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WVU Medicine's Bonnie's Bus and LUCAS Scheduled Visits to Shinnston and Elsewhere in Harrison Released

By Stephen Smoot

One of the major challenges of rural health care lies in barriers to access. For a long time, overcoming those meant finding ways to get the patients from home to health care.

In recent years, that dynamic has reversed. Increasingly health care, within reasonable limits, can come as close

as possible to one's home. For example Potomac Highlands Guild, which serves several counties in that region of the state, has started offering virtual mental health services from mobile units

WVU Medicine has also pioneered bringing health care services on mobile physical platforms, like the LUCAS lung cancer screening facility and

Bonnie's Bus, equipped with breast cancer screening equipment.

WVU Medicine offers a bus calendar for both Bonnie's Bus and LUCAS. Scheduling is already set through the end of 2026.

Later this month, Bonnie's Bus will visit Shinnston on the 25th, Salem on Dec 18 and May 27, 2026, and

Clarksburg on May 15. Its lung cancer screening mate LUCAS will come to West Milford on May 6 and 7, as well as Shinnston on June 11.

The story of Bonnie's Bus opens with that of Bonnie Wells Wilson. Her story, unfortunately, is shared by all too many men and women of West Virginia. Often,

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National Guard Emergency Food Distribution Provides Needed Bridge As Food Stamp Program Set to Resume

By Stephen Smoot

As October ended and November began, millions of Americans depending on food stamps, also known as the SNAP program, seemed to face a near future with little or no food.

For decades, the United States Congress has failed to pass a budget according to established legal processes. "Regular order" requires the House of Representatives to assemble 15 budget bills, each containing funding orders for a number of related purposes. Congress has months in which to create these bills and give each chamber an opportunity to weigh in prior to passage.

Unable to perform this function, Congress has resorted to "stopgap" funding bills. These arrive quickly, receive no debate, and are pushed hard at the last minute. During particularly intense political battles, these get weaponized to attack the other side. This fall, the shutdown has affected military pay and now food stamps. Judge John J. Republicans favor a

"clean" bill that funds the government until the next stopgap bill is needed. Democrats wish to keep in place programs that use budget moves in certain states to provide Medicaid to illegal aliens. They also wish to keep subsidies of selected Obamacare insurance packages in place that date back to the pandemic years and remain one of the few remaining supports for the once-touted health care reform act.

Food stamp payments halted on Nov 1 with federal judges stepping in to order the Trump Administration to resume payments. President Donald Trump responded by stating online "I do not want Americans to go hungry" and publicly requested judicial guidance to resume the payments legally, saying "if we are given the appropriate legal direction by the Court, it will BE MY HONOR to provide the funding."

In question is contingency funding set aside for the program. The USDA has a reserve of \$5.25 billion it can tap, but the need could top \$8.5 billion. Judge John J. McConnell, who

issued the order, replied that "the court greatly appreciates the president's quick and definitive response to this court's order and his desire to provide the necessary SNAP funding."

United States Secretary of the Treasury Scott Bessent stated that SNAP payments will likely resume by Nov 5 with the United States Department of Agriculture requested to immediately provide a plan of action. The Court order states that payments must resume by the end of day Wednesday Nov 5.

Fears of a cutoff of benefits sparked a response from West Virginia Governor Patrick Morrisey. His administration had moved previously to mitigate impacts of the shutdown by assigning state workers to help keep national Parks within the state operational.

On Oct 28, Morrisey announced that the State could provide \$13 million toward helping West Virginia residents obtain food if needed. He requested a match of donations

from individuals and organizations statewide. He stated last week that "We're not going to let our people go hungry. West Virginians take care of our neighbors. It's times like these that we need to come together as Team West Virginia to help those in need."

By the 31st, over \$8 million in assistance had come from the State to support food banks. The next day, speculation that the program would halt indefinitely became fact as over 270,000 in West Virginia did not receive their food stamps.

Governor Morrissey also activated the West Virginia National Guard to distribute food at key points in the state.

"We stand ready to support our state partner agencies, local food banks and non-profit organizations with critical logistical support to keep food on the table for West Virginia families," West Virginia National Guard Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Jim Seward was quoted in a release as saying. "Point us at a task, no matter how small or difficult and

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Trio Confero Brings Acclaimed Chamber Music Performers to St. Peter the Fisherman

By Dolores Yoke

The Fairmont Chamber Music Society will present "Trio Confero" on Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Peter the Fisherman Church on Jackson Street in downtown Fairmont.

The second concert of the fall season, "Trio Confero" features Maksim Shtrykov,

clarinetist, cellist Julia Kang and pianist Misuzu Tanaka. "Trio Confero" was founded in 2018 by clarinetist Maksim Shtrykov as a logical continuation of his quest to bring to the larger audience, the superb yet seldom performed chamber music repertoire for clarinet. The journey began in 2012 when, together with his partner

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Lunch, Fun, Games, and Learning as Quiet Dell CEOS Join Stonewood Meeting

By Estella Farnsworth

October 20 2025 The Stonewood CEOS club met at the Congregational Missionary Church fellowship hall. The meeting was called to order by president Ladonna Tucker. A candle was lit in memory of our deceased members.

Roll call by Secretary Estella Farnsworth. Members present were Ladonna Tucker, Deloris Wilson, Pam Cowdry, April Stout, Lesita Snider, Eva Summers, Sherry Blue, Terri Boyers, and Estella Farnsworth. Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted by secretary Estella Farnsworth.

Welcomed were guest

members from the Quiet Dell CEOS;

Christy Stewart, Cindy King, Elwanda Dennison, Sharon Gray, and Karen Davis :also welcomed was Program Assistant John Wickline. Each member shared how many years they have been a member of the CEOS. The monthly lesson was Cup of comfort: Coffee and its uses by Estella Farnsworth.

The first recorded use of coffee was in 1454 in Abyssinia (modern day Ethiopia) by a Muslim sheik Gemaledin who introduced it throughout Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Turkey, as they say...the rest is history. Around the world the number 1 drink is water, followed by tea, then coffee. Coffee grounds have

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Next week at The Palette

The Palette, an art gallery and creative space, located across from Casey's and upstairs from Abundant Mother Apothecary, at 225 Pike St, in Shinnston is offering a Watercolor Class, Wednesday, November 12, 1-3:00pm. No experience necessary. Supplies provided or bring your own. \$20

The current exhibit titled "The Mini Show"

features over 10 local artists with work no larger than 12"x12". Themes include; Fall, Christmas, cityscapes, landscapes, abstracts, and more. Great for gift giving!

The Palette is open Wednesdays 1-3:00 and Saturdays 11-2:00. To register for a class, to see what we will be painting and for more information, go to thepalettewv.com.



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OPINION

Of Brownfields and Data Centers

By Stephen Smoot

Without a shadow of a doubt, data center construction and expansion of energy production to support them represent one of West Virginia's best opportunities to bring economic development and enhanced tax revenues to the state.

