

The Mountain Valley Pipeline and its connections links West Virginia gas fields to potential buyers as far away as Texas and beyond.

Ten Years In the Making, Mountain Valley Pipeline Takes W.Va. Gas to the World

By Stephen Smoot

In 2014, with the blessing of Democratic governors Earl Ray Tomblin of the State of West Virginia and Terry MacAuliffe of the Commonwealth of Virginia, EQT Midstream Partners LP, NextEra Energy Inc, and several other partners prefiled an application to the Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission to start the effort to construct the Mountain Valley Pipeline. Only last week did it commence operations. “West Virginia continues to be one of our nation’s energy leaders, and the Mountain Valley Pipeline will help create new construction jobs for our workforce and identify markets for

our state’s abundant supply of natural gas,” said Governor Tomblin in Oct 2014, adding that “these investments have the potential to create good-paying jobs and by keeping key byproducts in our state, we have the opportunity to rejuvenate our manufacturing sector and create promising

opportunities for future generations.” The Virginia governor saw the pipeline as key to the Commonwealth’s economic future, stating “Virginia must have world-class energy infrastructure that provides abundant access to low-cost energy sources. New natural gas pipelines,

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WELCOMING VISITORS

Lincoln High Students Enhance Shinnston Trails with New Signage

From the Harrison County Board of Education

SHINNSTON - Lincoln High School business students, who comprise the EPIC Tourism Grant Executive Planning Committee, have taken a significant step in promoting local tourism and welcoming visitors to the Shinnston community.

This past week, these enterprising students saw their hard work come to fruition with the installation of new signs along the West Fork River Water Trail



Students in the main photo pictured left to right: Trinity Eldridge, Mrs. Julie Yearego, Cameron Patton, Sierra Menendez, and Kasey Ketterman. Not pictured: Mrs. Savannah Burns, Nick Beatty, Diana Mason and Olivia Hayes.

and Rail-Trail. The newly installed signs are just the beginning, with additional signage and rail-trail markers set to be put up in the

coming weeks. Special thanks go to the City of Shinnston for their unwavering support throughout this project. The

collaboration between the students and the city has been instrumental in making this initiative a reality.

Attendance Frustrations Reported to Harrison County Board of Education

By Stephen Smoot

Last week on June 18, the Harrison County Board of Education opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board chair Gary Hamrick opened the meeting by mentioning his impending vacation of the chair position. He informed the Board that he will be taking the gavel with him when he leaves the position, saying “I used it quite

a bit, especially during COVID.” He added “I hit that pretty hard a couple of times.” John Rogers, principal of Mountaineer Middle School, provided an update to the Board. He expressed frustration with the challenge of reducing the numbers of students considered “chronically absent.” “I have not found a way to get kids there,” he shared. Rogers explained that the school had tried a number of

programs that found success elsewhere, such as rewards. He and his staff tried “all they could think of,” and none of the ideas helped. Chronic absences includes both excused and unexcused together in total. Rogers stated

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Summer Jobs



By Jim Hunt for the News and Journal

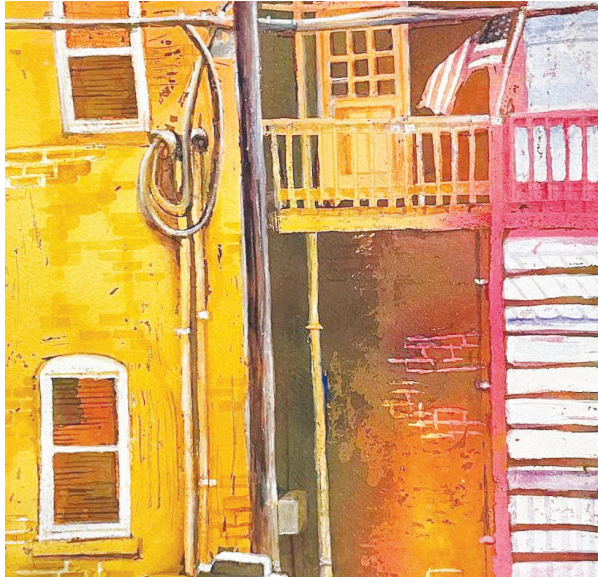
I’ve been reluctant to wax nostalgic about the good old days in this column. Generally, I prefer to focus on new and innovative approaches that can improve our cities and towns. I’ve written about the use of drones for public safety and how smartphones have revolutionized the ability of citizens to connect with their local governments, delivering almost instantaneous results. However, as more services rely on complex machines,

we’ve lost a few valuable traditions along the way. Traditionally, cities and towns employed extra crews during the summer months to maintain parks, public spaces, and rights-of-way. They would load a truck with teenagers equipped with rakes, scythes, brooms, and trimmers. The supervisor, often a coach or teacher from the local school system looking to make some extra money over the summer break, would oversee the crew. I was one of these young workers during the summer of 1966, part of a crew of about sixteen boys. It was a great experience, providing me with needed cash and time outdoors. We worked at Lowndes Hill, now the site of the YMCA in Clarksburg. Lou Rieser, the

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Jeannine Romano



Linda Elmer

Next Week At the Palette

By Bethany Nuzum

Please join us upstairs at The Palette, located at 225 Pike St., in Shinnston for a reception for local artists Linda Elmer and Jeannine Romano on Saturday, June 29 from

1-3:00pm. The Palette is open Tuesdays 5-7:00pm, Thursdays 1-3:00pm, and Saturdays 10:30am-2:00pm. Follow thepalettewv on Facebook and Instagram for upcoming classes and events!

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WV Wellness Festival Returns for an Unforgettable Day

Morgantown, WV The highly anticipated WV Wellness Festival, hosted by Forgiven Warrior and sponsored by Dynamic Physical Therapy, is back and better than ever! After a successful inaugural event last year, where over 1,000 attendees were welcomed to experience 85 exhibitors, eight free workshops & seminars, and over 330 free screenings, we’re excited to announce that this year’s festival will take place on July 13, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Mylan Park Community Center. Listening to participant feedback, we’ve made significant improvements to enhance the overall experience. This year, the festival will be moved indoors to the Mylan Park Community Center, ensuring a comfortable environment for all attendees. The WV Wellness

Festival is a free event, celebrating holistic wellness, encompassing physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being. Families can look forward to a day filled with fun activities, live music, delicious food, and engaging workshops and seminars. From the Fitness Competition to the Wellness Fair, there’s something for everyone to enjoy! “We’re thrilled to bring the WV Wellness Festival back to our community,” says Sarah Giosi, Forgiven Warrior Executive Director. “This year, we’re putting an even greater focus on family-friendly fun and creating an inclusive environment where everyone can discover the joys of wellness together.” Attendees can expect:

- Wellness Fair with exhibitors showcasing vibrant resources
 - Activities for kids and fun for the whole family
 - Free workshops, panels, and seminars covering various wellness topics
 - Delicious food vendors
 - 5K & Fitness Competition
 - Prizes & Giveaways
- “We’re putting life and vibrance into a wellness festival,” adds Giosi. The WV Wellness Festival is currently welcoming sponsors, exhibitors, athletes, and volunteers to join in making this year’s event a huge success. For more information and to get involved, visit ForgivenWarrior.org/WVWellnessFestival or contact the Festival Committee at WVWellnessFestival@gmail.com.

