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Riley Moore Sworn In As Congressman, Shares His Priorities For Office

By Stephen Smoot

“It’s a really special moment when you’re standing there in the House Chamber. They ask you to take the oath of office and you look around. What an important job you’ve been asked to fill. It’s really tremendous, really inspiring. It makes you want to work even harder.”

Thus said Riley Moore, former member of the House of Delegates, until last week the Treasurer of West Virginia, now a sworn in member of the United States House of Representatives - part of the greatest deliberative body on the planet.

Moore is the third generation of his family committed to elective public service. His grandfather was the legendary Governor



Photo courtesy of Moore4WV

Congressman Riley Moore with Vice President Elect J. D. Vance. Moore plans to work closely with the incoming administration on state and national priorities.

Arch Moore, his aunt the respected United States Senator Shelley Moore Capito.

And now he assumes the same office that both of those in his family who came before him served in before

reaching their final roles in public service.

Moore’s initial priorities in office show him starting out as a sort of demolition man - working with

others to break down policies of President Joe Biden’s administration that harm West Virginia specifically and much of the United States as a whole.

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The Eyes Have It



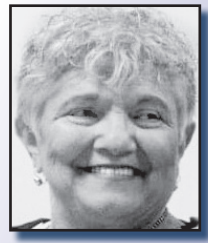
By Jim Hunt for the News and Journal

This week, I had my regular check-up with my ophthalmologist, a visit that left me reflecting deeply on the incredible value of my eyesight. Sitting in the examination chair, as Dr. David Faris, performed various tests,

I couldn’t help but think about how much of my life’s experiences have been shaped by what I see. From the faces of loved ones to the natural beauty of a sunset, my eyes are a gateway to the world around me.

I’ve been fortunate to have near perfect vision throughout my life and have never had to wear glasses. A few years ago, I noticed that night driving was very difficult. An examination revealed that I had cataracts, and I scheduled the surgery immediately, even though the thought of someone doing surgery

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GRAPEVINE

By Rosalyn Queen



West Virginia Department of Highways plow trucks battled accumulating snow on area highways during the recent heavy snows.

DOH, Emergency Services Overcome Challenges During Extreme Cold and Snow Events

By Stephen Smoot

West Virginians are familiar enough with the effects of heavy snows, cold temperatures made more frigid by robust gusts of wind. They see the impacts in missed school days, lost time at work, and the headaches caused by dangerous roads.

What fewer see are the challenges faced and overcome by those whose job lies in keeping everyone else safe and secure, whether at home, at work, or on the roads.

The West Virginia Department of Transportation has a massive task covering more than 80,000 miles of roadways throughout the state.

From the interstate and Appalachian Corridor network to tar and gravel roads winding through remote hollows and over ridges and mountains, snowplows must take on a variety of road conditions over mostly difficult terrain.

In many areas, snow removal must continue well after the storm subsides because sustained winds drive heavy amounts of snow back onto the roadways.

“It’s necessary to have a good plan; it’s necessary to execute a good plan, and talk to each other,” explained Jimmy Wriston P.E. who serves as West Virginia Secretary of Transportation.

He described the work

of SRIC, snow removal and ice control, as “not a productivity activity. It’s a deliberate activity that has to be done slowly, methodically, and safely.” With many counties understaffed and drivers continually working, their safety remains paramount as “crews are continuing to work around the clock.”

Approximately 1,000 snowplows can be at the State’s disposal for road clearing efforts.

Wriston praised the skill and work ethic of snowplow drivers, sharing that “driving a truck over the road, or driving a truck that uses asphalt or gravel in good weather, is a hard job. It’s a tough thing to do for a living.”

He went on to state “then you stick a snowplow on the dump trucks, 12 feet out in front of you, and you put yourself out there on the West Virginia roads in inclement weather and it’s a different animal.”

Technology has also helped to improve response and capabilities in snow removal. Wriston described how “a few years ago we switched to data-driven decision making and that tells us exactly what we should be doing.”

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Share Your Stories With the Younger Generation

By Rosalyn Queen

Looking for another project to fill your days during these cold, snowy winter spells? Here is one suggestion that I am taking on that will fill my days now, but will take a little longer to complete.

My granddaughter got me this book for Christmas that said “Tell Me Your life

Story Grandma.” As I browsed through it I thought how nice this would be as a keepsake and then as a family reference for my great granddaughter.

This is a project that will take time and it is senseless to rush through it. The book has prompts that will help you work through “your story.”

One of the most

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Richards Updates Commission on Parks and Recreation Activities and Improvements

By Stephen Smoot

At last week’s County Commission meeting James Richards, Deputy Director of Harrison County Parks and Recreation, provided an update on what that organization has done in recent months.

Richards opened by saying that a big part of his job lies in “finding out what people want.” That includes finding family fun events to keep people busy despite the cold and occasional snowy day.

Some ideas for winter recreation includes trivia,

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OPINION

Sinking Flagships

By Stephen Smoot

In 1672, a writer for the London Gazette invented a new word. The compound noun referred to the lead Royal Navy ship in a given fleet, designated by carrying the flag representing the commanding Admiral.

For most of its history, the word "flagship" remained in the province of naval affairs. Then, as Americans often did during the 19th and 20th century, they took a term with military gravitas and significance to apply to other elements that loosely resembled the term.

For much of the past century the United States of America had two "flagship" states, New York and California. Although most other states were as loathe to apply them that term as Marshall University would for the big school up in Morgantown, the two states did lead.

A key characteristic of both states through the end of the 20th century lay in their leadership. Each state would move from one party to the other, voting for the best candidate at the time. Ronald Reagan's successful presidency can find some of its roots in his eight years serving as Governor of California. New York State and City had no better years in living memory, outside, of course, of the loathsome terrorist attacks of 2001, than when George Pataki served as Governor and Rudolph Giuliani as New York City's Mayor.

During their high point at the last fin de siecle, New York and California boasted expanding populations, expanding economies, and expansive influence. Other states followed their ideas and models - particularly California - because they seemed to work.

What a difference a mere quarter of a century makes.

Success in government derives chiefly from pragmatic approaches, as opposed to trying to establish the way one thinks the world ought to be. Aristotlean realism, conforming one's ideals to the reality of the world, succeeds infinitely better than Platonic idealism - which urges each individual to shape the world to fit the vision created by their mind.

The most successful idealists of the 20th century in terms of changes and impact made were Mao Tse Dong, Josef Stalin, Adolf Hitler, Pol Pot, Vladimir Lenin, and other horrific people who succeeded in transforming societies to fit their visions.

Idealism need not establish terrible murder regimes. Sometimes it simply pushes a vision conceived at best in wishful thinking, at worst in

