



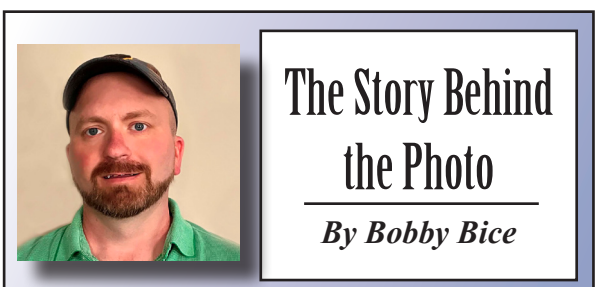
“Members of the WV Department of Public Safety (DPS), now known as the WV State Police, gather for a group photo in 1924, following the largest manhunt in the state at that time.”

1924 WV Department of Public Safety (State Police)

This month’s photograph has been in my possession for several years now. It belonged to my Great Grandparents and shows members of the West Virginia Department of Public Safety, now known as the West Virginia State Police.

My great grandfather, Clyde Elmer Smith, Sr., father of my maternal grandmother Patty (Smith) Andrick, was one of the earliest troopers for the state. Company A Headquarters had relocated at Haywood in 1922 and he was stationed there throughout his career. He first was active on horseback and eventually graduated to a motorcycle patrolman in the mid 1920’s.

I have his handcuffs as well as his notepad, which he kept in his chest pocket and details criminals and BOLOs. On the back of the



The Story Behind the Photo

By Bobby Bice

photo, written with a fountain pen, is the date of June 26 th , 1924. My great grandfather is the fourth man from left, kneeling on the front row. When I first saw the date, it struck me as odd that my great grandfather would have been in uniform for a photograph on that particular day because it was the date his son, Clyde Jr. (also known as “Smitty” or “Snuffy”) was born.

Realizing that a home birth during the 1920’s required little from anyone else besides the mother and the doctor, it still struck me as odd that my great grandfather would be off for a group photo. Nonetheless, I

have always enjoyed the image and it has become one of my favorites!

Fast-forward to 2019. The West Virginia State Police was celebrating their Centennial Anniversary that year. I happened to read in the newspaper that Merle Cole, a historian known for his detailed research on the WVSP, was offering a presentation in Clarksburg. [Note: Cole is mostly responsible for having the Historical Highway Marker erected, located behind Shinnston’s Subway, which details the history of Company A.]

It was a Sunday

afternoon and I decided to attend Cole’s event. During his powerpoint presentation, he showed the same image that I have submitted here. The difference: he had a story behind it. My ears perked up and he had my attention. In June 1924, a farmer in Hedgesville, Berkeley County, was in deep debt. To pay off his debts, it was ordered that his farm land be sold at auction. The farmer threatened to kill the auctioneer at which point the WV DPS was called upon. Private Ulric Linton Crawford, age 26, arrived at the scene to arrest the farmer.

While attempting the arrest, the farmer shot and killed Private Crawford. The farmer then took a rifle butt and bashed in the head of Crawford, stole several things off of

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SHINNSTON Community Band

JULY 1

Independence Celebration Concert and Fireworks
Shinnston City Park
8:00pm

JULY 13

Concert on the Lawn
Waldomore Mansion
(beside the Clarksburg Public Library)
with the Brass Rhythm and Sax Orchestra
3:00pm

JULY 20

Shinnston High School Alumni Weekend
Shinnston Fire Department
12 noon

Bring a lawn chair and/or blanket and relax as the area’s premiere community concert band performs patriotic standards and a mix of classic and contemporary concert music for all ages!



Shinnston Community Band Announces July Schedule

By Stephen Smoot

Almost 30 years ago as Bill Clinton ran for his second term in office, yesterday’s kids couldn’t get enough of dancing the Macarena. When they were not waving their arms and moving their legs in sync to the

song that bore the same name, many flocked to theaters over and over again to watch Will Smith, Bill Pullman, and Jeff Goldblum fight off merciless alien invaders.

In that same year, the Shinnston Community Band formed and has regaled residents and

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Short Street paving this past week.

The Paving Season



By Jim Hunt for the Harrison County News and Journal

Each year, around this time, the smell of asphalt fills the air as cities across the country begin paving their

streets and alleyways. I was pleasantly surprised this past week to see a huge milling machine backing up the narrow alley next to my office. Soon after, a large dump truck arrived, and the milling machine started scraping the old blacktop into the trucks via a conveyor belt. A few days later, the paving machine rolled in, and a truck filled with asphalt began filling the till until a smooth ribbon of new pavement

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Commission Debates TIF Extension, Support For Economic Development Corporation

By Stephen Smoot

Last week’s meeting of the Harrison County Commission opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation from

Commissioner Patsy Trecost. In it, he prayed “Lord, we ask for Your presence in this room today.”

Those who did have a presence in the room witnessed strong debate

over fundamental questions relating to county economic development.

Before the storms of debate descended,

Commissioners voted to support the 12 U Riverjaxx baseball squad and its efforts to maintain they field they use in Lost Creek.

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How the Mountain State Emerged From the Fog of War Through Lincoln’s Lawyering

By Stephen Smoot

On June 20 every year, West Virginia celebrates its independence from the Old Dominion. While most states approach

the date of their creation with indifference, West Virginians view it as a holiday and an occasion to feel and express pride in their home state - wherever they happen to live now.

Many times over the history of its creation, West Virginia has seen its share of those criticizing its creation as unconstitutional. In 2002, for example,

California Law Review called the process “a classic story of legal formalism in which legal fiction triumphed over reality.” Though a move of

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A Career Done Correctly! Tee It Up!