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Director of Parks for the city, would let us know which areas to focus on at the beginning of the week. It was hard work, and when the temperatures reached the 90s, we eagerly anticipated lunch hour. We gathered under one of the large oak trees to eat our lunches and drink ice-cold water

from the big red coolers. It was surprising how much work we could accomplish with hand tools and brute strength. We cleaned up fallen trees, stacking the wood and branches in piles to be loaded into the dump truck. As the summer progressed, we began to see the results of our hard

work. The weeds were gone, the trails were clean and free of litter, and the picnic tables were freshly painted. We often saw families taking their kids for impromptu picnics. Our work crew grew close, and we vowed to rejoin the crew the following year. However, I found another job after getting my driver’s

license and never worked in the parks again. For the next twenty years or so, I would see these groups of young workers around the city during summer vacations and smile, remembering my own experiences. In recent years, weed eaters and large tractors with mowers have replaced youthful

muscles. Many picnic tables have been removed, and fallen trees often remain on the ground. Families visit less often, and the sounds of kids running and throwing frisbees are quieter now. I believe my summer with the city parks played a role in my decision to get more involved with local

government. Interacting with the coaches and teachers who supervised us gave me a different perspective on these authority figures. Hard work, role models, and community pride, along with many other life lessons, have served me well. I wish today’s young kids could have that same opportunity.

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that a student could get 10 absences excused, but that many have accumulated as many as 30 unexcused absences. “Coming to school is just not a priority to some people,” Rogers admitted, also stating that “the consequences aren’t there. It goes back to the court system. Mary Frances, Board member, asked “when do we get to the point where the kid says ‘I’ve got to go to school.’ . . . How do we make it important to the parent?” Rogers said “I can’t

find an answer . . . they don’t see a need in their lives” and suggested that some parents may have had a poor school experience that sours them on sending their own children. Mountaineer Middle School staff and faculty attempted a personal backpack delivery to each student household last year to build connections with parents and guardians. The backpacks were crammed full of student supplies. While some parents showed

appreciation, Rogers said, many registered little or no response at all. Still others were not around at all. When asked what he thought chronically absent students did, he responded “sleep, play video games, do things that are important to them. Rogers also offered that “I don’t think that sometimes kids understand what they need in life because they never had it.” He added that some “have never been to the beach. They may have never been out

of Salem or Clarksburg.” Rogers explained that if a child is not exposed to better, they may not decide to seek better in their own adult lives, seeing it as unattainable. One bright note lay in the fact that more parents had chosen to involve themselves with the school. In other business, the school system had started interviewing bus drivers. The situation for the county is “in pretty good shape because it has “not lost a lot of drivers.” The Board also

discussed implementing phases two and three for the Siemens safety alert and notification system. They approved an amount of not more than approximately \$345,000. This would include alert signage for rooms with occasionally loud environments, such as gymnasiums or band rooms. It also has outdoor beacons visible to bus drivers and parents. Each alert system can work with the county’s color code system. Finally, the Board

debated what to do with the Board member pay raise system passed by the state. The State provided a pay raise for members, increasing the pay from \$160 per meeting to \$260. It also cut the number of meetings from 50 to 40. This effectively gives longer tenured Board members a pay cut. Hamrick called it “the most asinine thing.” To not penalize new members, however, hey passed enabling action to put the raise in place for county Board members.

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like the Mountain Valley Pipeline, will diversify our energy mix, reduce our Commonwealth’s carbon emissions, and help build a new Virginia economy.” Other touted benefits

in 2014 included offering access for natural gas to locals along the route and the ripple effect projection of nearly 10,000 jobs, a \$1.2 billion economic impact during

construction, and \$47 million in tax receipts for West Virginia and \$34 million in Virginia. Construction was originally planned to start and end in 2018, but hit a number of critical delays.

The pipeline originates in Wetzel County and passes through several others in West Virginia, including Harrison, as it runs almost entirely from north to south. At the Virginia line, it turns in a southeasterly direction until it hits its terminus in Pittsylvania County. There it connects with the Transcontinental Gas Pipeline’s compressor station, which can take MVP gas as far south as Texas and as far north as New York State. It will move up to 2.0 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day. Construction did not come without complaint. According to AlleghenyFront.org, an environmentalist publication, many filed complaints to the Commonwealth of Virginia’s Department of Environmental Quality. One complaining property owner, Kathy Chandler, noted that “DEQ tends to come after the fact and say ‘well, it looks ok.’ It’s been frustrating to say the least. Virginia’s

environmental agency explained that it investigated 42 complaints and found no instance in which the pipeline construction violated federal or state laws. It did, however, have issues with temporary sediment and mud. One example of these issues occurred in January near the Virginia town of Newport where a spring normally used for fresh drinking water ran muddy for several weeks. Pipeline officials said that the excess sediment came from a bore pit. It coordinated with state and industry experts to mitigate the problem, which was corrected. On May 1, the pipeline hit another setback when hydropressure testing revealed a rupture in the pipe near Roanoke, Virginia. According to a Virginia DEQ report, “inspectors investigating the complaint (of sediment laden water) observed turbid water in the stream channels conveying the release water.” Sediments from the incident, not related to that which affected the Newport spring earlier, deposited in an area wetland. The company removed the excess sediment and repaired any damage caused. The major project also

attracted the attention of activists, such as those who chained themselves to equipment and unfurled banners near Elliston, Virginia and also at Peters Mountain in West Virginia earlier this year. Opposition from anti pollution groups combined with complaints from advocates of global warming science to bring progress to a crawl for many of the 10 years it took to open the pipeline. United States Senator Shelley Moore Capito blamed “needless delays by courts and climate activists” while explaining that it received “all the necessary permits and approvals from both Republican and Democratic administrations.” Last January also brought delays from natural sources. As Diana Charletta, President and CEO of current corporate operator Equitrans Midstream explained “While our construction plans took into account the potential effects of winter weather, these conditions were far worse and longer in duration than anticipated, imposing a significant impact on productivity, which, in turn, impeded our ability to reduce construction

headcount.” With the Biden Administration’s hostility toward traditional sources of energy, the pipeline looked to be subject to delays that might force the end of the effort. Senator Joe Manchin, however, used his leverage to ensure the removal of federal and court obstacles to completion. Senate Democrats in 2022 only enjoyed a slender majority able to advance the President’s economic agenda, the centerpiece of which was the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. Manchin’s support was critical to passage, so he secured commitments from Congressional Democratic leaders and Biden to allow the pipeline to be finished. He also pushed his Building American Energy Security Act of 2022 to passage, which both reformed the permitting process and specifically protected the Mountain Valley Pipeline. Additionally, Manchin filed an amicus curiae brief to the United States Supreme Court in the case that overturned a stay on construction issued by the Fourth Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals. Mountain Valley Pipeline commenced operations on June 14.