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JOINED FOR A PURPOSE

Super Crossword

- ACROSS 1 Wish-granting spirits 7 Greek vowel 12 Records file 20 Punch combo 21 Splotchy GI garb 22 He played Al Bundy on TV 23 Planners of campus events 25 Often-pickled red vegetable 26 Atop, in poems 27 Lena of "The Reader" 28 Latin "I love" 30 Patron saint of sailors 31 Brotherhood 39 Capital of a Mexico state 40 Hard to find 41 Burdened 42 Travail 44 Political campaigners for a particular issue 50 Wonderment 53 Dragon in "The Hobbit" 57 Suffix with racket 58 Not at all tight 59 Medieval protectors of trade 63 Icebox 65 Boise's state 66 Gel in a lab 67 By means of 68 Claimed psychic gift 69 Regulators of a moral code 76 Bath fixture 79 Printer fluid 80 Years on end 81 More devious 85 Surfs the internet, e.g. 88 Fighters of animal cruelty 92 Madison Ave. contact 93 Sea, in Paris 94 Corrective eye surgery 95 Pitching star 96 It consists of 13-player football teams 100 Aspirin target 103 Japanese alternative to massage 104 "Carpe —!" 108 Newspaper of the USSR 112 Managers of houses in a subdivision 118 SpaceX founder Musk 119 Formed a lap 120 "Leave — the pros" 121 Anna of fashion 122 It has Cut and Copy commands 126 Apt playing card for this puzzle's theme? 131 Company VIP 132 Barrymore or Waters of "Pinky" 133 Consignment shop deal 134 "I have no idea!" 135 — Dame 136 A whole lot DOWN 1 Become lenient 2 Intestine: Prefix 3 Of axons and dendrites 4 "— be my honor" 5 Ram's mate 6 Prince, e.g. 7 Eye-related 8 Philippine capital 9 One-sharp musical key 10 Sticky gunk 11 Hit — (run into some trouble) 12 Urbane 13 Fruity drink 14 Foot part 15 Busy crawler 16 Artsy cap 17 Garlicky mayonnaise 18 Replay speed, briefly 19 "Your Song" singer John 24 Whole lot 29 Ice cream drink 32 "Tsk!" 33 — friendly 34 She was Mrs. Gorbachev 35 Stephen of "Still Crazy" 36 Nuptial oath 37 Buddhism branch 38 Point of view 43 K-O linkup 45 Toon frame 46 Fish eggs 47 Seep out 48 Wields 49 Crime doer 50 French bud 51 Join nuptially 52 Pitching stat 54 Sharp as — 55 Popular Aussie boots 56 Avocado dip, for short 60 Fidel's cohort 61 Sweltering 62 "... sad and dreary everywhere —": Stephen Foster 63 Suitable 64 Disloyal sort 67 Ivy and kudzu 70 Go in haste 71 Electees, e.g. 72 Diner offering 73 "— Lisa" 74 PC key 75 Gin inventor Whitney 76 Ski lift type 77 Pakistani language 78 Tennis' Björn 82 Positive vote 83 And so on: Abbr. 84 Dark loaf 86 Fly trapper 87 Jazz's — Gyra 88 Mecca-to-Medina flight 89 Country east of Arg. 90 Little drink 91 Giraffe's kin 93 Be certain 97 Actor Ayres 98 A, in Berlin 99 Self-help author LeShan 101 Lyric-penning Gershwin 102 Ballplayer of D.C., in brief 105 Apple computer camera 106 Bible book before Job 107 Mark with multicolored spots 109 Optical 110 Exact look-alike 111 Licoricelike seeds 112 Listens to 113 Classic song 114 Actress Shearer 115 PC key 116 Dutch painter Jan 117 Dove's call 123 Roman 1,200 124 Biblical verb suffix 125 — de plume 127 Figure skater Midori 128 To's partner 129 Company VIP 130 Timothy Leary's drug

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

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Charleston WV — complete town with houses, a civic center and a hospital were completed.

Jan. 17, 1956: Musician Blind Alfred Reed died. He was a street singer, fiddler and songwriter from Pipestem, Summers County, and is a member of the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame.

Jan. 18, 1842: Wayne County was established from part of Cabell County. It was named for General "Mad Anthony" Wayne, a Revolutionary War hero who later defeated Ohio Indian tribes at the 1794 Battle of Fallen Timbers.

Jan. 19, 1818: The Virginia General Assembly established Preston County from part of Monongalia County. The new county was named for James Patton Preston, then governor of Virginia.

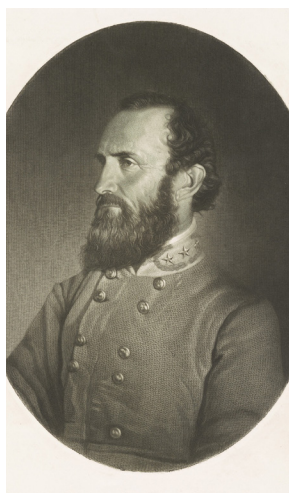
Jan. 17, 1918: The War Department hired a New York engineering firm to build the DuPont munitions plant in Nitro. Within 11 months, the powder plant and a

Jan. 19, 1820: Fairmont was established by the Virginia legislature on the farm of Boaz Fleming. The original name of Middletown was changed to Fairmont in 1843.

Jan. 19, 1844: The Virginia General Assembly established Taylor County from parts of Barbour, Harrison and Marion counties. The county was named in honor of U.S. Sen. John Taylor, a soldier-statesman from Caroline County, Virginia.

Jan. 19, 1848: Wirt County was created by the General Assembly of Virginia from portions of Wood and Jackson counties. It was named for William Wirt, Virginia statesman and a presidential candidate in 1832.

Jan. 19, 1894: Railroad worker John Hardy was hanged for killing a man in a drunken gambling dispute. The episode inspired the widely popular ballad "John Hardy."



Stonewall Jackson

Jan. 20-21, 1824: West Virginia's most famous soldier, Thomas Jonathan Jackson, was born near midnight in Clarksburg. When Virginia left the Union in 1861, Jackson went with his native state. He commanded the strategically important post at Harpers Ferry until being appointed a brigadier general of infantry. In the opening battle at Manassas on July 21, 1861, he won the name "Stonewall" for steadfastness at a critical point in the engagement.

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Appreciating Winter's Beauty and Remembering President Carter's Gentle Humanity

2025. Is here and with it one of the largest snowstorms we have and in several years. As for me, I am very happy. I know that many of you do not feel this way and I realize that you may be working or have kids that have obligations. I have met my obligations and this is exactly why I choose to remain in West Virginia and enjoy the four seasons.

It is wonderful to get up at five o'clock, get my first cup of coffee for the day, head to my chair in front of the patio doors and enjoy the beautiful picture that nature has painted over the night. The whiteness reminds me of the cleansing of the past seasons. The trees with their bare limbs covered in snow, the rooftops covered in snow. The occasional snow man that the kids made last night. There is a definite silence from the snow on the roads and the fewer cars running. I look at the hill beside my home place and relive all the memories of sleigh riding down the hill. A few of our dads would get together and build us a fire and we would sleigh all night long. It was a long hill and we would trudge to the top for that three minute ride to the bottom. Garnet



GRAPEVINE
By Rosalyn Queen

Gillespie Garrett is one of my East View friends that is left and we were just reminiscing over those sleigh riding days..

Through the fall I enjoyed watching the squirrels and birds but they are all gone for the winter and I just enjoy watching the beautiful snowflakes as they fall to the ground. A beautiful world covered in white snow is good for the soul.

January is a good month to catch up on errands. The first thing we need to do is take a trip to the library. There are several new books out that you might enjoy reading. They are so helpful and will be glad to assist you. My favorite Clarksburg librarian is GiGiTodd.

How about cleaning out a drawer or two. Do not overwhelm yourself, just one drawer at a time. Also a good time to get rid of those items that seem to have shrunk. Take a trip to the Mustard Seed. with a bag of good reusable

clothing.

January is also a good month for soup. The most popular soup is vegetable soup. I will share a secret. My son in law Andy Lang has won the title of-best VegetableSoup Maker. Every week or two he Makes a really big batch and brings it to us senior citizens. You know mayors are good for a lot of things. Another good soup for January is potato soup. It is simple to make and requires just a few ingredients. I always like a grilled cheese sandwich with my soup.

January also marks the birthdays of my oldest sister,Joan, and my youngest brother Bill. It is also the birthday month of Martin Luther King Jr.

I mourn the death of president Jimmy Carter. He was such a kind, giving man. I had the opportunity to meet him and have considered it to be one of the top introductions among the many I have had.

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important parts is a correct listing of your parents and grandparents. I can trace back four or five generations. Because of my age I can remember almost all of my grandparents. This will help me to not only list their names but to describe their appearance.

It has a section for reflections, values and several others that will help you complete your story. I encourage you to take on this project and to make it ongoing. You might set a goal of completion for next Christmas and make it a gift back. Keep the book handy this summer and work on it while sitting on the patio or slip it in your carry on while traveling. You might also work on it while waiting in the doctor's office. I found this to be an interesting

project that helped me remember things that I had forgotten. And then I thanked God that I had the ability to remember.

After being out in the cold for whatever reason, it is great to come inside and sit down to a warm filling meal. One of my favorites is soup beans and cornbread and of course we add butter milk. I know that many of you will say. "What is that Italian girl who wrote an Italian cookbook doing with soup beans?" Let me explain this comes from the melding of an Italian family with an Irish German family. The Queens had soup beans and cornbread almost every day and I learned to prepare them from Granny Queen. There is no better meal on a cold day than a bowl of beans, hot corn bread slathered with butter, cold butter milk and a

nice slice of onion.

I want to call your attention to the fact that we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. day this month. This would be a good time for you to pull up his "I Have Dream" speech on your iPad and read through it. It still applies.