As happens with the proposal of any development, the notion of constructing them brings out opposition, which the proposal of almost anything will. Opponents worry about the impact on scenery and other aspects of the natural environment.

Others fear that the consumption of power and water will overstrain resources and infrastructure of areas where they will be constructed.

Communities nationwide face these same discussions as the United States strives to keep pace with Red China and others in building the digital infrastructure required by artificial intelligence.

Enhanced energy production will happen, as will construction of data centers to expand digital capacity.

The question is, however, where.

The adoption of the right site selection strategy could help to assuage some of the concerns, although many oppose any development, anywhere, for any reason and officials must keep that in mind as well.

State and local officials when having these conversations should differentiate between residents of long-standing with legitimate concerns from CAVE people, or "citizens against virtually everything." Usually CAVE people are professional activists who represent outside funded groups with a variety of agendas.

America's Industrial Revolution spread quickly across the nation in a time before the impact of industrial, mining, and related sites was well known. Some sites with factories, mines, railyards, or other facilities, saw the leaching of chemicals into the soil, rendering the dirt itself toxic. Once the industrial use of the land ended, it remained unsuitable for residential, recreational, or agricultural uses.

About three decades ago, the United States Environmental Protection Agency launched an aggressive and widespread initiative to return these lands to productive and safe use. This would also reduce the potential for contamination from such sites to spread. Officials coined the term "brownfield" to refer to sites with various levels and types of contamination.

The EPA defines a brownfield as "real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence, or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. They also may serve as the perfect locations to place data centers and, if needed, supporting microgrid power plants..

First, locating data centers in brownfields that hosted major industrial, rail, or mining operations addresses the stated concerns of opponents.

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Super Crossword

E-CONTENT

- ACROSS**
 - 1 Soft & — (deodorant)
 - 4 GPS display
 - 7 GPS display: Abbr.
 - 10 Farming sci. record
 - 13 Musical record
 - 18 "The Entertainer" musical style
 - 20 Title maiden of a Civil War song
 - 22 Twice twenty
 - 23 Assessment to see if two things are the same?
 - 25 Opera solos
 - 26 Guitarist — Eddy
 - 27 College in Cedar Rapids
 - 28 Materialize properly?
 - 30 Mil. bigwig
 - 31 Sister of Eva and Zsa Zsa
 - 33 Approaching
 - 34 Person snatching an African antelope?
 - 39 Aerie babies
 - 45 "Je t'—" (Gigi's "I love you")
 - 46 Some Siouan speakers
- DOWN**
 - 1 Seafloor-scooping machine
 - 2 Actress Welch
 - 3 Large lizard
 - 4 1,760 yards
 - 5 French buddy
 - 6 Tending to Spot or Fluffy
 - 7 Like highly speculative bonds
 - 8 Natl. voting day
 - 9 Irish Gaelic language
 - 10 Uranian, e.g.
 - 11 Music style
 - 12 Bob Marley's 11-Down
 - 13 Not nearby
 - 14 Greiner of "Shark Tank"
 - 15 Jail on a ship
 - 16 Provo locale
 - 17 Hit 1990s PC game
 - 19 Light brown
 - 21 \$\$\$ holder
 - 24 Discipline with asanas
 - 29 Bard's Muse
 - 31 "Lili" studio
 - 32 "Peek- —!"
 - 35 Comaneci of gymnastics
 - 36 Insult, informally
 - 37 Takeoff stat
 - 38 Caviar eggs
 - 40 Sling liquor
- ACROSS**
 - 49 Earth, in Spanish
 - 50 Taters
 - 53 Sovereign rule that wears subjects down?
 - 56 "Love" author Morrison
 - 57 Go out with
 - 59 Twosome
 - 60 Fed. meat inspector
 - 61 Tournament finals held at a manor?
 - 68 "Says —?"
 - 69 PC key
 - 70 Pierre's "yes" With
 - 85-Across, facial spa treatment
 - 72 Subside
 - 75 Situation when an exhaust system is completely contained?
 - 81 — with faint praise
 - 84 Clodhopper
 - 85 See
 - 71-Across
 - 86 Presley's middle name
 - 87 Sellers of stolen goods fixing typos?
 - 93 Univ. VIPs
- DOWN**
 - 94 Like Loyola University
 - 95 Council of ecclesiastics
 - 96 Largest city in Norway
 - 98 Most pallid
 - 100 Crossword themed to the Greek god of darkness?
 - 106 Cager O'Neal
 - 109 Rigidly old-fashioned
 - 110 Atop, to a poet
 - 111 "Les Misérables" author giving somebody the boot?
 - 118 Always, to a poet
 - 119 Pacific island kingdom
 - 121 Hesitate in doubt
 - 122 Ailment caused by mood swings?
 - 125 Fuming mad
 - 126 Chip away at
 - 127 Inner circle
 - 128 IRS demands
 - 129 HST follower
 - 130 Stats for Ali
 - 131 Royal Navy inits.
 - 132 Rd. crossers
- DOWN**
 - 41 Ease off
 - 42 Muffs up
 - 43 Stepped (on)
 - 44 Spanish for "room"
 - 47 Prefix with spore
 - 48 Stupefy
 - 50 Ragout, e.g.
 - 51 Swanky
 - 52 "Woe — you!"
 - 53 Verb suffix in the Bible
 - 54 1992 Oscar nominee Stephen
 - 55 Universe
 - 57 Sub seller
 - 58 Heeds, as advice
 - 62 Tartan cap
 - 63 Barnyard sound
 - 64 Word-wit bit
 - 65 Sundial's 3
 - 66 Shucking waste
 - 67 TSA requests
 - 72 Spanish river
 - 73 Voting faction
 - 74 Stillier and Affleck
 - 75 The blahs
 - 76 Slumps
 - 77 Doubtful
 - 78 French "Mrs."
 - 79 Fathers
 - 80 Film wizard's declaration
 - 81 — vu
 - 82 Iowa city
 - 83 Fit together
- DOWN**
 - 88 Stop working
 - 89 "— Easy" (1977 hit)
 - 90 Ending for ethyl
 - 91 Negative conjunction
 - 92 B-G link
 - 93 — -ray Disc
 - 96 Emu relative
 - 97 Operative
 - 99 Having length, width and depth, for short
 - 101 — Aires
 - 102 Employs
 - 103 Some urban planners
 - 104 Walks fast, slangily
 - 105 De-chalks
 - 107 Ex-Viking Rashad
 - 108 Cite
 - 111 Clean up text
 - 112 Actress Farniga
 - 113 Huge-screen film format
 - 114 Fetching
 - 115 Uno plus dos
 - 116 Volkswagen hatchback
 - 117 Barnyard sound
 - 119 B'way booth letters
 - 120 A single
 - 123 Ear: Prefix
 - 124 URL ending

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THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

Charleston WV – Nov. 7, 1775: The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Nov. 6, 1863: Confederate troops led by Brig. Gen. John Echols were defeated at Droop Mountain by a larger federal force led by Brig. Gen. William W. Averell. This was one of the most important Civil War battles fought on West Virginia soil.