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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

Sunset Ellis Restaurant is looking for school supplies and/or donation. Their goal is to supply at least 100 kids with what they need to return to school. They will have a box for supplies and a can for donations

Sunset Drive In will also host Family Splash Day on July 6 from 5 to 8 PM at 5776 Shinnston Pike. There will be water filled bounce houses, food trucks, a disc-jockey, and more

The Rustic Mechanicals Shakespeare troupe will put on The Tempest Sunday July 7 and 7 PM at Fergusson Memorial Park

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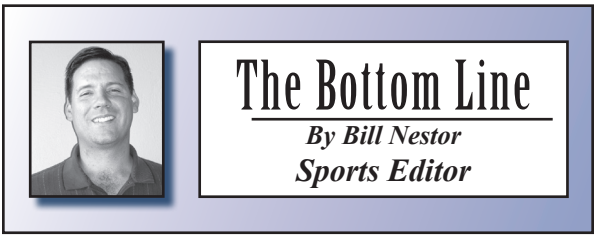
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It’s Trophy Time For Mazzulla Tee It Up!

The newest NBA champion just happened to be a Mountaineer. There are only a handful of former West Virginia basketball alums that have left Morgantown and went on to win a title on the professional level. Joe Mazzulla is the newest name on that list as he guided the Boston Celtics back to title town.

Mazzulla was a fan favorite at West Virginia. A blue collar player that hung around Morgantown from 2006 to 2011. I know some of you math majors figured out that he spent five years in the hoops program. Mazzulla was forced to redshirt the 08-09 campaign due to a shoulder injury. A surgery, severe pain, and a truckload of frustration led to some bad choices of Joe Mazzulla. He was arrested in the spring of 09 for domestic battery at a bar, prompting the head coach, Bob Huggins, to suspend the southpaw from Rhode Island.

It was the low point for Mazzulla and his playing career at



WVU was in jeopardy. He received a phone call from another Mountaineer that just happens to be on that above mentioned list, Jerry West. That call was a difference-maker for Mazzulla. He cleaned up his act, stopped throwing and pulling punches, and was named team captain in 2010.

That year Mazzulla would lead West Virginia to the Final Four. It was the program’s second, and last, appearance. The first to take them there was, ironically, Jerry West.

Mazzulla wanted to play in the pros, but that dream never came to fruition. His love for the game led led him into coaching and local hoops fans had a chance to catch Mazzulla in action closer to home. He was an assistant

coach at Glenville State from 2011-2013, then came right to Harrison County’s back door from 2013 to 2016 as an assistant at Fairmont State. A year spent close to home as an assistant for the Maine Red Claws made MAzzulla homesick for his second home in the Mountain State.

Jerrold Calhoun had left Fairmont State and the door was opened for Mazzulla to start his head coaching career. He guided the Falcon program from 2017 to 2019. The Celtics came calling and Joe just couldn’t say no. He was an assistant from 19 to 22. Last year, he was named the interim head coach and led the Celtics to the Eastern Conference Finals. His efforts earned high praise from around the league and “interim” was removed from his

title.

At age 35, Mazzulla became the youngest coach since Bill Russell (in 1969) to win the championship. He has earned the respect of his players and they have contrived to heap praise on him for his leadership throughout the season. Boston had the most regular season wins to go with the title, proving to be the most consistent team in basketball.

The entire roster is back for next year, which has hoop fans talking repeat. The nucleus of the roster will also be intact for several years, which has “dynasty” on the minds of Celtic fans.

Mazzulla is in a great place and it should only get better. His work ethic at WVU was impressive and he has shown the same desire to grow as a coach. As impressive as he has been, roaming the sidelines so far, the best is yet to come.

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

By Bill Nestor

This week’s edition of “Tee It Up” took us to Mount Clare where Robert Trent Jones Sr sculpted this 18 hole beaut known as Bel Meadows Golf Club. There is a great deal of nostalgia surrounding this 189 hole tract that has hosted its fair share of important events over the years.

Bel Meadows ranges 7117 yards from the tips and with five sets of tees, there is a challenging round on these grounds for golfers of every skill level. There are several obstacles on this course that provide stroke grabbers. Fair, but punishing rough, large strategically placed bunkers that guard almost every green, and huge mature trees that line the fairways give golfers fits all round long.

The fairways are wider and easier to hit, but they are extremely fast, so a less-than-

perfect shot will more than likely find the rough.

The greens are sizable so finding them isn’t such a daunting task. However, if you are looking to score approach shots, you need to be more aggressive because the greens are tiered, possess plenty of break, and are slick.

The front side offers a slight break with the par threes, which are slightly shorter. The back is slightly shorter overall, but water comes into play on a couple that will bring risk versus reward opportunities.

The 19th hole is a fan favorite here and they have a nice atmosphere to sit back and review your round. Bel Meadows Golf Club offers a great day of golf and the best part is that it’s just down the road.

West Virginians for Affordable Health Care Awarded Grant

(CHARLESTON, WV) – West Virginians for Affordable Health Care (WVAHC) is pleased to announce that it is the recipient of aCareQuest Institute for Oral Health grant to advance quality, affordable healthcare in West Virginia.

“This is great news for WVAHC and West

Virginia,” says Ellen Allen, executive director of West Virginians for Affordable Health Care. “This grant allows us to continue engaging West Virginians regarding their personal healthcare choices, while working with policy makers to preserve and protect Medicaid.”

CareQuest Institute for Oral Health is a national nonprofit championing a more equitable future where every person can reach their full potential through excellent health. It partners with thought leaders, health care providers, patients, and stakeholders at all levels to change oral

health care through five areas of activation: philanthropy, analytics and data insights, education, policy and advocacy, and health transformation.

The scope of this project includes preserving and protecting oral health coverage advancements in Medicaid and CHIP,

advancing policy initiatives that consider the social determinants of health, shoring up full funding for Medicaid for all vulnerable West Virginians, and engaging West Virginians in advocating for improvements in the State’s healthcare system.

“West Virginians for Affordable Health Care is honored to receive such a prestigious grant and is excited to continue its very important work,” says Allen.

For more about the CareQuest Institute for Oral Health go to <https://www.carequest.org>

UHC Physician Named Generation Next: 40 Under 40

Bridgeport, WV— Congratulations to Zachariah M. Thomas, MD for being recognized as one of The State Journal’s Generation Next: 40 under 40. The annual distinction has been given to a class of the

Mountain State’s finest for the past 19 years. He represents the state’s spirit of hard work, teamwork, and assisting others.

Dr. Thomas is a hospitalist at United Hospital Center (UHC), with more than 10

years of experience. He studied at West Virginia University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in biology, before going on to WVU’s School of Medicine, where he graduated with honors. Board certified in

internal medicine; he is also a member of the American College of Physicians.