My sincere condolences to the Policano family on the untimely loss of Larry. His presence in Downtown Clarksburg will certainly be missed.

I had a bout this past week with something. It lasted about 48 hours and left me a little under the weather but I am recuperating and on the way to mending. I soon will be like new; whatever new is for an 85 year old.

Stay safe, stay healthy and until next week "Now You Have Heard It Through The Grapevine."

"Smoot" From Pg 2.

foolishness, the origin almost always in academia.

As Reagan once said of such people, it's "not that they're ignorant; it's just that they know so much that isn't so."

One of the first fools embarked upon was "defund the police." It is true that minorities, especially those in the cities, end up incarcerated in far greater numbers than the white population. All the talk about getting at the "root problems" mainly saw the discussion end with the word "racism."

One could argue that rent seeking business communities and corrupt urban government combined with boneheaded laws and regulations squeezed potential legitimate entrepreneurs in struggling neighborhoods into illicit trades, but that would require introspection that would end in blaming (at least in part) the long-term Ruling Party in these cities.

"Defund the Police" came part and parcel with "what me, worry?" type of prosecuting attorneys running for office and winning thanks to the largesse of financier George Soros. Today, the cities in which his supported candidates serve account for 40 percent of the murders in the United States.

Law enforcement was forced to retreat from enforcing property crimes, such as theft, which turned large sections of San Francisco and other cities into retail wastelands. The rich have left, but the poor are stuck with the terrible consequences of electing the Left.

New York City in years past, during a fit of stupid self-righteousness, declared itself a "sanctuary city,"

so it could feel good about protecting illegal immigrants whether they committed crimes or not. Its small towns overrun by illegals allowed in under Joe Biden, Texas came up with the idea of busing them to locations where voters supported more or less open borders, such as New York City and Chicago.

In the 1990s, New York City's subway system was safe, clean, and the envy of much of the world. Today, falling asleep on a car might end in one being stabbed or immolated. Entire neighborhoods have gone over to crime rings run by illegals. Meanwhile, New York's leaders try to force more vulnerable people into dangerous public transit with ill conceived toll regimes.

Last week, California found itself in perhaps the worst disaster in American history. Wildfires sparked during hurricane force winds and drought conditions spread quickly. Los Angeleans filmed and reported wind downed power lines and malevolent homeless people starting fires, but the federal, state, and local government seemed to have few answers besides sending in fire crews without water to somehow stem the tide.

Where was the Mayor of Los Angeles? Nero, at least, fiddled in view of his city burning. Karen Bass stayed in Ghana, of all places, during the maelstrom. Governor Gavin Newsom did go to view the destruction the morning after the first night of flames. That said, his presence highlighted a film clip found by the British Daily Mail in which President Donald Trump in 2018 lectured the Governor on good forest wildfire prevention policies practiced by other states

and countries, but not California.

Newsom earned blame for making an endangered fish a priority in water collection and retention. During his first term, Trump wanted to divert more water from the northern part of the state to the drier southern counties. The Mayor also earned criticism from the \$17.6 million that she ordered cut from the Los Angeles Fire Department's budget in recent years.

Behind all these failures is the notion that one can ignore the realities of the world, of human nature, of economic processes, of pretty much anything, and simply do what one wishes untethered from experience and knowledge. One could write tens of thousands of words on the foolishness seen in these states' recent actions that harmed their own people, but the results speak for themselves - especially in huge population losses for both states.

New York and California are sinking flagships, but they torpedoed themselves. And when the ideas driving these states into ruin take over the federal government, as they did the past four years, they become weights dragging the rest of America down with them.

It's a thin line that forms the border between civilization and chaos. California and New York have tread dangerously close to it. It's time for them to return to common sense government with a practical mindset to help the people using proven ideas and solutions, not dreams conjured by university professors and activists.

Judge Lorensen Named Chief Judge of Intermediate Court of Appeals for 2025

CHARLESTON, Appeals of West Virginia W.Va. - The today announced Judge Intermediate Court of Charles Lorensen has

been selected to serve as the Court's chief judge during 2025.

The Intermediate Court of Appeals is a three-judge appellate court created by the West Virginia Appellate Reorganization Act of 2021 (Senate Bill 275). It officially opened July 1, 2022. The three judges currently serving on the Court are Chief Judge Lorensen, Judge Dan Greear and Judge Ryan White.

The Court's jurisdiction includes appeals of final orders or judgments in civil, family court, workers' compensation, administrative and guardianship/conservatorship cases.

The Chief Judge is chosen by members of the Court and serves a one-year term. In addition to Chief Judge Lorensen's designation for 2025, the judges have also designated Judge Greear to serve as chief judge in 2026, with Judge White serving as chief judge in 2027.

More information about the Intermediate Court of Appeals, the judges and its caseload is available here: <https://www.courts.wv.gov/appellate-courts/intermediate-court-of-appeals/about-the-court>.

N&J Briefs

FROM AROUND HARRISON COUNTY
The Shinnston News provides a calendar of events free of charge to churches and nonprofit organizations. Please submit your listing two weeks prior to the event. Send via email to newsandjournal@yahoo.com

The Clarksburg History Museum will host a Civil War Symposium on January 25, 2025

When: Saturday, January 25th
Where: Clarksburg History Museum 445 W Main Street, Clarksburg WV 26301
Time: 10AM-4PM
Lunch is available at 12 noon with a \$5 donation
This event is free and open to the public.

Speakers include historians and authors: Bob Taylor, Jennifer Wilt, Peter Taylor, Matthew Lively, and Ronna and Jason Studenwalt

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Homegrown Talent At the Next Level

This past week was a wash, well, more like a whiteout, in North Central West Virginia as far as high school sports are concerned. Heavy snowfall from the prior weekend put the shutdown on school and everyone knows the rule - no school equals no play.

However, there was an avenue for fans to catch some action as the Mountain East Conference was open for business. The MEC is home for some excellent basketball teams that happen to display former local talented players. This past Saturday, West Virginia Wesleyan played host to Glenville State in a key women's matchup.

Heading into the affair, the Bobcats sat atop the conference standings while the Pioneers were just one game back. Prior to the start of this battle, I took a gander around the Rockefeller Center and realized a large portion of the crowd in attendance was from Shinnston and Clarksburg. A pair of Harrison County standouts are on the



Glenville State roster. Last year, Lincoln's Ashlyn Riley and Robert C. Byrd's Martina Howe were busy burning up the nets on the high school level, and now they are teammates on the next level.

Unfortunately, Howe has battled injury throughout her time in Glenville and is looking at a medical redshirt, but her family was still in Buckhannon supporting Martina and the Pioneers.

Riley led the Mountain State in scoring (25.5 points per game) her senior season in Cougar Country and has made the adjustment seemingly effortlessly to the college game. Riley is third on the team in minutes played per game, averaging just under 20 per contest.

That is an impressive number, considering the Pioneers are one of the deepest squads in the conference.

They currently have 10 players that play 12 minutes or more per game. Riley is second in rebounding (4.1), made three-pointers (22), tied for first in steals (26) and leads all Glenville State players in blocked shots with 11 on the campaign.

Another former Harrison County standout that led the state in scoring is Brett Vincent. Vincent is the current Head Coach of Wesleyan's women's team. One of his top players is Sydney Baird. Baird is a sophomore from Webster Springs and has impressive numbers, not only among conference foes, but on the national level as well. Baird is seventh in Division II basketball in minutes per game and tied for seventh in the country in free throw percentage.

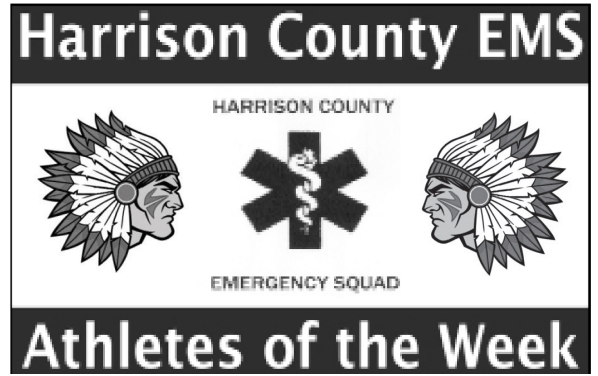
The Pioneers won this epic showdown leaving both teams, along with Fairmont



Ashlyn Riley starred at Lincoln High School before becoming a key part of the Glenville State basketball lineup.