Nov. 6, 1923: A methane gas explosion killed 27 men inside the Glen Rogers coal mine in Wyoming County. The mine, which opened in 1921, became one of the state's largest. A total of 160 fatalities over a 31-year period occurred at the mine before it was closed.

Nov. 7, 1775: The historic Forks-of-Cheat Baptist Church was organized about six miles north of Morgantown. It is the oldest church with continuous records west of the Alleghenies in West Virginia.

Nov. 7, 1943: During World War II, Medal of Honor recipient Herbert J. Thomas Jr. was killed in the South Pacific. Thomas, who grew up in South Charleston, died by throwing himself on a grenade, saving his fellow squad members. WVU Medicine's Thomas J. Memorial Hospital in South Charleston is named in his honor.

Nov. 8, 1936: It's Wheeling Steel, a half-hour musical variety radio program, debuted over WWVA in Wheeling. The program

was an instant success with local audiences and later became a nationwide sensation. Nov. 8, 1936: Politician Darrell McGraw was born in Wyoming County. He served on the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals (1977-89) and was West Virginia's longest-serving Attorney General in history (1993-2013). He died in 2024.

Nov. 9, 1874: Matthew Mansfield Neely was born in Doddridge County. He was the 21st governor of West Virginia.

Nov. 9, 1952: The Huntington Museum of Art opened as Huntington Galleries. The museum is located on more than 50 acres in the Park Hills section of Huntington.

Nov. 10, 1777: Cornstalk, his son Elinipsico, and the sub-chief Red Hawk were murdered in captivity by enraged settlers who blamed them for two recent killings. Cornstalk, a Shawnee leader who lived in what is today southeastern Ohio, had commanded Indian forces at the Battle of Point Pleasant. Nov. 10, 1861: A Confederate cavalry force of more than 700 attacked a Union recruit camp at Guyandotte in Cabell County.

Nov. 10, 1978: The New River Gorge National River was established by Congress. It was designated a National Park and Preserve in 2020.

Nov. 10, 1979: The last home game was played at Old Mountaineer Field at West Virginia University. More than 38,000 people attended the game, in which WVU nearly upset highly ranked Pitt.

Nov. 11, 1922: Jane Taylor Cox George was born in Possum Hollow, Roane County. As a 4-H leader, she introduced young people to traditional crafts and dance in Kanawha, Putnam,

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Here's something scary

Welcome to you. Halloween. Should I wish you a happy or spooky holiday?

It is that spooky time of year, and I have something scary to talk with you about.

You have been living with a friendly goblin.

Your hot water heater is one of your largest utility expenses. In an average home, this one device accounts for up to 20 percent of the energy use and cost to

The U.S. Energy Administration says heating water for home usage is the second-largest expense – after heating and air conditioning – that a homeowner faces.

The HomeAdvisor website tells me the average family of four has a 50-gallon water heater.

A gas unit costs up to \$35 a month to operate,



Guest Column

By Charlotte Lane
Chair, WV Public Service Commission

and an electric unit could be as much as \$60 a month.

So, let me encourage you to think about conservation.

An average bath takes 36 gallons of water, washing laundry

takes between 25 and 40 gallons per load, and a dishwasher can use up to 16 gallons per load.

Most tanks are set at 140 degrees, but you can save 6 to 10 percent of your home

energy by reducing that to 120 degrees.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommends the lower level. The chance of severe scalding is substantially reduced at that lower level. At the same time, that temperature is enough to kill bacteria.

Laundry can be done in lukewarm water. Using warm water instead of hot water

can cut energy usage in half. I do most of mine in cold water for even greater energy savings.

Here's a very simple one. Unless you really need the hot water, use cold water to rinse vegetables and other small kitchen items. Oftentimes, if you try to use hot or warm water, you have the fixings done before the heated water reaches the faucet, and you still have the expense.

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enjoying the benefits of a rural lifestyle comes with the sacrifice of long distances to needed services.

Because Wilson had difficulty in accessing preventative screenings that could have diagnosed her in time, she passed from breast cancer. Her daughter, Jo Statler, and son-in-law Ben worked to make sure that Bonnie Wells' story would not be repeated as often going

forward. In 2009, the Statler family donated funds to establish Bonnie's Bus. As WVU Medicine shared online “the bus provides mammograms to individuals who fall within screening guidelines in a comfortable, convenient environment.” Those with private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare can access screening. So too can those

who participate in the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer screening program. This program, operated by the West Virginia Department of Health, “helps low-income, uninsured or underinsured women gain access to breast and cervical cancer screening services.”

“Uninsured patients who are age 40 and older can receive a screening mammogram on the bus through the generosity of grant funding and donations,” stated the WVU Medicine website on the mobile facility.

Said Hannah Hazard-Jenkins, M.D., director of the WVU Cancer Institute, Jean and Laurence DeLynn, Chair of Oncology, and associate professor of surgery at the WVU School of Medicine, at a recent Bonnie's Bus fundraising event, “I have the distinct honor of witnessing the tremendous work of Bonnie's Bus from two vantage points — as the director of the WVU Cancer Institute, I see the profound impact Bonnie's Bus has on raising awareness, educating about early detection, and meeting

our goal of providing lifesaving care to some of the more remote places in our state,” “But additionally, I am witness to the lifesaving work of Bonnie's Bus as I treat women who have been diagnosed as a result of screening mammograms done on the unit.”

In 17 years of operation, Bonnie's Bus has provided more than 33,000 screenings and diagnosed approximately 200 cases of cancer. As in most cancers, early detection serves as the most important factor

in overcoming the disease and recovering. Bonnie's Bus staff work to get the facility on the road regularly to visit remote and rural areas of the state with underserved populations. In 2024, it traveled 26,420 miles to 46 counties, screened 4,404 patients, and provided approximately \$48,000 in mammograms and also LUCAS lung screenings. Plans are also underway to launch Bonnie's Bus Two to cover more communities and needs, hopefully next year.