Dr. Thomas has been involved in various activities, both in the medical field and the community. He was a preceptor teaching

medical students; chief resident council while in medical school, acting as liaison between residents and chief residents; volunteering as medical director at a camp for diabetic children in West Virginia; and serving

in a family medicine externship at WVU.

Presently, in addition to his hospitalist duties, Dr. Thomas is secretary of the UHC Medical Staff and sits on both the credentialing and medical executive committees.

Hospital to Launch Acupuncture Detoxification Therapy Pilot Program

The West Virginia Department of Health Facilities (DHF) is pleased to announce an incoming acupuncture pilot program at William R. Sharpe, Jr. Hospital that will help ease patients through the detoxification process, while relieving anxiety, stress, paranoia, aggression, and other behaviors.

Sharpe Hospital Unit Manager Theresa Hoskins, MSN-RN, will lead the pilot program,

which initially will be available to patients on her unit only. Hoskins became an AcuDetox Therapist in 2019 and will follow program guidelines outlined by the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association (NADA).

Acupuncture services will be available to patients who are open to receiving the therapy and could benefit from it. A former visitation room that is no longer in use

on Hoskins’ unit will be decorated and furnished to accommodate the sessions, which are expected to last 45 minutes each. The initial series of sessions will occur over a three-day period, according to Hoskins.

“Studies have shown us that inserting five acupuncture needles into each ear once a day for three days can reduce relapse by 45 percent,” Hoskins says. “And if patients decide

to continue with therapy after that, studies say their chances of relapse can reduce even further by 85 percent.”

William R. Sharpe, Jr. Hospital plans to begin offering these therapy services to patients by August 1, 2024, and will do so once a month for six months, following that first series of sessions. Upon completion, the program’s success will be evaluated by analyzing patients’

behaviors and conducting a post-pharmaceutical survey to see if medication regimens have lessened as a result of the acupuncture therapy. Further implementation of the acupuncture therapy program at Sharpe Hospital will be determined following this evaluation.

“Every single person deserves the right to lead a good life,” Hoskins added, “If applying this acupuncture can aid

them in surviving and thriving, I don’t think that anything could be better than that.”

Hoskins’ unit currently houses 14 patients, half of whom she says could benefit from acupuncture therapy.

Sharpe Hospital operates all therapy services through a bundled rate included in patients’ treatment plan of care. No additional revenue sources are required to fund the pilot program.



Peak Health, WVU Medicine Partner With Mylan Park

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – Peak Health and WVU Medicine are pleased to announce a groundbreaking new partnership with Mylan Park, West Virginia’s premier recreation, sport, health, and wellness complex.

On July 1, Mylan Park’s aquatic center will be named the Peak Health Aquatic Center at Mylan Park, and the track complex will be named the Peak Health Track and Field Complex. In addition, Mylan Park’s splashpad area and waterslides will be named for WVU Medicine Children’s.

Under the new partnership, Peak Health and Mylan Park will collaborate to further their shared commitment to bring more health and wellness opportunities to West Virginia. Notably, all members and beneficiaries of Peak Health’s health insurance plans will now have free access to the Aquatic Center and other Mylan Park recreation and fitness facilities through the Mylan Park MyPARK Pass program. Details on how to access these services will be forthcoming to Peak Health members.

“We are very excited. This partnership advances Peak Health’s mission to be an inclusive, provider-led health plan that helps West Virginian’s live healthier and fuller lives and supports WVU Medicine’s mission of building healthier futures for our children,” Ben Gerber, CEO of Peak Health and chief strategy officer for the WVU Health System, said.

The Peak Health Aquatic Center at Mylan Park is a state-of-the-art and fully accessible 90,000-square-foot facility featuring a 50-meter Olympic pool and diving well. Additionally, the facility houses a community pool with zero-depth entry, water slides and play features, a six-lane lap pool, an outdoor splash pad, multi-purpose rooms to rent, and a fitness room.

The Peak Health Track and Field Complex is an eight-lane, prefabricated, synthetic Mondo Super-X surfaced facility that features four long-jump and triple-jump pits, LED stadium lighting, steeple chase, high-jump, pole vault, and several throw areas for javelin, shot put, and discus. Encompassed by scenic views of the surrounding mountains, it is fitted with a top-of-the-line timing system, cameras, and video scoreboard. The track is also lined for high school and collegiate competition with seating for more than 2,000 spectators, on-site parking, a press box, ticket booth, restrooms, and concessions.

The WVU Medicine Children’s Outdoor Splash Pad features dumping buckets and troughs, sprayers, geysers, sprinklers, and more on top of a non-slip concrete surface.

“Mylan Park is proud to welcome Peak Health and WVU Medicine,” Ron Justice, president of the Mylan Park Foundation, said. “MyPark is a great opportunity for members to enjoy the Mylan Park first-class facilities.”

About Peak Health Peak Health is a health insurer and health insurance services company headquartered in Morgantown. It is owned by three not-for-profit healthcare providers: the WVU Health System, the Marshall Health Network, and Valley Health. This unique model allows Peak Health to offer a collaborative, integrated, and cost-effective approach to health insurance. Peak Health currently serves nearly 50,000 members across its commercial and Medicare Advantage Plans. For more information, visit PeakHealth.org.

Golf Classic raises over \$54K to aid WVU Cancer Institute patients



Brad Howe, Blaine Stewart, Tony Caridi, Garrett Greene, and Hoppy Kercheval chat during the live show at the WVU Cancer Institute Golf Classic after-event.

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. – The inaugural WVU Cancer Institute Golf Classic raised more than \$54,000 to benefit patients battling blood cancer.

A total of 66 golfers participated in the tournament at Stonewall Resort’s Arnold Palmer Signature Course on Saturday, June 8.

A Mountaineer sports-themed after-event followed, with 120 guests on hand for food, auctions, autograph signings, and a live show hosted by Tony Caridi, Brad Howe, and Hoppy Kercheval of the “3 Guys Before the Game” podcast. They welcomed WVU quarterback Garrett Greene as a special guest.

Proceeds from the Golf Classic benefit the Live Like Brent Comfort Fund, which provides support for blood cancer patients at the WVU Cancer Institute.

“Launching this new initiative would not have been possible without our dedicated friends and donors. I am grateful to all those who contributed,” Hannah Hazard-Jenkins, M.D., executive chair and director of the WVU Cancer Institute, Jean and Laurence DeLynn Chair of Oncology, and associate professor of surgery at the WVU School of Medicine.

“The WVU Cancer Institute’s Live Like Brent Comfort Fund aids us in reducing barriers for our patients and provides them with much-needed direct support as they receive treatment.”

The after-event featured the dedication of a commemorative bench honoring late WVU Head Football Coach Bill Stewart. Coach Stew, as he was affectionately known, led the Mountaineers to one of their most memorable victories as interim head coach in 2008, when WVU defeated Oklahoma, 48-28, in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

A native of West Virginia and WVU graduate, Stewart served under coaches Don Nehlen and Rich Rodriguez before assuming the head coaching position from 2008-2010. He passed away May 21, 2012, following a heart attack at the age of 59.