State, with two losses and in a battle for top spot in the conference. Frostburg State, Wheeling, and Concord are all a step behind with three setbacks. It is shaping up to be one of the most talented finishes in recent years with the competition level at an all time high. It's great to see several local products making a difference and when you throw in Bridgeport's Gabby Reep at Fairmont State, it's safe to say that our area is well-represented in the MEC!

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



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

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

Harrison County Athlete Spotlight

By Bill Nestor

The Harrison County athletes in the spotlight this week are Bridgeport's Kloey Martinez and Phoenix Sickles.

Indian hoopsters Kloey Martinez and Phoenix Sickles were playing some solid basketball before the big snow came. Martinez narrowly missed a double-double in a game with Elkins when she scored 10 points and hauled down nine caroms. Sickles hit for 20 points in a victory in a holiday tournament game against Scott.

Congratulations to Kloey Martinez and Phoenix Sickles for shining bright in the SN and HCY spotlight!

"Moore" From Pg 1.

He first wishes to work on a reconciliation package that will remove certain federal priorities and policies implemented over the past four years. "What I want to see," Moore explained, "is tax credits taken away from green energy and given to coal and natural gas - fields that are actually producing energy."

Moore added that "I'm certainly focused on dismantling the Inflation Reduction Act." The Heritage Foundation, a non profit policy research center in Washington DC, predicted in June of 2023 that the IRA would "likely increase the deficit and increase inflationary pressure, especially in the near term." It added at the time that the law created an advantage for "green companies" that permitted "them to skirt the law's new minimum tax."

The Act's reach extends past economics and taxes. In July of last year, Capito voiced concerns that the IRA provided \$100 million to a radical left wing group called the NDN Collective. The Senator said at the time that their activities "include calls to defund the U.S.

police and military. NDN Collective also expresses alignment with the slogan, 'From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free,' which refers to the elimination of Israel," a prime goal of anti Semites.

Moore called eliminating the IRA "a critical focus for me" and "important for all of the people in West Virginia."

He shared also that he has been "speaking with President Trump's team to see how I can be helpful." One issue that he has pledged to support the incoming president on is a robust tariff policy.

Moore explained that both he and Trump believe in free trade and agree that free trade must also be fair. Other countries have "closed their markets to our products," Moore stated, but continue to sell their wares in the U. S. market without consequence for discrimination against American-made goods.

Red China remains America's most significant international competitor, but policies such as using slave and school age child labor to manufacture goods give them significant

advantages when trading with "the free world." Moore urges that the United States rescind their permanent status as a "most favored nation" trading partner with the United States.

In 1998, the United States General Accounting Office published testimony by JayEtta Z. Hecker, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division concerning attempts by President Bill Clinton to secure Red China a place in the World Trade Organization. This would also link the United States and that country through most favored nation trading status.

Hecker's statement included "it will be important to evaluate China's accession package, and the advantages and disadvantages of providing China permanent MFN. This would include determining if the accession package has met the administration's objective of producing a 'commercially meaningful' agreement."

In 2021, the Council

For Foreign Relations reported that the Clinton Administration had believed that including Red China in the WTO and conferring most favored nation would spur reforms in that country, forcing a more open economy and society.

Instead, the CFR shared that "China has incurred criticism for carrying out certain market-distorting practices, and has been accused of cheating the system in various ways. Sometimes it violated the letter of the law, sometimes the spirit."

It also said that once allowed into the WTO, "China wrote its own script."

Additionally, against the spirit and letter of most favored nation, the CFR explained that "China promotes its exports while remaining largely closed to foreign goods, making it more difficult for companies to do business in China."

At the same time, the Red Chinese economy expanded tremendously. The CFR states that "China's economy is 11 times larger (in 2021) than it was in 2001."

Moore's solution to hold China accountable

lies in removing the permanent most favored nation status in favor of one that requires reauthorization yearly to hold that country accountable for its trade malpractices.

Another priority lies in "fighting back against woke social movements," particularly the drive to include transgender male to female individuals from participating in girls' and women's sports due to the inherent danger and the disadvantages faced by women competing against biological men.

Moore shared that he will work to "get us back to a sense of decency and normalcy in this country."

He also shared his personal impressions that he has collected as he has made the transition from the Statehouse to the United States Capitol. Moore remarked on "how friendly people are on our side of the aisle" and noted that Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene, the Republican representing Georgia's 14th Congressional District, has helped considerably.

A Congressman's

work does not end in DC, however. Offices in the district help constituents and others living in the district with any issues that they might have with the federal government. That includes veteran needs from the Veterans' Administration, issues with social security, and other problems.

"We're going to be laser-focused on constituent service," Moore said, encouraging those in his district to "reach out if you need anything."

Moore has assumed the seat vacated by Alex Mooney when he ran for United States Senate after 10 years in office. He said of the former Congressman elected in 2014 that "Alex represented us very well" and was "very conservative" with a "stellar voting record." Moore said "I thank him for his service and his support."

With a career path that started with welding and working with a coal operation through foreign affairs and elected office, Moore brings broad experience along with a family tradition of public service into his new role.

"Snow" From Pg 1.

Part of that includes resource planning. The Department of Highways acquired 231,000 tons of salt for use all over the state, relying on figures showing average amounts used each year over the past 10 years.

"I'm glad that I have the opportunity to get out there and show these guys that do it - and

have worked all night as hard as they can work - that we support them, we care about them, and that they are doing a great job." Wriston said.

Emergency services first responders also face challenges and even dangers when responding to calls.

Fortunately, DoH lends a hand here as

well, helping to clear pathways to residences or other sites. Many times when a plow truck must leave its assignment, it is helping first responders get to an emergency situation.

Just like any other vocation that requires outside work, emergency response in challenging conditions

imposes more work, burdens, and dangers than on normal days.

A major task for first responders, especially in volunteer services, lies in keeping vehicles and vital equipment in a constant state of readiness. This requires extensive and repeated troubleshooting. Sometimes, despite

even the most diligent maintenance, breakdowns occur. Ambulances might experience engine or other problems that render them undriveable. Interior heating can break down.

Personnel must remain prepared for the worst to prevent their own situation from

requiring an emergency response.

Civilians can help emergency responders by having legible and recognizable physical addressing, early snow removal, clearing paths, clearing areas around the fire hydrants, and having outdoor lighting for crews coming in.

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HEALTHY WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

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Medical weight management aims to improve quality of life, decrease the complications of obesity, and prolong life.

What are the components of a successful weight loss program?

All successful weight loss programs have the following components in common:

1. Nutrition intervention
2. Physical activity intervention
3. Behavioral modifications
4. Medication (and surgery, if indicated)

These "Four Pillars" are used by obesity medicine specialists to work on the many different causes of obesity.



What is the best approach when setting exercise goals?

It is recommended that you have at least 150 minutes of moderate physical activity or 75 minutes of heavy physical activity a week. How can you tell if activity is moderate or heavy? An easy way is the speech test:

1. If you are doing moderate-intensity activity, you can talk but not sing during the activity.
2. If you are doing heavy intensity, you will not be able to say more than a few words without pausing for a breath.

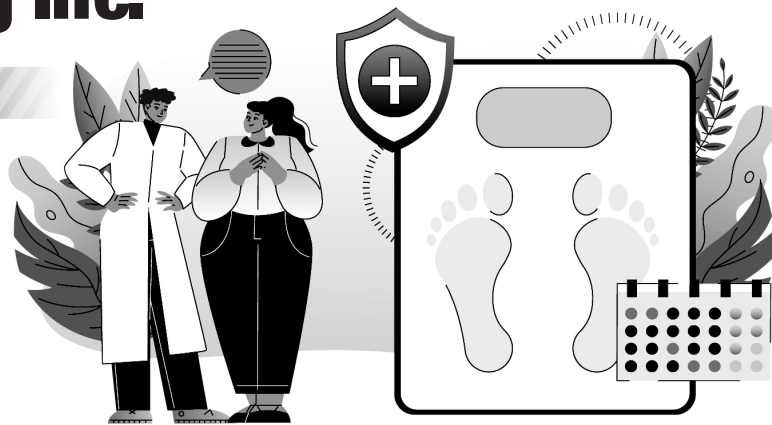
When setting goals for physical activity, it is okay and recommended to start with manageable goals. You cannot go from no activity to running a marathon overnight, nor should you. Escalating activity too much too soon can be bad for your body and can be very frustrating and discouraging. **We recommend choosing SMART exercise goals:**

Specific
Measurable
Achievable
Relevant
Time-limited



A sample SMART activity goal would be:

I will walk 20 minutes daily, every day, this week. This will help me reach my ultimate goal of 150 minutes of activity weekly.