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

A representative from the office of West Virginia Attorney General J. B. McCluskey will meet the public at the following NC WV places and times

Nov. 7: 11 a.m. to noon – Lewis County Senior Citizen Center, 171 W. 2nd St., Weston

Nov. 13: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – North Marion Senior Center, 1 Senior Drive, Mannington

Nov. 17: 11 a.m. to noon – Fairmont Senior Center - 105 Maplewood Drive, Fairmont

Nov 19: 11 a.m. to noon – Council of Senior Citizens of Gilmer County, 720 N. Lewis St., Glenville

Nov. 21: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Senior Monongalians, 5000 Greenbag Road, Ste. A5, Morgantown

Nov. 24 11 a.m. to noon – Harrison County Senior Citizen's Center, Inc., 500 W. Main St., Clarksburg

Nov. 26: 11 a.m. to noon – Upshur County Senior Citizens Opportunity, 28 N. Kanawha St., Buckhannon

November 7th “First Friday” downtown Clarksburg at Christ Episcopal Church on Main Street (4:30-8:00); Historic Tours of the Christ Episcopal Church (4:30 and 6:30); Music by Johnny Raven and veterans with guitars; Local Craft Vendors; Historic cemetery walking tour at the Odd Fellows Cemetery on Chestnut Street (5:30); Clarksburg History Museum open from 10-8; Lions Club Cake Walk at the Senior Citizens' Center (4:30-6:30); Clarksburg Area Model Railroad Club open; Waldomore open for tours (5:00-8:00); Art Gallery open at Merchants Bank Building on Main Street. Contact Mike Spatafore (304-641-5764) for more information.

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Factories rose from the landscape quickly in the late 18 and early 1900s and tended to congregate in certain areas. When operations ceased, the brick walls started to crumble, the metal equipment rusted and fell apart. Vandals break windows and spread the appearance of decay.

Other sites remain in use and cleanup occurs alongside of operations.

The presence of older and abandoned sites can blight the appearance of the surrounding area, whether residential or business. A brand new structure will always look better than the years or decades old ruins of an industrial building or complex.

One can conclude that a site that once hosted a large factory or mining operation would also have consumed massive amounts of water and energy on a daily basis. One could presume in many cases that those conditions have not changed substantially.

The fact that the land was already blighted by previous use only serves as one sound reason to explore this strategy. A number of grant and loan opportunities create incentives to develop

these properties.

Assessment grants help recipients to lay the groundwork of studying the problem, planning out solutions, and working with the surrounding community. Cleanup Grants and a Revolving Loan Fund provide support to active efforts to clean up, or otherwise remediate, sites. For example, in May, New Baptist Church of Huntington received \$500,000 to clean up a former CSX Rail Yard for their safe use.

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection maintains a Brownfields Revolving Fund. This program offers loans from “\$25,000 up to available funds.” Preferred projects include those that increase “local and regional jobs and economic activity”, increases “tax revenue to support community economic revitalization,” and other criteria, including use of green energy infrastructure.

In Nitro, the site of the former Fike Chemical Company would appear to serve as an example of a solid candidate for cleanup in preparation for a data center, except for the fact that

an industrial operation continues on site. Over a quarter of a century until 1983, different companies produced small batch chemical products. Even the most conscientious of operations will have some issues with chemicals and other toxic substances escaping containment.

According to the latest report on site cleanup efforts in 2022, “the Site consists of an 11.9-acre former batch chemical production plant (former Chemical Plant) property, a 0.9-acre former Cooperative Sewage Treatment Plant (former CST) property about 500 feet west of the Chemical Plant property . . . and contaminated groundwater attributed to releases from these two properties.”

Additionally it contained “chemical production areas, office and laboratory buildings, three waste lagoons, and drum and waste burial areas.” As one might expect, the drum and waste burial areas created the most problems as containers lost cohesion over time.

Contaminated areas where removal of materials was impractical received remediation, such as a large “asphalt

cap” (functioning as a parking lot) to hold contaminated soils in place.

The Fike Chemical site is still in use, but many brownfields are not. The Kanawha Valley, areas of North Central West Virginia, the coalfields of Southern West Virginia and other parts of the state may also offer a number of good potential locations.

Brownfields could host a number of other economic development projects that have raised hackles in certain communities, again because these sites have not had a pristine natural or traditional agricultural aspect in decades in some cases.

It's not often that serious economic development and environmental restoration go hand in hand.

Opinion pieces throw ideas out there for consideration. Many reasons may exist why this approach is not feasible. That said, if old industrial sites do make good fits, placing data centers and supporting elements to their operation in them could kill a number of birds with that single stone.

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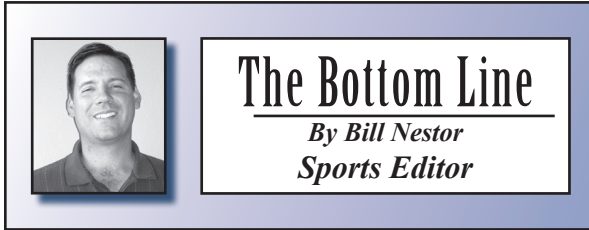
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It's the Stretch Run for Area Football Teams!

There is just one game remaining in the regular season for all four Harrison County football teams and there is great significance in every one of those lock-ups. Not only does Bridgeport, Lincoln, Robert C. Byrd, and South Harrison have the inside track to the second season, there is also an opportunity to climb the ladder in terms of rankings.

This past Friday, Bridgeport did it again. The Tribe recorded a second consecutive undefeated season with a huge win over rival Fairmont Senior. The Polar bears were the first team all season to have a lead over the Indians after the first period of play, 21 to 20. The tribe received a shot in the arm from their fan base at Wayne Jamison field and proceeded to outscore Fairmont Senior 28 to nothing in the second quarter of play to take a 48 to 21 lead into the halftime break.

Bridgeport could add a pair of third quarter touchdowns to put the game away, cruising to a 62 to 28 victory. The Indians would need 511



yards on the ground with Gavin Williams collecting most of them. It was Halloween night in Tribe Territory and Williams collected yards like trick-or-treaters collected candy. He picked up 429 yards (the most in a single game in school history) on 20 attempts and scored six touchdowns.

The win over the previous class AAA number three rated Polar Bears should be enough for the top spot in AAA. It puts them in the driver's seat and keeps them away from Princeton and Fairmont Senior until Charleston.

Lincoln held its own early at Doddridge County, but a strong second quarter by the Bulldogs was too much to overcome in a 53 to 20 road setback. Senior quarterback A. J. Bart became the all-time leader in Harrison County history in touchdowns. Bart was

21 of 35 for 192 yards and three scores in West Union. Jacob Bart caught seven passes for 83 yards and a touchdown. Colton Edwards Hauled in seven passes for 53 yards and a score in the setback.

The Cougars finish the regular season on the road at Phillip Barbour. The Colts are currently on a five game winning streak and provide a golden opportunity for the Cougars. There are a ton of bonus points available. A win could propel Lincoln up to the middle of the pack in Class AA with a possible home game in the opening round. The good news for Cougar Nation is that even with a loss to the Colts, they should still make the playoff scene.