Son Blaine Stewart is now an assistant coach (tight ends) for the WVU Football team. He and his mother, Karen Stewart, were in attendance for the dedication, which also featured a recorded tribute from Pittsburgh Steelers Head Coach Mike Tomlin.

The Live Like Brent Comfort Fund was established by the Live Like Brent Foundation to honor the memory of Brent Evans, a WVU graduate who died of blood cancer in 2017. The organization celebrates Evans’ life by inspiring others to fight blood cancer while living an impassioned life and cherishing each day — just like Brent did.

Brent’s parents, Ken and Karen Evans, traveled to West Virginia to attend the event.

“The entire Live Like Brent team was honored to partner with the WVU Cancer Institute on this great event,” Michael Gray, Live Like Brent Foundation regional director for West Virginia, said.

“It was a wonderful day, and the support was overwhelming from so many people. We look forward to expanding our efforts in the future so that even more patients can receive support in Brent’s memory.”

Sponsors who contributed to the event’s success include WVU Medicine, Applied Construction Solutions, Almost Heaven Media Digital, Doug and Jennifer Ernest, FNB Wealth Management, Kim and Debbie Craig, and 100.9 JACK FM.

Visit <https://cancer.wvumedicine.org/giving> for more information about supporting the WVU Cancer Institute and the Live Like Brent Comfort Fund.

All contributions to the Live Like Brent Comfort Fund are made through the WVU Foundation, the nonprofit organization that receives and administers private donations on behalf of the University and its affiliated entities.

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Historic District of Harpers Ferry Among the Best for Alfresco Dining

As the days brighten and the evenings stretch out, this idyllic season beckons us to revel in one of life’s simple yet profound pleasures: alfresco dining.

DatingAdvice.com ran a survey of 3,000 seasoned (no pun intended) foodies to identify the 150 most romantic locations for al fresco dining in 2024. The top 10 were as follows:

#1 Historic District, Savannah, Georgia. The Historic District in Savannah takes the top spot. These historic streets are lined with ancient oaks and Spanish moss, offering cozy cafes and upscale bistros. Couples can enjoy traditional Southern fare or international cuisine in charming courtyards and sidewalk settings.

#2 French Quarter, New Orleans, Louisiana. In second place is the French Quarter in the heart of New Orleans. Sidewalk cafes and courtyard restaurants offer a taste of local Creole and Cajun dishes as you soak in the bustling atmosphere and historic surroundings.

#3 West Village, New York City, New York. The West Village’s quaint and artistic streets are next. Lined with a variety of restaurants offering outdoor dining, couples can enjoy intimate garden patios and small terraces with everything from gourmet meals to casual brunches in a picturesque neighborhood setting.

#4 Ocean Avenue, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California. With stunning views of the Pacific, Ocean Avenue offers a relaxing dining experience. Couples can sample the local seafood on outdoor terraces and enjoy a perfect view of the sunset over the ocean.

#5 Downtown, Charleston, South Carolina. In one of America’s oldest cities, couples can enjoy Lowcountry specialties and classic Southern dishes in the lush, open-air environments of Charleston’s finest restaurants.

#6 Downtown Asheville, North Carolina. Voted in sixth place, Downtown Asheville offers views of the surrounding Blue Ridge Mountains, and features a variety of outdoor dining options from rustic beer gardens to rooftop restaurants.

#7 Harbor Town, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. With panoramic views, it’s no surprise Harbor Town came in seventh. Seafood is a highlight here, with fresh catches served daily, and couples can choose from casual dockside eateries to upscale dining.

#8 Provincetown, Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Known for its artistic community and beautiful seascapes, Provincetown, in eighth place, includes waterfront patios and decks where you can enjoy fresh oysters, clams, and other seafood delights while watching boats drift by on Cape Cod Bay.

#9 Old Town, Albuquerque, New Mexico. The local restaurants in Old Town offer a blend of Native American and Mexican cuisines, which couples can enjoy in the quaint courtyards and patios that dot this historic area.

#10 Waikiki, Honolulu (Oahu), Hawaii. Rounding up the top ten is the world-renowned Waikiki. This beautiful location offers a plethora of dining options along the beachfront. From luxurious resort restaurants to casual seaside bars, couples can enjoy tropical cocktails and a diverse range of cuisines with stunning views of the Diamond Head.

3 locations in West Virginia were included among the country’s top 150 for alfresco dining:

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gradually replaced the desire to join groups that have individuals with different backgrounds and points of view.

Retirees sometimes seek out service clubs as ways to stay active and remain engaged, but not in numbers needed in many cases to stem the tide of declining numbers.

Nearly every service club wants to see both more and younger members but the key, as always, is offering value.

The kind of young people that a service club would typically rely on to work on projects has made a real mark on Shinnston in the past year. Lincoln High School’s EPIC grant team won a state award, then put in hands-on efforts to improve the West Fork Trail and establish ways to sustain the work going forward.

Students applied for the grants, led the projects, and publicized their work to the community. The “value” they received from the experience includes much personal benefit to them. Those applying to elite schools can cite such volunteer work on their applications. These projects also provide students with professional-style experience that may not help them shine on an entry level job application, but will certainly stand them in good stead when looking for a professional career.

They also gained an understanding of how the world of getting things done actually works while bringing improvements that all can see with their own eyes in the community.

Recruiting young people to do anything includes asking for a sacrifice of time otherwise spent with friends, family, sports, studies, or socialization. Each individual will have their own idea of what represents value, but the first question and organization must ask is “what value can this person get by joining the cause?”

The kind of young people whose presence will benefit a service club also want authentic experiences with authentic outcomes. Efforts to attract them by playing popular music or trying to entertain in the fashion of “how the kids do today” rarely entices them.

To members, the value will usually seem self-explanatory, but they may be shocked by how little many younger folks in the general public know about the good work they do or how membership benefits recruits.

Opportunities abound, however. Reserve Officer Training Corps programs seem like natural partners for veterans’ service organizations. Service clubs can reach out to high school culinary students to put together menus and complete dining experiences to add to their slate of traditional fundraiser meals, which would almost certainly attract their parents and other family as well. Young people do flock to the performing arts in large numbers. Concerts or other performances can serve as part of fundraising or community events.

This is the kind of volunteer work that brings young people to the clubs while also giving them experiences they can refer back to in their future careers.

It’s not that young people want to serve less than they once did. They have more opportunities pulling at their time and their social waters are muddier than they ever have been. The answer quite likely lies in giving them opportunities to contribute in ways that offer value to them now and/or the future.

And unless the answer is found fast, communities will lose the benefit of these foundational service organizations where, to paraphrase Winston Churchill, so much is owed by so many to so few.

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Keith and is survived by his parents, Bobby and Linda Minnix, who are former school teachers.

Wednesday, May 8, 2024. He was born September 14, 1970 and is survived by his parents, Bobby and Linda Minnix, who are former school teachers.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 32 years, Mavour, on June 23, 2023.