What are some helpful nutritional tips?

The **MyPlate Method** is an excellent way to visualize your meals. You want half of your plate to be fruits and vegetables, a quarter of grains, and a quarter of proteins. If you are diabetic, make sure that half of your plate is non-starchy vegetables.

- If you do not have diabetes, fruits and vegetables are essentially "free" foods. Even though they have sugar in them, your body processes the sugar in fruits very efficiently in a way that does not lead to abnormal fat tissue build-up.
- Flavor is an important part of cooking and enjoying your food. Experiment with different spices and seasonings. Popular seasonings include Italian seasoning, lemon-pepper seasoning, and Creole seasoning.
- Keep washed and cut fresh fruits and vegetables on hand for quick snacks.
- Make your own fruit or vegetable chips for snacks.
- Make sure to get healthy protein every day. If you do not eat enough protein, it will cause you to have trouble losing weight and lose muscle.

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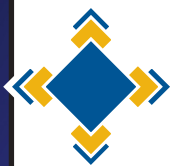


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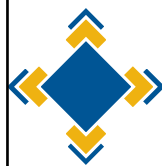
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OBITUARIES**Judith Anne Cunningham Asel**

Judith Anne Cunningham Asel, 89, of Cunningham's Run and Roosevelt Street, Shinnston, passed away on January 7, 2025. She was born on July 1, 1935 at Cunningham's Run, a daughter to the late Wayne Robinson Cunningham Sr. and Myrtle Elizabeth Tarleton Cunningham.

Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Henry M. Asel, whom she married on July 31, 1955; brother Wayne Robinson Cunningham Jr. (Jack); grandparents Charles and Myrtle Elizabeth Hinebaugh Tarleton, and Willard and Rosetta Alice Robinson Cunningham; and an infant granddaughter Rosetta Anne Carrico.

She is survived by her children, Anne Elizabeth Asel Carrico and husband James of Clarksburg, and Alesa Merry Asel Carrico and husband Randall of Buckhannon; grandchildren Aaron James and Jennifer Elizabeth Anne Carrico of Clarksburg, Julie Lynne Carrico Barberio (Christopher), Hannah Rae Carrico, and Andrew Joseph Carrico of Shinnston; great-granddaughter Olive Juliet Barberio; sister Jill Elizabeth Cunningham Heldreth of Clarksburg, nieces Alice Cunningham Bowman of Shinnston, and Ronda Ruth

Kroeger of OH; and nephews David Wayne Cunningham of Cunningham's Run, and Scott Heldreth of Clarksburg.

Judy was a thirty-year Federal employee, having worked for the FBI in Washington, DC, the U.S. Department of Commerce and Social Security offices in Clarksburg until she retired in 1987. She was a member of the Peora United Methodist Church, having served as former treasurer, a member of the Peora Charge United Methodist Women, and attended the Charles Street Christian Church in Shinnston.

She was President of the Peora Farm Woman's Club, past president of the Harrison County Community Educational Outreach Service (CEOS), member and past president of GFWC WV Woman's Club of Shinnston, served as GFWC WV North Central District International Chairman and Home Life Chairman. Judy was a lifelong member of the Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum, Charter member of the Shinnston High School Alumni Association having served as the original treasurer. She received the Commercial Award when graduating with the SHS Class of 1953, and then went on and attended WV Business College. She had a membership of the Shinnston-Lincoln Scholarship Foundation.

Judy was a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, NARFE Chapter 1579, Clarksburg, former member of Democrat Women, Clarksburg, member

and former chaplain of Ladies Auxiliary of Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie No. 2353, Clarksburg, Women of the Moose Chapter, 409, Clarksburg, Clarksburg Lucinda Rose Ladies Auxiliary VFW 573, Board of Trustees of Shinnston Historical Association, The Scottish Heritage Society of North Central WV, Shinnston Senior Satellite, Harrison County Senior Citizens, and Shinnston Garden Club.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Friday, January 10, 2025 from 11:00AM-2:00PM. A funeral service will be held at 2:00PM with Rev. Thomas Bell officiating. Interment will follow at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at harmerfuneralhome.com

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**Gary Ross Bates**

Gary Ross Bates, 84, of Isaac Creek Road, passed away Monday, January 6th, 2025, at the West Virginia Veterans Nursing Facility. He was born July 17th, 1940 in Clarksburg, West Virginia. Gary was the son of the late Gerald Leo Bates and Mildred (Rogers) Bates. He was also preceded

in death by his wife, Patricia Ann (Coburn) Bates, son, Andrew Milton Bates, and a sister, Nancy Spring.

Surviving are one son, Thyron (Ty) Bates and his loving wife Starla; one sister, Karen Blocker and husband Scott all of Isaac Creek, one brother Charles Gerald Bates, of CA; five grandchildren, Mary Elizabeth Hull, Tabatha Ann Bates, Gary Ross Bates, II, Gerald Leo Bates, Irene Cleo Bates and Aliza Bates; four great grandchildren; one special friend and cousin, Eugene W. Rogers who was the same as a brother to him; and many friends Gary worked as a welder, heavy equipment operator and mechanic for Union Carbide, Ten-A-Coal and Lang Brothers. In his younger years he enjoyed racing dirt track cars, and he was mighty good at it, cars like #44, #19, Mark 5 and my personal favorite was the Tonya Lee Special, owned by Cliff Cochran of Glenn Falls. Gary was a graduate of Lumberport High School, Class of 1959. After school, he joined the United States Army, where he served four years and was honorably discharged. He will be greatly missed.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to all the wonderful people at the WV Veteran's Nursing facility. They did an excellent job taking care of dad, all the way till the end. You couldn't find a nicer bunch of people!

In keeping with his wishes, cremation services were provided. A small private graveside service may be held in the springtime. Condolences may be

extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Bates family.

**Thomas Joseph Cappiello**

Thomas Joseph Cappiello, 76, of Mannington, formerly of Lumberport, passed away peacefully in his sleep on January 6, 2025 at his residence. He was born in Lumberport on June 14, 1948 to the late John and Rosa (Nicollette) Cappiello.

Thomas dedicated his life to the military, enlisting in the USMC. He proudly served for approximately ten years, completing two tours in Vietnam. A true patriot, his courage and devotion to his country were unparalleled.

Beyond his military service, Thomas was a man of deep love and joy. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who cherished fishing, travelling, and spending time with his family. His unconditional love for his loved ones left a lasting legacy that will be treasured forever.

Thomas is preceded in death by his brothers: James, Bennie and Jerry Cappiello; and his sisters: Kathryn Rose Cappiello, Josephine Cappiello, Alveda Cappiello, Helen Mae Davis, Rosalie Keener, Diane Gibbs and Mary Julia Cottrill.

Those left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Dianna (Linville) Cappiello; his brother, John Cappiello; two daughters: Jackie (Cappiello) Swisher and Tracy Slaughter; grandchildren: Tyler Cappiello, Mickey (Apryl) Swisher, Mickaylea (Justin) Swisher, Savannah (Jerry) Marine, Zach Blevins, Bryar Blevins, Dezeray Collins, Shaylah Slaughter, Michael Sidney, Anthony Pelkey, Landon Blankenship and Carly Blankenship; great grandchildren whom were his real favorites: Remington, Kinlyn, Emzlea, Maylea, Ruger, Jensen, Emerson, Oakley, Everlea, Atalea, Thea, Cambree, Mavrick, Sebastian, Oliver, Kayson and Barret as well as many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston to assist with funeral costs.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the incredible medical staff who cared for Thomas during his illness. Your compassion and dedication were a true blessing and we will forever be grateful.

Thomas' life was one filled with service, love and laughter. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. He will forever be missed but never forgotten.