The biggest sports figure to ever come out of the Great State of West Virginia passed away last week. Jerry West was 86 years old and had been impactful on the game of basketball up until his passing. West had several nicknames, the Logo, Mr. Clutch, Mr. Outside, and Zeke from Cabin Creek, which helped to make him a global sports icon, but fans in the Mountain State knew about him first.

Born on May 28, 1938 in Cabin Creek, West Virginia, West had an exceptional high school career at East Bank High School. His efforts brought a multitude of scholarship offers and opportunities for the skinny, soft-spoken hoopster to get out of town before sundown. But his love for his home state took him to Morgantown and that is where the love affair became mutual.

Back in those days, freshmen had to play on the freshman squad, so his first varsity year was



1957-58. West averaged a double-double (17.8 points per game and 11.1 rebounds) and it was then that his fame started to grow.

The very next season, West guided the Mountaineers to the championship game. A heartbreaking 71 to 70 loss to California overshadowed his 28 point, 11 rebound effort. West would garner the Most Outstanding Player of that year’s Final Four award. To a player that placed winning above all else, the award was trivial. It would be the first of two similar awards for West.

He was the second overall pick in the 1960 NBA Draft by the Minneapolis Lakers, who would then move to Los Angeles. He lit up the league for several seasons, and in 1969 West was named

the NBA Finals most valuable player, even though the Lakers lost that series to the New York Knicks. He is the only player in league history to win the MVP award for the Finals from a losing team. West often openly talked about how he felt that he should not have won those awards because his teams didn’t win their respective championships.

West showed the Midas touch as a general manager, moving to Memphis in 2002. He earned his second NBA executive of the year award in 2004 and in 2007 handed off the position to Chris Wallace. Wallace, ironically, is another West Virginia product from Buckhannon.

His winning ways continued with his next stop, Golden State. West

was an executive board member from 2011-2017. The Warriors claimed their fist title in 40 years in 2015. He nabbed his eighth ring as an executive in 2016-2017 and then went back to L. A., this time to work for the Clippers. He spent the remainder of his work career with the other team in Los Angeles.

West was known as being a fierce competitor, regardless of the game or the role that he played. The most impressive part of his pursuit was the way he went about it with the highest level of professionalism and class. No one lost with the level of class or won with the humility of Jerry West! He did it the right way all the way from his first day in Morgantown until his last day with the Clippers. Here’s to a true role model. Rest in peace!

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

By Bill Nestor

This week’s edition of Tee It Up provided a trip down south to Mullens, West Virginia to Twin GFalls State Park. There are various activities, including 25 miles of hiking and biking trails, all of which are precursors for the 18-hole golf course.

Twin falls is located a half an hour outside of Beckley and is a doable day trip. A 47 room lodge located high on a mountain top with an indoor pool, hot tub, and a 24 hour fitness center and 14 secluded cabins stay and play packages, however, are an excellent choice if you are looking for a multi-round excursion.

Twin Falls is a par 71 ranging nearly 6,400 yards. There are multiple tees available, providing a fun, yet challenging round for golfers of all skill levels. Twin Falls was originally a nine hole course that was built in the 1960s, since then there have been several

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the trooper, and fled into the mountains. All state detachments were alerted and Lieutenants from Company A Headquarters at Haywood piled into a DP Cadillac touring car, heading for Berkeley County. Company A’s remaining troopers travelled to Clarksburg, most likely by streetcar, to catch the next train.

By the time the train arrived in Berkeley County with the ‘rest of the posse’, the lieutenants in the touring car had already been on scene for six hours.

Additional officers reported to the scene from around the state, eventually totaling close to 50 personnel. Local lawmen as well as civilian volunteers, which included some bloodhound handlers, also joined the troopers. Dividing out for the hunt, the troopers searched the rugged terrain and eventually located the fled farmer in a barn at Tomahawk, WV, nearly 10 miles from Martinsburg. The troopers surrounded the barn, trying to force the farmer to surrender. Instead, the farmer began gunfire, which

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establishments.

The band also serves as a major part of the growing arts and music scene that features a number of acts playing a variety of kinds of music. The arts friendly environment has even attracted a Shakespearean troupe putting on annual plays at the Fergusson Park amphitheater that also often shows the Shinnston Community Band.

improvements, most recently the addition of a brand new pro shop.

Water comes into play on several holes, punishing rough can be found on each and every hole, and elevator changes on tee slopes and greens provide teeth to the tract. There is plenty of character found at Twin Falls as well. There are a pair of covered bridges that golfers travel through during their round that are reminiscent of that drives through in Phillippi. Also, Twin Falls is home to one of only a few peninsula greens found in West Virginia.

The staff is friendly and knowledgeable and their efforts are seen in the conditions of the course. It’s a perfect time to make a trip to Twin Falls. Don’t let the summer pass you by without making a plan to head south to this diamond in the rough.

South Harrison FFA Members Awarded

Over the past week eight members of the South Harrison FFA have trekked the Midwest to participate and compete in one of the Nation’s most prestigious Livestock Judging Camps: Kansas State University, College of Agriculture’s Champions Livestock Judging Camp. Over 100 students from across the country traveled to Manhattan to participate in the judging camp put on by Dr. Payton Dahmer professor of animal sciences and the 2024 Kansas State Collegiate Livestock Judging Team.

A three-day, intense judging camp designed for 4-H and FFA members who are seriously interested in enhancing their livestock judging and oral communication skills. Prior livestock judging experience was necessary for the camp. Workouts were conducted similar to those at a collegiate level. The camp focused primarily on the proper format, terminology, and presentation of oral reasons. Camp participants were also exposed to livestock evaluation skills

and incorporating performance records in the decision-making process.