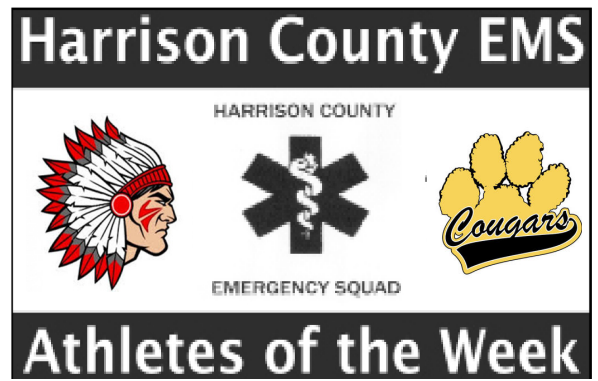
Robert C. Byrd took this past week off and it could not have come at a better time. The Flying Eagles have a handful of key

players battling injury and they will need all hands on deck for this week's battle with Buckhannon-Upshur. The Bucs are riding the momentum of a 60 to 57 win over Preston. B-U scored the fourth most points of any team in the Mountain State last week and are averaging 41 points per game in their last three contests.

RCB looks to be in the Class AAA playoffs even with a loss, but a win could help them to climb into a better spot that would keep them away from Bridgeport, Princeton, and maybe even Fairmont Senior.

South Harrison is coming off a signature win two weeks ago at Tyler Consolidated and had this past week off. The Hawks finish on the road at Ravenswood. A win gets South Harrison into the Class AA playoffs. A loss isn't the end of the world for South Harrison if the right combination plays out, they could still make the postseason

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



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

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

Harrison County Athlete Spotlight

By Bill Nestor

The athletes in the Harrison County Athlete Spotlight this week are Lincoln's A. J. Bart and Bridgeport's Gavin Williams.

Cougar quarterback A. J. Bart had another solid effort this past week, going 21 of 35 for 192 yards and three touchdowns against Doddridge County in the affair. Bart threw his 68th career scoring strike, breaking the Harrison County all-time record.

Indian running back Gavin Williams set the single game all-time rushing record at Bridgeport this past Friday against Fairmont Senior. Williams gained 429 yards on 20 carries en route to six rushing touchdowns.

Congratulations to Lincoln's A. J. Bart and Bridgeport's Gavin Williams for shining bright in the SN and HCJ spotlight.

"CEOS" From Pg 1.

many other uses such as for gardening, skin care, and cleaning due to its texture. At the end of the lesson there was a drawing for a coffee mug...won by John Wickline, hopefully he is a coffee drinker!

Members brought 25 jars of peanut butter to be donated to the Mustard Seed. Next month's donation will be jelly. CVH were 609.5 and books read for the month were 16.

Meeting adjourned...

Time for lunch and fun and games!

Everyone enjoyed a lunch consisting of a baked potato bar with numerous toppings, salad and dessert, and of course coffee...and Sweet tea. Games played

were bingo, getting to know you which consisted of members anonymously writing down something on an index card that they have done in life and members had to guess who it was...we even

had a race car driver! Karen Davis guessed how many miniature pumpkins were in a container which was 72...she guessed 70; great job Karen.

There were also several door prizes

awarded. We had a very enjoyable afternoon.

Many thanks to the Quiet Dell club members for visiting; we were thrilled to host you. Hopefully we can do it again in the future.

"Trio" From Pg 1.

Japanese pianist Misuzu Tanaka, they formed the Shtrykov-Tanaka Duo and began touring in the United States garnering an impressive record of instant re engagements. With the addition of cellist Julia Kang to the Duo, "Trio Confero" is comprised of three exceptionally talented musicians who are prizewinners of many international competitions and graduates of the world's most prestigious music academies. Confero is a Latin verb that means "to bring together, unite, and contribute", and this is precisely what "Trio Confero's" mission statement was set to be when the three musicians met.

With remarkable works written by such giants of the past as Beethoven, Brahms, Bruch, Faure, Glinka as well as stellar composers of the 20th century and beyond such as Nino Rota, Robert Muczynski, John Ireland, Isang Yun and Magnus Lindberg, "Trio Confero" brings outstanding programming to its audiences.

Maksim Shtrykov, clarinetist and Belarusian-born American is an artist of remarkable charisma

and extraordinary musicianship, and has been hailed for "clarity that's viscerally breathtaking" by Lucid Culture. In a review of his debut album, MusicWeb International wrote "Shtrykov plays with a luscious, liquid tone of which I am sure Brahms would have approved." A recipient of the Artists International Special Presentation Award, Maksim made his New York recital debut at Carnegie Hall's intimate Weill Recital Hall in 2007. Maksim Shtrykov began clarinet studies in his native Belarus, becoming the first Belarusian clarinetist to be accepted to The Juilliard School where he was awarded a degree of Master of Music as a scholarship student in the celebrated studio of Charles Neidich.

Julia Kang is an acclaimed cellist celebrated for her vibrant artistry and versatility across a wide spectrum of musical genres. Equally at home in classical music and film music, she has built a multifaceted performance career marked by expressive depth, technical mastery, and a deep connection with audiences. She has performed with

renowned ensembles including the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Mostly Mozart Festival Orchestra, and New York Classical Players, and has contributed to numerous film soundtracks. She has performed with orchestras including the Moscow Chamber Orchestra and the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, performing concertos by Dvořák, Elgar, and Haydn to critical acclaim. A passionate chamber musician and recitalist, Julia has toured internationally, with particular success in Japan. Julia holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Stony Brook University, a Master of Music degree from The Juilliard School, and a Bachelor of Music degree from the Manhattan School of Music and has been recognized with numerous honors at these institutions.

Misuzu Tanaka, pianist is described as "a very mature, sure performer and is definitely a distinguished artist we'd like to hear again." Peninsula Reviews (Santa Cruz, CA). Ms. Tanaka has been hailed by the international press as a

pianist whose "readings are very convincing" with "exceptionally high technical level." Misuzu Tanaka has established herself as an artist of remarkable individuality and has performed in prestigious concert venues throughout the world, Born in London, United Kingdom where she began her piano lessons at age 5, she then continued her studies in Japan and in the United States at The Juilliard School. Her Masters and Doctoral degrees are from University of Michigan where she was a full scholarship

recipient, devoting much time to the study and performance of the works of Leoš Janáček, which led to further studies in the Czech Republic.

The public is invited to attend the "Trio Confero" concert in historic St. Peter the Fisherman Church, which is ADA compliant. Tickets are \$8.00 seniors and students and \$12.00 adults and may be purchased at the door by cash, check or credit card. This concert is being presented, in part, with financial assistance from the West

Virginia Department of Tourism, the National Endowment for the Arts, with Approval from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts. A reception will follow the concert in the church's social hall where audience members may enjoy refreshments and meet the artists. St. Peter the Fisherman Church is ADA compliant.

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BUSINESS MATTERS

Remembering Shinnston's Vincent Lumber and its Nine Decades of Service

By Stephen Smoot

Few businesses weave their way into the foundation of a community quite like a hardware and lumber store. Do it yourselfers mix with contractors and other business owners. Lots of conversations about nothing in particular get started, punctuated often by sage (or sometimes not-so-sage) advice on how to do a job a little easier or a little better.