Family and friends will be received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston on Monday, January 13, 2025 from 2:00pm - 8:00pm.

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Funeral service will be on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 11:00am with Pastor Delores White officiating. Interment to Shinnston Memorial Cemetery with military honors provided by USMC and Harrison County Honor Guard.

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



Ruby G. Carpenter

Ruby G. Carpenter, 96, of Nutter Fort, passed away on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at Fazio’s Elder Care in Monongah. She was born April 23, 1928 in Newville, WV, a daughter of the late Ernest B. and Maud Groff Stewart.

On August 23, 1994, Ruby was preceded in death by her loving husband, Buddy F. Carpenter, whom she married on April 7, 1947.

She is survived by her adoring and devoted family; her son, Craig L. Carpenter and his wife Debbie of Lumberport; her daughter, Roxie (Williams) Nicholson and her husband Frank of Shinnston; seven grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren; as well as her sisters-in-law, Anna Mae Stewart of Cortland, OH; and Dorothy Carpenter of Nutter Fort; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Ruby was preceded

in death by her son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Nadine Carpenter who died in a motorcycle accident on July 1, 2000; her infant daughter; two brothers, Victor “Bud” Stewart and his wife Barbara; and Buster “Jack” Stewart; as well as her sister, Lena Griffith.

Ruby was the last surviving member of her immediate family. She was protestant by faith and a member of the Center Branch Church of Nutter Fort. She will be remembered as being the “Hat Lady of Clarksburg” by always sporting a hat to match any outfit. Ruby enjoyed sewing, crafting and working puzzles. She was also a die-hard collector of Avon products and Beanie Babies. Ruby loved playing BINGO. She enjoyed playing at Village Square, Knights of Columbus, and Immaculate Conception Church.

The family would like to extend a thanks to the members of the Nutter Fort Fire Department for their dedicated response to every trip of the medical alarm that Ruby wore around her neck. She loved them and knew them all by name. Ruby also received excellent medical care from her primary-care provider and close friend, Traci Tannehill and her caring nurse, Kim St. Clair. As well as the always affectionate care afforded to Ruby by WV Caring Hospice, especially her nurse, Maggie; and the staff of Serenity Hope in Lost Creek and Olivia Colvin and staff of Fazio’s Elder Care in Monongah.

Friends will be received at Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St. Shinnston, on

Sunday from 12-5pm. A funeral service will be held that evening at 5:00pm with Pastor Jim Sanders officiating. Immediately following the service, a dinner will be provided at the American Legion Post 31 in Shinnston. A private interment will take place on Monday at the Lumberport Lions Club Cemetery. Online memories and condolences can be shared with the family at www.perinefunerals.com

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



Marybelle Nottingham Lucas

Marybelle Nottingham Lucas, 60 years old, of Sassafras Hills Apt. Shinnston, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at her residence. She was born on June 26, 1964, a daughter to the late Jack and Edith Lindsey Nottingham.

She is survived by her loving husband Richard Lucas, whom she married October 27; grandchildren Makenzie L. Wilson and Donovan L. Wilson of Shinnston, Nathan Martin, Tylor Lucas, Dustin Stephens, and Jordan Hubbard; stepson Matthew Lucas of Winchester, VA; brother and sisters-in-law Shirley Johnson of Lorain, OH, Sondra Lucas of Clarksburg, Linda Stalnaker of Morgantown, Diane Shears of Clarksburg,

and Louise Smith of PA; special niece and nephew Hillary Stark and husband Josh of Shinnston, Travis and Missy McIntyre of Shinnston, Leslie and Ray Cummings of Clarksburg, and DJ Lucas of Fairmont; special great nephews and niece David Burdette and his companion Brooklyn Davisson of Saltwell, Hunter Burdette and Destiny Burdette both of Shinnston, as well as several other nieces and nephews.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her in-laws Ott and Marie Lucas, and Virginia Broadstone and Edward Randall; brother Bill Nottingham; daughters Jackie Renee Nottingham, Danielle Lucas Wilson, and Stacey Hubbard; her loving sister Marlene “Molly” McIntyre; brother-in-law Richard “Elmo” McIntyre, and nephew Dusty McIntyre.

Marybelle was a stay at home spouse, mother, and grandmother. She enjoyed spending all of her time with her family and friends. Marybelle was a Baptist by faith. She was a loving spouse, mother, grandmother, and aunt. She loved spending time with her neighbors as well. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Monday, January 13, 2025 from 3:00PM-6:00PM. A funeral service will be held at 6:00PM with Pastor Kevin Nuzum officiating.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at harmerfuneralhome.com

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Deloris M. Minor

Deloris M. Minor, 98, of Shinnston, passed away at her residence on January 7, 2025 surrounded by her family. She was born on October 12, 1926, a daughter to the late Roy Pickens and Gladys (West) Pickens.

Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Wilbert Minor; children Gary Minor, Marlene Minor (Neff) and Enith Minor (Wright); siblings Elaine Wright, Harold Pickens, Franklin Pickens, Ronald Pickens, Evelyn Bragg, and Beatrice Chambers; grandson Darin Neff; and sons-in-law Tom Neff and Charles Wright.

Deloris is survived by her son David (Becky) Minor of Shinnston; brother Eugene (Lynn) Pickens of GA, and sister Carol Ann (Ed) Morrissey of FL; grandchildren Chad (Amy) Wilson, Shannon Minor and partner Maria, and Erin Minor and partner Matt; great-grandchildren Kirstein, Jerry, Chandler, Dakota, Duncan, and Connor; great-great grandchildren Wrenlei, Eleanor, Romy, and Pierson; and step great-grandchildren Lee, Sloan, and Alex; and her daughter Enith’s loving partner Doyle Cowger.

Deloris previously worked for Maiden

Form, Shinnston Hat Shop, U.S. Post Office, and G.C. Murphy. She was a lifelong member of the North Shinnston Baptist Church where she served as a Deaconess, teacher, secretary President of local ABW Missions, and choir member. Deloris belonged to the Woman’s Club, Garden Club, Lion’s Club, Senior Citizens, Eastern Star, Dabblers Club, the Bi-County Nutrition Board, Judson Association, and Silver Hair Legislature. She enjoyed painting, writing poetry, and quilting.

Friends will be received at Harmer Funeral Home on Friday, January 10, 2025 from 2:00PM-8:00PM. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 10:30 with Pastor Mathew Keith officiating. Interment will follow at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at harmerfuneralhome.com

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Joseph Romeo

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Stephen Joseph Romeo, 71, who died unexpectedly on January 1, 2025 from a massive heart attack while visiting his sister in Fairmont. Steve was a beloved brother to Debbie, a beloved nephew to his many aunts and uncles, and a beloved cousin to his many, many cousins.

Steve was born on November 2, 1953 to Jack Romeo and Clara Fooks Romeo in Shinnston, WV. He

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You will take notice that CLARENCE & MARY MUTSCHELKNAUS, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2022-C-000465, located in EAGLE OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, 4.50 AS O & G LAMBERTS RUN 1/6 INT, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of KELLISON WILLIAM and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 27, 2023. CLARENCE & MARY MUTSCHELKNAUS requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 2025 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 2021 - 31759.	\$	96.01
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 2022 - 31958.	\$	25.15
Additional taxes with interest.	\$	0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$	217.65
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$	631.68
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$	525.14
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$	1,495.63

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“Hunt” From Pg 1.

on my eyes gives me cold chills just thinking about it. Surprisingly, the surgery took about fifteen minutes, and I was seeing 20/20! When I got home and removed the eye patch, I couldn't believe how vibrant and clear the colors on my television were.

It's easy to take our vision for granted. We use our eyes for everything—working, reading, driving, enjoying art, and even

simply navigating our homes. Yet, how often do we pause to consider their health? Like any other part of our body, our eyes require care and attention to keep them functioning at their best.

During my appointment, I was reminded of the critical importance of preventive care. Conditions like glaucoma, macular degeneration, and

diabetic retinopathy can develop silently, often without noticeable symptoms until they're advanced. Regular eye exams are not just about checking your prescription; they're about detecting these issues early, when they're most treatable.