Members of the 2023 State Champion Livestock Judging Team attended in their preparation for the National FFA Competition held this Fall in Indianapolis, Indiana. Hope Woods, Team Captain “I feel like this camp really helped to prepare us in the area of oral reasons. It made us a lot more confident in that area of the competition. I know that I personally feel better going into

the national contest having had this opportunity.”

Kansas State University recognized nine attendees with awards for their hard work during the duration of the judging camp; outstanding senior campers, outstanding junior campers, most improved campers. South Harrison FFA members Hope Woods was recognized as one of four Outstanding Senior Campers and Neveah Hayhurst was recognized as one of three Outstanding Junior Campers.

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emerged. A heavy roller then compressed the asphalt, ensuring a level surface, with water and sewer manholes efficiently raised to match the new road height.

This inspired me to delve into the process of asphalt pavement. I learned that this common practice dates back thousands of years, used initially by the Mesopotamians to waterproof their temple baths and water tanks. The Phoenicians also utilized it to seal their merchant ships. Asphalt’s use in road building began around 625 BC in Babylon, and the Romans further advanced road construction for military travel. In more recent times, John Loudon Macadam pioneered the use of broken stones mixed with asphalt,

often referred to as “Macadam”; or simply “tarmac.”

In the United States, asphalt paving was introduced in 1870 by Belgian chemist Edmund J. DeSmedt in Newark, New Jersey. A few years later his notable project involved paving Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, DC with 54,000 yards of sheet asphalt. The development of asphalt paving accelerated significantly with the passing of the Interstate Highways Act in 1956, which allocated over \$51 billion to road construction. This led to advancements in equipment, including automated leveling features that greatly improved efficiency. Notably, asphalt paving is one of the most recycled products in use, with over seventy

million tons recycled annually in the United States alone.

Cities have adopted asphalt as their primary paving material for several reasons.

Historically, streets were constructed using brick or concrete, which required lengthy closures for repairs and replacements, often lasting weeks or months. In contrast, asphalt paving is quick and efficient, allowing traffic to resume within hours. Additionally, asphalt’s flexibility makes repairing potholes straightforward, minimizing traffic disruptions.

Reflecting on my time serving on the Clarksburg City Council in 1985, I recall when the public works department used motor oil to control

dust on gravel alleys, a practice later outlawed due to environmental concerns. Since then, we’ve gradually incorporated these alleys into our paving schedule, although some gravel alleys remain in parts of the city.

I hope this exploration of street and alley paving has been enlightening. I’m enjoying the improved appearance outside my office with its fresh layer of asphalt. When you encounter paving equipment in your neighborhood, remember to follow safety instructions and be mindful of workers’ safety. The large machinery can obstruct visibility, and the noise creates potentially hazardous conditions. Stay safe and support these dedicated workers as they enhance our Amazing Cities.

led to return gunfire, resulting in a back and forth fire fight lasting nearly 24 hours.

Finally, the troopers used a machine gun along with dynamite, which allowed a rush on the barn, where they found the farmer lying wounded. He died while en route to the Martinsburg Hospital.

And that was the story. Just five years into its existence, this photo shows the men who assembled for the largest manhunt, up to that time, of the WV Department of Public Safety (State Police). Since my grandmother hadn’t yet been born at this time, I’ve often wondered if she knew the details of the manhunt or even why this photograph was taken. Then too, did my great uncle know the details of the events that were happening during his birth? I’m sure my Great Grandmother carried a lot of wonder and worry in her mind, along with those labor pains!

Nevertheless, thanks to Merle Cole, I now know, and have shared, the ‘story behind the photo.’

The essential part, however, remains “community.” Cale explained that “there aren’t a lot of small towns that have something like this.” Even those that feature something similar rarely have such an inclusive policy on bringing in new performers.

As Cale says “if you want to play, we’ll find a place for you.”

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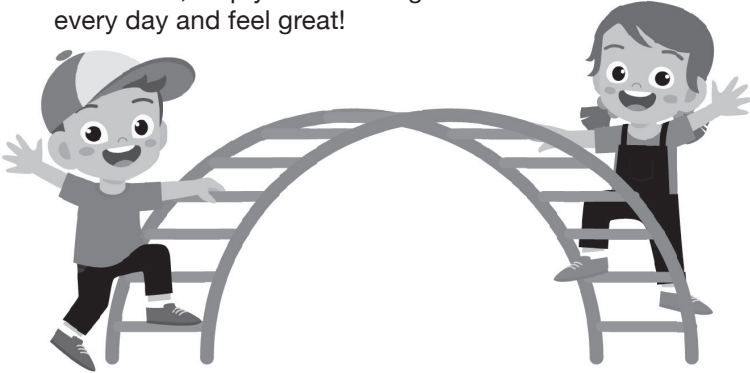
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Kids need physical activity to grow up strong and healthy.

What does physical activity do for children?

Moving more can give your child a boost in many ways. It increases energy and self-confidence while helping a child to feel relaxed. It is also true that physical activity can help a child to do better in school. So, help your child to get active every day and feel great!



How much physical activity should a child get?

Kids and teens ages 6 to 17 need at least 60 minutes of exercise every day. Most of it can be moderate-intensity aerobic activity. Anything that gets their heart beating faster counts. At least three days a week, encourage your kids to step it up to vigorous-intensity aerobic activity.

What are some areas of focus that children should include in their weekly activity?

Muscle-strengthening activity should be included three days a week as part of your child's exercise regimen. This would include any activity that makes a child's muscles work harder, such as climbing or swinging on monkey bars. Also, bone-strengthening activity should be included three days a week. Bones need pressure to get stronger. Running, jumping, and other weight-bearing activities all count.

What about kids who are younger than six: what type of exercise is appropriate?

Younger kids love to be active, so aim to keep children at this age moving three hours a day or more. At this stage of their development, it is also important to limit time when they're sitting (such as screen time).