A town hardware and lumber store brings together more than customers and products. Indeed, they represent a community effect greater than the sum of its parts.

That "greater" effect extends outward like ripples in a pond and includes the typical proud small business support granted happily to area organizations, such as youth sports leagues, and different projects for community improvement.

The company was born in the mid 1930s in a North Central West Virginia wracked by both the Great Depression and also a decade of seemingly endless high temperatures, dry conditions, and severe drought. As A. L. Vincent & Son, the business included a sawmill and lumberyard and operated first at 34 Station Street, then in 1963 moved to 347 South Pike Street.

There, it adopted the name Vincent Lumber. The family also owned and operated Vincent Concrete, also in Shinnston. The family sold the company approximately a decade ago.

One of the aspects of the company that made it special, and helped it to build strong bonds with the Shinnston area, was the dedication of the family to its operation. Bob Vincent and his brother Ronnie steered the company for decades until the early 1990s.

Bob Vincent, a devout Christian, dedicated himself to not only his own business, but the Lord's as well.



Chalfant in 2018 when he assumed ownership of Vincent Lumber.

His obituary told of "spending many hours at his prayer wall," giving presentations to churches on the topic of "You Can't Out-Give God," and enjoying his family.

Louie Smith and his wife Diane assumed control of the business and operated it until 2018. As health problems mounted, the family sold the shop in 2018.

He told the Shinnston News and Harrison County Journal at the time that "I've been here working ever since I got out of the Navy; that was 52 years ago," Louie said. "And Diane and her niece Tammy have been running the office steadily since 1990. It's time to turn the page, and both Diane and I are very pleased

that the doors will not be closing. There will just be someone much younger running the business and we feel quite confident that he will do a great job."

The incoming owner was Jeffrey Chalfant, who since three years before the age he could legally purchase alcohol, has operated as an entrepreneurial force of nature in and around Harrison County. Chalfant also owns three East of Chicago Pizza restaurants, starting with a location in Shinnston, expanding to Bridgeport, and opening a third location in Salem. His portfolio also includes a storage unit business.

Chalfant related to the Shinnston News at the time that "Originally, my dad and I inquired

about the former Dairy Queen/Brazier facility property that the Vincent family owned," he explained. "But when we learned that they wanted to sell both properties as one package, we thought it over and decided to go for it! I would still like to put in a restaurant there at some point, but those thoughts will be pushed forward. This business will be my prime focus right now."

At Vincent Lumber, he kept the faithful staff and tried to introduce technology advances to sales and records.

He understood in 2018 that he had purchased not merely a business, but a legacy as well. "We've never not given support for the community," Chalfant said recently, then added "you

always want to show your support."

For a time, Vincent Lumber benefited from the sharp changes that the COVID pandemic brought. Many had money in their pockets and nowhere to go but work and home. "Business got better. Everyone had extra money."

Economic growth and development helped Vincent Lumber to an extent, but also served as a magnet for lumber and hardware companies with more supplies in stock, economics of scale that gave them advantages over the traditional "mom and pop" stores, and slowly eroded the Vincent Lumber customer base.

The legacy of Vincent Lumber and the family who served

as its steward for so long remains important to Chalfant. He wishes that while the building still retain the character it developed under the Vincents, including the name, that it serve a solid and useful community purpose as well.

"We don't have anything set in stone," he shared, but offered that he had heard from potential business interests that include food and retail.

He also shared that small town communities need to come up with ways to help the small businesses that both support the community and also work in competition with other companies that have significant advantages over "mom and pop" shops.

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OBITUARIES**William "Ed" Bennett**

William "Ed" Bennett of Shinnston passed away on October 30, 2025 surrounded by his family. Ed was born on September 7, 1959 to Doretha Mayle. He is survived by his devoted, loving wife Robin Bennett of 34 years of marriage; his daughters Emily (Sam) Fisher of Shinnston, and Halie (Brandon) Corley of Shinnston; his adoring grandchildren Owen Fisher, Ava Fisher, Wren Fisher, Barrett Corley, and Brewer Corley. Also survived by his mother, Doretha Mayle and siblings Brad (Sandy) Bennett, Jim (Lorrie) Bennett, Dave (Patty) Bennett, Tina (Bruce) Martin and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Ed was employed by Airgas for 24 years as a hardworking and loyal truck driver and once retired he enjoyed babysitting his grandchildren. He was an avid hunter who loved being outdoors. Ed loved riding his motorcycle and daylong trips. He savored time at his camp around the fire with his family and friends. Ed could always be found sitting on his porch or in his garage talking to neighbors, friends, or playing with his grandchildren. Ed

was an active member and past master at the St. John's Masonic Lodge #24 A.F. & A.M and was a Scottish Rite member. He holds a special place in everyone's heart and will be forever missed.

Family and friends will be received on Monday November 3, 2025 from 2:00pm-8:00pm at Harmer Funeral Home, 300 Pike Street Shinnston, WV 26431. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday November 4, 2025 at 11:00am. Ed will receive a Masonic burial and additional services will be officiated by Paul Owens.

**Josephine "Joey" May Jones**

Heaven gained another angel with the passing of Josephine "Joey" May Jones, 91, on Oct. 31, 2025 at Ruby Memorial Hospital. Joey was born in Wheeling on March 28, 1934, daughter of the late Albert and Beatrice (Barbaric) Popovich. Joey married her husband, Sherwood Jones on July 31, 1955. A lifelong resident of the Hutchinson community, Joey was a loving daughter, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

Joey is preceded in death by her husband Sherwood Jones, to whom she was married

64 years; her beloved grandson, Erik Jones; and her parents Albert and Beatrice Popovich.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Becky Jones of Fairmont, and her daughter, Vanessa Rodriguez of Bridgeport. Her grandchildren include Kylie (Brandon) Price of Shinnston, Cory (Joni) Jones of Morgantown, and Rayanna Rodriguez of Bridgeport. Great grandchildren include Emilia and Sophia Jones of Monongah, Adeline and Lily Jones of Morgantown, and Emma Price of Shinnston. Joey was blessed with many loyal friends over her lifetime, including Laura Ringer, Missy Thompson and Sandy Collins of the Hutchinson area.

Joey graduated from Monongah High School, and throughout her life she worked as a homemaker, a telephone operator, a voting poll worker, and a 30-year employee of Wishing Well Nursing Home where she worked in the laundry department. Joey retired at age 73 in 2007.

Joey enjoyed celebrating holidays with her family and friends, especially Christmas. She always had new Christmas decorations and beautiful lights on her house for everyone to enjoy. She made her Christmas Eve soup and cabbage rolls, a family tradition. Joey collected angels as well, which coordinated with her love of Christmas. Joey also loved shopping, during any season, and she gave wonderful gifts to family and friends with distinctive cards

covered with stickers, showing that extra bit of love.

