towards the Lord also becomes paradigmatic of Christian life: we can live as brothers and sisters, we can share history, with its hardships and contradictions, trying to safeguard peace, only if

we all converge towards the Lord, to live in His presence, to live by and with Him.

Even the Eucharistic procession, which characterizes this solemnity in a special way, to a certain extent wants to remind us that our earthly pilgrimage is only possible if we live it with the Lord and that the meaning and direction of history are shown in their truth and beauty only if illuminated by the presence of the Lord.

But there is an essential condition, to be urgently recovered, without which the entire Eucharistic dynamic risks not releasing its vigor: Adoration.

If the Eucharist is Jesus, God Himself made flesh and remained present among us, the only Saviour, the full and definitive revelation of the Mystery of God, the supreme Sacrifice of the Cross that touches us personally with the power of His grace, the food that gives us salvation and opens to us the way to eternal life, then our attitude can only be the one worthy of God: Adoration!

Before God who

gives Himself, the true response is acceptance. Moreover, the true way to welcome God is to adore Him, to recognize His holiness, to glorify Him, to let ourselves be transformed by Him and then to become, like Him, a Eucharistic presence amongst our brothers and sisters.

The gesture that has always expressed Adoration is in fact getting on our knees. The Solemnity of Corpus Christi has for centuries reminded us Catholics, and through us every Christian, of our true identity, the true style of our life, the only attitude worthy of God. For it is only those who know how and are willing to kneel before the Lord who can in turn know how to kneel before their brothers and sisters in need and to serve them generously (and not to make use of them) just as Jesus did during the Last Supper with that great act of humility: washing the feet of those present on His knees.

Am I willing?
* Custody of the Holy Land
By Fr John Luke Gregory ofm*

U.S. Senator Manchin Registers as Independent

Charleston, WV — Today, U.S. Senator Joe Manchin (I-WV) released the following statement after he registered as an independent at the West Virginia State Capitol.

"From my first day in public service in 1982, I have always focused on doing what's best for my state and my country, without regard to party or politics. Throughout my days

in elected office, I have always been proud of my commitment to common sense, bipartisanship and my desire to bring people together. It's who I am. It's who I will always be. I have never seen America

through a partisan lens. "However, since becoming a United States Senator in 2010, I have seen both the Democrat and Republican parties leave West Virginia and our country behind

for partisan extremism while jeopardizing our democracy. Today, our national politics are broken and neither party is willing to compromise to find common ground. To stay true to myself

and remain committed to put country before party, I have decided to register as an independent with no party affiliation and continue to fight for America's sensible majority."

West Virginia Businesses Encouraged to Apply for Tax Credit

Charleston, WV — Today, Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), Chairman of the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, is encouraging West Virginia manufacturers to apply for the second round of funding from the Inflation Reduction Act's (IRA) 48C Qualifying Advanced Energy Project Credit program. This second round will make up to \$6 billion available, with at least \$2.5

billion in this round reserved for projects in coal communities. Chairman Manchin previously spoke to West Virginia business and community leaders to encourage local companies to apply.

The 48C portal to submit concept papers opened on May 22, 2024, with submissions due on Friday, June 21, 2024. Access the portal here.

The 48C program was initially established by the American Recovery

and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and Chairman Manchin revised and expanded the program in the Inflation Reduction Act with an additional \$10 billion investment to fund projects that establish, expand, or reequip energy manufacturing and recycling facilities; establish, expand, or reequip critical materials processing and refining facilities; or to retrofit an industrial or manufacturing facility

with equipment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Notably, Chairman Manchin added a \$4 billion carve-out for projects in coal communities where a coal mine has closed since December 31, 1999, or a coal-fired electric generating unit has been retired since December 31, 2009.

"It's simple: communities that have done the heavy lifting and bear the scars of powering our nation to greatness should

be first in line as we invest in the energy technologies of the future," Chairman Manchin said. "I am proud to have built on the success of the 48C program in the Inflation Reduction Act by incentivizing manufacturing companies on the leading edge of energy technologies to reinvest in coal communities, like those in West Virginia. These investments will strengthen our

country's energy security while also creating new good-paying jobs and generating economic opportunities in these regions where we have the manpower and know-how to usher in a new era of domestic manufacturing. I encourage all eligible West Virginia companies to apply so we can continue our state's legacy as America's energy powerhouse."

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