Does parental involvement in your child's physical activity make a difference?

Parental involvement is important when it comes to your child's physical activity. Get active as a family by:

- Making your morning walks a race
- Dancing with your children while dinner is in the oven
- Show your child some of your favorite ways to move or exercise

Most importantly, help your child to find activities they really enjoy. All physical activity adds up, and so do the benefits. Helping your child find activities that they enjoy now will help them build healthy habits for life. So, take the first step to get your kids moving and when you can, move with them.



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OBITUARIES



Brenda Childers

Brenda Childers, 59, of Clarksburg, passed away on June 8, 2024 at her residence. She was born in Columbia, MO on November 14, 1964 to the late James Burton and Ann Louise (Stone) Burton.

Brenda enjoyed crafts and fishing.

She is survived by one aunt, Linda Daly of Columbia, MO; three caregivers: Norma Bock, Marvin Robinson and Doris Barker all of Clarksburg.

In addition to her parents, Brenda is preceded in death by one son, Andrew Childers.

A special thank you to Amedisys Hospice Care.

In honoring Brenda’s wishes, she will be cremated with no services.

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



Jaynee Dallison

Jaynee Dallison, 74, of Folsom passed away

on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at United Hospital Center. She was born June 10, 1949 in Fairmont, a daughter of the late Thomas French and Wanda Lea Schoolcraft Travis.

She is survived by her loving husband , Richard B. “Dick” Dallison, whom she married April 11, 1968. Also surviving are her two sons, Thomas Patrick Dallison and his wife Mary Louise of Folsom; and Trenton D. Dallison and his wife Jaclyn Susan of Pine Grove; her grandchildren, Jenna Carlene Dallison Brown and her husband George; Lucas Patrick Dallison; Aspen Brooke Dallison; and Lance McClain Dallison; her great-grandson, Jackson Edward Brown; her sisters, Jennifer Swiger and her husband David; and Lisa Paushel and her husband Joe; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Jaynee was preceded in death by her sister, Pam Baney.

Jaynee worked as a Lab Tech for many years. She was also co-owner of Dallison Logging where she enjoyed doing office work. She loved her boys and her grandchildren and was member of Ten Mile Baptist Church

Friends will be received at Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St. Shinnston, on Monday, June 10, from 10:00am until 12:00pm. A private family graveside service will follow at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery. Online memories and condolences can be shared with the family at www.perinefunerals.com

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



Lisa Ann Mackey

Lisa Ann Mackey, 54, of Gypsy, passed away on June 9, 2024 at United Hospital Center. She was born on February 5, 1970 in Fairmont to the late Thomas Gail Mackey and Neva (Eakle) Cottrell.

Lisa enjoyed doing crafts.

She is survived by one son, Brandon Hinerman and fiancée Kelly Oliverio of Gypsy and two sisters: Cindy Adams of Enterprise and Genevieve “Fred” Selby of Morgantown.

In addition to her parents, Lisa is preceded in death by two sons: Timothy Gail Mackey and Ryan Marshall Mackey.

Family and friends will be received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, on Monday, June 17, 2024 from 10:00am until time of service 1:00pm with Pastor Tim Sandy officiating. Interment to follow at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

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

Kenneth “Kenny” Scott

Kenneth “Kenny” Scott, age 66, passed away from pancreatic cancer on June 12, 2024 at United Hospital Center surrounded by his family.

Kenny was born on



February 4, 1958 in Clarksburg WV, the son of the late Roy F and Minnette Henry Scott. On August 30,1985, Kenny married Nannette DeCarlo and they enjoyed 37 years of marriage before her passing in 2023.

He is survived by his brothers Roy Scott, Wayne Scott, Tom (Connie) Scott, Randy (Cindy) Scott, Rick (Beverly) Scott and his sisters Sue (Dan) Glover, Wanda Moore, Wilma Drummond and her companion Bill Hayhurst and many nieces and nephews and his furbabies Jasper & Isabell. His mother and father in-law, Nick & Carolyn DeCarlo and brother-in-laws, Nick and Frank DeCarlo survive.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Sherri Scott & Mona Cummings, brother, Charles Scott and brother-in-laws, Robert Cummings and Robert “Bob Dee” Moore and Garry Martin and his sister-in-law, Ruth Scott.

Kenny graduated from Shinnston High School in 1977. He was employed at City Window prior to moving to Winchester, VA in 1985. He retired from the maintenance department of Grafton Integrated Health Network with 30 years service, prior to moving back to West Milford, WV in 2021.

The family would like

to thank Alex & Shelly Stump and Billy and Makayla Pringle for all their help & friendship.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Saturday, June 15, 2024 from 2:00PM-7:00PM. A funeral service will be held at 7:00PM with Pastor Matt Magness officiating.

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



Joyce Elaine Byrne Sturm

Joyce Elaine Byrne Sturm was born to the late Fred Jr and Lorraine Bessie Byrne (Porter) in Carolina, WV on April 6, 1948. She was immersed in the Christian community that would be her lifelong support from an early age. She graduated from Shinnston High School, volunteered in the library at Emmanuel Christian School, worked at Casey’s Family Restaurant, but was proudest to be called mom by three beautiful sons.

Joyce was blessed with a large and loving family. She married her best friend and fellow

Shinnston High School graduate, Richard Douglas “Doug” Sturm, on October 13, 1965, in Enterprise, WV. She was a devoted stay-at-

home mom who taught her sons with patience, discipline, and humility. She packed their lunches, drove them to baseball practices and games, and took them on family trips to the Outer Banks, NC, Myrtle Beach, SC, and Tampa, FL.