Neighbors all knew Joey loved sitting outdoors in the sunshine on her deck. On a summer day she would be out there for hours, but Joey seldom missed the soap opera Days of Our Lives, of which she was a loyal fan throughout her life. Joey also was a fan of the Mannington Fair, which she attended annually, including most recently in 2025.

Joey was blessed to be able to drive her car and to live in her Hutchinson home until earlier this year. She loved fiercely her home and the Hutchinson community members, many of whom came out to celebrate her 90th birthday at a party held in her honor in 2024.

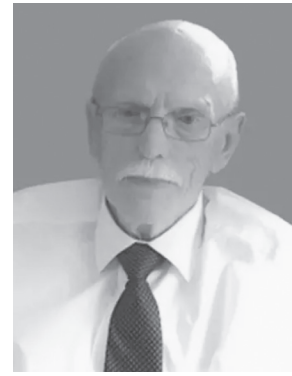
Joey enjoyed talking on the phone regularly and following family and friends on Facebook. She also enjoyed attending Gateway United Methodist Church recently, where she was warmly welcomed.

Joey was grateful for everyone who was part of her life, especially daughter-in-law Becky, who helped Joey be able to live comfortably with family until her passing.

Family and friends will be received at Dorsey Funeral Home, 701 S. Pike St., Shinnston, on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 from 4:00pm - 8:00pm for visitation and on Thursday, November 6, 2025 from 12:00pm until time of service, 2:00pm with Pastor Sabrina Haight and Pastor Nici Masters officiating. Interment to follow to Enterprise

I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

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

**Robert Dale Toth**

Robert Dale Toth, 89, of Shinnston, passed away on October 26, 2025 surrounded by his family. He was born on December 1, 1935, a son of the late Joseph Toth and Lucille Shook Toth. Also deceased is his sister, Nancy Hissen and her husband, Walter.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Glenda Mae Toth, whom he married on October 14, 1958. He was blessed by a wonderful family; his daughter Tammy Karmie and her husband, Jim; his son Chris Toth and his wife, Debra. His grandchildren are Allison Handschumacher and husband Jon, Adam Toth and wife Andrea, Victoria Evans and husband, Travis, Alexis Karmie and companion, Jake Lynch. The great-grandchildren are Landry, Paisley, and Ellie Handschumacher, and London and Sullivan Evans; many nieces and nephews.

Bob graduated from Shinnston High School, class of 1954, and attended Fairmont State College. He served his country in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany. His working career

began at the Toggery in Shinnston, the Zinc Plant in Spelter, then Consol's Robinson Run Mine #95, Shinnston, where he retired with 23 years of service. He was a member of UMW of A, District 31.

He was a member of the Charles Street Christian Church for over 70 years where he served as Elder, Lay leader and numerous services to his church. As a man of faith in God, he read his Bible daily.

He was elected Shinnston City Recorder during the time Shinnston was transitioning from the old city building to the new.

He was a Steelers fan and his favorite pastime was watching Jimmy Swaggart's sons live broadcasting and Jewel City Church's TV ministry.

Friends will be received at the Harmer Funeral Home, 300 Pike St., Shinnston from 2:00 to 8:00 PM Thursday. A funeral service will be at the funeral home at 11:00 AM Friday, October 31, 2025 with Pastor Tom Lasure officiating. Interment will follow at Shinnston Memorial Cemetery.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Charles St. Christian Church, 605 Jackson St., Shinnston, WV 26431 or the Lords Pantry, P.O. Box 64, Shinnston, WV 26431.

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W.Va. Guard activates to support food relief efforts

CHARLESTON, W. Va. – Under the direction of West Virginia Governor Patrick Morrisey, the West Virginia National Guard (WVNG) is assisting communities with logistical and personnel support at local food banks and pantries across the state to mitigate the impact of SNAP benefit suspension due to a lapse in federal appropriation on vulnerable populations.

“We stand ready to support our state partner agencies, local food banks and non-profit organizations with critical logistical support to keep food on the table for West Virginia families,” said WVNG Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Jim Seward.

Governor Morrisey authorized the activation of 200 or more service members in State Active Duty status to support this effort.

The WVNG has a long history of assisting citizens in time of need, including food distributions efforts during times of natural disaster and, most notably, the COVID 19

pandemic. “Point us at a task, no matter how small or difficult,” Maj. Gen. Seward said, “and our Soldiers and Airmen can get it done.”

WVNG has worked directly with partner agencies and non-profits such as Facing Hunger Food Bank, Mountaineer Food Bank, West Virginia Dept. of Agriculture, West Virginia 211, and the West Virginia Dept. of Human Services. These relationships are expected to allow for a cohesive coalition of support to the state’s citizens.

The WVNG’s mission may include assisting with receiving, sorting, packaging, and distributing food; managing traffic and crowds; providing logistical support (transportation and storage); and ensuring safe, orderly, and dignified distribution.

Donation Information

Governor Morrisey called upon residents, businesses, churches, and community

organizations to donate directly to Facing Hunger Food Bank and Mountaineer Food Bank. The following links are provided for direct contributions, with donations split evenly between both organizations.

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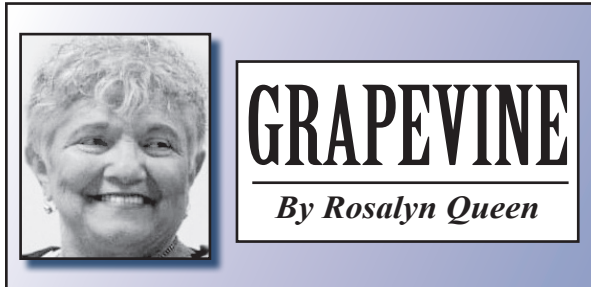
This past week found me on a little trip to have some sister time with my sister Joan. My sister in law, Trina Pearrell invited us to the wedding of her daughter, Julie and Zach Roper, which was held in Charles Town, West Virginia. Trina shares the same father as Fray. This is such a beautiful part of WV with Harper's Ferry within walking distance. There is much history in this area.

The wedding was a beautiful event with the vows taken in an outdoor setting and the reception held in a beautiful barn. This was one of the few times that Joan and I got to share time with Trina, Tammy Gragg and TR Queen. They share the same father as Fray Queen and we had a great time reliving memories made on Moonshine Mountain when we were much younger.

We had the opportunity to attend

Mass at one of the most beautiful churches in West Virginia. It was St. James the Greater located in Charles Town. The church was very large and although I did not get an actual number of the membership, I knew it must be large because they have four priest and several deacons assigned to this church. Now I was so surprised to see listed on the bulletin that the head priest was Father Tim Grassi, if my memory serves me correctly, I think that he was once here in the Clarksburg. The parishioners that were in attendance, must have recognized that Joanne and I were visitors and many of them approached us and welcomed us. We even spoke with the priest when mass was over.