The visit also got me thinking about how much eye health reflects overall health. My doctor emphasized the connection between

good nutrition and vision. Foods rich in antioxidants, like leafy greens, carrots, and fish, can play a vital role in maintaining eye health. Staying active and managing conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure are equally important for preserving vision.

As I left the office, I felt a renewed sense of gratitude for my sight. It's a gift that allows me to engage fully with the

world—to read, write, explore, and connect. It also reminded me that caring for my eyes isn't just about me. It's about being there for the people I love, being present in their lives, and continuing to contribute meaningfully to my community.

If it's been a while since your last eye exam, I encourage you to schedule one. Think of it as an investment in your quality of life. In

the hustle and bustle of daily routines, it's easy to overlook something as basic as an eye appointment, but the benefits far outweigh the inconvenience.

So, as we step into another week, let's make a commitment to care for our vision. After all, the eyes truly do have it—they have the power to open our world, enrich our lives, and remind us of the beauty in every moment.

“Obituaries” From Pg 7.

worked his entire career in Oil/Gas Related fields and worked in Venezuela for part of his career. He settled in Glen Burnie, Maryland, where he completed his career.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Clara Fooks Romeo and his Stepmother Phillis Romeo; grandparents Catherine and Joe Romeo and Mildred Fooks; aunts and uncles Eva Jane Fooks, Sam and Gale Romeo, John and Pila Romeo, Frank Romeo, Anthony and Jane Romeo, Joe and Thelma Romeo, Tom Romeo, John and Frances Colorossi, Victor and Mary Casciato, Ralph and Lucille Hilton, and Kay Pagliaro; and several cousins.

He is survived by his step-sister Debbie; uncle John Pagliaro; aunts Mary K. Romeo, Katy Romeo; and numerous cousins.

Steve loved to fish. Per his wishes, he will be cremated.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at harmerfuneralhome.com

A service of Harmer Funeral Home, Shinnston.

Roberta Jean Swiger

Roberta Jean Swiger, 74, of Clarksburg, formerly of Lumberport, went to be with her Heavenly Father and was reunited with her parents and siblings on January 7, 2025, following nearly a year long battle with her health.



Roberta is the daughter of the late Robert G Swiger, Sr. and Laura M. Marshall Swiger. She was preceded in death by her only sister Rhonda Skelly, her only brother Robert G. (Bobby) Swiger Jr. and 2 very special cousins Kenneth and Delores Sisler.

Roberta is survived by her sister-in-law, Cathy Swiger; two nieces, Anna Lucas

and companion Chad Matthews of Clarksburg, Cari Womeldorff and Alan of Clarksburg; two nephews, Michael Skelly of Lumberport, Robert (Robbie) Swiger, III and Jennifer of Clarksburg; three great nieces, Maddison Cutright and Samuel of Buckhannon, Kylie Lowe and Gary of Jarvisville, Kelsi Cantarelli and Richie of Clarksburg; four great nephews, Mason Shreves of Clarksburg, Zach Womeldorff and Gracie of Lake Floyd, Glen Shaffer and Sammy Spinks, of Clarksburg and her fiancée Tim Feathers of Clarksburg. She had several great great nieces and nephews.

Roberta worked many years for Dr. Gasataya and his family. The

Gasataya family became her family. She also was a caregiver after her retirement.

Roberta last attended Centerbranch Church for several years and she displayed her love for Jesus to the many she came in touch with and she shared how much she truly loved the trip she made to the Holy Land with her Uncle Bud Marshall. Roberta also had the best connection to past events and family, and you could always count on her to tell a story.

She will be missed by all who knew her.

The family would like to extend their

thanks to the staff at Bridgeport Healthcare, United Hospital Center and Fresenius Dialysis Center.

Friends will be received at the Perine Funeral Home, 1348 S. Pike St., Shinnston, from 11am until the time of the funeral service at 2pm, Friday, January 10, with Pastor Aaron Morgan officiating. Interment will be in the Lumberport Lion's Club Cemetery. Condolences may be extended to the family at www.perinefunerals.com. The Perine Funeral Home is honored to serve the Swiger family.

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(2022-C-000804 - Harrison County - CLARENCE & MARY MUTSCHELKNAUS)

To: JOHN DAUGHERTY, CLARA DAUGHERTY, 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 UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0675 9171 0000

You will take notice that CLARENCE & MARY MUTSCHELKNAUS, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000804**, located in UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0296 INT 21 AC O&G TT FORK (BERRY/COFFINDAFFER-AP, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of DAUGHERTY JOHN C & CLARA J and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 27, 2023. CLARENCE & MARY MUTSCHELKNAUS requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 2025 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 2021 - 68076.	\$ 96.01
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 2022 - 68716.	\$ 25.15
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 110.90
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 644.45
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$ 687.95
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,564.46

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2025 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2022-C-000809 - Harrison County - CLARENCE & MARY MUTSCHELKNAUS)

To: IRIS BROWN, 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 UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0684 0608 0000

You will take notice that CLARENCE & MARY MUTSCHELKNAUS, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000809**, located in UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0125 INT 40 AC O&G ISAAC CK CNX#0921-2627, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BROWN IRIS L and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 27, 2023. CLARENCE & MARY MUTSCHELKNAUS requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 2025 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 2021 - 66994.	\$ 96.01
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 2022 - 67640.	\$ 25.15
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 127.65
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 631.87
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$ 418.14
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,298.82

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2025 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2022-C-000702 - Harrison County - CLARENCE & MARY MUTSCHELKNAUS)

To: KURT KREUZ, KRISTEN KRUEZ, JOHN ROBINSON III, 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 0668 6188 0000

You will take notice that CLARENCE & MARY MUTSCHELKNAUS, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000702**, located in TENMILE OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0139 INT 52.37 AC O&G INDIAN RUN (CNG PROD/#2895, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of REED VIRGINIA ESTATE and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 27, 2023. CLARENCE & MARY MUTSCHELKNAUS requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 2025 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 2021 - 63187.	\$ 96.01
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 2022 - 63932.	\$ 25.15
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 217.65
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 657.04
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$ 593.96
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,589.81

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2025 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2022-C-000778 - Harrison County - CLARENCE & MARY MUTSCHELKNAUS)

To: BRADLEY PRITCHARD, BRIAN SCOTT, 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 UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0660 2759 0000

You will take notice that CLARENCE & MARY MUTSCHELKNAUS, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000778**, located in UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0392 INT 100 AC O&G TURTLE TREE FORK (PDC#2285-22, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of PRITCHARD BRADLEY STEVEN & BRIAN SCOTT and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 27, 2023. CLARENCE & MARY MUTSCHELKNAUS requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 2025 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 2021 - 72431.	\$ 173.90
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 2022 - 73341.	\$ 61.66
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 217.65
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 644.45
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$ 645.15
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,742.81

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2025 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(2022-C-000776 - Harrison County - CLARENCE & MARY MUTSCHELKNAUS)

To: RUTH HEMPLE, 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 UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0656 7672 0000

You will take notice that CLARENCE & MARY MUTSCHELKNAUS, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000776**, located in UNION OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0208 INT 196 AC O&G TENMILE CNX#1346-1246-1411-43, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HEMPLE RUTH and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 27, 2023. CLARENCE & MARY MUTSCHELKNAUS requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 2025 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 2021 - 69496.	\$ 98.57
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 2022 - 70223.	\$ 25.15
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 217.65
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 631.87
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$ 503.74
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,476.98

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(2022-C-000716 - Harrison County - CLARENCE & MARY MUTSCHELKNAUS)

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DISTRICT TENMILE OUTSIDE DISTRICT MAP 9999 PARCEL 0693 5718 0000

You will take notice that CLARENCE & MARY MUTSCHELKNAUS, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000716**, located in TENMILE OUTSIDE DISTRICT District, .0022 INT 345 AC O&G (ALLI/API#0788), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ASHER RESOURCES PARTNERSHIP and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of HARRISON County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 27, 2023. CLARENCE & MARY MUTSCHELKNAUS requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 2025 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 2021 - 59323.	\$ 96.01
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 2022 - 59883.	\$ 25.15
Additional taxes with interest.	\$ 0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$ 157.65
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$ 631.87
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$ 509.09
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$ 1,419.77

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cornhole, line dancing, and flea markets. He also mentioned Hot Wheels racetracks, to which he admitted “it’s a big thing. I did not know that.”