Joyce was a natural nurturer at heart as she cared for family and friends in any capacity needed. She served at Ownings Baptist Church where she was a member and provided her time and talents where needed. Joyce was well-known in her community, offered a big smile, and knew someone everywhere she went. Joyce went home to be with her Lord and Savior on June 11, 2024. She will be dearly missed by her loved ones.

Joyce is survived by her brothers Barry Byrne and wife Judy Byrne (Nuzum) of Sebring, FL, and Bruce Byrne of Bensalem, PA; her sons Gregory Scott Sturm and wife Chrissie Sturm (Faber) of Mount Clare, WV, Matthew Todd Sturm and wife Virginia of Oakland, CA, and Jeffrey Douglas Sturm and wife Jennifer of Wilmington, NC; her grandchildren Megan Sturm, Lacey Sturm, Ryley Sturm, Simon Sturm, Emmett Sturm, Justin Sturm, and Jayden Sturm; and her great-grandchildren Sophie Sturm, Connor Sturm and Waylon Sturm; several nieces and nephews, including her caregiver, Misty McDougal.

She is preceded in death by her husband Richard Douglas Sturm; sister Beverly Ann Byrne; granddaughter

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Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 208.85
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$ 390.31
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 708.47

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(2023-C-000900 - HARRISON COUNTY - JOHN T. FRAME)
To: SANDRA E MURRAY AKA SANDRA E DILLEY, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT TENMILE OUTSIDE DISTRICT **MAP** 9999 **PARCEL** 0692 0850 0000
You will take notice that JOHN T. FRAME, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2023-C-000900, located in TENMILE OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0119 INT 152.4 AC O&G BEAR TRACT RN (ANT/API#5413 which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of MURRAY SANDRA E, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 8, 2024. JOHN T. FRAME requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after November 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before October 31, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2022 - 63256	\$ 84.08
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2023 - 63924.	\$ 27.82
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 208.85
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$ 390.31
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Division of Highways
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Bids will be received electronically by the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways through the Bid Express Bidding Service (www.bidx.com) and by sealed proposals (only when prequalification is waived) being received at its office in Building 5, Room 843, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia until July 16, 2024 at 10:00 AM (Eastern Standard Time). The bids will be downloaded and/or opened and read publicly thereafter for the constructions of the following project(s):

Call	Contract	State Project	Federal Project	Description
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DBE GOAL: 4% OF CONTRACT BID AMOUNT. BIDDER MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF METING GOAL ON FORM IN PROPOSAL.

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(2023-C-000754 - HARRISON COUNTY - JOHN T. FRAME)
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DISTRICT SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT **MAP** 9999 **PARCEL** 0693 2541 0000
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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2022 - 45462	\$ 81.18
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2023 - 45817.	\$ 25.00
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 148.85
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$ 390.31
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 645.34


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(2023-C-000899 - HARRISON COUNTY - JOHN T. FRAME)
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DISTRICT TEMPLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT **MAP** 9999 **PARCEL** 0690 0151 0000
You will take notice that JOHN T. FRAME, the purchaser of the tax lien(s) on the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2023-C-000899, located in TEMPLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0025 INT 48 AC O&G SHAW RUN (ANT/API#5602-19) MAP which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HUFFMAN FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent or nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on May 8, 2024. JOHN T. FRAME requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after November 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before October 31, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2022 - 61972	\$ 84.08
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.	\$ 0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2023 - 62619.	\$ 21.92
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 148.85
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$ 390.31
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Wisdom From “The Federalist Papers”

By Alexander Hamilton

If the federal government should overpass the just bounds of its authority and make a tyrannical use of its powers, the people,

whose creature it is, must appeal to the standard they have formed, and take such measures to redress the injury done to the Constitution as the exigency may suggest and prudence justify.

West Virginia Maple Syrup Production

From USDA - NASS

Charleston, West Virginia – Maple syrup production totaled 12,000 gallons in 2024, up from 11,000 gallons in 2023. Number of taps was 70,000, up from 69,000 taps in 2023. Yield per tap was 0.171 gallon, up from 0.159 gallon in 2023. Acreage totaled 2,200

acres in 2024, previous year data are not available. Comparison data for 2023 were released by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture in cooperation with NASS. Sales data will be in the Crop Production Report released in June 2025.

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They requested \$3,000 to “purchase and deliver 20 tons of field dirt to field two at Lost Creek City Park.”

A rumble of thunder sounded as Commissioners prepared to approve the request. Commissioner David Hinkle inquired if the City of Lost Creek provided assistance (it had not), then asked how the county is involved.

Susan Thomas, Harrison County Commission president, responded “Isn’t Lost Creek in Harrison County? There’s your answer.”

Support for the team won approval two to one with Hinkle dissenting.

In the public comment period, Brandie Gardner, representing the Salem City Council, spoke on behalf of Salem EMS, which recently shut its doors. The Councilwoman

asked if the city had reached out to the county for help, then suggested levy funds or opioid fund money as a possible source to help restore service.

“We’d like to seek help from any source that we possibly can,” she stated.

Gardner explained that the EMS closure fault lay in the hands of the former city manager, accusing the official of spreading misinformation. She also said that the official “did not explore further options to fund and save the EMS” and that there were “things not disclosed to the City Council.” In the fallout, the city manager resigned.

She said it would take “a couple hundred thousand” to “get EMS running the way it should be.”

Next several

community members, including economic development experts, rose to passionately defend the Harrison County Economic Development Corporation and its work. The agenda for the commission last week included an item to “Consider resignation and Formal withdrawal” of the county from what has been the lead economic development institution for Harrison County.

Amy Haberbosch-Wilson defended the work of the organization, for which she serves as executive director. She stated that “I have at least one member of the Commission on my board,” which is Commissioner Hinkle.

She then addressed the main concerns of the Commission, which were related to issues of communication.