We were both impressed by the beautiful church and those members that treated us so kindly. There was one area that



really impressed Joanne and Me and that was a wall that contained hundreds of small crosses. Each of the crosses were donated by the Parishioners and we were told that one cross was donated by a lady that was used at her wedding. Several weeks ago she came and asked if she could have the cross back that was on the wall and she replaced it with another one. The reason she wanted the cross back was because she had used it at her wedding and now was observing her 50th wedding anniversary and wanted to use the cross at this celebration.

One morning, when we had gone down to eat breakfast at the hotel,

we joined a gentleman who had two empty chairs at his table and of course, we engaged in a conversation with him. It so happened that this gentleman was an entrepreneur and he was on his way to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where his invention was being made by a manufacturer. Having had some experience with the entrepreneurs in our area I was really interested to know about his invention. It was called the Big Looper. Now this is a hose holder that you would install on your wall wherever you had a hose outside that you used for watering your garden and so forth. He had one of the holders

with him and brought it in to show to me and Joanne. I was impressed by the design and the quality of the holder. It even had a special area where you could hook the sprayer to the holder. The gentleman's name was Jesse Cockerell and he lived in Fort Worth, Texas. Now if any of you are interested in contacting him, here is a phone number he gave me to print. It is 800-442-7336. I was really impressed by this item and I hope we will see it at one of the local stores. Of course I found out other information from him and he told me that he too had twin boys and shockingly to me, they were identical.

We ended our mini vacation with a beautiful drive back to Clarksburg. On the way back we stopped at a market and purchased hands full of old time penny candy which is hard to find these days.

Of course it is not penny candy anymore, but it still tastes great. I am sitting here eating Mary Jane's and reliving my mini vacation with my sister and my daughter, Leslie and Dixon. Everything was perfect and a nice getaway for us. We were a little disappointed that the trees were not as vibrant as we had hoped they would be, but maybe it was too soon. Hats off to Leslie and Dixon for maneuvering and caring for us two 80 something year old ladies.

You still have time to go for a mini vacation in West Virginia and enjoy our beautiful scenery.

Stay healthy, get ready for winter and plan on enjoying your family and friends as the holidays approach. I hope next week you will be able to enjoy a book review from Roz's book club. Until then. "Now you have heard it through the Grapevine."

Lane Closure on the Fourth Street Bridge, beginning

Harrison County, WV - There will be a lane closure at the North Fourth Street Bridge, starting at 7:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 5, 2025,

and lasting until late summer 2026, for construction and rehabilitation of the North Fourth Street Bridge.

This will be a

single lane closure, maintained with temporary traffic signals, that will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Alternate routes

for travel include: Joyce Street Exit, Chestnut Street Exit, and North Sixth Street.

This will be a LANE

Closure. Expect delays. Motorists are advised to plan ahead and allow additional time for their commute. Please

note that inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances could change the project schedule.

"Food" From Pg 1.

our Soldiers and Airmen can get it done."

Last weekend, the National Guard did get the job done in Harrison County as part of Operation Feeding Families. Over 230 soldiers across the Mountain State participated in the operation, including a "pop up" food distribution center at the Nutter Fort Volunteer Fire Department.

Over 200 boxes of canned food went to those who needed to get by

during the temporary suspension of the SNAP program.

Zoe Morris, Public Affairs Specialist for the West Virginia National Guard told WBOY that distribution initially could only take place in a selected number of counties. They worked with food bank and emergency management officials statewide to determine the most effective way to execute the operation.

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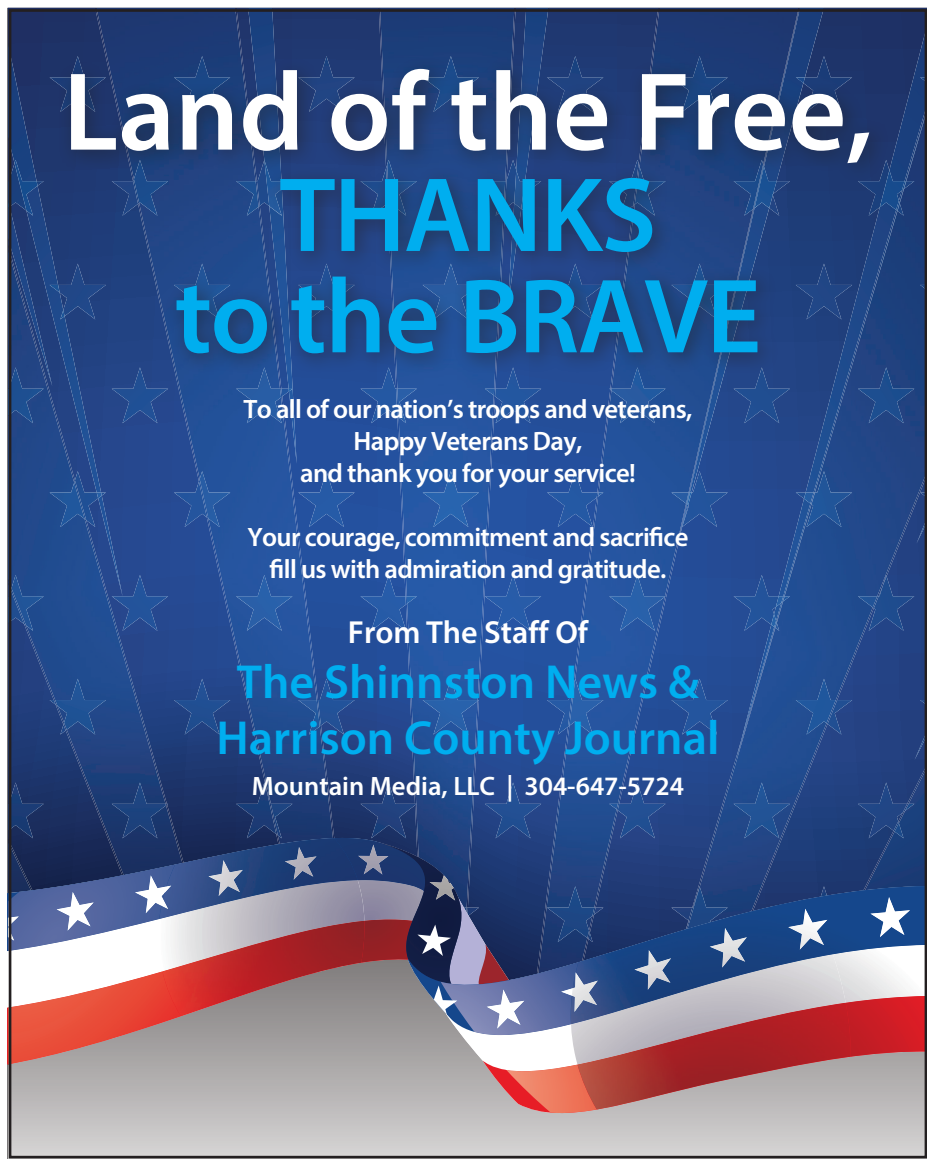
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