He was a 1989 graduate of Lincoln High School. Richard

and his parents moved to Zephyrhills, Florida in 1991. Both Richard and his wife were employed in the health care field.

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are scheduled at this time.

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Serving God with a dental drill and a smartphone

From L'Osservatore Romano

Dentist, Social Media Producer and Religious Sister. All these titles could be included in the job description of Sr M. Paula Blum, Schoenstatt Sister of Mary, ISSM , from Ecuador. The 34-year-old is in her final year of studies to become a dentist and has a passion for spreading the “Good News” via Instagram.

“It’s a gift that I can do everything that I love. I’m a Sister of Mary — I left dentistry to become a Sister of Mary. Then I went back to it. And now I do social media, which is more like my hobby”. This is how Ecuadorian Sr M. Paula Blum, Schoenstatt Sister of

Mary, issm, sums up her life as a religious sister on the way to becoming a dentist.

In an interview with Vatican News Sr M. Paula explained how she came to live out her mission in these diverse fields of work.

“When I was 11 years old, I decided I wanted to be a dentist”, she recalled. Before entering the Secular Institute of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary, she had already studied dentistry for three years. She got to know the Schoenstatt Sisters through the work they do with the Schoenstatt Movement, in particular with youth and families. Sr M. Paula felt called to this way of life and imagined she would also devote her service

to doing pastoral work with the Schoenstatt Movement.

“When I entered the community, I didn’t know that we were a secular institute”, she said, and explained that she was not aware that the sisters could also pursue secular professions.

Secular Institutes are communities of consecrated people who can live alone in the world and work in secular fields of work. Their mission is to sanctify the world “from within” through their presence in the midst of secular society.

Sr M. Paula remembered how her superior then asked her if she “wanted to continue working, studying dentistry”. She said she considered it, and said, “If it is possible, yes”. On the other hand, she was also wondering if she couldn’t study something along the lines of social media.

Then she came to the decision: “I thought that maybe I could do social media without a title. I could work, do courses, but I couldn’t be a dentist without my diploma”.

Teeth are a treasure “I know people are usually afraid to go to the dentist and they see it as weird that we like working on people’s mouths. That’s usually what people think of us”, Sr Paula explained.

Yet she sees people’s teeth and mouths as “a treasure”.

“I know I have to be trained well enough so I can take care of teeth, which allow us to speak, to eat, and also to have good relationships, because people who don’t have a nice smile often have a low self-esteem, sometimes they don’t even speak”, she noted.

Sr M. Paula sees this field of work as a very practical way of helping people to experience their own value and dignity. She said that it was always her wish to help people. “I know as a dentist I can help many people to recover their healthy lifestyle, to help, so people can eat well and eat whatever they want, and improve their self-esteem”, she added.

Her wish for the future would be to “have my private practice, work at a clinic with other colleagues, and also help people who can’t afford to pay for a dentist”.

Then there is the other passion that Sr Paula has: Social media.

God has to be present where people are present

Sr M. Paula revealed, “When I was asking myself whether I should become a sister, I didn’t want to ask the youth sister, but I asked Google about the community of the

Sisters of Mary. So I came to understand that people look for answers on the internet”.

She explained why she felt compelled to use social media in order to be close to the people: “I think that being a millennial, growing up with social media, in my time with Hi5 and Facebook, it has always made me conscious that people spend a lot of time on social media, since I did it too. I’ve always wanted to be where people are. God has to be present where people are present, where people are looking for answers”.

Sr M. Paula started to develop an Instagram channel, which the community in Ecuador had set up in 2020. She motivated her co-sisters to collaborate in creating inspirational content for the online community. Thus, their account (@hermanasdemariaec) was born.

Balancing her time between community life, university studies, and social media can be challenging, admitted the Schoenstatt Sister. “Time is my biggest challenge. I feel I have a gift, that I can do everything that I love. But managing time when you love all you do is a challenge”.

She shared that she has only half a day every week to work

on social media. There are occasions when this isn’t enough. “Some semesters, when they are very demanding in my studies, I find myself editing videos on the way home”, Sr M. Paula said. “I get home and I’m dizzy, but well, I finished that video! So, it’s demanding”.

Women religious on social media

Sr M. Paula shared her thoughts on the particular contribution women religious can give to the world of social media.

She said that one question had motivated her. “I was thinking that if the Blessed Mother were here today and she had social media, how would she give the message of her Son to this world, in this century?”.

“I think that’s the contribution we can give as consecrated women: to give the message of God in a feminine way, like how our Blessed Mother would do it, with that language, with those values”.

And as “there’s a lot of fake news, and there are also fake images of women”, Sr M. Paula added, “I think we also have that mission of giving the world the true image of woman”.

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DISTRICT SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0693 2541 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-000754, located in SARDIS OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0033 INT 86 AC O&G GREGORY RN (CNX/#3531-32-52)(A which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of GAINES TAMI, 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 - 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,	\$ 390.31
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 645.34

You may redeem at any time before October 31, 2024 by paying the above total less any unearned check.

Given under my hand May 31, 2024
G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of HARRISON County, State of West Virginia

**Please return this letter and payment to the
West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collections
Division 1900 Kanawha Blvd East
Building 1, Room W-114
Charleston, West Virginia 25305.
Questions please call 1-888-509-6568**

(2023-C-000899 - HARRISON COUNTY - JOHN T. FRAME)

To: HUFFMAN FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST C/O ELIZABETH CUNNINGHAM, 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 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,	\$ 390.31
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$ 0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 645.16

You may redeem at any time before October 31, 2024 by paying the above total less any unearned check.

Given under my hand May 31, 2024
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Women's Club Votes to Support LHS EPIC Grant Program

By Debra Herndon

The Shinnston Woman's Club met Monday, June 17 th at the Clubhouse with

Co-President Mary Ann Ferris presiding.

Co-President Debra Herndon presented Seven Signs of Spiritual Maturity and

led in prayer.

The group said the Pledge to the Flag and then Ferris introduced the guest speaker, Stephen Smoot.

Smoot began by giving a background of his education and career which finally led him to be the Editor of the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal and the Pendleton Times. Smoot had been a history teacher, worked in the political arena and had taught

journalism and media classes.

All these earlier experiences gave him skills and ideas for his current calling.

Smoot went on to give his opinion on the role of local print media in today's world. As West Virginia's Birthday is coming up he concluded with a talk on the social, financial and political reasons behind the formation of West Virginia.

The birth of the State occurred as a result of circumstances which

will likely never be repeated.

A repast of chicken, potato salad, cake, cookies and marshmallow salad was enjoyed by all and then Ferris resumed the business portion of the meeting.


Ferris reported that four Shinnston members had attended the Spring Workshop, many topics were covered including the Healthy Grandfamilies program.

Liam Gallagher was the recipient of the

Club's scholarship and he will be invited to a future meeting.

Ferris will be taking the Club's Arts and Crafts winning entries to Summer Conference for judging. The Club voted to contribute \$100 to Lincoln High School's EPIC Grant Program.