Haberbosch-Wilson stated that the corporation would welcome Commissioners with questions or issues to “come to meetings, email us, share concerns.”

Then she invited Commissioners to help her to identify and address any issues between the two bodies.

Next, Haberbosch-Wilson asked rhetorically “what happens next” if the Commission took away its designation as the lead economic development organization for the county. She described how the institution is part and parcel of various agreements, communicates regularly with Congressional offices, and works closely with state economic development officials.

Rodney Strait, Mayor

of Shinnston, added his insight, saying that “I’d like to support the Corporation. They’ve done a lot for the city.” He added that “there’s been a lot of progress . . . in jobs for all of the cities, not just Bridgeport and Clarksburg.”

Later in the meeting, when Commissioners reached the agenda item that sparked the public comments, Thomas said “I want you all to know how I feel” about the Development Corporation issue. She said “I have asked for information and never got what I asked for,” adding that what she did receive “was not the proper documentation.”

Also a factor is the economic development authority that Trecost said “does have powers that the EDC does not.”

Thomas said “there’s got to be a way that the two entities can work together” and added that she had learned much about the EDC’s work recently.

Hinkle defended the efforts of the EDC, saying “we’ve helped Marion County; we’ve helped Lewis County,” and added that state officials trust and work with Haberbosch-Wilson.

The Commission agreed to not withdraw from the Corporation, allowing it to continue its work as before.

Commissioners debated the possibility of extending the Charles Pointe tax increment financing district for 15 years, sparking a sharp discussion. It was pointed out that approving the extension would provide better

See “Support” on Pg 10

Progressive Women’s Association Honors “Women of Distinction”

The Progressive Women’s Association will be presenting the Women Of Distinction Award on Friday, June 28 at noon at the Uptown Event Center. This event is held three times a year and is planned to recognize women in our community who have excelled in volunteering. This event is to honor those whose efforts have contributed to making our area a more caring place. Each candidate is recognized for their service whether it is heading up a non profit fundraiser, caring for an elderly relative who may have dementia, caring for a grandchild and the list goes on. The contributions of their service cannot be calculated in terms of money.

Keynote Speaker for the event will be Stephanie Iaquinta, Antero Resources Public Affairs Coordinator. The luncheon will be held at noon and is open to the public. Reservations must be made prior to June 25, by calling 304 624 6881.

Karen Alastanos

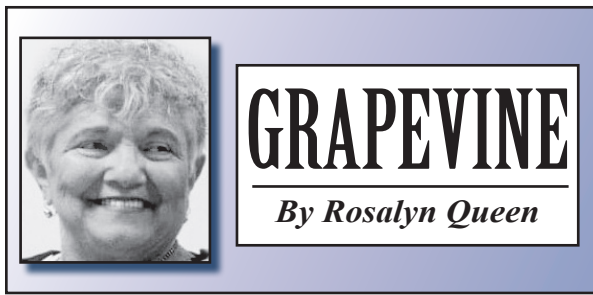
Karen has worked several jobs in Harrison County but none compare to her passion for serving the homeless population. Karen has never thought she would find so much joy doing street outreach. She’s been doing street outreach for the past six years which lead her to form a nonprofit organization with two of her best friends called “Friends Feeding Friends”. Karen says “It’s been one of the most rewarding things I have ever done and will continue to do until God says our season is over”. Karen Alastanos, has been married to a wonderful husband for 31 years. A mother of 2 beautiful daughters and

a grandmother of four sweet grandchildren. Karen has lived in Harrison County for a total of 48 years. She has had several occupations throughout her lifetime here in Harrison County, which include being a Hairstylist, a Teacher’s Aide, owner of a daycare and a clothing boutique. Serving others has taught her so much about people and their struggles in life and how important it is to have compassion without judgement.

Some say she has helped them but what they don’t realize is how much they’ve helped her also. Be kind and spread the love of Jesus.

Aimee Comer

Aimee J. Comer is a lifelong resident of the North View section of Clarksburg. She is the proud mother of Andrew Stewart, daughter of Don and Barbara Comer, niece of Peggy Knight and Tim Bennett, sister of Doug Comer and aunt to Sara, Jake and Costa Comer. Aimee is a 1993 graduate of Liberty High School. She holds a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Fairmont State University and a Master of Science in Marketing from Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School. Bringing over 15 years of experience in marketing and public relations to her role as the Executive Director of the Clarksburg CVB, her career began as a Marketing Consultant at WV Radio Corporation, where she focused on supporting local, small businesses and nonprofit organizations. She further expanded her expertise and leadership skills during her tenure as the Fundraising and Community Development Director



at United Way of Harrison and Doddridge Counties, and as a Contracted Political/Public Relations/Marketing Consultant. Prior to entering the marketing field, she served many clinical and clerical roles employed at United Hospital Center. During that time, she fostered many longtime friendships and gained customer relation skills she utilizes to this day. With a proven track record in strategic planning, community engagement, and fostering partnerships, Aimee J. Comer is well-positioned to lead the Clarksburg CVB towards a prosperous future, enhancing the city’s appeal and fostering growth within the community.

Carrie Ann Davis

Carrie Davis is a devoted advocate for girls and women with special needs, channeling her passion into meaningful initiatives and volunteer work. As the reigning 2023-2024 mentor Queen for Miss Amazing, Carrie holds the esteemed position of first runner-up, embodying leadership and mentorship qualities that inspire those around her. Through her involvement with Miss Amazing, Carrie strives to instill confidence and empowerment in young girls, fostering a sense of self-worth that extends far beyond the pageant stage. In addition to her commitment to Miss Amazing, Carrie generously volunteers her time and talents to various organizations

in her community. She is an active member of the Progressive Women’s Association, readily offering her assistance and support whenever needed. Every Wednesday, Carrie can be found lending a helping hand at Friends Feeding Friends, where she plays a vital role in serving meals and providing essential services to the homeless. Carrie’s dedication to serving others extends to her involvement in her local church, Clarksburg Baptist Church, where she devotes her time to working with children. Outside of her church and volunteer commitments, Carrie also volunteers at the Looking Glass, a local consignment shop, further demonstrating her unwavering commitment to giving back to her community. Born on January 26, 1978, in Buffalo, New York, Carrie currently resides in Clarksburg with her husband, Lyle Davis, and their beloved dog, Dusty. At 46 years old, Carrie continues to inspire those around her with her compassionate spirit and tireless dedication to making a difference in the lives of others.