Richards also informed the Commission that “most of this stuff doesn’t cost the parks any money. It’s organic. People are coming out” because “people want something to do consistently.”

Over the winter, crews have remained busy where needed to replace plumbing, floors, and other indoor work.

Richards explained when describing different projects that using county employees when possible and hiring out only when necessary has saved significant funds.

For example, he stated that they installed a concrete bathroom on park land near Spelter for less than \$10,000.

Additionally, Parks and Recreation spent \$900 to replace electrical and plumbing at Wallace Park, over and above

the personnel and equipment that they already have in house.

“We’ve cleaned that park up,” shared Richards, who went on to say that “the only problem we have out there is parking.” He then outlined a goal of expanding the current capacity of 10 to at least 50 spaces and said “we can put drainage in there.”

Hinkle asked if they would need to remove an old sycamore tree

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Capito to Serve as Chairman of Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) today issued the following statement after the Senate adopted a resolution formally naming her Chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) for the 119th Congress.

“It is an honor to serve as Chairman of the EPW Committee, and I am deeply humbled by the trust my colleagues have placed in me to lead the Committee. EPW was among my first committee assignments when I was sworn into the U.S. Senate in 2015, and serving as Ranking Member for the past four years has provided me great experience with the issues within our jurisdiction and how to achieve bipartisan solutions. I am dedicated to getting things done and delivering for the American people.

“The EPW Committee also welcomes a new Ranking Member in Senator Sheldon Whitehouse this Congress, and several new members including Senators John Curtis and Jerry Moran on the Republican side, and

Senators Adam Schiff, Lisa Blunt Rochester, and Angela Alsobrooks on the Democrat side. I look forward to working with Ranking Member Whitehouse and all of the Committee members to continue our bipartisan tradition of reaching commonsense solutions.

“As the Chairman of the EPW Committee, I am committed to advancing policies that unlock all forms of American energy, and improve the permitting process of infrastructure projects of all types while protecting our environment and the health of our constituents. I will work with our members to pass a long-term surface transportation reauthorization bill that improves our nation’s roads and bridges, as well as water resource development legislation that invests in our communities and the infrastructure that protects them. I will prioritize legislation that provides the resources our communities need to upgrade drinking water infrastructure and address legacy PFAS contamination.

Importantly, I am also committed to working with President Trump and his administration to swiftly confirm high quality nominees and deliver on our shared goals.

“I am confident in the EPW Committee’s ability to work together in the upcoming Congress, continuing to be one of the most productive committees in the U.S. Senate. Let’s get to work.”

EPW Committee members in the 119th Congress include Ranking Member Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), Senators Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.), Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), John Curtis (R-Utah), Ed Markey (D-Mass.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.), Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), Alex Padilla (D-Calif.), Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.), Adam Schiff (D-Calif.), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-Del.), John Boozman (R-Ark.), Angela Alsobrooks (D-Md.), and Jerry Moran (R-Kan.).

DAR Marian Anderson Legacy Scholarship Accepting Applications, Apply by Jan. 31

WASHINGTON – Undergraduate and graduate students studying music can apply for the DAR Marian Anderson Legacy Scholarship through January 31, 2025. Sponsored by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the scholarship provides a one-time \$5,000 award to one student annually who is pursuing undergraduate or graduate study in music.

Marian Anderson (1897-1993) was a groundbreaking African American contralto and an inspiration for civil rights. “This scholarship pays tribute to Marian Anderson’s life, and the Daughters of the American Revolution seeks to honor her legacy through today’s aspiring musicians. Her legacy lives on in others who aim for excellence in musical studies, are committed to their communities, and willing to stand up for what is right,” said Pamela Wright, DAR President General.

Applicants should be accepted or currently enrolled in an accredited university or college in the United States and have a concentration in music

in their course of study. Music performance, composition, theory, or education are all areas that students may be specialized in to qualify for the scholarship. They should have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent GPA on the scale used by the institution.

Applications require references sent through the application system, so students need to request their references ahead of the Jan. 31st application deadline.

In honor of Ms. Anderson’s commitment to the community throughout her life and her willingness to share her incredible talent with the world, applicants are asked to write a personal statement describing their humanitarian or volunteer contributions on behalf of their community and/or country.

To recognize the city Marian Anderson called home, preference will be given to students from the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania metropolitan area, even if they are not pursuing music studies in the Philadelphia area.

This scholarship is not automatically renewed.

However, recipients may reapply for consideration each year for up to four consecutive years.

The scholarship is supported by the Daughters of the American Revolution’s Marian Anderson Legacy Fund. Learn more about the relationship between Marian Anderson and the DAR, and the organization’s on-going efforts to honor her memory at www.dar.org/MarianAnderson

About the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

One of the largest patriotic women’s service organizations in the world, DAR has 190,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters across the country and several foreign countries. DAR members promote historic preservation, education and patriotism via commemorative events, scholarships and educational initiatives, citizenship programs, service to veterans, meaningful community service and more. For additional information about DAR and its relevant mission, visit www.dar.org.

WV Chosen as National Leader in Transforming Maternal and Infant Health

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The West Virginia Department of Human Services (DoHS), Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) today announced that the State is among 15 selected by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to participate in the Transforming Maternal Health (TMAH) Model, a groundbreaking initiative aimed at improving maternal health outcomes for mothers and infants

enrolled in Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

The TMAH Model, which launched on January 1, 2025, will operate over a 10-year period and is designed to address critical disparities in access, care, and outcomes for mothers and newborns. West Virginia’s participation underscores its ongoing commitment to maternal and child health, especially for vulnerable populations.

“This selection reflects West Virginia’s dedication to ensuring that every mother and infant has access to the highest quality care,” said Cindy Beane, DoHS Bureau for Medical Services Commissioner. “Through the TMAH Model, we have the opportunity to transform maternal health care in our state, eliminating barriers and providing comprehensive, compassionate care to families who need it most.”

Key pillars of the

TMAH Model include:

Access to care, infrastructure, and workforce capacity: Expanding access and addressing barriers that limit resource availability. This includes fostering culturally sensitive care and empowering mothers to manage their birth experiences effectively.

Quality improvement and safety: Implementing evidence-based patient safety bundles to enhance maternal and

infant health outcomes. This includes tackling challenges like hypertension during pregnancy, substance use disorders, and cardiac conditions, as well as working toward the CMS “Birthing-Friendly” hospital designation.

Whole-person care delivery: Offering tailored care plans based on physical, social, and mental health needs. This includes prenatal screenings, remote monitoring

for conditions like hypertension, and connections to community organizations to address social determinants of health.

For families interested in West Virginia Medicaid or WV CHIP services, applications can be submitted at wvpath.wv.gov. For more information about the TMAH Model, including its goals and resources, visit the TMAH Model webpage.

Harrison County Commission Board Appointees 2025

Susan J. Thomas

- Area Council on Aging/ Region VI
- Harrison County Community Corrections Advisory Board
- Harrison County Development Authority
- Harrison County E911 Advisory Board
- Harrison County Emergency Squad
- Harrison County Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition
- Harrison County Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Harrison County Senior Citizens
- Region VI Local Elected Officials (LEO) Board

David Hinkle

- Harrison County Economic Development Corporation
- Region VI Workforce Investment Board

Patsy Trecoast II

- Farmland Protection Board of Harrison County
- Harrison - Clarksburg Board of Health
- Harrison County Emergency Ambulance Authority
- Harrison County Planning Commission
- Region VI Planning & Development Council
- WVU Cooperative Extension Service

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to expand parking. Richards said they would, explaining that “it’s relatively old. The limbs are falling off of it.”

Richards spoke next about ideas for improvements to Summit Park. He said “we’d like to utilize that lower field on the right for general purposes . . . a bunch of activities that people want to do.”

He and Hinkle then discussed improvements to the electrical capacity for the concession stand and new LED lighting at the baseball field. They agreed that each field should have its own separate wiring.

At the end of the presentation, Thomas warned that some of the recent activities had taken a less than family friendly turn. She specifically noted

obscene gestures and foul language used during wrestling events. Richards promised they would “keep an eye on that.”

Thomas also stated that she did not want

activities to interfere with the CEOS group that uses the facility as well and that CEOS, a community service organization, should remain a priority in scheduling.

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