Those present not previously mentioned were Viviane Spagnuolo, Connie Leuliette, Willa Jean Green and Deborah Starkey.



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Students Graduate From Mountaineer ChallNGe Academy

The Mountaineer Challenge Academy is pleased to announce Class 1-24 as the 62 nd class to complete this West Virginia National Guard Program. C o m m e n c e m e n t exercises were held Friday, June 14th at Camp Dawson in Kingwood. A total of 85 graduates from 34 counties across the State of West Virginia successfully completed the requirements for graduation. CSM James Jones congratulated the Cadets and gave the commencement address.

The following Cadets participated from Harrison County:

Cadet Jonathan Michael Facemire, son of Michael and Joyce Facemire of Bridgeport, was in Platoon 2. Cadet Facemire was recognized for receiving the Mentorship, Highest Academic Points(2), Instructor's List(3), PT Most Improved as well as obtaining the six Individual Values

the Cadets and gave the commencement address.

The following Cadets participated from Harrison County:

Cadet Jonathan Michael Facemire, son of Michael and Joyce Facemire of Bridgeport, was in Platoon 2. Cadet Facemire was recognized for receiving the Mentorship, Highest Academic Points(2), Instructor's List(3), PT Most Improved as well as obtaining the six Individual Values

Recognition Ribbons.

Cadet Skywalker
McCauley, daughter of Tracey
McCauley of Nutter
Fort, was in Platoon
3. Cadet McCauley
was recognized
for receiving the
Mentorship, Level One
PT(2), Instructor's List
as well as obtaining the
six Individual Values
Recognition Ribbons.

Cadet Audrie Marie Starkey, granddaughter of Jennifer Leggett of Wallace and daughter of the late Amanda

Starkey of Gypsy, was in Platoon 4. Cadet Starkey was recognized for receiving the Highest Academic Points, Instructor's List, Mentorship, Honor's List as well as obtaining the six Individual Values Recognition Ribbons.

Cadet Tysaac David Sword, son of Kylie Shetler and Eric Funk of Clarksburg, was in Platoon 4. Cadet Sword was recognized for receiving the Mentorship as well

as obtaining the six
Individual Values
Recognition Ribbons.

All graduating Cadets have completed the residential phase of ChalLeNGe, which includes activities in eight core component areas ranging from Service to Community to Employability Skills. Cadets in this class provided 3687.5 hours of Service to Community for such organizations as American Red Cross, Trout for Cheat, Camp

Galilee, Girl Scouts of America, and Operation Gratitude.

Following graduation, these Cadets will begin a one-year post-residential phase of ChalleNGe that includes placement activities in education and/or employment.

Applications are currently being accepted for Class 2-24 South that begins in October.

Call toll-free at
1-800-529-7700 for
more information.

NCWV Well-Represented In Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame

JACKSON'S MILL, W.Va. – The West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame (WVAFHOF) will honor the 2024 inductees with a banquet on Saturday, July 20, at Jackson's Mill. The evening will start with a reception at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. The banquet is open to any interested parties. To purchase tickets, contact Rebecca Williams at (304) 825-6983.

“The people we are honoring this year have contributed so much of their valuable time and effort to the residents of their communities and the State of West Virginia, as a whole,” said WVAFHOF President Jeremy McGill. “Their work and dedication to advancing the science and the practice of agriculture, forestry, and family life, that is integral to supporting those careers, has earned them this prestigious recognition. It is important that we come together and celebrate

Chartered in 1974, the West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame honors West Virginians who have made outstanding contributions to the establishment, development, advancement, and improvement of agriculture, forestry, and family life in West Virginia and around the world.

The 2024 inductees are:

Mark Bowers (Petersburg, WV) – A native son of West Virginia, Mark is commonly known as “Mr. Maple” to maple syrup producers across the Mountain State because of his drive and enthusiasm for maple production and educating the community and fellow maple-makers about the intricacies of the business. He is the founding president of the WV Maple Syrup Producer’s Association and is still an active member today. He’s

been instrumental in expanding the industry across our State.

William ‘Bill’ Coffindaffer (Jane Lew, WV) – Born in Harrison County, Bill was born and raised on a dairy farm. He earned a BS in Dairy Science from WVU and an MS in Agriculture from NC State. After completing his education, he returned home to embark on a lifelong career of service. Bill has served in numerous agencies and boards well into retirement. His contributions can be felt across the State in all the lives he has touched.

Mark Fitzsimmons (Cameron, WV) – A lifelong resident of northern West Virginia, Mark started his life on a dairy farm which taught him the importance of conservation and agriculture. Earning a BS in Biology from West Liberty State College, he soon transitioned to a teaching career in Marshall County that spanned generations. Going above and

beyond, he impacted the lives of many young people by introducing them to science and agriculture. Some also know him for his work as an auctioneer and his service to the West Virginia Auctioneer's Association. Mark's community service across Marshall County and northern WV is also well known.

Carol Sue Miles, PHD (Morgantown, WV) – A daughter of the Mountain State. Carol went on to earn a BA from WVU and her master's and a PhD from Cornell University. She found her passion in working with youth and parents in teaching behavior and leadership skills to empower children to become exceptional adults. After her extensive career with Cooperative Extension, Carol continued to touch lives through her work with The Uganda Fund.

Ric MacDowell
(Charleston, WV)
– Originally from

Chester, Pennsylvania, Ric came to WV after earning his master's in education from Grinnell College in Iowa. He has spent a lifetime working on projects to support low-income youth and families across southern West Virginia through wastewater processing projects, court advocacy, summer camps, and parenting classes. Additionally, he participated in and led delegations to Nicaragua, Mexico, and Colombia, focusing on social justice abroad.

John Frederick Kelsey (Southside, WV) – A native of Michigan. John grew up on a family farm. He went on to pursue a physics degree at Michigan State University earning his MS. Eventually, he ended up running his one-man corporation here in WV, where he became involved with the practical science of growing walnut for veneer production, starting an experimental planting at Blennerhassett Island.

State Park. Additionally, John and his son created a computer program that helps managers decide which trees to thin out of a walnut stand for maximum growth.

Lloyd ‘Rudy’ Williams (Fairmont, WV) – An Eagle Scout hailing from Fairmont, Rudy attended WVU to achieve his BS in Forestry with a minor in Soil Sciences. He’s had a long career in Forestry, mostly with the WV Division of Forestry. His career has spanned multiple programs, counties, and districts allowing him to help landowners across the State in everything from wildfire control to the Tree Farm Program. Additionally, he is a founding member of the WV Envirothon Committee, still working with youth to help educate WV high school students in the practical science of environmental conservation and protection.