Meghan Navarini (Clark)

Meaghan is a member of North View United Methodist Church. Meaghan was a 2023 graduate of Leadership Harrison through the Harrison County Chamber of Commerce. Meaghan Navarini (Clark) the daughter of Kim and the late Ron

Clark.

She is the oldest of three sisters Danika and Abbey Clark. Meaghan is a 2009 graduate of Liberty High School and graduated from West Virginia University with her bachelor’s in 2015. During her time at WVU she was a member of the Pride of West Virginia, WVU Marching Band. Meaghan is married to DJ Navarini. They have two beautiful little girls. Lillie-Rose(3) and Josephine(1). She works for Main Street Rural Health as a Health Navigator. Meaghan is passionate about making sure people have access to affordable healthcare, medications, and resources.

Meredith Queen

Meredith is active in her community. She serves as an officer for the Miss Amazing West Virginia organization - a statewide nonprofit that provides opportunities for girls and women with disabilities to help develop confidence and self-advocacy skills in a fun and supportive environment. Active in her church, she is a member of the Simpson Creek Baptist Church where she serves as a member of the Children’s Committee and as a Sunday School Teacher for Preschool. Having been born and raised in the West Milford area of Harrison County, Meredith Queen is a 2010 graduate of Robert C. Byrd High School. In 2014, Meredith graduated cum laude from West Virginia University with a degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology. She began her professional career as a certified practitioner with the State of West Virginia as a Speech Pathologist Assistant for the

Harrison County school system. In 2018, she was hired as a Speech Language Pathologist with the Marion County Board of Education. In an effort to encourage advanced education for Speech Language Pathologists working with the public school system in West Virginia, Meredith was selected to participate in a special program where she earned a Masters Degree in Communication Science Disorders in 2019 from the University of Cincinnati. In 2020, she opened her own practice providing certified Speech Language and early intervention services to families with children ages birth to three. Today, Meredith has grown her business into offering services to children and families throughout Harrison and Doddridge Counties. Meredith is married to entrepreneur, photographer, and State Senator Ben Queen. Together, they are the owners of the popular Stonewall Coffee shops located in Clarksburg and Bridgeport. Meredith and Ben reside in Bridgeport with their newborn son, Arthur.

Mendi Scott

Mendi is active in her community and serves as a board member of the The Change Initiative, working with the Phoenix House helping women in recovery and she is also a board member with the ARC of Harrison County. Mendi was born in Lewis and raised in Good Hope, Harrison Co. and moved to Clarksburg when she graduated from South Harrison High School in 1989. Mendi is married to Francis Scott and has been married for 24 years and they

See “Grapevine” on Pg 10

Understand Your Hope Gas Bill

Today’s column is part of an ongoing program by the Public Service Commission of West Virginia to help you read and understand your utility bills. Hope Gas has a relatively simple bill for consumers to see what costs they have incurred. You will find a box under the listing of “Summary of Basic Charges” that can be found on the right side of the first page of your Hope Gas bill. This information section updates customers as to credits and charges incurred since their last bill. It clearly states in bold letters total current charges, and a separate line tells the customer his or her total account balance. Within this box is a breakdown of the billing. The line labeled “Gas Usage Charge” should reflect the largest billing cost, since it covers the amount the customer must pay for the gas used during the previous month. This is a dollar amount



calculated on the basis of each 1,000 cubic feet of natural gas used that month by the customer. The Public Service Commission allows the company to bill for what it costs for it to purchase and deliver gas. Its purchase price fluctuates, depending upon what the company must pay for gas it purchases. The second-largest billing amount in this box should be what is listed as the service charge. Hope incurs fixed costs each month, regardless of the

amount of gas used by its customers. This monthly service charge covers part of these ongoing costs. It includes such things as meter reading, billing, customer accounting, pipeline capacity, and operating and maintenance expenses. Some Hope bills may also include municipal surcharge and excise taxes. These categories are dependent upon whether the customer lives within a municipal area that imposed such taxes. If so, then those will be on the bill as separate charges. Otherwise, they will not. Municipal tax and excise fees are simple pass-through charges and do not accrue to the company at all. Hope has an excellent website that can give you more details about your bill and other helpful information. Once again, it is our aim and Hope’s to make it easier for you to understand what you pay for when you pay your monthly bill. I hope you have found this to be helpful.

“Grapevine” From Pg 9.

have three children, Anjellica, Lexy, and Austin and three grandchildren, Cohen, Kobe, and Jonylah. She has been employed for two years at the Clarksburg Harrison Regional Housing Authority, Mendi has been the Executive Director of a non-profit, Homes For Harrison, for five years finding homes for those struggling with homelessness. Her favorite activity is spending time with her family.

Amy Strange

Amy is a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church of Clarksburg where she has served as an Elder and Deacon, as well as coordinated many service and fellowship projects. Amy currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Cultural Foundation of Harrison County, Clarksburg-Harrison Library Foundation, Sacred Heart Children’s Center, and Health Access Free Clinic. She is Chairperson of the Clarksburg Urban Renewal Authority. Through volunteering and financial sponsorship, she has supported many clubs, teams, and organizations throughout Harrison County. Amy and Jeff are founding members of the Harrison County Lacrosse Association and spent many wonderful years volunteering with their children’s activities at RCBHS. They graduated from WIHS in 1987. Amy Wilson Strange, daughter of James “Jeep” and Janet Wilson, was born and raised in Clarksburg,

WV. Dr. Wilson Strange has a MA in School Counseling, a Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology and a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from WVU. She has been a Licensed Psychologist in WV since 2003. After working in Monongalia County schools and teaching at WVU, she currently runs a private practice in Lost Creek, Family Matters Phycological Services and is contracted through WVU to teach kinship/ foster parent education classes. Dr. Wilson Strange previously served as President of the WV Psychological Association and as the Disaster Network Coordinator for WV. In her personal life, Amy has been married to Jeffrey Strange for 26 years and they have two children, Megan and Matthew, who live in Morgantown with their puppy Acadia. In her free time, Amy enjoys sporting events, concerts, theater, boating at Tygart Lake, and spending time at the beach.

Valarie Vance

My volunteer career began when I was younger and started helping my friends with their children. I am a member of Bible Baptist Fellowship Church, where I enjoy helping with children of all ages. I have taught Sunday School and children’s church and helped in the nursery. I have helped in all aspects of Vacation Bible School by teaching lessons, making crafts, helping with snack time, and setting up games. I have also entertained at many functions in

the area as a bag lady named “Tilly”. After having a major back surgery for Scoliosis, I volunteered to speak with others who were contemplating Scoliosis surgery on what to expect and the things they would need to help them through the healing process. For the past 10 years I have volunteered at Big Elm Elementary School. I have run errands, made copies (feels like a million), helped with the Smile Bus (dental care), handed food out at the farmers market, and made tons of popcorn for treat day. I worked with the 5th grade band helping the saxophone players. I have also helped with picture days and book fairs, and I have spent many hours in Santa’s Workshop. I’ve had so much fun watching the children pick out something special for their families. I am also a volunteer substitute leader for a Water Aerobics class. On social media, I put up “The Meadowbrook Road Report”, which involves road conditions from weather, accidents, road work, or anything involving road closures. Valerie’s most recent act of volunteerism is with the Bridgeport Library. I love to help where I am needed, especially with children. I was not blessed with any children of my own but have been an “Aunt #39; to many. Although I do not feel deserving of this award, I feel humbled and blessed to be honored with this nomination.

“Support” From Pg 9.

conditions for the restructuring of the bond agreement. Hinkle questioned the timing of considering the extension approval, saying “we’re putting the cart before the horse.” He later said that if the bondholders have a request, they should bring it to the Commission in person. Hinkle then challenged Trecost’s ability to vote on the matter, suggesting that it was a conflict of interest due

to campaign support received in the recent election by Trecost. Finally, he asked “what’s the hurry?” The Commission voted to set a public meeting for July 17 for further discussion.

Debate spilled over into discussion of approving the “administrative contract for EDA Grant with Region VI.” Hinkle requested to know how the item got on the agenda, a question followed by lengthy debate and a decision to take no action. Commissioners also discussed the auction and sale of eight county properties. Hinkle asked if anyone had appraised the value of the properties, leading to more back and forth among them. Some had been appraised, but long ago. The meeting extended for nearly two hours.

“War” From Pg 6.

various Northern state and local political ideas, most of which were jettisoned by the new Constitution of 1872. The United States Constitution states clearly the limited condition under which a new state may be carved from the boundaries of an existing state. Article IV Clause 1 says no “State may be formed by the Junction of two or more States, or Parts of States, without the Consent of the Legislatures of the States concerned as well as of the Congress.” Although the Union Virginia Legislature, composed mostly of those looking to create a new State, would certainly approve of the creation of West Virginia, Congress and the President still had to approve. The sticking point lay in the democratic votes that had taken place since May 1861. Pendleton County, for example, voted on May 23, 1861 696 to

131 to leave the Union. Fairfax County voted 942 to 288 in favor of leaving. Yet Pendleton County elected Boggs to serve as delegate to the State Constitutional Convention 60 to six, all votes coming from the northernmost district of Seneca. Occupied Fairfax County even voted to join West Virginia by 53 to 25. Eastern Panhandle counties, such as Berkeley and Jefferson, came in due to the presence of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. That vital transportation system to Union arms feared being in even a postwar Union Virginia. Thomas Carskadon, delegate from Hampshire County, successfully argued that the new State must include Pendleton County, due to its riverborne trade connections with counties downstream and to the north. Lincoln said of the decision to allow West Virginia that “What I do,

I do because I believe it helps to have the Union, and what I forbear, I forbear because I do not believe that it would help save the Union.” Like a good lawyer, however, Lincoln understood that the legal case for creation had to not only be airtight in itself, but also not contradict the legal basis for the war itself, or any of its other measures. Here, the President showed himself as the greatest American legal mind outside of John Marshall. The President’s entire philosophy on this and other Civil War measures that served the letter of the law, but not always the spirit, was summed up in his communication to Chief Justice Roger B. Taney on another major Constitutional question. Lincoln wrote to Taney “are all the laws but one to go unexecuted, and the Government itself go to pieces, lest that one be violated?”

“Obits” From Pg 7.

Jenna Louise Sturm; and her parents Fred Jr. and Lorraine Bessie Byrne (Porter). The family will receive friends at Harmer Funeral Home on Friday, June 14, 2024, from 4:00PM- 8:00PM. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at 11:00AM with Pastors Ron Johnson and Chris Byrne officiating. Interment will follow at I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Enterprise. com <http://www.harmerfuneralhome.com> Online memories and condolences may be shared at www.harmerfuneralhome.com