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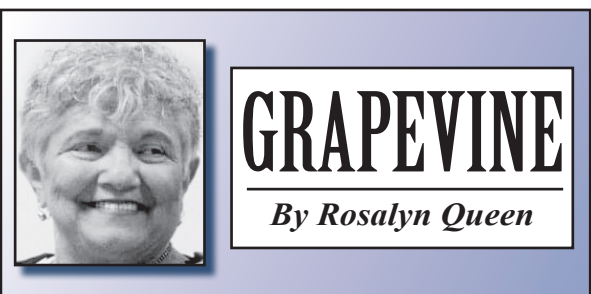


Of Friends, Family, and One’s Church Family

You know when you are 84 years old a lot of your time is spent going to church, going to the doctor, taking naps and attending funerals.

This week found me attending the funeral of Rosalee Iquinta Jordon. A little history about our two families. We both lived in the East View section of Clarksburg. Rosalee was about six months younger than me but we were not in the same grade in school. Her mother and father were friends of my parents. Her father worked at the factory with my dad. Her mother was one of my daughters’ Godparents. The list goes on and on which only reinforces why my presence at the funeral was important to me.

I want to compliment her children for the lovely service they arranged for their mother. The readings and the music were



exactly what I would have chosen for my service. As is traditional for most funeral services, our church provides a bereavement luncheon after the service. The committee handling these affairs also did a great job.

But the luncheon afforded me the opportunity to visit with some of my church family. I sat with our organist , Jim Mazzie and our cantor Victor Folio. Maria Pasceria, who helped with the luncheon, stopped by our table to chat and of course our conversation centered around food and about our gardens. Several weeks ago

Fray Queen brought a tool to my house that had belonged to my dad. Just the site of it flooded my mind with a lot of memories. In American we would call it a plant hole digger, but I can so vividly hear my dad and grandmother referring to it in Italian but could not remember the word. So I jumped at the opportunity to ask Maria. She told me they called it a “PIZZASOCOULA.” This could be the wrong spelling but it is in the ballpark. This tool is kind of in the shape of a pistol with a sharp point that helps you make a hole in the ground to plant your plants.It brought back a lot of memories

of my sister, Joan and me helping my dad set out the the pepper and tomato plants.

I now have the pizzasocoula in my possession and it has found a home in my little garden on my deck. By the way, my vegetable and flower plants are doing great. I have some really beautiful flowers on my deck. I enjoy so much having my morning cup of coffee surrounded by this beauty and tranquility.

So much for the funeral and May Rosalee rest in peace.

Just a reminder the Clarksburg Farmers Market has great vendors and a good selection of produce. Stop by on Saturday morning at the Tractor Supply Parking lot.

Enjoy the summer, stay cool and until next week “Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine.”

Capito, Colleagues Demand Answers After Ssspected ISIS Terrorists Released into U.S.

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) recently joined a group of her Republican Senate colleagues in sending a letter – led by U.S. Senator Ted Budd (R-N.C.) – to U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas demanding answers after eight individuals with suspected ties to ISIS were apprehended at the southern border, vetted, and released into the United States.

“We write to express our grave concerns

regarding reports of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrests of eight individuals from Tajikistan suspected to have terror ties to ISIS who crossed the southern border to enter the U.S. last year and this year. Reportedly, two of these individuals crossed the border in spring 2023, and one of them used the CBP One app to enter the U.S.,” the senators wrote.

“Moreover, there are skyrocketing U.S. Border Patrol encounters of aliens on the terrorist watchlist as well as a record

number of Chinese national encounters at the southern border during the Biden administration. In fiscal years 2017 to 2020 combined, 11 noncitizens on the terrorist watchlist were caught attempting to enter via the Southern border between ports of entry. That number increased to 15 in FY 2021, 98 in FY 2022, 169 in FY 2023, and 80 in FY 2024 as of May 15,” the senators continued.

In addition to Senators Capito and Budd, the following senators signed the letter: U.S.

Senators Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), John Thune (R-S.D.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Tim Scott (R-S.C.), JD Vance (R-Ohio), Rick Scott (R-Fla.), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Mike Lee (R-Utah), Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), John Hoeven (R-N.D.), John Kennedy (R-La.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.), Todd Young (R-Ind.), Eric Schmitt (R-Mo.), and Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.).

MAY RED MEAT PRODUCTION

From NASS-USDA

Charleston, West Virginia - Commercial red meat production during May 2024 totaled 800,000 pounds. This was down 8 percent from May 2023. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 1,099,000 pounds live weight, down 8 percent from May 2023.

Cattle slaughter totaled 900 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,186 pounds.

slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 151,000 pounds live weight, down 5 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 500 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 309 pounds.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

United States - Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.62 billion pounds in May, up 1 percent from the 4.59 billion pounds produced in May 2023.

Beef production, at 2.33 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the

previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.75 million head, down 3 percent from May 2023. The average live weight was up 46 pounds from the previous year, at 1,395 pounds.

Veal production totaled 3.5 million pounds, 16 percent below May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 17,700 head, down 27 percent from May 2023. The average live weight was up 42 pounds from last year, at 335 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.28 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.6 million head, down slightly from May 2023. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 290 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.5

million pounds, was up slightly from May 2023. Sheep slaughter totaled 187,000 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 121 pounds, unchanged from May a year ago.

January to May 2024 commercial red meat production was 23.0 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2023. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 11 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 1 percent.

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Soda Pop Chops With Smashed Potatoes

Ingredients

- 1 ½ pounds small red potatoes, halved
- 1 cup root beer
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder, divided
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- ¾ teaspoons pepper, divided
- ½ teaspoon salt, divided
- 4 bone-in pork loin chops (7 oz. each)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons butter

Directions

Place potatoes in a large saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium; cover and cook until tender, 15-20 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the root beer, ketchup, brown sugar, chili powder, Worcestershire sauce and 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder; set aside. In a large resealable plastic bag, combine the flour, 1/2 teaspoon pepper and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Add pork chops, one at a time, and shake to coat.

In a large cast-iron or other ovenproof skillet, cook chops in oil over medium heat until chops are lightly browned, 2-3 minutes on each side. Drain. Add root beer mixture; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer until a thermometer reads 145°, 6-8 minutes. Remove pork and keep warm. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving.

Bring sauce to a boil; cook until liquid is reduced by half. Meanwhile, drain potatoes; mash with butter, remaining garlic powder and remaining salt and pepper. Serve with pork chops and sauce.

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

NC West Virginia Parkinson’s Group to Meet in Bridgeport

The North Central Charleston, WV in 2012, West Virginia Parkinson has led efforts to pass support group meeting legislation establishing will be held on a West Virginia Saturday, June 29 th at Parkinson’s Registry, the Brickside Bar and worked with U.S. Grill, Bridgeport WV. Senator Shelly Moore The meeting room is Capito and the Michael J. Fox foundation to available from 12 to pass legislation for a 1 pm for anyone who “national plan to end before the presentation Parkinson’s disease.” beginning at 1 pm.

Finally, he also received the Michael J. Fox Foundation’s 2023 Hero of Advocacy award. Our group is a nonprofit support group firm in Charleston, and there is no fee to WV. He was diagnosed with Parkinson’s 14 like more information, years ago. Since then, please contact Tracey he has started the Robertson at (304)363- largest support group in 1028.

